



St Columban's College

2022 Year 8

Subject Selection Information

Dear Parents and Carers,

RE: Subject Selection Information – Year 8 2022

By the end of this year, our Year 7 students will have completed 12 rotation subjects in the areas of Arts, Technologies, Languages and Business. Once students commence Year 8, they will have the option to choose to study subjects that they enjoyed through the Year 7 rotation program.

All students will study one semester of Digital Technologies and will also study Language and Business as part of their core subject allocation.

Students will be able to make choices in relation to the Arts and Technologies curriculum. The elective options are studied for one semester. The pattern for subject selection will be as follows:

- 2 x Arts subjects (Dance, Drama, Media Arts, Music or Visual Art)
- 1 x Technologies subject (Engineering, Textiles & Materials, Food Specialisation)
- 3 x Reserve options

Please read the subject descriptions listed at the end of this document.

Not all students will receive their top preference/s. Whilst the College will endeavour to meet the preferences of the students, timetable constraints mean that this may not be possible in all circumstances.

If you have any questions regarding the Year 8 subject selection process, please don't hesitate to the College.

Yours faithfully,

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Year 8 Elective Subject Information

TECHNOLOGIES

Engineering (08DTENG)

Engineering will focus on design-based learning with a strong focus on the understanding and application of the 'Design Process'. This subject will allow students to experience and manipulate a range of materials to create individual workshop-based solutions in a design challenge. You will develop hand skills in the construction items as well as the opportunity to use advanced manufacturing machines. These materials products will be founded through developing an awareness and understanding of the design process.

If you are excited by the prospect of seeing your innovative design ideas and creations come to life, then Design: Engineering & Materials is for you.

Food Specialisation (08DTFM)

Food Specialisation will give you the opportunity to build on the skills you gained in the core unit to design and create food solutions. This unit will focus on the manufacture of food products that are designed and created for specific purposes including health and nutrition. Throughout this program, you will have opportunity to master a range of practical cookery skills and sensory experiences to develop your food engineered creations. These designer food products will be founded through developing an awareness and understanding of the design process.

Textiles & Materials (08DTFMC2)

Textiles & Materials will give you the opportunity to build on the skills you have gained in the core textiles unit. In this predominantly sewing and textiles based elective, you will apply basic sewing skills to design and create projects. This class provides an opportunity for you to be creative and practical while building confidence in your communication and fine motor skills. These textile products will be founded through developing an awareness and understanding of the design process.

THE ARTS

Dance (08DAN)

Dance provides students with opportunities to perform, create and respond to different genres of dance from different eras. Students will understand the elements of dance and be able to identify purpose and context through storytelling with the body. Students explore their creativity through movement, analysis, and response.

Drama (08DRA)

In Year 8 Drama, students will be exploring how we can use the skills of improvisation to share ideas and stories. This unit will provide students with the opportunity to explore improvisation and play building techniques through the use of stimulus objects to create an original performance piece. Students will also engage in a deeper understanding of how the Elements of Drama are used to build performance work.

Media Arts (08MEDA)

In this unit, students will be introduced to Media Arts through a *Project Based* investigation into the world of media advertising and content creation. Students will explore media marketing strategies such as logo design, commercial and print ad creation. Students will engage in making and responding to tasks to create content for a product launch.

Music (08MUS)

Music provides students with the chance to listen to, compose, and perform music from a diverse range of styles, traditions, and contexts. They create, shape, and share sounds in time and space and critically analyse music. Music practices are aurally based and focus on developing and applying knowledge and skills through sustained musical engagement.

Visual Art (08VARTS)

Visual Art explores how artists and designers use the elements and principles of design to communicate meaning for a specific purpose. Students will explore the design process and through a range of visual art media, techniques, and processes. As an artist/designer, students will engage in making and responding tasks in response to a design brief.