



Year 9 2026

Course Selection Handbook

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Year 9 Curriculum

All students in lower school at Comet Bay College study Mathematics, English, Science, Humanities and Social Sciences, and Health and Physical Education.

In Year 9, students continue compulsory enrolments in Physical Education, Health and Well Being, and Careers program (REACH), however, they are able to select 2 options in which to specialise. The options are to be selected from the following Learning Areas:

- Health and Physical Education
- The Arts
- Technologies
 - Home Economics
 - Design Technologies
 - Digital Technologies
- STEM
- Others

It is strongly recommended that students select options that they have a particular strength and interest in and are hoping to pursue as a career or future studies

Some courses offered in Years 9 and 10 will lead to Certificate II qualifications, General courses or ATAR courses, respectively, this information is indicated in the tables provided at the conclusion of each Learning Area within this handbook.

Supporting Notes:

- *As the option areas are non-compulsory they incur specific fees, only when the fees for a course have been paid is a student's place in that course guaranteed.*
- *Where an optional course requires additional materials to be consumed by the student, the Compulsory Charge must be paid to cover the cost of those consumables (e.g. food ingredients, fabric, external tuition, venue hire etc.). The cost of courses should be considered in the selection process.*
- *All these choices will be offered, however only those that have a viable number of students will actually run in 2026.*

We work very hard to ensure a high level of accuracy is maintained in the generation of our Course Selection Handbooks; however, errors do occur from time to time. Occasionally, changes to course details may be necessary due to circumstances beyond our control.

Health and Physical Education

All students must participate in Health Education and General Physical Education throughout Years 7 to 10.

The Development Programs are available via selection trials only. If places become available at the end of each term, students will be selected on the basis of their demonstrated ability and commitment to the particular area of study.

Australian Football Specialist Program Boys (9FOOT)	Charge \$220
Australian Football Specialist Program Girls (9FOOTG)	Charge \$220

The Comet Bay College Australian Football Specialist Program is designed to be a consistent learning program over Years 7 to 12. This program is designed to provide students with ongoing development in the skills and attributes needed to play Australian Rules Football at the highest level. Students will be exposed to specialist coaching and will study and practise offensive and defensive skills, the advance strategies and tactics and work towards the level of conditioning required, while practising both umpiring and coaching roles.

Students will focus on goal setting and will have regular individual reviews to assess their development within the program with assistance given to reach each selected goal.

The Comet Bay College Australian Football Specialist Program will invite talented players to participate each year.

NOTE:

Additional optional costs may be required to cover training camps and touring matches. A pre-season camp is normally held each year which may cost up to \$250. These will appear on the Additional Extra Cost Options table provided within the 2026 Voluntary Contributions and Charges Handbook, provided to families in December 2025 for the 2026 Academic Year.

Basketball - Extension Program (9BASEX)	Charge \$50
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Prerequisites:

- ☒ Students will undergo a selection process before being accepted into this program or can continue if they were enrolled in Year 8 Basketball – Extension Program.

This program is designed for the Basketball player that is looking to improve all aspects of their complete game. The program will work on all aspects of the sport with skill, tactical, game-play and fitness elements being the key focus.

Outdoor Education (9OUT)	Charge \$250
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Prerequisites:

- ☒ Students will undergo a selection process before being accepted into this program and need to be able to swim 100 metres unassisted, and to float and tread water for at least 3 minutes.

This program is designed to develop competence in dealing with the natural environment in a safe manner. Classes will include theory sessions which prepare the student to interact with the environment with minimum impact. Students will gain an understanding of emergency responses to a range of unpredictable outdoor challenges, **e.g. survival swimming, first aid, travel skills and survival skills.**

Students must be prepared to work in a wide range of aquatic, as well as land environments. Students will take part in activities ranging from problem solving and leadership activities, navigation, orienteering, expedition planning, roping, camp cooking and emergency first aid.

NOTE:

An additional charge of up to \$250 may be required for an optional off-site camp. These will appear on the Additional Extra Cost Options table provided within the 2026 Voluntary Contributions and Charges Handbook, provided to families in December 2025 for the 2026 Academic Year.

Physical Education (9PE)

Charge \$34*

*voluntary contribution

The focus of this course is the development of students' knowledge, understanding and application of anatomical, physiological and practical factors associated with performing in physical activities.

REACH (9REACH)

Charge \$10*

*voluntary contribution

REACH stands for Resilience, Emotional Awareness, Careers, and Health. This comprehensive pastoral care curriculum delivers social and emotional learning (SEL) programs within a classroom setting and is a compulsory part of the curriculum for students in Years 7, 8, and 9.

Soccer Development Program (9SOC)

Charge \$50

This program is designed to provide students with ongoing development in the skills and attributes needed to play soccer. Through this program, students will be exposed to individual skill development as well as tactical awareness with the aim of developing as a player and a team.

This will be offered through specific drills and training in lessons alongside games and matches with other schools if selected to represent Comet Bay College.

NOTE:

Additional optional costs may be required to cover training camps and touring matches. These will appear on the Additional Extra Cost Options table provided within the 2026 Voluntary Contributions and Charges Handbook, provided to families in December 2025 for the 2026 Academic Year.

Surfing Development Program (9SURF)

Charge \$250

Prerequisites:

- ☒ Students will undergo a selection process before being accepted into this program or can continue if they were enrolled in Year 8 Surfing Development Program.

The Surfing Development Program at Comet Bay College is a learning program for students in years 8, 9 and 10. It provides students access to learn and develop the skills and knowledge to participate in Surfing safely. The aim to facilitate a lifelong connection to Surfing.

Students will gain an understanding of the skills to identify safe surfing locations, the skills required to paddle into and catch waves effectively with a focus on the techniques required to perform at a high level. Students will participate in physical conditioning exercises designed to enhance their range of motion, core strength, balance, and coordination.

Students have access to a range of different Surfboards they can experiment with and that suit a large variety of conditions. Students also use the Smooth Star Skateboard to replicate Surfing movement patterns and develop skills in a replicated pattern that cannot be achieved in Surfing conditions. This allows for movements and skills to be trained in isolation and then transferred into a surfing context.

NOTE:

Additional optional costs may be required to cover training camps and competitions. These will appear on the Additional Extra Cost Options table provided within the 2026 Voluntary Contributions and Charges Handbook, provided to families in December 2025 for the 2026 Academic Year.

Overview of possible Physical Education Pathways for Years 7 - 12

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Years 11 and 12
Physical Education	Physical Education	Physical Education	Physical Education	Cert II in Sport Coaching
Australian Football Specialist Program Boys	Australian Football Specialist Program Boys	Australian Football Specialist Program Boys	Australian Football Specialist Program Boys	Certificate II / III in Sports Recreation (AFL) boys
Australian Football Specialist Program Girls	Australian Football Specialist Program Girls	Australian Football Specialist Program Girls	Australian Football Specialist Program Girls	Certificate II / III in Sports Recreation (AFL) girls
REACH	REACH	REACH		Certificate II in Outdoor Recreation
	Surfing	Surfing	Surfing	ATAR Health Studies
	Soccer Development	Soccer Development	Soccer Development	General Health Studies
	Basketball Extension	Basketball Extension	Basketball Extension	General Outdoor Education
		Outdoor Education	Outdoor Education	General Physical Education Studies



The Arts

Clay (9CLAY)

Charge \$90

This course is designed for those students who enjoyed Year 8 Visual Art or Visual Art Extension and would like to further develop their skills with clay.

Students develop their skills in using a range of clays and associated materials, such as glazes. Students will typically complete three major projects over the course of the year including an abstract sculptural form, a realistic sculptural form, and a functional form using coils.

All Visual Arts courses include drawing and design, plus some art theory. Students examine the work of an artist and/or movement that relates to their production work. They will continue to develop and refine their critical analysis skills.

Dance - Extension Program (9DANX)

Charge \$80

Prerequisites:

- ☒ **Entry into the Dance - Extension Program is by application only.
Please contact Ruth Sims, Dean of The Arts for further information on 9553 8100.**
- ☒ **Students in Year 8 Dance - Extension Program can continue in
Year 9 Dance – Extension Program**

This program provides the students with the opportunity to become leaders for the class. It allows them to grow and develop their skills.

We work on improving strength, flexibility and technique that are required for contemporary and hip-hop styles. Students will also be building on team work as they will need to work in groups to choreograph their own works. Students will have to deal with criticism and compliments as they will be provided with constructive feedback. Students will need to research correct technique and correct terminology to use during warm up.

Drama - Extension Program (9DRAX)

Charge \$75

Prerequisites:

- ☒ **Entry into the Drama - Extension Program is by application only.
Please contact Ruth Sims, Dean of The Arts for further information on 9553 8100.**
- ☒ **Students in Year 8 Drama - Extension Program can continue in
Year 9 Drama – Extension Program**

Students will explore a variety of theatrical forms moving away from realism including musicals, and stylised theatre. There is an expectation that students will be committed to continuing their Drama Extension studies in Year 10. A wide range of performance opportunities will be a feature of this course including a public performance at the Mandurah Performing Arts Centre as part of the Youth on Health Festival.

Media (9MEDIA)

Charge \$50

In Media, students will spend their time both making and responding to media works. Students will work in a team to plan, produce, film and edit a range of creative pieces, including short films and advertisements. Students will have the opportunity to use a variety of filming equipment including iPads and video cameras when creating their productions. In addition to this they will study and respond to a range of media texts from different genres.

Music - Extension Program (9MUSX)

Charge \$55

Prerequisites:

- ☒ **Entry into the Music - Extension Program is by application only. Please contact Ruth Sims, Dean of The Arts for further information on 9553 8100.**
- ☒ **Students in Year 8 Music - Extension Program can continue in Year 9 Music – Extension Program**

This program caters for students with specific abilities in music. It is designed for students interested in exploring in greater depth the following areas of Music study: Composition, Musicology and Performance.

When students engage in Music Extension, they develop the capacity to communicate complex music ideas through their specialisation. Because music is a unique means of expression, of knowing and communicating experiences, it makes a profound contribution to personal, social and cultural identities. Students become adaptable and innovative problem solvers, making informed decisions and, as inquirers, develop their ability to deconstruct and critically evaluate. They sharpen their sensitivity and perception, raise their level of appreciation and expand their musical horizons. The discipline and commitment of music-making builds a student's self-esteem, independence and personal motivation. Whether for career, commercial or leisure needs, students will have the opportunity to gain the basis for a lifelong engagement with music.

Stagecraft (9STGE)

Charge \$90

In this non-performance elective, students explore the behind-the-scenes magic of the Creative team. They learn how to design a set, create props and mask, work a lighting desk, create horror make-up special effects and support actors in sound production. Students work may even be used in our public performances!

Visual Art (9ART)

Charge \$80

This course is designed for those students who enjoyed Year 8 Visual Art and would like to develop their skills in a wider variety of Visual Arts studio areas.

Students continue to develop and refine their observational drawing skills and will typically complete three major projects over the course of the year including a drawing task (perspective drawing), a sculpture and an acrylic painting.

All Visual Arts courses include drawing and design, plus some art theory. Students examine the work of an artist and/or movement that relates to their production work. They will continue to develop and refine their critical analysis skills.

Visual Art - Extension Program (9ARTE)

Charge \$100

Prerequisites:

- ☒ **Entry into the Visual Art - Extension Program is by application only. Please contact Ruth Sims, Dean of The Arts for further information on 9553 8100.**
- ☒ **Students in Year 8 Visual Art - Extension Program can continue in Year 9 Visual Art – Extension Program**

Visual Art Extension students will refine their observational drawing skills beyond the level offered in the General pathway. Students typically complete three major projects over the year including a life-drawing task, a sculpture, and an oil painting (portraiture). Students in this course also participate in excursions, incursions and work on projects with visiting artists when the opportunity arises.

All Visual Arts courses include drawing and design, plus some art theory. Students examine the work of an artist and/or movement that relates to their production work. They will continue to develop and refine their critical analysis skills.

Overview of possible The Arts Pathways for Years 7 – 12

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11 and 12
Music or Music Extension	Music or Music Extension	Music Extension	Music Extension	Certificate II/III in Music
Drama or Drama Extension	Drama or Drama Extension	Drama Extension	Drama Extension	General Drama
		Stagecraft	Stagecraft	
Dance or Dance Extension	Dance or Dance Extension	Dance Extension	Dance Extension	Certificate II in Dance
Visual Art or Visual Art Extension	Visual Art or Visual Art Extension	Clay	Design and Sculpture	ATAR Visual Art General Visual Art
		Visual Art	Visual Arts	
		Visual Art Extension	Visual Art Extension	
Media	Media	Media	Media	Certificate II/III in Creative Industries - Media
			Media Extension	ATAR Media Production and Analysis General Media Production and Analysis

Technologies - Home Economics

Caring for Children (9CHILD)

Charge \$80

This course looks at many different aspects of caring for children, and students are exposed to a wide range of topics to help prepare them for a future pathway in childcare. Students will be provided with many interactive and practical opportunities to display their knowledge and understanding and further enhance their skills. This course will also look at the nutritional and safety aspects of childcare, and students will have the opportunity to plan and host a children's party.

Food Science (9FST)

Charge \$150

Put some wow-factor in your snacks and desserts with this mostly hands-on course. Using the freshest of ingredients, the course focuses on creating plated desserts and finger foods, incorporating a range of dramatic textures and seasonal flavours. Students specifically focus on account ethics, legal issues, social values, economic, environmental and social sustainability. Students use creativity, innovation and enterprise skills with increasing confidence, independence and collaboration. This course will provide essential skills for employment in the food industry.

Textiles (9TXT)

Charge \$50

In Year 9 textiles we will be offering a course on the fundamentals of sewing, including various seam stitching, zippers, buttonholes, and embroidery to develop skills and a genuine portfolio of their work skills. The program also includes a tote bag design and production which includes embellishments using newly acquired skills and an opportunity of tie dying fabrics for in their design. With these skills, students will be able to create a zipper bag as an accessory or a separate tote bag.

Overview of possible Home Economics Pathways for Years 7 - 12

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Years 11 and 12
Home Economics	Home Economics	Caring for Children	Caring for Children	General Children, Family and the Community
		Food Science	Food Technology	General Food Science and Technology Cert II in Hospitality
		Textiles	Fashion	



Technologies - Design and Technology

Please note that set costs cover all materials used in the standard tasks set for Design Technology courses. However, students will be required to pay for materials where their designs go beyond the quantities or types of materials that are standard to the courses.

Engineering – Mechatronics (9ENGM)

Charge \$140

This is an exciting STEM course that focuses on solving problems and overcoming challenges using technology focused solutions. Our course will foster the student's creativity, practical and problem solving skills and turn ideas into reality by applying lateral thinking to develop solutions to real world problems, needs and opportunities.

Students will develop skills and knowledge in the electro-technology field, robotics, coding and Computer Aided Drawing (CAD). Students will have the opportunity to develop solutions using innovative Computer Aided Manufacturing (CAM) technologies such as, microcontrollers, 3D printers, Laser cutters and CNC mill to help them produce solutions.

Metal Technology (9MET)

Charge \$140

This course draws on and expands transferable skills developed in Year 8 Design and Technology and introduces students to the manipulation of metals using a wide range of tools, processes, materials and systems. Some new processes to be developed will include, but not be limited to, fuel gas and electric welding processes, forging, machining, fitting, drilling, grinding and polishing of a range of metals.

Some of the work will require design and planning using the Technology Process with literacy and numeracy skills consolidated in practical applications such as quantity and cost estimations. Health and Safety aspects will be taught and reinforced at all times. Students will learn how to conduct a risk assessment and job safety analysis in a range of industrial settings.

Wood Technology (9WOOD)

Charge \$140

This course draws on and expands transferable skills developed in Year 8 Design and Technology and introduces students to the manipulation of wood and wood products using a wide range of tools, processes, materials and systems. Some new processes to be developed will include, but not be limited to, biscuit joining of boards and frames using a range of adhesives, use of pneumatic and electric tools.

Some of the work will require design and planning using the Technology Process with literacy and numeracy skills consolidated in practical applications such as quantity and cost estimations. Health and Safety aspects will be taught and reinforced at all times. Students will learn how to conduct a risk assessment and job safety analysis in a range of industrial settings.

Overview of possible Design Technologies Pathways for Years 7 – 12

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Years 11 and 12
Design and Technology	Design and Technology	Wood Technology	Wood Technology	General Materials Design and Technology – Wood
		Metal Technology	Metal Technology	General Materials Design and Technology – Metal
		Engineering - Mechatronics	Engineering - Mechatronics	Dimensional Design CAD/CAM ATAR Engineering - Mechatronics General Engineering-Mechanical



Technologies - Digital Technologies

Business Management & Enterprise (9BME)

Charge \$25

. This course aims to expose students to the role and impact of Business in our society and lives as consumers, with an emphasis on Financial Literacy - awareness of financial responsibility such as loans, credit cards and budgeting, to develop skills for independent living. Students will learn holistically about sectors of the economy and business organisations to individual people skills in preparation for the workforce. In summary this course aims to provide students with an understanding of the marketing, wants, needs and budgeting required to be independent and manage their own finances.

Computer Science Robotics (9CSROB)

Charge \$50

A high-quality computing education equips students to use computational thinking and creativity to understand and change the world. The core of computing is computer science, in which students are taught the principles of information and computation, how digital systems work and how to put this knowledge to use through programming. They will build their knowledge and understanding through hands on experience by making their own Lego EV3 robots and games. Computing also ensures that students become digitally literate – able to use, and express themselves and develop their ideas through information and communication technology – at a level suitable for the future workplace and as active participants in a digital world.

Design Photography (9DESP)

Charge \$50

In this course, students will be introduced to the latest SLR Cameras in digital photography. Students will utilize a variety of software packages, including Photoshop and InDesign and will be instructed on how to harness the latest developments in photography. Legal and ethical issues as they relate to the use of media and information sharing will be addressed.

The focus for this course is to integrate photographic composition techniques and the application of photographic design principles using digital equipment integrated with state of the art software. Students will discern that photography is a multi-discipline area with its own history, traditions, styles and techniques. Students deploy composition elements and design principles through experiential based learning processes. With rich engagement structures students embrace the design process from the moment of ideation (forming ideas) to the final making and presentation of prints (photographs).

Students will transition a range of techniques from landscape designs to portrait styles demonstrating their abilities to effectively use light, equipment, materials and technologies to compose and design their photographs.

Graphic Design (9GRD)

Charge \$30

This course introduces students to the exciting world of visual communication and creative design. Through a series of hands-on projects, students learn how to interpret design briefs, develop original concepts, and apply core design principles such as balance, contrast, hierarchy, and alignment. They explore the power of typography, colour theory, and image composition while gaining practical experience with industry-standard software like Adobe Photoshop and Illustrator.

Students investigate how design influences everyday life—from advertising and branding to digital media and packaging—and reflect on the social and cultural impact of visual messaging. Projects may include poster design, logo creation, magazine layouts, and digital illustrations, encouraging students to think critically, experiment boldly, and express their unique creative voice.

By the end of the course, students will have built a personal design portfolio and developed the foundational skills needed for further study in Visual Arts, Media, or Design & Technologies in senior years.

Overview of possible Digital Technologies Pathways for Years 7 - 12

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Years 11 and 12
Digital Technology Robotics	Digital Technology Robotics	Design Photography	Design Photography	General Photography
			Graphic Design Technology	General Graphic Design
		Business Management and Enterprise	Business Management and Enterprise	General Career and Enterprise
		Computer Science Robotics	Computer Science	eSports Endorsed Program Cert II in Applied Digital Technology
		Graphic Design	Graphic Design	General Graphic Design



Get ready to invent, build, and create in STEM!

In Semester 1, you'll step into the world of electronic engineering — learning how circuits work, mastering the skill of soldering, and using industry-standard AutoCAD software to design your own projects. You'll bring your ideas to life by building an electronic Hour Glass and even a Retro Handheld Game Console!

In Semester 2, you'll take innovation to the next level with a Micro:Bit Inventor Kit. Explore cutting-edge Bluetooth and radio technology and use your new skills to design and build your own wireless Bluetooth radio. You'll also tap into your creative side with graphic design, producing custom T-shirts using your own designs.

If you enjoy hands-on challenges, creative thinking, and real-world tech — STEM is where it all comes together!



Others

Criminology (9CRIM)

Charge \$30

Preferred prerequisites:

☒ Minimum C Grade in Year 8 HASS Extension or General

In this course, students will be introduced to crime - including how/why crimes are committed, as well as how behaviour and personality can result in criminal behaviour. Students will also see how people can become corrupt, along with corruption's influence throughout history. In Criminology, students are introduced to the Australian legal system and the court trial system. Through practical case studies and re-enactments, students will be able to gain first-hand experience in crime scene analysis, both past and present. The focus for this course is to introduce students to crime scene critical thinking using forensics, the law and psychology to problem solve. Throughout the year, students will be introduced to the criminological processes that will develop their skills and understanding - ready for the Year 10 course.

Forensic Science (9FOR)

Charge \$40

Preferred prerequisites:

☒ Minimum C Grade in Year 8 Science Extension or General

Students will explore fundamental concepts crucial to crime scene investigation. The curriculum will cover fingerprint analysis, providing an understanding of the unique patterns that can be used for identification. Toxicology will be examined, focusing on the detection and analysis of poisons and substances in the human body, contributing to the understanding of cause-of-death determination. Crime scene analysis will be a central theme, teaching students how to methodically collect and interpret evidence to reconstruct events. Through hands-on activities and case studies, students will apply scientific principles to solve hypothetical crimes, developing practical skills in evidence collection, analysis, and drawing conclusions. This course aims to cultivate a scientific mindset, ethical awareness, and critical thinking skills, preparing students for a deeper exploration of forensic science in subsequent studies.

Growing Good Blokes (9GGB)

Charge \$50

Comet Bay College's Growing Good Blokes program is an initiative aimed at fostering positive development and leadership among male students. This program focuses on building character, resilience, and interpersonal skills, promoting values such as respect, responsibility, and empathy. Through a series of workshops, mentoring sessions, and community projects, participants are encouraged to reflect on their behaviour, set personal goals, and develop a sense of accountability. By providing a supportive environment, the Growing Good Blokes program helps young men navigate the challenges of adolescence, ultimately guiding them to become responsible, respectful, and well-rounded individuals.

Japanese (9LOTE)

Charge \$44

This engaging and interactive Japanese course introduces students to the language and culture of Japan through a variety of real-world contexts and communication tasks. Students will build their skills in reading, writing, speaking and listening, while learning how to communicate effectively in everyday situations.

A unique feature of this course is the opportunity for students to interact with Japanese peers both online and during in-person visits. These intercultural exchanges enhance language acquisition and global awareness.

Students who enjoy learning languages or are considering joining the Japan Study Tour in Year 10 are encouraged to select this course.

Overview of possible Pathway for Years 7 - 12

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Years 11 and 12
		Criminology	Psychology	General Psychology
			Criminology	ATAR Psychology ATAR Modern History
		Forensic Science	Lab Skills	General Science in Practice Cert II in Sampling and Measurement

