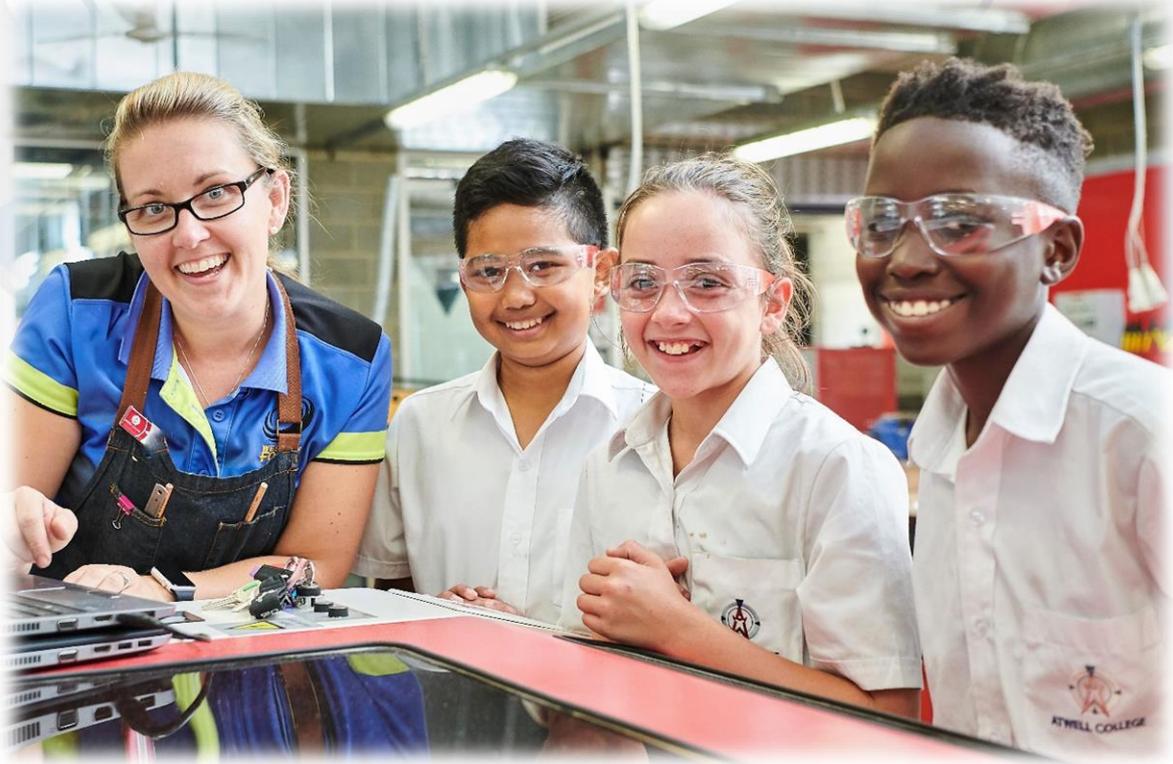




ATWELL COLLEGE



Year 8

Course Selection Handbook

Edition 2021

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
Compulsory	English	4
	Humanities and Social Sciences	4
	Mathematics	4
	Science	4
	Health and Physical Education	3
	Languages	2
	Electives are chosen in these learning areas:	Technologies Digital Technologies (Compulsory) Design Technologies (Select One)
The Arts Performing Arts (Select One) Visual Arts (Select One)		2
	Total hours	25

Specialist Programs

The following programs are designed to meet the needs of selected students 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.

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.

Netball Specialist Program (NSP) (only available to previously selected students)

Atwell College is endorsed as a Tier 1 Specialist Netball School by Netball Western Australia. This endorsement recognises the Netball Specialist Program as one of the Top 5 Specialist Netball School Programs in the state. 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) (only available to previously selected students)

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 National Rugby League Western Australia. The program helps engage students at school and also provides outstanding opportunities to develop specific skills, knowledge and experiences.

STEM Enrichment Program (SEP)

A designated Science Technology Engineering Mathematics (STEM) Program, preparing students with up-to-date skills required in industry. Students have the opportunity to participate in State and National competitions utilising these associated STEM skills. This course is supported by the Marine Industries Schools Pathway Program with course links and activities endorsed by Curtin and Murdoch Universities. SEP and related STEM subjects are designed to enhance student knowledge and opportunities for direct placement in related industries and university courses.

Elective subjects and payment options 2021

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 from Thursday 20 August, 4pm to Thursday 27 August, 8am.

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.

Course costs within this handbook are indicative and will be confirmed when the Contributions and Charges are approved by the College Board. Parents will be advised before the end of Term Four 2020.

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.

There are no maximum charges set by the State Government. Charges the College has set for the courses are **compulsory** and will depend on the course chosen. Some specific courses will incur higher costs dependent on such items as text, subject-specific resources, materials, excursions, Certificates and work placement.

50% payment is required to confirm placement in selected courses with the balance of payment due by the end of Term One 2021.

Payment Options the College offers

Cash/Cheque/EFTPOS/Credit Card at Atwell College Reception Administration Building

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

Design and Technologies

Students must select one of the following electives to study.

Fun with Food - Semester Elective

- 2021 Course 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

- 2021 Course 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

- 2021 Course 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

Performing Arts

Students must select one of the following electives to study.

Class Music - Year Elective

- 2021 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

- 2021 Course cost \$14 per year

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

- 2021 Course 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 select one of the following electives to study.

Media - Semester Elective

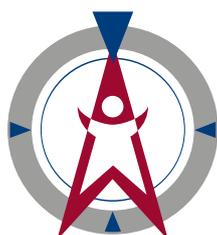
- 2021 Course cost \$14 per semester

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 and treat the photographs professionally with 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. Using Adobe Photoshop, students can 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

- 2021 Course 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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