



YEAR 9 & 10

SUBJECT BOOKLET

2027

2027 JUNIOR SUBJECT SELECTION

Advice for choosing subjects

Choosing your subjects for next year is an important step in planning a pathway to qualifications and setting up opportunities for learning beyond secondary school.

Step 1: Work out what subjects you enjoy?

What you enjoy doing outside school can help you choose what subjects to take.

Ask yourself:

- Which subjects do I like doing now?
- Which subjects interest me for next year that I have not already studied?
- What do I like doing outside school? Being outside? Working with people or working independently?
- Do any subjects include activities or preferences I enjoy?

Step 2: Work out what subjects you have strengths in

Ask yourself:

- Which subjects am I strongest in?
- What subjects do others say I am good at?

Step 3: Find out what subjects you need for future career pathways

Do you already have some career ideas?

- Research your options using [Careers Central](#) and complete the [Interest quiz Tahatū](#).
- Go to '[Get Inspired](#)' Section on Tahatū and think about your Values, Skills and interests.
- Spend some time looking at the [Video Library](#).

Are you still unsure what career or pathway would suit you?

Remember studying a broad range of subjects will keep your career options open for later decisions. Talk to either your Learning Coach, your Pastoral Leader, Georgina Walker gwalker@pen.net.nz or Rhonda Turner rturner@pen.net.nz in the Transition/Careers Faculty.

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All students complete subject choice in the [Kamar Student Portal](#) 'Careers/Course Selection'.

Year 10 – 2027:

English, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, PE & Health are compulsory.

Students must choose four preferred options and two back up (reserve) options.

Also, students must choose two preferred Ko te Hapori courses and one back up (reserve) Ko te Hapori course.

Students will receive help from their Learning Coaches and subject teachers in making these decisions. We will try to give all students their choice of subjects, but this may not always be possible.

2027 SUBJECT TABLE

FACULTY	YEAR 9	YEAR 10	YEAR 11	YEAR 12	YEAR 13
Creative Arts <i>Ngā Toi Auahatanga</i>	Art 9AR	Art 10AR	Visual Art AR100	Art Painting AR200*	Art Painting AR300* ^{UE}
	Art Design 9AD	Art Design 10AD			
	Dance 9DA	Dance 10DA			
	Music 9MU	Music 10MU	Music MU100*	Music MU200*	Music MU300* ^{UE}
	Performing Arts 9PA	Performing Arts 10PA	Performing Arts PA100	Performing Arts PA200*	Performing Arts PA300* ^{UE}
	Beat Making 9BM	Beat Making 10BM	Beat Making BM100	Beat Making BM200	Beat Making BM300
	Music Voice 9MVO	Music Voice 10MVO	Music Voice MV100	Music Voice MV200	Music Voice MV300
	Pasifika Art 9PAR	Pasifika Art 10PAR			
English <i>Te Reo Ingarihi</i>	English 9EN	English 10EN	English ENG100	- English Language ELAN200* - English Literature ELIT200*	- English Language ELAN300* - English Literature ELIT300* ^{UE}
	Literacy Boost 9LI	Literacy Boost 10LI	Literacy LIT100	Levelling Up LEV200	Levelling Up LEV300
	Book Club 9BOO	Book Club 10BOO			
Languages <i>Ngā Reo o Te Ao</i>	English Language 9/10EL		EAP <i>Foundation / Intermediate / Advanced</i>		
	Gagana Samoa 9SA	Gagana Samoa 10SA	Gagana Samoa SA100*	Gagana Samoa SA200*	Gagana Samoa SA300* ^{UE}
	Gagana Tokelau 9TOK	Gagana Tokelau 10TOK	Gagana Tokelau TOK100*		
	Mātauranga ‘o e Moana 9MM	Mātauranga ‘o e Moana 10MM			
	NZ Sign Language 9NSL	NZ Sign Language 10NSL			
	Exploring Language & Culture 9LAC	Exploring Language & Culture 10LAC			

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Māori <i>Te Tari Māori</i>	Te Reo Māori 9MA	Te Reo Māori 10MA	Te Reo Māori RM100*	Te Reo Māori RM200*	Te Reo Māori RM300* ^{UE}
	Kapa Haka 9KH	Kapa Haka 10KH	Kapa Haka KH100	Kapa Haka KH200	Kapa Haka KH300 ^{UE}
	Carving 9CAR	Carving 10CAR	Carving CAR100	Carving CAR200*	Carving CAR300*
	Toi Matihiko - Digital Māori Art & Design 9TOI	Toi Matihiko - Digital Māori Art & Design 10TOI			
Maths <i>Pāngarau me Tatauranga</i>	Mathematics 9MT	Mathematics 10MT	Mathematics MT100	- Maths with Calculus MC200* - Maths with Statistics MS200* - Maths with Calculus & Statistics MT200*	- Maths with Calculus MC300* ^{UE} - Maths with Statistics MS300* ^{UE} - Maths with Calculus & Statistics MT300* ^{UE}
	Numeracy 9MN	Numeracy 10MN			
Physical Education & Health <i>Te Hauora me Te Akoranga Koiri</i>	Physical Education & Health 9PE	Physical Education & Health 10PE	Physical Education PE100	- Physical Education PE200* - Sports Leadership SL200*	- Physical Education PE300* ^{UE} - Sports Leadership SL300*
	Going Outdoors 9GO	Going Outdoors 10GO		Fit & Well FIT200	Fit & Well FIT300
			Hauora HAU100	Hauora HAU200	
	Trailblaze Sport 9TRS	Trailblaze Sport 10TRS			
	High Performance Academy 9HPA	High Performance Academy 10HPA			
Science <i>Pūtaiao</i>	Science 9SC	Science 10SC	Science SC100	- Biology BI200* - Chemistry CH200* - Physics PH200*	- Biology BI300* ^{UE} - Chemistry CH300* ^{UE} - Physics PH300* ^{UE}
	Human Biology 9HB	Human Biology 10HB			
	Plants & Nature 9PN	Plants & Nature 10PN			
	Make, Explore, Learn & Test 9MEL	Make, Explore, Learn & Test 10MEL			

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Social Sciences <i>Te Ao Tāngata</i>	Social Studies 9SS	Social Studies 10SS	- Geography GE100 - History HI100	- Geography GE200* - History HI200*	- Geography GE300* ^{UE} - History HI300* ^{UE}
			Pasifika Studies PAS100	Pasifika Studies PAS200	Pasifika Studies PAS300
				Psychology PSY200	Psychology PSY300 ^{UE}
				Travel & Tourism TT200	Travel & Tourism TT300
			Commerce COM100	Young Enterprise YEN200	Young Enterprise YEN300 ^{UE}
Technology <i>Hāngaru</i>	Design & Build 9DB	Design & Build 10DB	Design & Build DB100*	Design & Build DB200*	Design & Build DB300* ^{UE}
	Digital Technology 9DG	Digital Technology 10DG	Digital Technology DGT100*	Digital Technology DGT200*	
	Food Technology 9FT	Food Technology 10FT	Hospitality HP100	Hospitality HP200*	Hospitality HP300*
	Textiles 9TEX	Textiles 10TEX			
Transition <i>Ngā Rapuara</i>		Job Jumpstart 10JJ	Pathway Skills PS100	Gateway GT200	Gateway GT300
				Childcare CHC200	Childcare CHC300
				Planning for your Future PLA200	Planning for your Future PLA300
				Trades Academy TA200*	Trades Academy TA300*

KEY:

Compulsory courses (in red)
Ko te Hapori courses (in blue)
Recommended for selected students (in purple)
* Course has a prerequisite
^{UE} Course is university entrance (UE) approved
National Qualification Framework Standards:
Level 1 = 100 Level 2 = 200 Level 3 = 300

JUNIOR SUBJECT OPTIONS

1. Art (9/10AR)

Students will learn to create art focusing on the elements of art, line, shape, form, space, value, colour and texture. Students will learn to create art through drawing, painting, printmaking, sculpture and design using a variety of media. This course gives students the opportunity to work as painters, printmakers, sculptors and designers. The year 10 programme will be made up of two semesters, the first half of the year focussing on foundation skills and the second semester focussing on skills that will prepare you to achieve at NCEA Level 1.

2. Art Design (9/10AD)

This course introduces you to photography, design and the use of Photoshop. You will learn how to enhance and alter photographic images. There will be opportunities to design logos, posters and work with art-based computer programmes to create anime and characters. The year 10 programme will be made up of two semesters, the first half of the year focussing on foundation skills and the second semester focussing on skills that will prepare you to achieve at NCEA Level 1.

3. Beat Making (9/10BM)

Ko te Hapori - Semester 1 or 2

In this course students will learn how to use a range of recording and sequencing techniques on software like “Bandlab” or “Ableton Live” and learn to create their own songs and compositions from scratch. You will learn to capture quality audio and use samples of audio to create new compositions. Students will also learn to mix their projects to create a full and clear sound. By the end of this course, you will understand the songwriting and recording process from beginning to end.

4. Book Club (9/10BOO)

Ko te Hapori - Semester 1 or 2

Do you love to read? Are you someone who likes to talk about what you are reading? Do you like to recommend books to others? If any of this sounds like you, then this course is the place to be! You will get the opportunity to read! The chance to revisit and share your favourite books; plus discover some new favourites to add to your list.

5. Carving (9/10CAR)

Do you want the opportunity to seek the art of whakairo through design processes and surface patterns that hold meaning? Do you want to learn the practical use of tools and mediums, using design practices to translate culture through art? In the whakairo course you will:

- learn drawing skills
- learn carving skills
- learn key Māori words, terminology and their meanings
- produce whakairo to gain experience in toi Māori
- prepare whakairo to present in an exhibition (TBC)

6. Dance (9/10DA)

Work on your passion for dance! In this half year course, students will develop their choreographic skills and participate in a variety of group performance tasks. Students will have some choice in the final big project they create. This could include creating a dance including choreography and performing it and/or researching a dance style.

Curriculum areas covered will be:

- developing practical dance knowledge (learning new dance skills)
- developing dance ideas
- communicating and interpreting dance
- understanding dance in context

7. Design & Build (9/10DB)

Imagine it - design it - build it. This is a hands-on course where creativity meets construction. Students will learn how an idea develops from an initial sketch into a detailed architectural drawing, and ultimately into a real structure that you can build and be proud of. This course takes you through the complete design-to-build process. You will explore architectural drawing and sketching, develop design ideas, create plans and working drawings, learn about materials and construction methods, and apply your knowledge by building practical projects. Whether you are interested in architecture, construction, engineering, design, or hands-on building. Design & Build gives you the opportunity to turn ideas into reality.

8. Digital Technology (9/10DG)

This course introduces you to the broad range of digital technology strands that utilise computers and other digital tools and systems to solve problems and complete useful work:

- website design (HTML)
- python programming
- scratch programming
- spreadsheet (Excel)
- desktop publisher (Publisher)
- presentation (PowerPoint)
- database (Access)
- word processing

This course is also designed into two terms to facilitate learning about computer studies (digital technologies) at Level 4 (Yr 9) and Level 5 (Yr 10) of the *New Zealand Technology Curriculum*.

9. English Language (9/10EL)

This course is designed to support English language learners in developing their reading, writing, listening, and speaking skills. Through engaging activities, group discussions, and texts matched to each learner's level, students build confidence and competence in English.

The course focuses on practical communication, vocabulary development, and understanding English in everyday and academic contexts. Learners are supported to express their ideas clearly, strengthen grammar and sentence structure, and develop the language skills needed to succeed across the wider curriculum.

You are encouraged to take this course for a full year.

10. Exploring Language and Culture (9/10LAC)**Ko te Hapori - Semester 1 or 2**

This course is available in Learning Languages, Performing Arts, Heritage Studies and Pacific Studies. Would you like to learn a new language through tapa making or become more confident using a language you speak or hear at home and in the community? In this course you will:

- learn more about how to develop Tapa (Ngatu, Masi, Hiapo, Aute, Siapo) learning skills
- explore culture and language through an inquiry about Tapa (Kupesi, Mamanu, Masi, Kapa, Aute) that interests you
- compare different languages used in Tapa making around the Pacific Island Nations
- compose a dance/pattern of Tapa making sequence in response to a brief

We will learn together through heritage patterns, songs, dance, language classes with teachers from school and the community and inquiry learning. At the end of the course, we will celebrate with food from the language and culture we have been studying and a tapa display presenting our learnings

11. Food Technology (9/10FT)

Develop food literacy and practical skills for life related to safe food preparation, nutrition, cultural and societal food experiences. Develop a food product using the technological design process. This course consists of both theory and practical lessons.

12. Gagana Samoa (9/10SA)

This course will enable students to:

- listen to Gagana Samoa for understanding and interest
- interact in Gagana Samoa
- read Gagana Samoa for meaning
- listen to and understand Gagana Samoa

Students will learn skills using these key competencies in:

- thinking
- communicating and making connections with Gagana Samoa and culture
- participating and contributing using language and culture knowledge

The content covers these topics such as:

- aiga (family)
- aganu'u (culture)
- a'oga (school)
- taaloga (sports)
- galuega (employment)

The year 10 course prepares students for NCEA Gagana Samoa. This subject leads to Gagana Samoa NCEA Levels 1, 2 & 3 and extended further to tertiary education, at Victoria University with a Bachelor of Arts degree majoring in Gagana Samoa. This is a university-approved subject.

You are encouraged to take this course for a full year.

13. Gagana Tokelau (9/10TOK)

Porirua College is the school with the highest number of students of Tokelau heritage in the world and Porirua East is Aotearoa's Tokelauan hub. In this course you will have the opportunity to learn how to speak, listen, read, and write in Gagana Tokelau and explore Tokelauan culture within our school, community, Aotearoa and Tokelau. In connection with local Tokelau communities, we will learn through games, language learning activities, fatele and other cultural practices, research projects, and online platforms. This course is suitable for both beginner learners of Gagana Tokelau and students who are already familiar with Tokelau language and culture. This course will lead to Gagana Tokelau as an NCEA subject. *You are encouraged to take this course for a full year.*

14. Going Outdoors (9/10GO)**Ko te Hapori - Semester 1 or 2**

This course offers an enriching and adventurous outdoor experience as part of our physical education programme. This class has been designed not only to provide students with the opportunity to engage in physical activity but also to help them develop essential life skills such as leadership, teamwork, problem-solving, and resilience. Through a range of exciting outdoor activities, students will gain a deeper appreciation for te taiao, as well as the importance of hauora. In addition to the physical benefits, this experience aims to foster a sense of community and encourage collaboration among students. Working in teams, students will have the chance to build trust and develop their social skills, while also learning to overcome challenges in a supportive environment.

15. High Performance Academy (9/10HPA)**Ko te Hapori - Semester 1 or 2**

High performance academy is a course for students interested in learning about what it takes to be a high performance athlete. You will learn about leadership, skill development, injury prevention, sports psychology and how to train like an athlete. You will learn how to lift weights correctly and how to feed your body with correct nutrition.

16. Human Biology (9/10HB)

Do you want to know how you work? Or why do you feel hungry after a big run or exercising lots? Then this is the course for you! Human Biology is a course designed to help you connect some of the things you feel to the way our bodies work. We will take the time to learn about different body systems. This is a great course for students who are interested in science - there will be theory and practical lessons.

17. Job Jumpstart – Year 10 Only (10JJ)

Have you ever wondered why some people succeed? Everyone faces obstacles and demands in life, and we need to learn transferable skills to be able to face these challenges and succeed to the best of our ability. In this course, through trips and a variety of activities, you will develop strategies and skills for success, confidence, problem solving, teamwork and communication. The aim is to further develop your skills as an effective person for future courses and experiences.

18. Kapa Haka (9/10KH)**Ko te Hapori - Semester 1 or 2**

This course aims to further develop your understanding and appreciation of kapa haka. Students with all levels of experience are welcome - no previous kapa haka or reo Māori experience is needed for this course. In this course, you will learn about the following course topics:

- haka
- mōteatea (traditional chant)
- poi
- waiata-ā-ringa (action song)

Assessments: This is predominantly a practical course, with practical assessments of group performances - either small group performances or performing as a whole class.

Pathways: Future pathways could include Level 1, 2 and 3 Te Ao Haka / Kapa Haka or Level 1, 2 and 3 Reo Māori.

19. Mātauranga 'o e Moana (9/10MM)

Students will learn in this course to connect the knowledge of students' ancestors with school learning, which in turn supports their confidence and sense of connectedness to whānau and community. It is a practical course with hands-on learning which teaches skills and knowledge that are meaningful throughout their lives. In this course, you will learn different techniques and create cultural crafts from around the Pacific. As part of this learning, you will learn the deeper meaning behind the uniqueness of each cultural craft.

Through this learning we will use and learn the different languages represented in our class. Some of the crafts we will study and create are:

- tui Kahoa/ lei/ ula/ ei
- tui sisi
- 'ufiufi tepile
- tekiteki / fau / ei katu / fresh flower garlands

The students will be able to develop a better understanding of symmetry using different patterns and materials to complete a 'taonga'/mea'alofo/me'a'ofa.

20. MELT – Make, Explore, Learn & Test (9/10MEL)**Ko te Hapori - Semester 1 or 2**

Do you love to Make, Explore, Learn and Test your ideas out? This course combines thinking skills, group work and practical hands-on creating to solve science-based problems.

Explore a problem, make a solution, test it, and learn how to improve your solution!

This is a great course for students who are interested in science - there will be theory and practical lessons.

21. Music (9/10MU)

Music is an art form where you can use instruments, your voice or your thoughts to create pieces of music. You will learn about different genres/styles of music such as hip hop, pop, rock and so on. You do not need to currently play an instrument to be able to take this course. You just need to be willing to give everything a go and be open minded to trying new things! Please note, this course is a mixture of theory and practical work.

Preference for NCEA music classes will be given to those who have taken Junior Music or Music Voice. The year 10 programme will be made up of two semesters, the first half of the year focussing on foundation skills and the second semester focussing on skills that will prepare you to achieve at NCEA Level 1.

You are encouraged to take this course for a full year.

22. Music Voice (9/10MVO)**Ko te Hapori - Semester 1 or 2**

Do you enjoy singing with your friends and family? Would you like to develop your knowledge and skills as a singer? This is a practical course in which we will spend a lot of time singing as we explore different styles of music. As part of our course, we will perform in a variety of school and community settings as well as enter The Big Sing Competition.

23. NZ Sign Language (9/10NSL)

Aotearoa has only two national languages and New Zealand Sign Language is one of them. In this class, you will learn the basics of the language and history, which will give you the ability to talk about your family, interests, and hobbies without having to say a single word. This course will be taught in NZSL and English and will involve working and communicating with classmates.

**24. Numeracy (9/10MN)**

In this class, you will learn basic numeracy skills that will enable you to meet the numeracy requirements for the NCEA Level 1 corequisite. The class will cover topics on number, shape, algebra and statistics. There will be a mix of individual and group tasks, with the goal of building your confidence and skills in maths

25. Pasifika Art (9/10PAR)**Ko te Hapori - Semester 1 or 2**

Are you ready to embark on a vibrant voyage of cultural discovery and creativity? Embark on a journey of learning and creating Pasifika art where every brushstroke and technique tells a story and every creation is a celebration of Pasifika culture. Join us as we explore the beauty of pasifika art using a range of different media (drawing, painting, printmaking and mixed media).

26. Performing Arts (9/10PA)

Exercise your creativity and interest in drama. Students will develop their creating and performing skills in fun small group situations. Students will grow in confidence through the course. Students will need to participate in the performance tasks. The main learning areas of this course will be:

- exploring New Zealand / Pasifika theatre
- learning acting techniques
- creating your own short play
- reviewing a piece of live theatre

The year 10 programme will be made up of two semesters, the first half of the year focussing on foundation skills and the second semester focussing on skills that will prepare you to achieve at NCEA Level 1. *You are encouraged to take this course for a full year.*

27. Plants & Nature (9/10PN)

Discover the enjoyment that comes with growing plants from seed and by propagation. Grow your own food and flowers. Investigate and experiment with growing conditions. Learn about the plants special to New Zealand and how they grow. Find out about the different careers that involve an understanding of horticulture.

28. Te Reo Māori (9/10MA)

*E ngā mana, e ngā reo, e ngā karangaranga maha, nau mai, haere mai ki runga ki te karanga o te mana whenua i a Whitireia maunga ki a Parirua e rere ana.
Tēnā rā koutou katoa.*

For some, this is an introduction to māori language, customs and its culture. Everyone is welcome regardless of your cultural background or knowledge of the language. In year 9, the focus is on speaking and listening to te reo Māori and becoming comfortable with māori cultural practices such as karakia and mihimihi. The most important thing is to be willing to give it a go! It is highly recommended that if any year 10 students wish to take NCEA Level 1 Te Reo Māori, they do semester one and two.

The programme covers Levels 1 – 3 of the NZ Curriculum. Achievement standards in Te Reo Māori are offered at NCEA Level 1 and 2. Te Reo Māori is a university entrance course and there are many opportunities to study Te Reo Māori at university and other tertiary institutions. *Āta kimihia te huarahi e tika ana mau - look for the pathway that is right!*
You are encouraged to take this course for a full year.

29. Textiles (9/10TEX)

Ko te Hapori - Semester 1 or 2

In this class, we will explore topics like mending (fixing buttons, hemming, rips), fabric printing, knitting/crocheting (dish clothes, makeup wipes, blanket squares) and sewing (pencil cases, PJ pants, lavalava, tote bags).

Students will problem solve and gain an understanding of sustainability. Students will learn how to help reduce textile waste through reuse and repair of materials, turning them into something functional. Students will plan, design and evaluate their own work while including cultural and personal interests in their work. Skills learnt will be transferable to other areas, and into the wider world.

30. Toi Matihiko – Digital Māori Art & Design (9/10TOI) Ko te Hapori - Semester 1 or 2

Toi Matihiko is the māori translation for digital arts or innovation in the context of māori culture and creative expression. Toi refers to art, knowledge, or creativity. Matihiko means digital or electronic. Toi Matihiko represents the integration of toi māori and contemporary digital technologies. This course explores how indigenous stories, languages, art forms and practices can be preserved, revitalised and expressed in innovative ways using digital technology. Toi Matahiko will bring together traditional māori knowledge and contemporary digital technologies to retell stories. In this course, you will:

- learn computer literacy
- learn software applications
- learn key māori words, terminology and their meanings
- produce designs using a laser-cut machine

31. Trailblaze Sport (9/10TRS)

Ko te Hapori - Semester 1 or 2

Sports and health are platforms that can affect holistic change in people. Hauora is a key concept that is central to this course, and we look at how we can improve it through our learning experiences. Some things to look forward to are:

- discovery and trying of new sports
- in-depth learning about sports from all over the world
- self-managing your teams
- learning about new skills and techniques

Construction & Infrastructure

- Roads & Bridges
- Construction & Building
- Power & Electrical
- Plumbing & Water
- Recycling & Waste
- Energy & Mining
- Painting & Decorating

Creative Industries

- Art/Design
- Performing Arts
- TV & Film Making
- Music Industry
- Media & Photography
- Tech Drawing Design
- Sound & Radio

Food & Fibre

- Forestry
- Conservation
- Fishing & Aquaculture
- Animal Care
- Fruit, Flower & Vegetables
- Scientist & Technician
- Farming & Agriculture



Manufacturing & Technology

- Information Technology
- Air Conditioners & Refrigeration
- Automotive & Vehicles
- Engineering
- Manufacturing & Factory
- Telecommunications
- Metal Fabrication
- Logistics, Shipping & Freight

Social & Community Services

- Education & Teaching
- Health & Medical
- Social & Youth Work
- Counselling
- Government & Law
- Defence, Security & Police
- Politics, Policy & Unions

Service Industries

- Retail & Customer Service
- Hospitality – Food & Beverage
- Hair & Beauty
- Finance & Banking
- Business & Administration
- Sports & Fitness
- Travel & Tourism