



The Lakes South Morang P-9 School

Year 8 & 9 Elective Policy

Rationale

As student's progress through school they need to be encouraged and supported to take greater responsibility for their own learning and participation as members of the whole school community. This involves developing as individual learners who increasingly manage their own learning and growth by setting goals and managing resources to achieve these goals. The purpose of electives at Years 8 & 9 is to allow students to explore curriculum areas additional to those prescribed as core. Participation in electives should enhance the child's independence and support successful participation in school life.

Aim

To provide Year 8 & 9 students' with the opportunity to explore and develop their skill sets and interests in the areas of The Arts, Physical Education and Health and Technology.

Implementation

- Flexibility in the elective selection process will be considered for all students, including those with special needs.
- The Principal will call for expressions of interest for elective programs from Domain Leaders for The Arts, Physical Education and Technology early Term 3.
- The Leading Teacher (Domains) will ensure the Elective Handbook is updated and published in Term 3.
- Year 8 & 9 home group teachers will discuss elective opportunities with students in Term 3.
- The Leading Teacher will plan and coordinate, in consultation with Leadership and Domain Leaders, an elective information session for students and their parents to be held in Term 3.
- Students and their parents, with the support of Domain Leaders, will discuss and complete their elective selection for the following year following an information session to be held in Term 3.
- Students who do not attend the information session with their parents will be required to attend an information session to be held during the school day by either the Campus Principal (Curriculum) or the Leading Teacher and have their form signed by a parent.
- The timetabler, in consultation with Leadership, will develop the elective blocking to determine which electives will run in the following year. A minimum of 16 students will be required for an elective to be timetabled.
- Students and parents will be informed of successful elective choices in the first week of Term 4.
- Receipt in full of School Charges will cover the elective costs for Semester 1 and Semester 2 (with the exception of Outdoor Education and Academies).
- Students who do not pay School Charges will be required to pay for individual elective classes to cover the cost of materials and resources.
- The Outdoor Education elective will incur a \$100 fee and is additional to School Charges. This amount is payable in full by 4th December to secure placement in this elective.
- Only those students who submitted their elective choices by the due date will be granted the opportunity to change electives on Educational grounds.
- Students wishing to change their elective choices at the start of the school year will need to submit a formal letter (as per Elective Handbook) outlining their educational reasons for change. This can be done in consultation with Leadership and the timetabler.
- Students will need to meet a strict timeline, submitting their request to the Principal no later than Friday of Week 2, Term 1.
- The Principal, in consultation with the Assistant Principal (Curriculum), timetabler and Year level Student Manager, will determine whether the change of electives will proceed.
- In consultation with the timetabler, the Year Level Student Manager will be responsible for reallocating a student into elective blocks to accommodate an elective change.
- The timetabler will generate a new student timetable and inform staff of changes to class lists (if required).

Evaluation of Policy

The policy will be reviewed annually by the Principal and Middle Years Team.

This policy was ratified at school council on 21st May 2013