



Gawler & District College B-12

Year 8 | 2024 Subject Options

In 2024 Year 8 students have the compulsory subjects of: Maths, English, History, Science, The Arts, Design & Technology, Japanese and Physical Education. Additionally, students will have a number of elective options to select from.

Students must select two elective subjects from the below list plus an additional two reserve subjects (In the event first preferences are unavailable). Once you have decided, please record your choices on the Subject Selection Form.

Tech Studies

If you're interested in designing and creating products then this course is for you. This subject will focus on students critiquing existing products, then designing and creating their own using both hand tools and CNC machinery to create complex and intricate products. This subject will create a good foundation for students wanting to pursue their studies in Design and Technology in the senior school.

Cooking

Our 'what's cooking?' course is learning about food and the safe preparation of it. In this course, students will learn about kitchen safety, safe food practices and cook various dishes. They will explore a unit on biscuit making in our GDC biscuit factory, cheese making and learn about food miles. If students like cooking or are keen to learn about it - then this is the course for you.

Agriculture

Agriculture is a practical subject so students will need to be prepared to work within the full scope of animal husbandry and garden care. The topics in year 8 Agriculture are negotiated to suit the interest of the students enrolled and may include an introduction to agriculture and safe work practices, farming in your backyard including growing plants from seeds and cuttings, animal husbandry and preparing poultry for show.

Baseball

The Baseball program is a highly rewarding subject that is suitable for anyone in year 8. Students will explore the ins and outs of this sport through practical lessons on the school's full baseball diamond. There is also a chance for students to learn how to umpire, score, keep statistics, the history of baseball and use IT to create video analysis. This program can be continued into year 9 and beyond.

Specialised PE

This is the elective course best suited to students who are passionate about Physical Education and are planning on studying PE in senior school. Students will have an opportunity to focus their studies on Sports and analyse movement concepts and strategies in, through and about sports and movements. Students are assessed on their ability to apply Physical Education concepts to their own and others experiences while playing sports. It is important to understand that students' ability in sports is not used as evidence of their understanding of learning and therefore not graded.

Design

Design is a creative subject where students can explore a range of areas such as graphic design, product design and architecture. Students complete work using hand-rendered and computer software programs including the Adobe Suite. Projects for design could include designing logos, posters, houses, characters, fashion items and more.

Art

If you select this elective you will have an interest in Art, but need not to have experience. You will have the opportunity to further explore creative art techniques such as drawing, printing, painting, and making 3D sculptures. You will be able to use materials such as charcoal, pastels, watercolour paints, ink and acrylic paint. The sculpture may include the use of cardboard, clay, paper and found and recycled objects.

Drama – Theatre

In this Theatre elective students will have the opportunity to engage in all aspects of theatre. Students will explore and develop skills on stage and off stage such as lighting, music, set design, makeup and costume design. Students will participate in groups; various theatre excursions and workshops will be offered. Students do not have to have any prior experience, just an interest in Drama.

Music

In Year 8 elective music, you will have the opportunity to explore different instruments and technology and learn about music genres, styles, eras and theory. In this course you will be able to play in the class band as well as learn your selected instrument with a specialist instrumental teacher. The instruments available include drums, guitars, keyboards, saxophones, trumpets, trombones, clarinets, flutes, or voice.

Robotics

Learn to program VEX Robots and possibly others robotic programs. This course will be presented through tutorials and problem solving tasks. In this course you will research the potential career paths and the ethics behind robotics as well as develop and use problem solving skills to design solutions to real world problems. There is also the potential to compete in a National Robotic Competition!