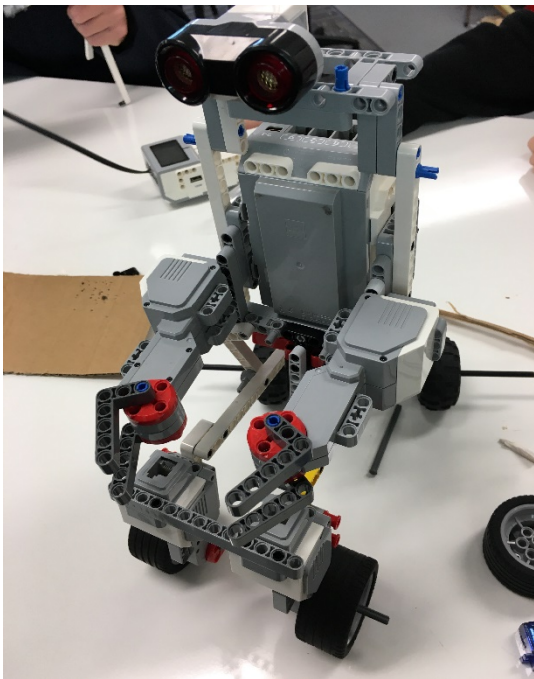


# Year 8

## ELECTIVE HANDBOOK



2020

# 2020 Year 8 Electives

This booklet describes what elective courses are available in 2020. Year 8 is the first chance students get to select their courses. This is a fantastic opportunity for parents to engage in a discussion with their child about the subjects that interest them and the passions they wish to pursue further.

In Year 8 students will have the opportunity to complete two elective courses. Every child in Year 8 should complete one Arts and one Technology subject for their 2020 Elective Program. Students will get three preferences from the Arts list of electives and three preferences from the Technology list of electives.

| Arts Electives      | Technology Electives               |
|---------------------|------------------------------------|
| Art                 | Food Technology – Paddock to Plate |
| Dance               | Wood Technology                    |
| Drama               | Metal Technology                   |
| Year 8 Concert Band | STEM – Digital Design              |
| Music               | Product Design                     |
| Media               | Textiles                           |

Whilst Amaroo School will endeavour to place each child in their first preference, due to demand, class sizes and the need to have a balanced educational program, your child may be offered their second or third preferences in some cases.

We encourage students to talk to their AMCARES teachers, year advisors and parents to help make decisions about the courses that they would like to take part in next year.

We look forward to working with you to develop your child's educational program for 2020.



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## Art

Students will explore and use a range of two and three dimensional visual arts media. The theoretical component of this course will cover historical perspectives of artists' work and include a research assignment. Students will work collaboratively in an art studio environment with a focus on the elements and principles of Art. Students will use a Visual Diary to record their art making processes and develop their ideas.

Consumable Levy: \$20



## Dance

Students will develop their understanding of different dance styles including Indigenous and Torres Strait Dance and Asian influences on Dance. Students will also develop their choreographic and performance abilities in order to create their own dance productions. They will have opportunities to build technical skills and confidence to perform in front of an audience.

Consumable Levy: \$20



## Drama

Students study drama through the form and style of play building. They will learn about Process Drama and how to develop and build characters. They will work together to create and perform short scenes that focus on contemporary issues and moral dilemmas. Students will develop and refine expressive skills in voice and movement, creating engaging characters in various performance styles.

Consumable Levy: \$20



## Year 8 Concert Band

Students will continue studying within the concert band setting. They will look to continue developing their performance and technical skills on their chosen instrument. They will have performance opportunities to showcase their ensemble skills. Students are required to have at least one year of experience on a Concert Band instrument or by application.

Consumable Levy: \$20



## Music

Students will have the opportunity to perform, create and study music. They will also create their own original song and look at the different elements of music. No previous experience is necessary.

Consumable Levy: \$20



## Media

Students study media outcomes through the form of photography and cinematography. Shot sizes, angles and compositions will be studied in both landscape and portrait shoots, storyboarding and pre-production templates. Students will also learn about mise-en-scene and analysing shot compositions as well as filming and editing.

Consumable Levy: \$20



## Food Technology – Paddock to Plate

In this unit students will learn about seasonal vegetables, create a vegetable patch and select plants to grow in an ongoing cycle. Students will also learn to maintain the vegetable patch and harvest the produce. They will plan menus and learn to cook healthy meals with the fruit and vegetables that they successfully grow with the aim of providing the community with healthy homemade food. Students may also work in the wood workshop to help create amazing garden projects.



Consumable Levy: \$50

## Wood Technology

Students will develop their understanding of the design process through various projects that will broaden their understanding in Woodwork. Students will be using timber and acrylic processes to create their design ideas. This course will be teaching students to use advanced machinery and processes to prepare them for future technology courses.



Consumable Levy: \$45

## Metal Technology

Students will develop their understanding of the design process through various projects that will broaden their understanding in Metalwork. Students will be using metal and other material selections to create their design ideas. This course will be teaching students to use advanced machinery and processes, such as Oxy-Welding, to prepare them for future technology courses.



Consumable Levy: \$45

## STEM – Digital Design

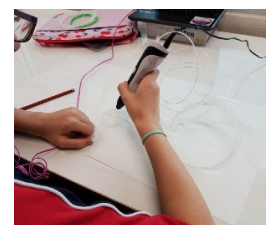
In STEM - Digital Design & Game Design students will understand how to use their computer by improving their ICT skills and will learn how to code using programming languages such as Python, HTML, and JavaScript. They will then use that language to design, create, and present a functioning computer game.



Consumable Levy: \$30

## Product Design

In Product Design students will get an introduction to the design process, and what makes a good product. Using design problems as a basis they will use a range of mixed media and 3D manufacturing techniques to construct designs of their own making.



Consumable Levy: \$45

## Textiles

In this unit students will learn basic drawing and design skills that they can then transfer into fabric and fashion designs. Students will make a printed cushion cover as well as learning how to weave, and then design and create their own wall art. This subject will prepare students for entering the world of fashion and beyond!



Consumable Levy: \$45