

THE ARTS

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LEARNING PATHWAY – VISUAL ARTS

Visual Arts courses involve students in:

- Developing Practical Knowledge in the Visual Arts
- Developing Ideas in the Visual Arts
- Communicating and Interpreting in the Visual Arts
- Understanding the Visual Arts in Context

YEAR 9 VISUAL ARTS

This is an option subject at Year 9 level. The course aims to give all students an introduction to the Visual Arts in units which include some of the basic processes involved in drawing, painting, sculpture, printmaking, design and art history.

YEAR 10 VISUAL ARTS

This is a full year option subject at Year 10 level. The course aims to cover the same areas as in Year 9 in greater depth with an emphasis on developing the skills required in Year 11 for NCEA Level 1. These skills include 2D and 3D practical processes in a variety of media; exploring and developing ideas; responding to, and writing about, ideas communicated by artworks; identifying the purposes and contexts of the visual arts in society.

YEAR 11

Visual Arts - NCEA Level 1

It is preferable for students to have taken art at Year 10 level. The last assessment task of the year and will consist of two folio boards, which will be externally moderated.

Art Explorer

This course will involve students in a range of practical art activities including painting and sculpture. The aim is for students to experience a sense of achievement and satisfaction through decision-making and practical problem solving and to gain skills in both 2D and 3D art making techniques.

YEAR 12

Visual Arts - NCEA Level 2

This course will be offered in Painting, Photography, Design and Sculpture as separate subjects. The externally moderated Achievement Standard will consist of two A1 size folio boards and will be due for completion in early November.

YEAR 13

Visual Arts - NCEA Level 3

This course will be offered in Painting, Photography, Design, Sculpture and Printmaking as separate subjects. The last Achievement Standard will consist of three A1 size folio boards and will be due for completion in early November.

LEARNING PATHWAY – MUSIC

Music Tuition

Western Heights High School encourages all students to participate in making music. Tuition is available on a wide range of instruments and voice. Students have the opportunity to perform in Choir, Jazz Band, Concert Band or other less formal groups. Tuition is offered by professional music teachers on trumpet, horn, trombone, euphonium, tuba, flute, clarinet, saxophone, drums, electric bass, guitar and voice. Some instruments are available for hire from school at \$20 per term.

Trinity Guildhall Practical Music Examinations

Students receiving music tuition at school are encouraged to take Trinity Guildhall or NZMEB 'Grade' examinations on their chosen instrument. Students may receive small group lessons on a weekly basis on a wide range of brass, string, woodwind or percussion instruments, voice or guitar. Daily home practice and participation in school music groups is expected.

YEAR 9

Performance Music

Performance Music is a chance for students to learn an instrument and be part of a Concert Band. Instruments used are flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, trombone, euphonium, tuba, electric bass and percussion. A wide range of styles are played, opening the way for future musical development.

Contemporary Music

The Contemporary Music course is a chance for students to learn an instrument and become part of a band. Instruments used are guitar, bass guitar, ukulele, drums and keyboards. A wide range of styles are played, opening the way for future musical development.

YEAR 10 MUSIC

This course focuses on instrumental or vocal performance, music history and composition. Students are encouraged to take practical examinations outside the school.

YEAR 11

Music - NCEA Level 1

Students succeeding in this course will build talent and gain access to a wide range of musical pursuits. This includes career music, University and further musical studies in all areas of music.

Music Technology – NCEA Level 1

This course provides the opportunity for students to develop performance (solo and group), composition, music technology, analysis and listening skills.

Students succeeding in this course will be equipped to further their studies, take up positions within the music and entertainment industries and develop knowledge for contemporary music

YEAR 12

Music - NCEA Level 2

Level 2 enables students to perform their own music and study a wide range of music of others in an individual capacity and in groups. Students learn how to compose, improvise and arrange music and how to show understanding of music by identifying, describing and classifying.

Music Technology – NCEA Level 2

This course provides the opportunity for students to further develop music performance, composition and music technology skills. Students will get to experience what it takes to make a successful career in the music industry. By the end of this course each student will have the opportunity to create their own recorded CD and DVD of their live performances

YEAR 13

Music - NCEA Level 3

Level 3 enables students to perform music as soloists, in groups or their own compositions. They will learn how to compose, arrange and transcribe music and to show understanding by identifying, describing and classifying. A research topic is also offered.

Music Technology – NCEA Level 3

This course provides the opportunity for students to further develop music performance, composition and music technology skills. Students will get to experience what it takes to make a successful career in the music industry. By the end of this course each student will have the opportunity to create their own recorded CD and DVD of their live performances.

LEARNING PATHWAY – DRAMA

YEAR 9 DRAMA

This is a half-year option designed to allow students to build their skills and confidence through a variety of drama activities.

YEAR 10 DRAMA

This course is designed to introduce students to basic drama skills and techniques. It is designed to develop student confidence in performance.

YEAR 11 DRAMA - NCEA Level 1

The aim of this course is to introduce students to the ideas, elements, conventions and techniques of dramatic performances. The course requires journal work.

YEAR 12 DRAMA - NCEA Level 2

The aim of this course is to develop student confidence and build drama skills. Students are encouraged to participate in co-curricular drama activities. Requires academic journal work. Students are expected to participate in a class production and performance outside of school hours, for an invited audience. Students need to view a professional production.

YEAR 13 DRAMA - NCEA Level 3

This course aims to develop student confidence in performance and to encourage responsibility in acting and directing in class productions and in developing general stagecraft. Students are expected to participate in a class production and performance outside of school hours, for an invited audience. They are also required to complete extensive journal work. Students need to view at least two professional productions.