



YEAR 8

SUBJECT SELECTION

SEMESTER 2

2007

COMPULSORY SUBJECTS

All year 8 Students at Glenala SHS must study **two semesters** of English, Mathematics, Science and SOSE (Study of Society & Environment).

All year 8 students must study **one semester** of HPH (Health & Physical Education) either in semester 1 *or* semester 2. No year 8 student may enrol in HPH for two semesters in one year.

ELECTIVE SUBJECTS

Students should read the following pages which describe the elective subjects offered in Semester 2. It is expected that students will then discuss their choices with their family.

Students must then complete a subject selection form and ensure that their Parent or Carer reads and signs the form. Please return your form to your "That's Life Teacher".

Whilst the school will try to give students their elective choice, this is not always possible. Your best chance is to ensure that you get your completed form signed and returned to school as quickly as possible.

MUSIC

Storytelling Through Sound

In this unit students will explore the world of music through listening to, responding to, creating and performing it. The context in which they will do so will be through storytelling.

Students will gain an understanding of how music has been and continues to be used as a means of telling a story. Students will be given an opportunity of telling their own story through the medium of sound- be it traditional song, rap, instrumental music, classical, contemporary, blues, rock and hip-hop. Students will learn to use various instruments to express a thought and will ultimately record their efforts through digital recording software and hardware.

By the end of this unit students will have gained a broad overview of the basic elements of music: rhythm, beat, pitch and melody. They will also be able to arrange these in a cohesive manner in order to tell their story. Students will also have gained experience in composing music.

MEDIA

A Story to tell

We live in an ever changing world in which communication and communication technology are becoming more and more important in our lives. This unit, A STORY TO TELL, examines the way stories are told through the media, particularly television and film, and aims to develop students' visual literacy. Through the Science Fiction genre, students will be encouraged to watch and discuss other people's media products and to design and make their own. During the unit, students may view film, draw storyboards, write scripts, use computer programs and use digital cameras in both individual and group situations.

FOOD STUDIES

This is a practical subject which introduces students to the subject of Food Studies and provides them with some basic skills and background knowledge to study this subject further for the development of some valuable life skills.

Students will complete an initial introductory unit to prepare them for working in the practical area and then a hands on literacy based programme in order for them to learn the terms and procedures in order to follow a set of instructions to prepare food items independently in a safe and organised manner. They will do this by completing a variety of practicals tasks.

Once the students have gained some basic skills, knowledge and confidence they will be required to meet challenges by investigating various topics and designing food products to meet the requirements of various set tasks.

Ingredients and containers will be supplied by school and all food prepared in these sessions is in compliance with the Health Guidelines for schools.

COMPUTER STUDIES

The year 8 Computer Studies elective allows students to become confident, critical designers and users of technology. This subject aims to equip students with the knowledge and skills that will allow them to make informed decisions when accessing internet and mobile technology today. Specifically, students will investigate issues such as: content, privacy, security, cyber bullying, online publishing, chat room danger and mobile internet enabled technologies.

ITD - INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY AND DESIGN

This subject combines theoretical understandings with practical applications related to industrial systems and control, graphical communication and product design and manufacture. Students design and create products using contemporary materials, tools, equipment, processes and techniques that are specific to the Woodwork and Metalwork Industry. This subject incorporates Junior Graphics, which offers a combination of computer aided drafting (CAD), as well as manual drawing methods.

EAR - Electronics and Robotics

The subject combines theoretical understandings with practical applications related to Electronics and Robotics. Students will explore, design and create electronic products using contemporary materials, tools, equipment, processes and techniques that are specific to the Electronics Industry. This subject incorporates Junior Graphics, which offers a combination of computer aided drafting (CAD), as well as manual drawing methods.