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Welcome to Woodvale Secondary College

Welcome to Woodvale SC, a community of learners committed to supporting every student to achieve at their personal best.

We are delighted to welcome Year 7 students into the college. A great deal of preparation and collaboration with primary schools has occurred to ensure their transition to high school is a positive experience.

Woodvale SC is an Independent Public School. The Woodvale SC Board, staff and parents at our college are committed to working together to provide a safe and caring environment where each student is given the opportunity to develop academic rigour and to achieve personal excellence in a positive and safe environment. One of the three priority areas of our 2014-17 Business Plan is Positive Education enabling every student to develop the knowledge, understandings and skills to make choices ensuring their happiness and life balance. Positive Education will be a major component of the Year 7 Health Education course 2015, as well as a whole school priority.

Woodvale SC has responsively served the Woodvale community for 30 years and we enjoy a very positive relationship with our parents and the wider community. You can become actively involved in our learning community in a number of ways including P&C, membership on the college board, volunteering in the canteen and contacting teachers through email if you have any concerns or celebrations.

An important aspect of my role is to ensure that every student makes a smooth transition from Year 6 to Year 7. In this way, the foundations are laid for each student to work at their personal best. Working closely with our parents gives me clear understandings of the celebrations and concerns students bring with them to Year 7 and we are adjusting our programs accordingly. We will also ask you to fill in surveys twice a year and analyse your feedback in order to make positive changes.

Woodvale SC has a strong reputation in our community for high standards. There is a whole college approach to behaviour which trains our students to recognise the difference between social space and learning space and behave accordingly. Every teacher reinforces the behaviour expected in a learning space. In this way, we train each student for the self discipline and academic rigour that is needed as their studies progress. As a school community, we live our values of respect, responsibility and relationships in all our interactions.

Pastoral Care of each student is a college priority. A strong team of specialists lead Pastoral Care through the college. Every teacher is also trained in positive education principles and practices. Every child is cared for, tracked and encouraged at Woodvale SC.

We have a number of very successful learning programs developed in Year 7 to build strong learning foundations in all our lower school students. Students will know their learning style and the power of learning techniques. They will also be supported in developing organisational skills. Every student also learns about emotional intelligence and how to choose positivity and build on their strengths.

At Woodvale SC we have prioritised focus areas in our school development planning 2014-2017. These are:
- High Quality Teaching and Learning
- Positive Education/Positive Students
- Collaborations and Partnerships.

The best foundation for successful schooling is close parental support. Please contact your child’s Year Coordinator or me on Veronica.Sutton@education.wa.edu.au if you wish to discuss your child’s successful transition to secondary schooling.

Ms Veronika Sutton
Associate Principal Lower School.
Wonderful Things About Woodvale Secondary College

- Our Specialist Music Program – over 200 students
- Our Academic Excellence Programs
- A focus on Positive Education for all students
- The Organisation Skills Workshops for all Year 7 students
- High levels of access to technology
- Our Science Enrichment Programs
- Our Award Winning Child Care Program
- Extensive choice in physical education programs
- A great Cadet program – FESA & Life Saving
- Specialist Basketball/Soccer School of Excellence
- Our tremendous Student Services support team
- A brilliant teaching staff
- The Learning Resource Centre which is the cultural hub of the college
- Fully air-conditioned classrooms
- Up to five national and international tours every year
- Our strong focus on Asian Literacy with compulsory Asian language for Years 7, 8 and 9
- More Level 3 classroom teachers than any school in the area
- A state of the art Hospitality and Function Trade Training Centre
- The largest Basketball Stadium built in any WA school.

Excellent Results

- Top quartile for literacy, science and numeracy PISA international testing
- The majority of our students who applied for a place at University through TISC received an offer 2013
- Year 9 NAPLAN results well above the state benchmarks.

The Handbook

This student handbook has been prepared to provide students and parents with details of the range of courses available in Year 7. In keeping with the Department of Education policies for government schools and recognised good practice, Woodvale SC has a taster course for Year 7 and Year 8 students. Once they have tried all option areas, students will be making informed decisions about their options in Year 9.

Website

The college has a website at www.woodvale.wa.edu.au
How to Enrol
Students who live in our catchment area need only to complete enrolment forms which will be distributed to our local primary schools. Other students who may come into Woodvale SC as part of our specialist programs will be sent enrolment packages. All other students must fill in a Cross Boundary Application for Placement form.

Opportunities for Year 7 Students
Under the Department of Education’s Curriculum policies, students in Years 7 – 10 are required to study a range of subjects within the 8 Learning Areas. While most subjects are compulsory there is an increasing degree of flexibility as students move from Years 7 – 12.

Briefly, the key aspects of the pattern of organisation of the courses for Years 7 – 10 are listed below:

(i) All students will undertake tuition in the following 8 Learning Areas, each week:
   - Arts
   - English
   - Languages
   - Mathematics
   - Physical & Health Education
   - Science
   - Society and Environment
   - Technology

   Details of these courses are listed later in this handbook for Year 7 students with a separate handbook for Year 8 and Years 9 and 10.

(ii) Details of the content of courses will be given to students at the commencement of their course, along with the breakdown of the assessment procedures.

(iii) Formal reporting will be conducted each semester by way of a computerised report issued to each student. In addition, progress reports, interim reports, electronic letters of concern and letters of commendation are issued at regular intervals.

(iv) The formal report is a summative report each semester. You may get richer information from your child’s assessments during the term and you can email or contact their teachers or year coordinators for specific feedback at any time.

(vi) In Term 3, students will choose their courses for both semesters in the following year.

(vii) Asian Languages (Japanese/Chinese) are compulsory in Years 7, 8 and 9.

Assessment
All reports will use the A – E grade distribution.

All teachers issue students with comprehensive course outlines including assessment outlines, their weightings and when they are due. Parents are encouraged to read these course outlines and to email teachers if they have any concerns or celebrations. Copies are available on our website. All course outlines support packages and assessment schedules are available on the website.
**Year 7 Electives**

It is the policy at Woodvale that all students in Year 7 are exposed to as wide a range of subjects as possible. This means that students will mainly follow a common course during their first year.

Students are required to study from each of the following Learning Areas:
- The Arts (Drama/Music)
- Languages (Chinese/Japanese)
- Technology & Enterprise (Information Technology/Home Economics)

**Year Coordinators**

Every year group is assigned a Year Coordinator. The Year 7 Coordinator focuses on pastoral care and attendance. They hold regular assemblies and contact parents with progress reports on individual students as requested. They also work closely with individual students as the need arises and they analyse students’ results twice a year.

The Year 7 and 8 whole school focus areas are organisation skills and resiliency.

**College Diary**

Each Year 7 student has access to an electronic diary. Parents are urged to look at the diary regularly. You will see what homework your child has and our college procedures and policies.

**Use of Computers**

Woodvale SC had a focus on technology as a school priority in the 2011 - 2014 Business School Plan. With parent contributions, we are continuing this highly successful initiative. A parent co-payment will be invoiced prior to your child starting school. The students must bring charged laptops to every lesson. They will receive full induction early in the school year and parents will also be invited to a number of workshops supporting them with their child’s sensible use of technology.

Every Woodvale SC teacher undertakes lengthy professional learning in the use of technology as a learning tool to engage adolescents. Consequently, there is a strong focus on teacher’s successful use of technology to engage our students.
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## Pastoral Care

Woodvale SC is committed to ensuring the educational success of all our students. In order to create a safe and encouraging learning environment, we have a highly trained Pastoral Care team including a year coordinator for each year group, a chaplain, a nurse, a psychologist, a career advisor, Head of Student Services and each year group has a representative Associate Principal. We enjoy a very positive relationship with our parents with a highly active College Board and Parent and Citizens group. Parents can always communicate with staff via email.

## Parents & Citizens

P&C meet once a term. It is vital to our college to have an active P&C. For parents P&C meetings provide rich opportunities to engage with other parents, the Principal and to have a say about the college. Please take time to attend these important meetings. They are advertised in the electronic newsletters and on the electronic sign out the front of the college. We would love to see you there. Also volunteers are always appreciated in the college canteen.

## School Board

As an Independent Public School, we have a College Board with parent representation. Contact the school for more information or refer to the college website. The Board meets twice a term and is a very important governance body.
CURRICULUM SUPPORT – TRANSITION

Starting High School
The transition from primary to secondary school is an exciting, yet challenging time for most young people. Students have to adapt to new environments, the making of new friends, different teaching methods and moving from class to class. They also have to adjust to being the ‘new kids on the block’ after being school leaders in their primary school. For some students, the move from Year 6 to Year 7 may be a fearful experience. Students move from a familiar and secure environment to a new and unfamiliar one. A survey has indicated that the following concerns worry some Year 7 students:

- Fear of being bullied
- Fear of getting lost
- Fear of being picked on by older students
- Fear of doing poorly in high school or not keeping up with the school work.

We commence your child’s high school experience with The Big Days In. These two days of fun activities are designed to allow every student to work in teams with other students to get to know the college and to meet their teachers in a fun way. Feedback from Year 8s this year was that they felt very good about commencing their studies as a result of The Big Days In. We also monitor our students and if extra support is needed we ensure your child receives it.

How Parents Can Help
Reassure your child that it is normal to feel uncertain, anxious and excited.
Make sure travel arrangements to and from the college are organised.
Learn about the college rules, routines and timetables.
Help your child to develop good study habits. (Regular times, a quiet place, reading).
Help your child to set up a suitable place at home to study.
Practise organisational skills.
Encourage your child to become more self-reliant by increasing their level of responsibility and your expectations of them.
Ensure your child has the correct uniform, and all the necessary equipment required for school.
Talk to your child about their focus and reassure them.

Year 7 Organisation
I have found that one of the major challenges that many Year 7 students face in their transition from primary school to high school is the organisation of their school work for the wide range of classes they attend each week. For some students the lack of organisation has led to poor results in the classroom and assessments. Some of the problems encountered are:

- Work for all learning areas placed randomly in their file or their bag; no separate sections for each subject. Consequently important assessment sheets or course outlines are lost.
- Students are not regularly cleaning out their files and removing old schoolwork.
- Lack of paper to use if they need to hand in a short classroom activity.
- Students must also learn to re-charge their laptops each night and bring them to school in the correct carry case.
- Too many files. This adds extra weight to already heavy bags.
What Parents Can Do To Help With Organisation

The transition from having everything in one classroom to moving between classrooms and different teachers is something that most Year 7 students enjoy. However, it also adds pressure to pack up quickly in one class and go into the next class prepared. You can help your child to stay organised by:

- Checking their file and bag nightly or weekly. In this way any ‘stray’ handouts can be filed in the appropriate section and supplies of paper and stationery can be checked.
- Students’ files take a ‘battering’ throughout the term. They go in and out of their bags up to seven times a day. A broken file is often the consequence. This is the reason we recommend only purchasing the black lever arch files as they are very reasonably priced and easy to replace. Please check that their file is in good working order.
- Keep a good supply of file paper and plastic sheets at home so students can fill up their files as they run out. It is also a good idea to keep a couple of spare lever arch files, as well as a supply of red and blue pens and lead pencils.
- Encourage your child to read widely and often.
- Make sure their computers are charged at night.

Following is an example of what we think work best for students

**File**
A4 Black file
Subject dividers (plastic as cardboard rips very quickly)
A4 File paper — reinforced
At least 5 A4 plastic sleeves for each subject
Homework sheet at the front of the file.

**Uniform Policy**

There is a new Uniform Policy for 2015 with NO skirts. A dress is currently being designed by girls from every year group.
ACADEMIC EXTENSION

At Woodvale SC, the aim of the Academic Extension program is to provide an enriching and challenging program to academically able students. The college offers Academic Extension classes in the four core learning areas: Mathematics, English, Science and Society and Environment. Students are able to accelerate and extend their curricula in Years 7 - 10 with more academically advanced and in-depth study.

Students are placed into the Academic Extension Program following a selection process involving written application and testing. Students are tested on comprehension, written expression and mathematical reasoning. Test results provide the college and student with a comprehensive analysis of their performance. The Academic Extension Coordinator collates and analyses test results. Based on these results students may be eligible for one or both of the Academic pathways.

The pathways offered are:

- Humanities - English and Society & Environment
- Sciences – Mathematics and Science

Membership within the Academic Extension Program depends on the students’ continuing high standard of performance, effort and behaviour throughout the year. Students in our Academic Extension program are monitored closely throughout the year to ensure their success and that the high standards of the program are maintained.

A key feature of the Academic Extension Program is the involvement in enrichment and extra-curricular activities. Both within and beyond the classroom, the program provides the opportunities for students to engage in a learning environment that is intellectually challenging, stimulating and rigorous.

Enrichment and Challenge Activities include:

- National and State Competitions – individuals and teams, written and practical based, research style.
- Extra-curricular activities – Excursions, Incursions, Workshops, Guest Speakers, Conferences and Symposia.
- Team building activities and excursions aimed at developing leadership and interpersonal skills.
- After school activities during the year to offer unique and specialist opportunities for students.
- Peer Support Program.
- Presentation Nights – Principal’s list events.
- Close monitoring and support by the AE Co-ordinator.
- Peer mentoring programs.
LEARNING RESOURCE CENTRE
The Learning Resource Centre is a vital part of Woodvale Secondary College. It caters for approximately 1400 students and 100 staff. It is an incredibly busy place with lots of students and staff using the wide range of resources and services on offer. It has an extensive and very up-to-date collection with the latest technology for students to use. It is staffed by teacher-librarians (2FTE) who work with students on various programs and who also provide assistance on an individual basis.

The major role of the LRC is to provide a rich and diverse learning environment which is dynamic, responsive and high-tech 21st Century entering. The LRC provides a strong focus on developing literacy skills (visual, digital, critical, information, media) which empowers our students to become lifelong independent learners in an ever increasingly complex, informational and technological world. The LRC also encourages and enhances a culture of reading and enjoyment of literature.

All new students are involved in LRC Orientation programs in Term 1 through English, Society & Environment and other Learning Areas. These programs provide students with a solid knowledge base of how to use the LRC and technology.

This is followed up with programs that deal with searching the web, Web 2.0 technologies, using One-Note, Moodle, Inspiration, on-line databases, plagiarism, copyright and cyber-safety.

Another very important objective of the LRC is the promotion of literature and reading skills. We improve literacy skills by teaching the students different reading strategies, and by promoting reading for enjoyment and creating an awareness of the many and varied forms of reading resources.

Year 7 students will participate in an Orientation Program through English and come to the LRC at least once a fortnight for their reading program. Students will be introduced to a wide variety of excellent reading materials such as novels, short stories, magazines, picture books, graphic novels, comic books, and non-fiction for recreational reading. Students are encouraged to keep a record of their reading and to read widely and often for pleasure. Other programs include ‘Picture Books’, Book Trailers and Bookclubs.

The LRC has some desktop computers for students to use and all students will have their own laptops. The college’s wireless network provides a fast and reliable service and student access is closely monitored. Students are encouraged to use the college’s intranet, web links and sites recommended by LRC staff when doing research. They also have easy access to all the videos, DVDs and recorded free-to-air and Foxtel programs held by the LRC through Clickview and V/TV via their laptops. They can view programs in their own time and at their own pace allowing for students to catch up on missed work or for easy revision.

Homework class is on every Tuesday after school in the LRC. Students are encouraged to come along and complete work or get some extra help or coaching from the staff who volunteer their time each week. This has proved to be very popular.

A lot of effort goes into making the LRC a welcoming and interesting place for students and staff to use. Every year the LRC hosts many special events such as Book Week, Staff Book Café, charity events and international displays and many other competitions and displays.

We look forward to meeting and welcoming the new intake of Year 7s in 2015.

Learning Resource Centre Staff
VISUAL ARTS

VISUAL ARTS – 7AA
COURSE DESCRIPTION: Visual Arts is a one semester course of study that allows students to explore both art and craft activities. Drawing, Computer Graphics, Painting, Pottery and Sculpture are introduced and provide a variety of skills and techniques for creating successful art works. Students also study artists and styles of art from different cultures and periods in history. This general course of study is aimed to provide the students with enjoyment and a greater understanding of themselves and their creative abilities.

MUSIC

MUSIC GENERAL CLASS – 7MUG
COURSE DESCRIPTION: Music General is a one semester course of study. Students will have studies in aural perception, music literacy and vocal skills. Through practical music making and listening solutions students will develop an appreciation for music.
MUSIC

CLASS MUSIC AND INSTRUMENTAL & ENSEMBLE MUSIC COURSES
These courses are intended to be studied concurrently. The duration of each course will be a full semester. Students will have an instrumental lesson once a week and this will be supported by classroom studies in aural perception, music literacy, vocal skills and ensemble (band) performance. The instrumental lesson will be conducted during school hours while the ensemble component will be taken out of school hours.

Year 7 students will be enrolled in Instrumental and Ensemble Music 7MUI and thereafter study courses according to their ability and level of performance.

Students studying these courses are credited with an extra subject, over and above the usual, because the instrumental and ensemble music courses are completed outside the normal school timetable.

CLASS MUSIC - 7MUC

PREREQUISITES: Enrolment in Instrumental and Ensemble Music 7MUI.

COURSE DESCRIPTION: This course is designed for those students who wish to study traditional music. The course develops skills in the literature of music, aural awareness and basic music knowledge through music making activities.

INSTRUMENTAL AND ENSEMBLE MUSIC - 7MUI

SEMESTER 1
PREREQUISITES:  (1) To be enrolled in Class Music 7MUC.

COURSE DESCRIPTION: This course is designed for group tuition lessons on a child's specific instrument. The classes are held either on a rotating basis throughout the timetable or out of school hours with a private tutor specialising on the child's chosen instrument. This course also involves participation in weekly ensemble and choir rehearsals, concerts, and one camp per year.

SEMESTER 2
PREREQUISITES:
(1) To have completed Instrumental and Ensemble Music 7MUI or be at an equal standard on a chosen instrument.
(2) Enrolment in a class music course.

COURSE DESCRIPTION: This course enables the student to participate in group tuition classes (of no more than 5 students) with a specialist tutor. Classes are either conducted on a rotating timetable throughout the normal school timetable or out of school hours. This course also involves participation in weekly ensemble and choir rehearsals, concerts, and one camp per year.
ENGLISH

Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 students extend their Reading, Writing, Listening and Speaking and Viewing skills. They are expected to explore more challenging and unfamiliar works and ideas. Students also develop a critical understanding of the print and electronic media. Class work is directed towards ensuring that students become both confident and competent in comprehending, composing and that oral skills are developed through a range of formal and informal activities. Students are expected to work effectively, both as individuals and collaboratively with others. They will explore a balanced range of text types from fiction, non-print media, poetry, drama and non-fiction.

Each lower school course will be part of a pathway leading to appropriate subjects in Upper School. Beginning in Semester 1 Year 8, students will be placed in pathways according to their ability as demonstrated in Year 7 class performance as well as tests such as NAPLAN. The pathways are Academic Extension, Accelerated, Core and Foundation.

Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 courses will be based on the Australian Curriculum. They will focus on Literacy, Language and Literature.

English courses are engaging and dynamic with the focus very much on students striving to achieve their best in environments that accommodate individual learning styles and abilities.
MATHEMATICS

Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 students will study a year long course. Each course will be part of a pathway leading to appropriate mathematics courses in upper school. The recommended course for all students will be matched to their achievement from the previous year’s study. For Year 7 all students, except the identified academic students, will study the same mathematics course for Semester 1. During Semester 1 all Year 7 students will sit an external test. Based on this information and teacher recommendations an accelerated pathway will be established for Semester 2. At this point the curriculum will be further differentiated.

CALCULATORS IN THE MATHEMATICS CLASSROOM.
A calculator is a tool integral to the teaching of the Australian Mathematics curriculum. They are used in a variety of situations including problem solving, investigating and, of course, in routine calculations. They are an essential item for all students, irrespective of the pathway studied. The college recommends a suitable calculator to purchase and this will be suitable for use in Year 7, 8, 9 and 10. All students are expected to have their own calculator.

MATHEMATICS – 7MA
The Year 7 course follows the Australian Curriculum, which is compulsory from 2015. The course will cover the topics of Number and Algebra; Measurement and Geometry; and Statistics and Probability. The use of information technology is embedded into all areas of mathematics.

The Mathematics Academic Extension program is designed to enrich and extend students’ knowledge, application and working mathematically skills in mathematics. Selection is based on ability and only limited changes are made for Year 7. A significant amount of time will be allocated to information technology, working mathematically and participating in state and federal competitions which will further the depth of study of the topic under consideration.

At the end of the year, the Semester 2 report will indicate the achievement of your child in relation to the national standards in mathematics. Achievement in Year 7 will determine which pathway (extension, core, foundation) is studied in Year 8.

TEXTBOOK
Year 7 students do not have to purchase a textbook as the mathematics course at the college is online. Parents will need to purchase a HOTmaths validation code, (approx. $20 and available from the college) which gives students access to the course for the entire year. Supplementary activities and worksheets are used frequently including use of such programs as That Quiz and My Maths Online.
HEALTH EDUCATION
HEALTH EDUCATION - 7PH
This course investigates health and personal development issues specifically related to the developing adolescent. There is an introductory component to the course which aims to establish an understanding of what is health and explores the physical, emotional and social aspects of health in greater detail. The course teaches students about factors which influence our own health and how we can improve our personal health outcomes. Health Education aims to develop the students knowledge and understanding, skills and attitudes that will enable them to make informed health-enhancing decisions. The importance of developing interests, feelings, resilience, self-management skills and interpersonal skills is explored to enable students to cope with the stresses they are faced with in their adolescent years. In Year 7 students will explore issues related to puberty, the changes that occur and develop strategies to cope with these changes. Bullying and cyber safety issues will be a focus of this year group with the aim of building students’ self-esteem, resilience and help seeking skills. Students will learn how to establish protective behaviours to avoid negative situations with their peers. There will also be a fitness component to the course which will investigate and evaluate aspects of personal fitness. All students will participate in fitness testing where their individual results will be sent home to parents. Students will learn about nutrition and establish links between a healthy lifestyle and their diet. Students in Year 7 and 8 will also learn the foundation of Positive Education Principles.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION
PHYSICAL EDUCATION - 7PE
This course is designed to increase the student's understanding of the principles of human movement in a broad range of physical skills. This course includes fundamentals of basic movement and games, which are seen as essential elements in the further development of more specialised aspects of physical education and sport within the college and local community. Students will have the opportunity to compete in Swimming, Athletics and winter sports carnivals as well as selected extra curricular sporting competitions.

SPECIALISED BASKETBALL PROGRAM (by application only)
BASKETBALL – 7PBF/7PBM
The college operates a Department of Education approved Specialised Basketball class in each of the lower school years for students with a special interest and talent in Basketball. These classes operate instead of Physical Education in Years 7, 8, 9 & 10. Entrance to these specialised classes is competitive in Years 7. A small number of vacancies may occur in Years 8, 9 and 10, and students who may be interested in these places should apply directly to the Program Coordinator. Entry to the course is by way of application and selection processes conducted by the Program Coordinator, Mr Kelvin Browner, and college based coaching staff. Course costs apply.

SOCCER SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE (by application only)
SOCCER – 7PSF/7PSM
The college operates a Department of Education approved Specialised Soccer class in each of the lower school years with a special interest and talent in Soccer. These classes operate instead of Physical Education in Years 7, 8, 9 & 10. Entrance to these specialised classes is competitive in Year 7. A small number of vacancies may occur in Years 8, 9 and 10 and students who may be interested in these places should apply directly to the Program Coordinators Mr Ratcliff (Boys) or Mr Forman (Girls). Entry to the course is by way of application and selection processes conducted by the Program Coordinators. Course costs apply.
**LANGUAGES**

*Our ultimate goal is for students to be able to communicate in another language.*

Year 7 students can select Japanese or Chinese language studies. Students are encouraged to select the language in Year 7 which they will continue through to the end of Year 9. Japanese classes are mainly comprised of students who have been studying Japanese throughout their primary education. It is highly recommended by the college that students coming into the college from out of the intake area, who have not come from a school where they have studied Japanese, study Chinese language. This enables them to be in classes with other beginning level students. Students who would like to commence studying Chinese, after studying Japanese in primary school, may choose to do so.

### Why Languages Other Than English?
- To assist us to become more “Asian Literate” in a world that increasingly needs this.
- To help promote mutual understanding in a thriving multi-cultural society.
- To promote and develop understanding of the structure of the English language.
- As outlined in 2012 White Paper ‘Australia in the Asian Century’, building the Asia capabilities of young Australians is crucial.

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**JAPANESE**

Students can continue their language studies through to Year 12 with Japanese: 1A/B, 2A/B 3A/B and Certificate II & III in Applied Linguistics offered at the college.

### Why Japanese?
- The number of employment positions for Japanese speakers has increased dramatically in such areas as Foreign Affairs, Trade, Tourism, Industrial Relations, Politics and Commerce.
- Japan is the world’s third biggest economy with a free trade agreement signed in April 2014: It is Australia’s second biggest export market.
- Students at Woodvale SC may participate in our exchange trip to Japan, in Year 10 or 11, and have the opportunity to apply for year-long exchange programs.
- Japanese language education in Australia and overseas is underway in 133 countries other than Japan.
JAPANESE COURSE
The Year 7 Japanese course is suitable for beginning and continuing Japanese language students. Culture is integrated in language skills in our programs. When we use a language, we are involved in culture, whether we are speaking, listening, reading or writing.

There is a strong focus on technology in the delivery of this course. Moodle, iPads and laptops are used as learning and teaching tools to engage and motivate learners. Students will write in Japanese using technology and will use iPads to access apps such as Hiragana Bubbles to practice the Hiragana script which students will need to learn in Year 7.

Assistant teachers, exchange teachers and visiting Japanese students will attend some classes providing Year 7 students with the opportunity to speak with native speakers.

SEMESTER 1
This semester students cover the following topics; Food, Tastes and Shopping. Using adjectives and verbs to discuss food, students create advertisements for new products in Japanese for the Japanese speaking community. Hiragana projects are created and given to local primary schools for young children to use in Japanese classes. Term 2 consists of Sport and Leisure Time where students look closely at Rajio Taiso as it operates in Japan, as well as Japanese Athletics Day in Japan. Speaking and reading tasks are the focus of Semester 1 and students have the opportunity to work with peers to develop and present role plays and skits in Japanese.

SEMESTER 2
Semester 2 consists of the following topics; Daily Routines and Famous Places and Tourist Attractions. Focusing on all three outcomes, students are becoming more confident communicators. Using technology to create a photostory of the daily life of a friend or themselves, students can demonstrate their ability to use time words, verbs, nouns, adverbs and conjunctions in Japanese written passages. Writing a travel article is another task students will be able to complete this semester. Discussing interesting places in Japan, a virtual tour of Tokyo Disneyland and looking closely at modes of transport is part of the course in Term 4.

CHINESE
Students can continue their language studies in Upper School with opportunities to study WACE Stage 1, 2 & 3 and/or Vocational Chinese: Certificate II & III in Applied Linguistics.

Why Chinese?
- Students at Woodvale SC have the opportunity to travel to China as part of an annual tour to visit our sister school Jinan Number 9 School and other places of interest in China.
- China is one of the world’s oldest and richest continuous cultures, over 5000 years old, and most populous nation in the world, with 1.4 billion people.
- Mandarin Chinese is spoken by 873 million speakers, making it the most widely spoken first language in the world. One fifth of the planet speaks Chinese.
- In addition to the People’s Republic of China and Taiwan, Mandarin Chinese is also spoken in the important and influential Chinese communities of Indonesia, Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore, Brunei, the Philippines, and Mongolia.
- China has now become the second largest economy in the world, and is one of largest trading partners of the United States and Australia. Many Australian companies do business in China and have long-term investments there.
- Learning Chinese significantly enhances your child’s future vocational opportunities.

**CHINESE COURSE**
The Year 7 Chinese Course is a language based beginner’s course where students learn about Chinese Mandarin language as well as Chinese Culture.

Online activities are an important learning tool used in Chinese, made particularly accessible by the school’s laptop program. Chinese students will be using the school’s Moodle Learning Management System, also accessible from home, as they explore Chinese with an ICT focus. Short video-clips and multi-media texts are other important ICT learning tools employed in this course.

Throughout the year students will also be encouraged to interact directly with people from China, particularly through our Sister City/School relationships, exchange visitors, Chinese volunteers and other special projects. Other cultural events and workshops are also organised for students.

Since the Language Learning Area purchased a class set of iPads, they have been an integral way of using ICT in fun and educational ways to help develop students' learning of Chinese. Pinyin, the Chinese reading system, is covered in detail using a variety of iPad applications. Stroke order of Chinese writing will also be introduced, also partly through apps. The interesting background of particular Chinese characters will also be covered. There are also creative projects designed to encourage students to learn about Chinese culture and language.

**SEMESTER 1**
Semester 1 builds the foundation in the understanding of the spoken language and recognition of some Chinese characters.

This semester students focus on topics such as self-introductions, family and pets, food and drinks. As part of this, students will also explore the customs and culture involved in eating Chinese food. Students will also extend their conversational abilities by talking about their likes and dislikes. Chinese students can participate in eating Chinese cuisine. Popular apps will be used in classrooms to develop speaking skills. Through these apps, students will practice introducing themselves orally in Chinese and discuss family and pets and for creating speaking tasks involving designing and recording skits and role plays. iPads will also be one of many tools to learn the Chinese numbering system.

Students will also cover some important aspects of Chinese Culture including Chinese Festivals such as Chinese New Year and the Dragon Boat Festival. Cultural events and workshops are also organised for Chinese students.

**SEMESTER 2**
In Semester 2 students further extend their written skills in Chinese, as well as their speaking skills, using a variety of strategies designed to engage students in their learning. Topics to be covered include hobbies and pastime activities, colours and describing friends. They will also gain an understanding of special festivals such as the Mid-Autumn Festival.

iPads, on-line activities, short video-clips and multi-media texts are also important this semester as students continue to enjoy exploring Chinese with an ICT focus.
**SCIENCE**

All Year 7 Science students at Woodvale SC will study the Australian Curriculum: Science.

The Australian Curriculum: Science is designed to develop students’ interest in science and an appreciation of how science provides a means of exploring and understanding the changing world in which they live. It provides an understanding of scientific inquiry methods, a foundation of knowledge across the disciplines of science; and develops an ability to communicate scientific understanding and use evidence to solve problems and make evidence based decisions.

**How the Australian Curriculum (Science) is structured.**
The Foundation to Year 10 Australian Curriculum: Science is organised into three interrelated strands:
- **Science Understanding** - which focuses on the important science concepts from across different areas of science,
- **Science Inquiry Skills** - which focuses on skills essential for working scientifically and
- **Science as a Human Endeavour** - which focuses on the nature and influence of science.

The following table identifies the key content areas, concepts and skills covered throughout Year 7.

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All Year 7 students will study all of the four Science Understanding strands, with an emphasis on Science Inquiry Skills. Science as a Human Endeavour will be embedded within the Science Understanding strands.

Each student’s achievement in their coursework will be assessed and reported at the end of each semester in line with college policy.

During Semester 1 Year 7 students will undergo selection for the Year 7 Science Academic classes, which will progress into Year 8.
SOCIETY & ENVIRONMENT

COURSE STRUCTURE: YEARS 7, 8, 9 and 10

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

Society & Environment covers seven outcomes of the Society & Environment component of the Western Australian Curriculum. In addition to these, Values Education is an important aspect of the course.

In Year 7 students will study two Semester length units. Each unit will include the ICP outcome and one of the conceptual outcomes Place and Space or Time, Continuity and Change. Elements of Active Citizenship are embedded throughout, as are the Core Shared Values.

SOCIETY & ENVIRONMENT - 7SE
THE ANCIENT WORLD

History – Semester 1
The curriculum provides a study of history from the time of the earliest human communities to the end of the ancient period, approximately 60,000 BC (BCE) – c.650AD (CE).

Geography – Semester 2
(1) Water in the World – This unit focuses on water as an example of a renewable resource.

(2) Place and Liveability – This unit focuses on the concept of place through an investigation of liveability.
HOME ECONOMICS

HOME ECONOMICS - 7HE

COURSE DESCRIPTION: This brand new six month course has been designed to give students an introduction to the exciting world of Home Economics. As a society, we are more aware of what we are eating and the carbon footprint we are leaving on this earth. This course is designed to help students make informed decisions relating to diet and product design. They make and eat some amazing dishes and develop skills with other mediums. The range of practical skills which students develop will be a good grounding for further studies in Home Economics.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY - 7IT

COURSE DESCRIPTION: This course is designed to give students skills in essential practices for online safety and to develop the skills necessary for effectively learning with laptops in the classroom. The course explores cyber safety and introduces students to a variety of software for cross curricular learning including: mind mapping, document design and presentation, graphic manipulation and editing skills, audio manipulation, an introduction to movie making and basic IT skills using the Office Suite. The course is designed to give students the necessary skills to manage and use their laptops within the standard classroom environment.
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