

ELECTIVES PROGRAM

TERM ONE 2020



SEEK: /si:k/ (v.)
*attempt or desire to obtain
or achieve (something)*

The Electives program is designed to broaden students' learning within and beyond the curriculum, providing opportunity for interdisciplinary experiences. It offers the possibility to challenge, extend or deepen knowledge in a specific area of study, or ignite a passion for a particular general interest. Staff, parents, past students and supporters outside of the immediate school community can offer a subject about which they are passionate and have specialist knowledge.

Each term students from Years 7 to 10 choose between a wide variety of subjects including the arts, science, technology, construction and sport. All Year 10 students are required to participate in a careers subject for one term.



EXPERIENCE: /ɛk'spiəriəns/ (n.)
*skill or knowledge that you get by doing
something*

The Electives program fosters Preshil's enduring commitment to: making, choosing, building, playmaking and performing, as described in the Preshil 'Courage' book.

The cost of the Electives program is included as part of the Years 7 to 10 composite fee and is also subsidised by the program budget. Some subjects may have additional associated costs for equipment, excursions, incursions and/or transport. Families are notified of these costs if they arise.

Some subjects may also extend into lunch, particularly those which involve leaving the school grounds. Students will need to be aware of this and cater accordingly.



EXCEL: /ɪk'sel/ (v.)
*be exceptionally good at or proficient in
an activity or subject*



DESIGNING OUR FUTURE

DREAM: /dri:m/ (n.)
*an idea or vision that is created in your
imagination*

STEAM

Make connections between concepts and problem-solving in new and exciting ways.
SCIENCE • TECHNOLOGY • ENGINEERING • ARTS • MATH

Chinese 101

With Robin Wang

What is Chinese New Year? Why is this year the year of the rat? Do you want to know how delicious dumplings are made? What do these symbols, 山, 水, 国 mean? And why is the Chinese name for “Australia” written as 澳大利亚? For that matter, what is your Chinese name, and how do you speak and write your Chinese name? Keen to find out? Come and join this elective, Chinese 101! This elective is not merely a language class, nor is it just another culture study. You will learn different perspectives of Chinese. And one thing for sure, you won't get bored. If you see yourself in future as a global citizen, you should take this exciting journey to discover Australia's neighbour, China, the most populous country in the world. You will expect to know heaps of fun facts about China and gain some essential hands-on knowledge and Chinese skills.



Model UN

With UN Youth Victoria

UN Youth Australia is the youth partner of the United Nations Association of Australia, a member of the World Federation of United Nations Associations (WFUNA). This elective is a great chance to learn about how to argue, listen, and engage with globally significant issues. At the beginning each of you will be given a country for which you will be the United Nations delegate. You will need to research your country's position on global issues, and engage in discussion with other nations' delegates about those issues. No experience necessary. Everyone welcome!

Clay Animation and Cartoon Workshop

With Brett Cardwell

In this interactive workshop you will learn the basics of cartooning from characters, action, expression, animation, style and design to creating a comic strip, animating in 2D and stop motion animation techniques culminating in your stop motion short film. In 1994 Brett began travelling to outback communities and schools, telling cartoon stories on a white board. Brett has worked for more than 25 years in freelance cartooning, art, graphics and animation.



French Language and Culture Extension

With Steve (Yves) Moreau

This elective will link planets and days of the week, our solar system, (the Milky Way) and the infinite galaxies.

From the first French-made flying object, the “Montgolfier” in 1782, inventions defied the gravity laws toward space with helicopters, airplanes, rockets, satellites, the first man in space, on the Moon in 1969 and very soon on Mars.

Let’s locate the French speaking countries on all continents (and other key languages), regions, capital cities with famous navigators and explorers.

Explore the history of clothing: colours, patterns, French Fashion “Haute Couture”, Coco Chanel, Yves Saint-Laurent, leather bags and shoes. Who’s Who “LVMH” world leader in High Quality products: Christian Dior; perfumes & cosmetics, Yves Rocher, Tiffany jewellery, etc.

Where do Easter eggs come from? Let’s make and eat French crêpes as part of the French gastronomy, menu and French eating styles.



Songwriting and Music Industry Insights

With Ben Paddick

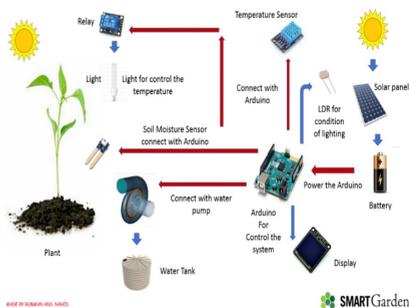
A practical skills-based course where students have the opportunity to develop songwriting, composition, and arrangement techniques. Students will also be given an inside look at the local music industry; what people do, how they do it, marketing tips, how to organise a tour, how music is recorded and much more.



Sensing The Environment - The Art and Science of Programming

With Karl von Moller

Today's world is surrounded and underpinned by technology. How many of us understand how to harness its potential? Come along and learn how to programme utilising Arduino, a simple but powerful open-source platform. You will learn how to graph data via your computer's serial port, detect button presses, process sensor data from light, temperature, humidity, moisture and magnetism and, programme a reaction-based game all whilst learning the fundamentals of the C programming language. There will also be time to learn to design electronic circuits and learn to solder so you can make your own projects. **ALL LEVELS of experience are catered for, especially for beginners. You also get to keep your Arduino Uno board.**



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Theatresports

With Adam Simon

In this elective students will participate in a variety of improvisation games to assist in developing their drama skills. Each class is structured similar to a "Whose Line Is It Anyway?" show. A sample list of activities would be Film Styles, Fixed Emotions, House Party and Mission Impossible. The list of options is endless, maybe even come up with a few of your own.



Japanese Language Classes

With Kumi from the Japaneasy Team

Learn Japanese from the Japaneasy team, everything from basic vocabulary, daily routine, describing objects, comparative and superlative, expression, phrases at a hospital and other things. There will also be some KATAKANA reading and writing”.



HEALTH AND WELLBEING

Preshil regeneration, sustainability and climate action dream team.

With Emily Nancarrow

This elective invites students to become the environmental pioneers of Preshil. Throughout the term you will apply your interests, knowledge and passion for change to inform a student led approach to regeneration, sustainability and climate action! Thinking globally, acting locally, we will create goals, implement initiatives and organise events that promote sustainability and regeneration and endeavor to transform our school into a school that actively tackles climate change.



Kitchen Garden

With Daniel Klotz

The popular Kitchen Garden elective returns in Term 1 with a new face. Danny has helped with the Spring Dinner each year and brings a wealth of hospitality skills to the program. Not only will you create a shared meal for the group based around a theme but you will learn great kitchen and hospitality skills. This elective will be largely focused in the kitchen including jobs such as food prep, cooking and baking.



Lifeology I02

With Amir Tatai

Expression in all its forms could be said to be the highest form of humanity. In order to be able to safely express yourself it is important to have a solid understanding of some simple techniques which can provide you with opportunities to feel empowered and ready to express should the want or need arise.

This program has two aims:

1. Provide an opportunity for such empowerment through simple yet effective physical and mental disciplines, while also ensuring time and
2. Giving people the opportunity for sharing inspiring aspects from your life, such as music, art, books, gaming, media, sport etc, which may move us in ways we are driven to express ourselves.

Be prepared to perform, reflect, create and share. I'm excited.

SPORT AND PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

Fundamentals of Soccer

With Shede Olukhale

Shede is an ex international athlete, a fully qualified personal trainer and has played for the Kenyan national football team. Students will explore the practical and theoretical aspects of the world game, with a focus on formation, passing and ball control skills, positioning and goal scoring. The elective will also cover theory on match rules, winning, losing and drawing. Underpinning each session will be a focus on improving fitness specifically relating to soccer. It also has a social benefit too, through encouraged team-work which helps build a healthy self-esteem.



Tennis

With Vida Tennis at MCC Kew

Vida (Spanish word for Life) provides coaching for all ages and skill levels in a relaxed and encouraging environment, making it easy for students to enjoy their tennis as they learn the various disciplines of the game. Getting to know each student's strengths and weaknesses means progress can be made every lesson. Lessons are held at MCC Kew next to the Primary campus.



Choosing and Responsibility

“From the earliest years, children at Preshil are encouraged to choose... In later years, children are encouraged to choose and pursue one or more special interests... This tradition of choosing special projects and electives continues throughout the School.

Preshil believes that providing children with the choice to follow their own interests leads to a more compelling and rewarding learning experience for both child and teacher. By taking ownership of their education children invest more of themselves and are more motivated to learn.

By learning to make their own choices in ever more significant ways, children begin to learn the importance of making good choices and taking responsibility for them. When children can understand that their every action is the product of a choice they themselves make, whether consciously or unconsciously, they become more empowered to direct their own lives.

By choosing to pursue their own interests children solidify their unique strengths and the growing expertise that will aid them in their later studies, as well as in their vocations as adults...”

The Courage Book

Selection Process

Upon return of the preference forms, students will be drawn from the Ballot Box and allocated an elective according to their selections and in the order of preference.

Forms must be returned by the due date or they will not be included in the published Ballot. Students will then be notified of their elective allocation as soon as possible so they can prepare if necessary.

Please note, in fairness, preference must be given to students who have not done the elective before as we highly recommend students experience a range of activities throughout the year. Some students have discovered their passions through trying something new and gone on to further their studies in that area or gained employment.

Electives Preference Form

**PLEASE DETACH AND RETURN THIS FORM
BY FRIDAY 7 FEBRUARY**

You must have 3 different choices, in your order of preference below. Please choose carefully as the elective you choose will be for the whole term.

If your first preference is full you may be placed in your subsequent preferences.

Code	Elective	Code	Elective
20200100	Chinese 101	20200106	Theatresports
20200101	Model UN	20200107	Japanese
20200102	Clay Animation & Cartoon Workshop	20200108	Climate Action Dream Team
20200103	French Language and Culture	20200109	Kitchen Garden
20200104	Songwriting	20200110	Lifeology 102
20200105	Programming - Sense the environment	20200111	Soccer
		20200112	Tennis

FULL NAME	
YEAR LEVEL	
CHOICE 1	
CHOICE 2	
CHOICE 3	

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