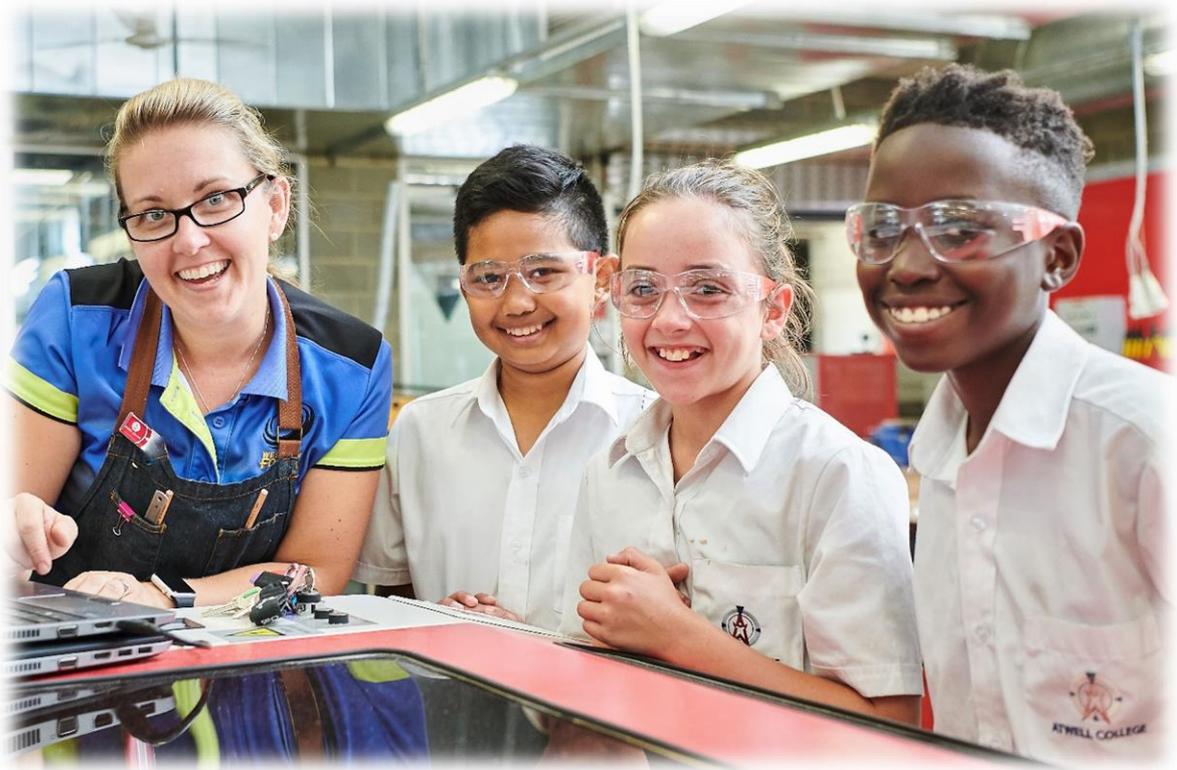




ATWELL COLLEGE



Year 8

Course Selection Handbook

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Independent Public School

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Overview

The focus of schooling in Year 8 is to continue to develop broad educational knowledge and skills. A Year 8 student's week will be as outlined below.

Learning Area	Hours per week
English	4
Humanities and Social Sciences	4
Mathematics	4
Science	4
Health and Physical Education	3
Languages	2
Technologies	2
The Arts	2
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.

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 the following year. 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](#)

Technologies Learning Area Electives

Digital Technology - Compulsory Semester Elective

- New course proposed cost \$24 per semester

This subject engages students in a variety of problem solving tasks that require digital technology solutions. By using a number of computer software packages such as Code Combat, Code for Life and PICAXE software, students work through practical based problems and devise solutions. Specific skills such as data collection, data transmitting, data storage and data analysis are built into these practical projects that involve specific skills in digital networks, mechanisms, electronics and coding.

Design Technology

Students must study one of the following electives;

- **Fun with Food** - Semester Elective

- New course proposed cost \$24 per semester

This practical course examines aspects of nutrition for teenagers in relation to healthy lunches and snacks and focusing on the importance of a healthy diet.

The course aims to develop practical skills through the preparation and presentation of healthy foods using a number of different cooking methods and variety of recipes.

Students will extend their creativity and design skills using the technology process to investigate, devise, plan, produce and evaluate a range of food related topics. The development of these skills will support further Food Technology study.

- **Material Technology** – Semester Elective

- New course proposed cost \$24 per semester

This subject is designed to expand the knowledge students gained from Year 7 and further develop their skills in a wide range of materials and composites. With a focus on hands on practical work around design projects, students will utilize some of the modern technologies Atwell College possess such as Laser Cutters and 3D Printers. Students will be using state of the art Computer Aided Drawing (CAD) software to develop solutions to problems and create plans to work from. This course will assist students who wish to progress into STEM based subjects in future years.

- **Textiles and Design - Semester Elective**

- New course proposed cost \$24 per semester

Textiles & Design students will use the technology process to investigate, design, produce and evaluate a variety of personalised items.

Students have the opportunity to develop their technical skills by using modern technology and equipment including the sewing machine, to design and construct their creations. They will use a range of textiles including recycled materials to encourage and support sustainability.

The Arts Learning Area Electives

Performing Arts

Students must study one of the following electives;

Class Music - Year Long Elective

- 2019 Course cost \$80 per year

Music is a year long elective in which students explore a wide variety of genres, styles and topics related to music and music production. This is a practical course and promotes exploration and creativity using current music technology while developing skills and theoretical knowledge to enhance performance on instruments. Background in playing a musical instrument is required for this subject. As this is a year long course students will not be able to select a Visual Arts course. This course is compulsory for IMSS students.

Dance - Semester Elective

- New course proposed cost \$14 per semester

In Year 8, Dance students come together as a team to create a fun and entertaining hip hop dance. They use improvisation skills to build on their movement vocabulary and improve dance technique. Students are given opportunities to present dance to an audience, further developing their performance skills of retention and clarity of movement, projection, focus and expression. They explore a wide range of genres and styles of dance while working safely in groups.

Drama - Semester Elective

- New course proposed cost \$14 per semester

In Year 8 Drama, students will learn improvisation and play-building skills to create their own drama. In the second part of the course, we will look at how to work with scripted pieces for performance. Students also learn valuable life skills such as working in groups, creative thinking, and the ability to negotiate within teams.

Visual Arts

Students must study one of the following electives;

Media - Semester Elective

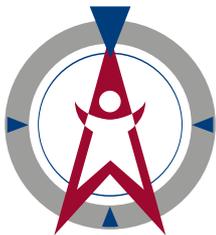
- New course proposed cost \$14 per semester

In Year 8 Media, students will explore magazine covers and news reports. Using industry standard software, Adobe Photoshop and Adobe InDesign, students will Photoshop their photographs taken with the DSLR cameras, ready to receive a professional treatment in Adobe InDesign to create a stunning magazine cover. Following this, students will then create News Broadcasts using the DSLR cameras, microphones, tripods, and green screen kit. Students will then use Adobe Photoshop to replace the green screen with a range of location and studio backgrounds within Adobe Premiere Pro to deliver a fascinating report.

Visual Art - Semester Elective

- New course proposed cost \$14 per semester

In Year 8 Visual Arts, students will be involved in a range of artworks such as drawing, painting, photography, digital art, ceramics and/or sculpture. Students will investigate contemporary and historical artists and will have the opportunity to display their work around the school and in our annual art exhibition.



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