Mount Druitt Campus

Subject Selection
Information Booklet
Stage 5
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Next year will be the first time that you have been able to choose some of what you study at school. This is because you will be entering *STAGE 5*; the Board of Studies ROSA (Record of School Achievement) phase of your education. It is also recognition that you have reached a level where you can make serious decisions about your own future.

This booklet contains a summary of the courses available for choice at Mt Druitt Campus. The courses will be placed in two groups and you will be asked to choose one from each group. Unfortunately it is not always possible to get the subject you want, so we also ask you to pick two reserve choices from each group.

It is important that you read the course outlines as part of the decision making process. Also you should discuss the choices with your family and teachers.

Elective choices should be taken seriously, as you are making a commitment to 2 years of study in a particular subject.

Some things you should consider are:

* How the choices might help you prepare for a career
* Whether you will really enjoy the subject
* Any cost requirements for the subject
* The balance of theory and practical work involved

Some things you should not consider are:

* What your friends are choosing (friends don’t always last!)
* Who you think might be teaching the class (teachers are not always available)

The subject selection evening will provide you with more information and importantly will be the first opportunity to submit your choices. Those who choose early are more likely to get their first choice selection.

Now read on...
Aboriginal Studies (2 year course) provides students with the opportunity to gain knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal Australia, their cultures and lifestyles. Students explore and celebrate Aboriginal social heritage.

All students are able to develop an appreciation of Aboriginal identity and experiences. Students can also gain knowledge about contemporary issues affecting Aboriginal communities across Australia. Students study a range of local Aboriginal communities to ensure their understanding and appreciation of this ancient culture is enhanced. It is designed to be inclusive of all students and is of value to both Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal students.

YEAR 9 TOPICS CAN INCLUDE:

Aboriginal Identities
Aboriginal Performing & Visual Arts
Aboriginal Politic Activists
Aboriginal Businesses

YEAR 10 TOPICS CAN INCLUDE:

Aboriginal Autonomy & Self Governance
Film & Television about Aboriginal People
Aboriginal People & Sport
Aboriginal Interactions with Legal Systems

Students will be assessed using a variety of strategies including research tasks, formal tests, essays and website design.

Aboriginal Studies is an important course for any student interested in studying Society & Culture, Aboriginal Studies or Geography in Year 11 or 12.

Further enquiries should be addressed to Mrs Haskett in the HSIE staffroom.
Agriculture

Students studying Agriculture will participate in "hands on activities" to learn about growing both plants and animals for human use. Students will study such topics as the production of meat and egg laying chickens, vegetable crops, prime lambs and goats, farm machinery operation and nursery plant propagation.

Students learn skills and develop attitudes that will assist them in later life. These include decision making, communicating, and accepting responsibility whilst working safely, as well as skills linked to the production of plants and animals.

Agriculture is great for students who enjoy outdoor activities and hands on experiences, as well as those students who like to be challenged with real problems. There is some theory work as well as assignments to complete.

Students will be assessed by formal class tests, assignments and practical application. This subject gives an introduction for those students who might be interested in studying Agriculture or Primary Industries in Year 11 and 12.

This subject will run in both Year 9 and Year 10. A subject fee of $15 per year applies to this subject.

Students wanting to know more about this course should speak to Mr Iqbal in the Science Staff room.
Ever wanted to be your own boss? Run your own business?
Ever wanted to know all the tricks businesses use to get you to buy their stuff?
Ever wanted to understand the Kochie’s financial report at the end of the news?
Then Commerce is the course for you!

Commerce (a 2-year course) is a most practical and useful subject that will improve your survival skills for everyday living such as how to earn and manage your money, and how to get and keep a job. As well, you will learn how to run a business, how business advertise. Students take a critical look at how businesses and governments behave and how it affects them as consumers.

YEAR 9 TOPICS INCLUDE:
Consumer Choice: What do you do if you get ripped off?
E-Commerce: How is the Internet changing how we do business?
Global Business: Investigate the network of worldwide businesses & financial markets
The law & me: Are our rights more important than our responsibilities?

YEAR 10 TOPICS INCLUDE.
Joining the Workforce: Is joining the workforce important to my success as an individual?
Personal Finance: Rich or Poor? How to make money & invest wisely?
Starting your own business: Can anyone be a success in business?
Marketing? How do businesses advertise & promote their products?

Students will be assessed using a variety of strategies including oral responses, formal tests, research projects and essays.

Business Studies is a most important course for any student interested in a successful move into the workforce at the end of Year 10 or 12. It will lead to further study and careers in areas such as business, consumer law, and government.

Further enquiries should be addressed to Mrs Hollis in the HSIE staffroom.

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Love children want to work with them in the future, want to be a babysitter?

This course will allow you to develop skills in the care of children through the study of child development, understanding the importance of play, investigating child safety issues and developing healthy eating habits suitable for children.

Studies in this course can lay the foundation for further studies in Exploring Early Childhood and Community and Family Studies in Years 11 and 12.

**Assessments will include:**

Both practical and theory activities including end of semester examinations. Students will be required to undertake virtual parenting, using the “Dolls” in Year 10, and virtual pregnancy by wearing a pregnancy vest in Year 9.

COST $15.00 p.a.

For further information please contact Ms Doyle in the TAS Faculty.
Ceramics and Photography

COURSE OVERVIEW:

Ceramics & Photography is a two year course. It involves the studying of sculptors and photographers from around the world. It also involves the making of a range of functional and decorative pieces from clay, as well as taking and developing black and white photographs in the School darkroom. Students who complete this course have the option to undertake further study in Ceramics & Photography in Years 11 or 12, or at TAFE.

The course is broken into 6 topics.

Introduction to the Darkroom

Students create basic photographic images in the darkroom, exploring the possibilities of photographic paper and understanding the chemical development process.

Food Art Inspired by Pop Art

Students study the 1960’s Pop Art movement and create a series of ceramic and photographic works that explore their school, home and favourite environments.

The Manipulated Image

Students develop basic skills using Adobe software including Photoshop and Premiere to produce digitally manipulated photographs and stop frame animations.

Express Yourself

This topic examines the lucrative portraiture industry. Students will develop the skill to take portraits in a range of styles using the manual settings of the DSLR camera.

The Mad Hatter’s Tea Party

Students will examine the difference between decorative and functional ceramic vessels as they design and construct a teapot inspired by their favourite narrative.

Self-Directed Study

Students will develop a proposal for an independent body of work in the media of their choosing. They will produce a collection of works that demonstrated their mastery of skills from topics studied during the course.

ASSESSMENT: Students are assessed on practical work including their Digital Portfolio, as well as through research assignments, oral presentations and exams.

COURSE FEES: $40.00 per year which cover the cost of all practical materials including photographic paper, chemicals, film, inkjet paper and ink, and especially clay and glazes.

If you have any questions about this course, consult the Creative Arts Staff.
Design & Technology

Design & Technology is a practical course that involves making quality projects in a range of materials. Students will learn vital skills in using basic hand tools and machinery in a range of mediums that may include wood, metal, plastic, food, textiles, vinyl and many more. You will gain experience in working with a variety of materials and processes in the manufacture of mixed media based products. You will also gain an understanding of practices used in industry. Students will undertake projects using the CNC machine which will give their vital skills for getting a job.

Assessment:

60% Practical – Project work
40% Theory – Half Yearly and Yearly Exam, Theory assignment

ALL STUDENTS WILL BE EXPECTED TO WEAR SHOES WITH A SOLID UPPER AND SOLE IN ALL CLASSES

Course Cost: $50.00 per year which covers all materials.

In Year 9 students will complete a variety of practical projects focusing on skills in design, planning and manufacturing. They will undertake related study in the areas of safety, tools, machinery, materials, joining and finishing techniques.

In Year 10 students will undertake a Major Project of their choice as well as continuing with the associated theory program.

Related subjects Years 11 and 12: Design and Technology, Industrial Technology, Metals and Engineering.

Speak to the TAS Staff for more information.
Fashion & Design

Textiles Technology gives students the opportunity to design and make apparel, non apparel and textile art items. The course will allow students to develop skills in machine and hand sewing, as well as developing confidence in dyeing and colouring fabrics.

Students will complete 4 practical projects each year, including a major project.

**Assessment:**

60% practical  
40% theory

**Course cost:** $50 for each year, which includes fabric for their major project.

For any further information, please contact the TAS staff.
Subject Selection Form – Year 9

Student name (print first and surname clearly): ________________________________ Roll Class: ____________

Subjects being offered are:

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* Appropriate footwear (leather or vinyl) is a mandatory requirement for TAS subjects. No canvas or soft soled shoes will be permitted.

Subject Selections:
* Please note – you must include your 1st, 2nd and 3rd subject preference for each line. Make sure you consider your second and third choice carefully, as if you do not get your first choice, it will go to your second, then third choice.

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Student Signature: ________________________________ Teacher Mentor Signature: ________________________________
Elective PD/H/PE – PASS  
Physical Activity & Sports Studies

There is no upfront cost for this subject, but at times you will be given the opportunity to participate in activities, which take place at outside venues to the school that may involve some cost at the time. This may include the travelling cost to attend Primary School carnivals, School carnivals and Zone carnivals as officials, and swimming and other activities at Emerton Pool.

You are required to wear full PE uniform during all practical lessons and when attending any out of school venues. The aim of this course is to highlight the importance of an active lifestyle and the benefits such a lifestyle will bring to the individual. It is designed to allow students to develop the skills, knowledge and attitudes for healthy and active living. This is an extension of the mandatory PE and health courses that currently run. This course also provides an opportunity for students to gain an experience in designing and implementing activities taught to Primary School students, officiating at carnivals and gaining an event management certificate.

The practical activities that are offered include;
Netball, AFL, Volleyball, Softball, European handball, Modified Games, Boules, Aerobics, Swimming Badminton, Tennis, Table Tennis, Archery, Indoor Cricket, Indoor Soccer, Fitness (School Gym) and Oz Tag.

Other Activities include:
Officiating at Primary School carnivals
Organisation and officiating at School carnival
Assisting at Yr 7 Gala Days

The theory units you do throughout the year will include:
Sports Coaching and enhancing performance, Australia’s Sporting Identity, Issues in Physical Activity & Sport, Opportunities and Pathways in Physical Activity and Sport, Event Management, Physical Fitness, Body Systems and First Aid.

ASSESSMENT
In this subject you will be assessed for both your practical and theory work with a range of tasks set throughout the year. This subject is also an excellent lead up to the 2 Unit PDHPE, and the Sport, Lifestyle and Recreation courses which can be studied for the HSC.

Students will be assessed using a variety of strategies including:
Examinations and written test, Written reports and presentations & Practical tasks
Food Technology

Discover the world of food through design. Find out why we eat, what we use the food for, how we celebrate with food and develop skills in food preparation. Create new recipes and try them out on others!

This course will enable you to develop skills that link to Year 11 and 12 Hospitality and Food Technology. So it is a great course if you wish to study a food subject in your senior years or if you want to develop some skills in looking after yourself, or seek part time employment in the food industry.

Students will be given to opportunities to work in our school café using the coffee machines and making boost juice style drinks, they may also become apart of the catering team, helping to prepare food for staff and student events.

Your assessment will include:
Research assignment
Food product design
Marketing assignment
Formal end of semester examinations

ALL STUDENTS WILL BE EXPECTED TO WEAR CLOSED IN LEATHER SHOES.

COST of the course $50.00 p.a./per year

Bring along your designing skills and put them to use in the world of food. For further information please see the TAS Faculty.
Information & Software Technology
Accelerated IST

IST offers opportunities to students who are interested in computing applications such as digital media, website development and multimedia. Through practical involvement in projects students are able to design, produce, evaluate and document information and software technology –based solutions to solve problems in a real-world context.

Students will be given opportunities to build on information and communication technology (ICT) skills and through project work, students will develop knowledge and understanding of both practical and theoretical concepts.

Students can develop interest in, enjoyment of and critical reflection about information and software technology as an integral part of modern society.

Your assessment will include:

Project-based tasks and documentation
Practical and theory based exams

Course Cost: No fees

This course is ideal for students in Years 11 – 12 who are interested in studying:

- Information Processes and Technology
- Software Design and Development
- Design and Technology
- Information Technology
Japanese

Are you considering a career in teaching, travel, hospitality or interpreting? What about business, technology or trade? Knowing how to speak Japanese is certainly an asset to any student.

Please note: You DO NOT need to have studied Japanese previously to choose it in Year 9.

The Japanese elective course provides an exciting and stimulating study of Japanese. The course helps develop students’ ability to understand and read Japanese and a reasonable skill in speaking and writing in everyday situations. Students will learn to appreciate Japanese culture and its arts and traditions.

What will you learn?

Topics covered include:

Personal information - talking about yourself, your friends and family.

Daily routine - school, leisure, entertainment, work and home life.

Food - meals, shopping and eating out.

Travel and sightseeing - tourist "survival" skills

Current social issues - global relationships and concerns.

The aim of learning a language is COMMUNICATION. The course uses a variety of resources to attain competent listening, speaking, reading and writing skills, for example: videos, films, CD ROMs, songs, magazines, newspapers, pamphlets, course books, pen-friends, letters and includes such activities as cooking, excursions to a Japanese restaurant. etc.

Course Fees: Nil

Assessment: Students will be assessed throughout the course on the development of their communication skills in the four key areas: reading, writing, speaking and listening.

If a student has any questions about the course, please see the HSIE/LOTE staff.

“Multi-lingual is Multi-talented”
Cultural Dance

Do you love dancing? Cultural and/or Hip Hop Dancing?

This course will help you develop your skills physically as well as aesthetic, artistic and cultural dancing. Learning in dance and learning through dance enables students to apply their own experiences to their study of dance.

Students will learn to express ideas creatively as they make and perform dances. Students are provided with the opportunity to think imaginatively and share ideas, feelings, values and attitudes while physically and intellectually exploring the communication of ideas through movement. Exploring the communication of ideas through movement.

Students will learn and understand that Dance is a distinct form of nonverbal communication that uses the body as an instrument of expression, articulating the culture and society from which it emerges. Dance exists today in many forms and is performed for a variety of purposes in differing contexts.

Assessments will include:

- In class theoretical and practical assessment tasks
- Performances at school assemblies/functions
- End of semester examinations

Cost: Free - No Charge

If you would like more information on this course please do not hesitate to speak to Miss Savea in PDHPE Staffroom.
Music

COURSE OVERVIEW: Music is a 2-year course.
Students choosing to study this course will be actively involved in all aspects of music through composing, performing, listening and theory. Music technology will be incorporated into the topics of study to enhance the students’ musical skills.

Students will learn about different types of music, famous composers and popular musicians of the following types of music: ROCK, REGGAE, CLASSICAL, JAZZ, BLUES, POPULAR, FILM, TV & RADIO.

Students will have the opportunity to excel on the instrument of their choice through solo and ensemble performances, and will get to play: GUITAR, KEYBOARD, and DRUMS.

Elective Music in years 9 and 10 will enable students to further study Music in Years 11 and 12. It will also assist them in entering a TAFE course relating to Music.

ASSESSMENT: Students are assessed on:

- Composition
- Musicology

Aural tasks and activities, in the form of performances, assignments and exams.

COURSE FEES: $20 per year which covers the maintenance of musical instruments and equipment

If you have any questions about the Music course, consult Mrs Sharp in the Creative Arts Staffroom.
Society & Culture
(100 hours Elective Geography + 100 hours Elective History)

Society & Culture (200 hours combined Geog/History Elective) is a 2 year course that provides students with the opportunity to gain knowledge and understanding of the a range of countries, in particular the Pacific Islands (PI), and their cultures and lifestyles, geographic information and historical facts. Students explore and celebrate cultural, social and political heritage of several countries.

All students are able to develop an appreciation of Pacific Island identity and experiences. Students can also gain knowledge about contemporary issues affecting Pacific Island communities. Students study a range of Island communities and their histories to ensure their understanding and appreciation of many PI cultures is enhanced. It is designed to be inclusive of all students in and is of value to both Pacific Island and non-Pacific Island students.

YEAR 9 TOPICS CAN INCLUDE:
Communities & Culture – Past & Present
Sport, Leisure & Tourism
Political History and Colonisation
War & Conflict in the Pacific
Performing Arts in Indigenous Cultures

YEAR 10 TOPICS CAN INCLUDE:
Popular Culture - Film & Television
Country Comparisons & Relationships
Politics & Government structures
Legal Systems around the world

Students will be assessed using a variety of strategies including research tasks, formal tests, essays and website design.

Society & Culture is an important course for any student interested in studying Society & Culture, History or Geography in Year 11 or 12. Further enquiries should be addressed to Mrs Haskett in the HSIE staffroom.
Timber Technology

Are you thinking of an apprenticeship or would you just like to know how to make beautiful objects from timber?

Learn exciting new skills and gain the satisfaction of completing quality projects with timber. This course includes basic cabinet making, woodturning, and wood finishing techniques.

Course Cost:

Year 9 $50.00 which covers all materials.
Year 10 $50.00 plus the cost of materials for the chosen major project.

ALL STUDENTS WILL BE EXPECTED TO WEAR CLOSED IN LEATHER SHOES.

Assessment:

60% Practical - Practical Project Work
40% Theory - Half Yearly and Yearly exam, Theory Assignment

In Year 9 students will complete a variety of practical projects focusing on skills in design, planning and construction. They will undertake related study in the areas of safety, tools, machinery, materials, joining and finishing techniques.

In Year 10, students will undertake a Major Project of their choice as well as continuing with the associated theory program.


Any questions see a member of the TAS staff.
Visual Arts

COURSE OVERVIEW: Visual Arts is a 2-year course. It involves both the studying of images and artists, as well as the making of artworks.

Students use a range of materials to make their artworks, including:

PAINTING
CERAMICS
PRINT MAKING
DRAWING
COLLAGE
SCULPTURE

Students study the artworks of artists from around the world as well as Australia, and learn how to analyse images. They also use the Internet to research different art styles and movements.

After completing this course, students have the option to further study Visual Arts in Years 11 and 12, or complete a related course at TAFE, such as Graphics.

ASSESSMENT: Students are assessed on their Visual Arts Process Diary, as well as all preliminary and major artworks. They are also assessed on research assignments and exams.

COURSE FEES: $40 per year. Fees cover the cost of all practical materials including paint, canvas, paper, wire, lino ink, charcoal, masking tape, cardboard, clay, pastels, pencils and glue.

See the CAPA staff for any more information.

If you have any questions about the Visual Arts course, consult Ms Henderson or Ms Hawley in the Creative Arts Staffroom.