



ATWELL COLLEGE



Year 9

Course Selection Handbook

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Independent Public School

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Overview

The focus of schooling in Year 9 is to continue to develop broad educational knowledge and skills. A Year 9 student's week will be as outlined below.

	Learning Area	Hours per week
Compulsory	English	4
	Humanities and Social Sciences	4
	Mathematics	4
	Science	4
	Health and Physical Education	3
Electives are chosen from the following areas:	Health and Physical Education Languages Technologies The Arts	6
	Total hours	25



Specialist Programs

The following programs are designed to meet the needs of students who require extension or are in need of specialist teaching in a particular area of the curriculum.

Academic Enrichment Program (AEP)

At Atwell College, our Academic Enrichment Program (AEP) is designed to challenge students academically and build on their self-management and reflection skills, developing well rounded independent learners. The College offers Academic Enrichment classes in the four core learning areas: English, HASS, Mathematics and Science. Placement in these classes is reviewed at the end of every semester.

Netball Specialist Program (NSP)

Atwell College's Netball Specialist Program has now been endorsed as a Tier 1 Specialist Netball School by Netball Western Australia. This endorsement recognises the program as one of the Top 5 Specialist Netball Schools in the state. NSP students have the opportunity to develop physical, social and psychological skills throughout their time within the program. Knowledge, strategies and tactics of Netball are assimilated in a progressive way to ensure athletes move from a basic to an advanced level.

Rugby League Specialist Program (RLSP)

Atwell College is one of Western Australia's leading Rugby League schools. The school-based Rugby League Specialist Program is an elite sporting program developed by Atwell College in conjunction with the NRL WA. The program helps engage students at school and also provides outstanding opportunities to develop specific skills, knowledge and experiences.

Education Support

Atwell College caters for students with a full spectrum of disabilities from severe intellectually disabled individuals in a specialist building, to students with mild disabilities in small classes in general learning areas. There is a focus on student centered planning that encompasses the academic programs as well as social emotional wellbeing of students.

The Kim Beazley Learning Centre (KBLC) building is a purpose built, safe facility for students with special needs. The building is equipped with a hydrotherapy pool, specialist sensory equipment and life skills training rooms and can cater for therapists who attend the school.

Elective Subjects and Payment Options

All elective selections are completed using the Subject Selection Online (SSO) system. Information on how to access and use SSO will be issued via the email address of Parent/Guardian 1 as shown in the school database. Please ensure that these details are up to date.

Parents and students will be able to access the SSO link on the school website www.atwellcollege.wa.edu.au/Portal/SSO.

Using the SSO program students will rank their preferred electives for the year from 1 to 10. The elective subjects listed in this handbook will only operate next year if they attract sufficient numbers. The ranked list will assist in placing students in the next available subject, so preferred rankings should be completed thoughtfully.

In December, once the timetabling process is completed, an invoice will be sent to each family which will include the electives that each child is enrolled in for 2020.

The course costs within this handbook are indicative only. Contributions and Charges for 2020 are approved by the College Board later in the year and advised to parents prior to the end of Term Four in 2019.

The College may request a 50% confirmation payment for Courses chosen.

50% of charges are required to be paid by the start of the College year with the balance to be paid by the end of Term One. Payment options may also be considered. Contact the Finance department on (08) 6174 2209 for further information.

Charges will depend upon the course chosen. Some specific courses will incur higher costs dependent upon such items as text, subject specific resources, materials, and excursions.

We urge you to start making plans now so that you are in a position to pay your Compulsory Charges prior to the end of Term One in 2020.

Payment Options

Cash/Cheque/EFTPOS/Credit Card at Atwell College Reception Administration Building
Credit Card over the phone.

Direct Deposit to Atwell College

Account Name:	Atwell College
BSB:	066-040
Account Number:	19900946
Reference:	Student's Name



Click the icon or visit: [Atwell College Website Payments](#)

Health and Physical Education Learning Area Electives

Human Movement - Semester Elective

- 2019 Course cost \$30 per semester

Human Movement has both a theoretical and practical component that allows physically active and sports minded students an opportunity to learn about how humans create movement and cope with the demands of exercise. Students will also have an opportunity to participate in practical based sessions that help develop understanding of theoretical concepts and give them a chance to demonstrate their ability in a sporting context. Students who choose Human Movement should have received strong grades (B's or above) in Year 7 and 8 Physical Education. This course will be useful for those students who intend to study courses in the Physical Education pathway in either ATAR, General or Certificate courses for Year 11 and 12.

Netball and Rugby League Specialist Programs

- Netball 2019 Course cost \$130 per year
- Rugby League 2019 Course cost \$70 per year

Students are selected based on their athletic ability, skill level, behaviour, grades (please note that students must maintain a C grade average in ALL subjects), and commitment. Trials are held annually. See information on the College website for further details.

Languages Learning Area Electives

Students can choose to study either Japanese OR Mandarin.

Prospective employers love to see job applicants with some ability communicating in an Asian language. It means there is also some knowledge of the culture and can open the door to a range of opportunities. It can also be the difference in winning an employment position, even if the job is not seemingly needing Asian language skills. Our working world extends beyond Australian shores in this technological day and age and opportunities in Asia are increasing more and more for our employers. Don't be left behind!

Japanese - Year Long Elective

- 2019 Course cost \$30 per year

If you would like to broaden life and career opportunities, travel the world, learn about and experience a rich culture and communicate in a popular language, then you may want to consider studying Japanese. You will develop spoken and written language skills to a point where you can communicate with others using Japanese language as well as experience food and cultural elements of Japan and make yourself eligible for the Year 10/11 language excursion to Japan, a once in a life time experience!

This course provides opportunities to a variety of exciting career paths and will prepare you for senior school courses which include an ATAR bonus.

Mandarin - Year Long Elective

- 2019 Course cost \$30 per year

Are you interested in exploring and learning about other cultures, traveling the world and being able to communicate with the most widely spoken language in the world? You will develop listening, speaking, reading and writing skills at a level which enables communication with other Chinese speakers.

This course provides opportunities to a variety of exciting career paths and will prepare you for senior school courses which include an ATAR bonus.

The School Curriculum and Standards Authority have specific criteria for enrolling in WACE Languages Courses in Year 11 and 12. A student must meet all the criteria for enrolment: Education, Residency and time spent in country and use of language outside the classroom. Atwell College will endeavor to offer Second Language Course Pathways for both Japanese and Mandarin into Year 11 and 12, however this is dependent on student numbers.

For background speakers and first language speakers, please enquire with Mr. Regan – Teacher in Charge of Languages.

Technologies Learning Area Electives

Coding - Year Long Elective

- 2019 Course cost \$120 per year

Students will apply skills and knowledge of script-based coding languages to the design and development of solutions to problems or the creation of a useful program. Students will write, test and modify code, focusing on the Java and Python coding languages. By doing so, they develop and apply critical and creative thinking skills and problem-solving strategies. These activities promote development of their skills in working collaboratively and in communicating in the context of a small peer group. To undertake this course, it is highly recommended that students bring and use their own laptop or tablet device.

Note: This course will be run in conjunction with the Robotics course. It is recommended that students enrolled in this course will also undertake the Robotics course.

Computer Aided Drawing – Semester Elective

- 2019 Course cost \$16 per semester

A course purely aimed at developing students drawing skills using Industry Standard Software. Students will learn how to use the software to draw mechanical plans and 3D representations of products using up to date conventions. It is highly advisable to take this course if you are interested in occupations such as Drafting, Engineering and or any Mechanical or Fabrication Industry. These skills are highly sought after in Industry.

Electronics - Semester Elective

- 2019 Course cost \$96 per semester

A Digital and Practical based subject that utilises Computer Aided Drawing (CAD) and Computer Aided Machining (CAM) technologies to produce projects that are made from Plastics and Composite Materials. Students adhere to Occupational Health and Safety standards in the workplace while developing understandings of electrical components and Robotic Principals. Students are required to use basic flowchart programming to perform electrical tasks.

Fashion - Semester Elective

- 2019 Course cost \$100 per semester

The Year 9 Fashion course focuses on developing students basic sewing techniques. In this course students use their creativity and design skills to make clothing and accessories using basic patterns. They will also learn techniques such as inserting a zip, hand stitching, and sewing on a button.

Information Communication Technology - Semester Elective

- 2019 Course cost \$16 per semester

This course focuses on cyber security as well as different methods to securely store data. Students will develop beginner to advanced skills in assorted specialised software such as Adobe Photoshop and Adobe After Effects to develop assorted approaches for the creation of targeted multimedia to a semi-professional level. Students will continue to develop assorted approaches to logical thinking and programming by the use of the 3D gaming program "Alice". Students will also continue to have access to a wide variety of resources outside of classroom contact time to help them address their digital needs for other courses.

Introduction to Basic Mechatronics - Semester Elective

- 2019 Course cost \$60 per semester

This course looks at the Essential CAD/CAM skills required to design, build and program robotic projects. Students are introduced to PICAXE and Arduino platforms to code and control mechanism by interfacing basic electronic components. This may include automated vehicles, robotic arms and submarines.

Metal Technology - Semester Elective

- 2019 Course cost \$120 per semester

A practical based subject that includes the use of Computer Aided Drawing (CAD) software to design projects made predominantly from metal. Students will be expected to learn and follow Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) Legislation in the workplace to safely use tools and machines commonly found in the metalworking industry. A variety of welding and brazing processes will be taught along with use of lathes, milling machines and bending equipment commonly found in the Metal Fabrication Industries. Developing hand skills will be a predominant focus in this course which is aimed at preparing students for VET Certificate II in Engineering. The projects the students make will vary according to their skill level and interest.

Multi-cultural Foods - Semester Elective

- 2019 Course cost \$85 per semester

This practical course examines aspects of nutrition and multi-cultural Australia where students explore a range of social, economic and cultural impacts on the selection and preparation of food commodities, with students then preparing a diverse range of dishes. This course aims to develop advanced skills in food handling, preparation and presentation. Students will participate in food design experiments and extend their creativity and design skills using the technology processes to investigate, devise, plan, produce and evaluate a wide range of food related topics. The course content focuses on Western Food Trends and Asian Cultures.

Pregnancy and Beyond - Semester Elective

- 2019 Course cost \$80 per semester

In this course students will enhance their knowledge of 'the miracle of life' by investigating the various stages and changes the human body goes through to bring a new life in to the world. Students will learn about contraception, conception, foetal development, labour and delivery of a newborn, through a series of interactive and practical assessments. Students will develop an understanding of the physical and emotional changes involved for both mother and newborn. They will also have the opportunity to reflect on their own newborn experiences by constructing and caring for a 'rice baby', based on their exact birth weight. Designing and making newborn toys will also be a focus in a fun and creative environment.

Robotics - Year Long Elective

- 2019 Course cost \$120 per year

Working in small groups, students will assemble, program and operate a LEGO 'Mindstorms EV3' robot. Using the Mindstorms program, they will further develop their ICT skills, linking block-based coding methods with script-based languages, such as C and Python.

Students will write, test and modify code for their robot to perform complex tasks, or autonomously solve problems. Students will modify their robot to perform a greater range of functions and solve more complex problems. By doing so, they will develop and apply critical and creative thinking skills and problem-solving strategies. These activities will also promote development of their skills in working collaboratively and in communicating in the context of a small peer group.

To undertake this course, it is highly recommended that students bring and use their own laptop or tablet device.

Note: This course will be run in conjunction with the Coding course.

It is recommended that students enrolled in this course will also undertake the Coding course.

Textiles - Semester Elective

- 2019 Course cost \$16 per semester

In Year 9 Textiles students use the technology process to design, produce and evaluate a variety of machine sewn products based on the theme 'Everyday Living'. Students have the opportunity to develop their technical skills, ranging from accurately cutting from commercial patterns, to learning about the properties and uses of various natural and man-made fibers.

Wood Technology - Semester Elective

- 2019 Course cost \$120 per semester

A practical based subject that includes the use of Computer Aided Drawing software to design

projects made predominantly from wood. Students will be expected to learn and follow Occupational Health and Safety Legislation in the workplace to safely use tools and machines commonly found in the woodworking industry such as the band saw, router, thicknesser, biscuit cutter and drill press. The projects students make vary according to their skill level and interest.

The Arts Learning Area Electives

Class Music - Year Long Elective

- 2019 Course cost \$63 per year

Music is a universal language. In this course students cover a wide variety of genres, styles and topics related to music and are provided with an introduction to concepts related to contemporary music production, in a practical and interactive way. The course promotes exploration and creativity using current music technology and trends. Background in playing a musical instrument is required for this subject.

Dance - Contemporary and Lyrical - Semester Elective

- 2019 Course cost \$16 per semester

The Contemporary & Lyrical Dance course introduces the students to new genres and choreography to popular music. There will be a focus on floor work, improvisation and group work plus contemporary technique. Students will improve their coordination, balance, strength and flexibility and have the opportunity to perform their Contemporary or Lyrical routine in front of a live audience.

Dance - Hip Hop and Jazz - Semester Elective

- 2019 Course cost \$16 per semester

The Hip Hop & Jazz Dance course introduces the students to new genres and choreography to popular music. There will be a focus on Hip Hop styles such as tutting and breakdance, energetic choreography plus genre specific technique. Students will improve their coordination, balance, strength and flexibility and have the opportunity to perform their Hip Hop or Jazz routine in front of a live audience.

Drama - Commedia and Movement - Semester Elective

- 2019 Course cost \$16 per semester

Students will explore the world of Commedia Dell Arte which began in Italy during the 16th Century and learn how to create interesting characters through improvisation, slapstick comedy and movement skills. Students will perform at the end of semester Drama Showcase.

Drama - Melodrama, Music and Script Work - Semester Elective

- 2019 Course cost \$16 per semester

Students will explore the world of Melodrama, music and scripted performance. Using lights, sound and costume, students will bring a scripted performance to life in front of an invited audience.

Graphic Design - Semester Elective

- 2019 Course cost \$25 per semester

Using computers and tablets students will learn the different techniques and ways that graphic designers create illustrations; manipulate photos and master font in Adobe programs. Access to drawing tablets, cameras, go pros, and much more. Unleash the designer within! This course will assist in preparing students to take on the design courses offered in year 11 and 12.

Media - Broadcasting and Comics - Semester Elective

- 2019 Course cost \$16 per semester

Students learn to create you're their own comic books using Adobe Photoshop to add a personal flair to their comic book panels in Comic Life 3 featuring enthralling stories exploring conventions such as narrative, genre (action, romance, and manga).

In a small production students report on the heated news topics challenging society today as part of the Current Affairs news broadcasting project. Utilising Adobe Photoshop to edit graphics, students use the Canon 200 DSLR and equipment to record in front of the Green Screen Kit. Use Adobe Premiere Pro to edit out the Green Screen Kit and replace it with a suitable background relating to the topic in order to convince your audiences with your persuasiveness for a riveting show!

Media – Gaming and Advertising - Semester Elective

- 2019 Course cost \$16 per semester

Students will learn to create a HTML-web based video game with the help of Adobe Photoshop to create levels, characters, and power-ups. Student will bring these assets to interactive life with Adobe Dreamweaver, ready to be tested with an in-class player base, and across web-browser platforms.

Afterwards, Students will then advertise the release of their video game by producing advertising with the viewpoint of being used in EB Games as a selling outlet, using a combination of Adobe Photoshop and Adobe InDesign.

Mixing and Sampling Music - Semester Elective

- 2019 Course cost \$24 per semester

Students develop their musical skills to create music works of their own using software and technology. No instrumental skills are required, but always beneficial. A keen ear for beat matching and blending will get you off and running! Will you be the hottest new DJ on the scene? It is recommended that students have their own device that has appropriate software such as GarageBand that they can use which will enable work to be continued at home and provide students with the best opportunity to develop to their full potential.

Photography and Power of the Image - Semester Elective

- 2019 Course cost \$35 per semester

In this course students will build skills using a DSLR camera to produce a range of photographic artworks that tell a story and focus on creating meaning. We will also learn foundations of photography and how to best utilise the camera to create effective images. Students will utilise Photoshop to edit and merge images together as well as exploring the elements of art in photography. The projects we will explore include facial merging, storytelling through images and genres of photography.

Photography and the World Around Us - Semester Elective

- 2019 Course cost \$35 per semester

In this course students will receive an introduction of photography basics and how to use a DSLR camera. Students will utilise DSLR industry standard cameras to produce a range of artworks that show the world around them. Students will also build their skills in Photoshop to edit and refine images. The projects we will explore include portraiture, video art photography, slow motion light painting and high speed photography.

Stage and Event Production - Semester Elective

- 2019 Course cost \$20 per semester

Learn to control the lighting rigs and soundboards which are integral to creating an effective and amazing performance. Create sets and props for shows and develop skills in promoting and running events and performances. Come and explore the magic of 'back of stage' and all that goes on behind the scenes to make performances come alive!

Visual Art 2D - Semester Elective

- 2019 Course cost \$50 per semester

Students will be involved in a range of Visual Arts 2 Dimensional artworks, including painting, printmaking and/or drawing. Students will investigate contemporary and historical artists in their artwork and will have the opportunity to display their work around the school or in our annual art exhibition.

Visual Art 3D - Semester Elective

- 2019 Course cost \$50 per semester

Students will be involved in a range of Visual Arts 3 Dimensional artworks, including ceramics (clay) and/or sculpture. Students will investigate contemporary and historical artists in their artwork and will have the opportunity to display their work around the school or in our annual art exhibition.

Yoga and Conditioning - Semester Elective

- 2019 Course cost \$16 per semester

Learn basic and intermediate Yoga poses, work in groups to create your own sequences and explore the reasons we practice Yoga. We'll use Yoga movement and conditioning activities to build strength, flexibility, explore the history of Yoga, and learn to develop your own program to support sport and dance activities. You will explore a range of different styles including Vinyasa, Hatha, Acro-Yoga, Foam roller and roller ball work, Pilates and much more! This course compliments both dance and specialist sports programs.



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