MOOREFIELD GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL

SUBJECT SELECTION

For

YEARS 9-10

ELECTIVES

2014
CURRICULUM REQUIREMENTS

The Board of Studies mandatory curriculum requirements for Year 9 and 10 and the related elective courses are listed below.

- English
- Mathematics
- Science
- Australian History, Australian Geography
- PD/H/PE
- 3 Elective courses from either the Creative Arts, HSI, PDHPE, Technological and Applied Studies and/or Languages Other Than English.

Record of School Achievement (RoSA)

The Record of School Achievement (RoSA) is a credential for students leaving school prior to receiving their HSC. It has been introduced as a result of the abolition of the School Certificate in 2011.

The RoSA will:

- Be a record of the full range of student achievements up to the day they do their HSC or leave school.
- Provide an electronic record of achievements that students can use at any time.
- Use assessment by teachers in schools, moderated by the Board of Studies NSW to ensure reliability and fairness of grades.
- Offer on-line literacy and numeracy tests, with particular emphasis on work readiness, that students will be able to undertake twice a year (awaiting confirmation from BOS on implementation).

Students will need to have completed the mandatory requirements for Stage 5 (Year 10) to be eligible for a RoSA.

Grading

Students are awarded a grade for each of the courses they have studied in Years 9 and 10. The grades are based on the course performance descriptors for each course.

Grading student achievement is the process of assigning a letter (A, B, C, D, E) to summarise the level of a student's achievement in a course. In Mathematics, grades have been further differentiated to nine levels as follows: A10, A9, B8, B7, C6, C5, D4, D3, E2.

For further information visit the Board of Studies website:
http://www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au
SELECTING ELECTIVES

In addition to your mandatory courses, you will study 3 electives of your choice from the list below:

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*Please Note: Subjects that run in each line will be decided by student choice. This, combined with staffing will decide the final composition of courses for 2014.

SUBJECT FEES

In electives there are costs for materials (materials consumed and equipment used) as consumed by students.

When you elect to study a subject with subject fees you also accept responsibility to pay this fee. Students in financial need may apply to the Principal for assistance.

TEXT and/or LEARNING FEE $150 per year

This fee will be used in the following faculties, to cover the cost of textbook hire & repair, subscriptions and learning resources (including online resources): English, Maths, Science, PD/H/PE and HSIE.

NOTE:
A refund of $50 will apply to the above fee on return of all school property at the completion of each scholastic year.
Other independent fees that will appear on student accounts:

- Year 9 Aquatics Program (compulsory) $50
- Library $10
- Sports Carnival $10
- Welfare $10
- P & C $20
- Diary $5

**Life Skills** course:
- Cottee $60

**SUBJECT SELECTION TIMELINE**

**Friday 30 August – Booklets issued and information session**

- Subject Selection Years 9-10 2014 booklet issued to students
- Subject Selection Sheet issued to students (attached at the back of booklet)
- Information Session on subject selections for students in the common room.

**Thursday 5 September – Subject selection form due**

- Subject Selection Sheets completed, signed by parents and returned to Front Office.

**Monday 9 to 13 September – Student interviews**

- Students interviewed if subject selection changes required.

**Monday 16 September - Choices finalised**

- Subject selections confirmed.
COMMERCE

Subject Fee Nil

Commerce is ideal for students who are:

- planning a career in Business, Law or Economics
- considering undertaking Business Studies, Economics or Legal Studies in the senior school
- interested in our legal system, the business world, financial literacy and the world of work

Commerce provides the knowledge, skills, understanding and values that support young people to make sound decisions on consumer, financial, business, legal and employment issues.

Students develop higher order thinking skills including the capacity to apply problem-solving strategies, the skills of analysis and evaluation. They engage in critical thinking, reflective learning, develop the ability to research information, evaluate options, and participate in collaborative decision making.

Commerce students develop attitudes and values that promote ethical behaviour and social responsibility and a commitment to contribute to a more just and equitable society.

DANCE

Subject Fee Nil

The study of dance is a specialised discipline that combines the science of human movement with intense dance instruction.

Dance is valued by all cultures as a way of telling a story, translating an idea and expressing emotions through movement. This course will allow students to participate in creative, healthy and stimulating experiences to meet the needs and interests of our students who enjoy dancing.

Students will explore new ways of expressing thoughts, learn about working creativity in teams and understand and interpret works of art. The dance course will allow students to learn and perform a variety of dance styles at a range of levels including:

- Hip Hop
- Contemporary
- Musical Theatre
- Jazz
- Dance technique

The aim of dance is for students to experience, understand, value and enjoy dance as an art form through the interrelated study of performance, composition and appreciation of dance.

The course has a mixture of theory and practical work. There are exciting activities planned such as excursions to see performances, guest teachers from the dance industry, music editing, making a dance on film, performances, composing your own dance works and competitions.
**DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY**  
**Subject Fee $35**

Have you ever wanted to choose more subjects than you're allowed?

Design and Technology allows you flexibility. Within Design and Technology you can choose to do a variety of different subjects rather than focusing on one area for two years. The class will be able to select design projects.

You will be designing with fabrics, food, wood and computers. Each design project will be chosen by you and the teacher, depending on your interests. Design projects may include: fashion, accessories, toys, furnishings, snack foods and advertising. The list is endless and only limited by your imagination!

As a Design and Technology student you will learn to use a variety of technologies to solve specific problems. These skills are what employers are looking for. You will achieve the ability to work with others, think logically, plan and solve problems.

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**DRAMA**  
**Subject Fee $20**

This elective course is available to all students. If you take this course you will gain knowledge and understanding of:

- Improvisation and play building
- The different dramatic forms and styles:
  - Physical theatre, ancient Greek theatre, Commedia, Melodrama, Realism, Non-realism, etc.
- Acting from different types of scripts - stage, film and television
- Performance techniques (egg. Method acting)
- Technical aspects of theatre

You will also experience a variety of dramatic presentations.

The course will involve students in experiencing live theatre - in school or out of school. Students choosing the course must be prepared to meet the costs of these excursions.

Even if you do not pursue one of the many drama career paths in theatre, film and television, drama is very useful in all areas of life. It will develop your communication skills and problem solving abilities, as well as boosting your self confidence in a wide variety of situations.
FOOD TECHNOLOGY

Subject Fee $70


Then Food Technology is for you!

During the course you will look at:

- Skills in food preparation
- The development of food products
- Nutrition and healthy eating
- Food hygiene and safety
- Food properties
- Food from around the world
- Food service and catering
- Food for special occasions

You will develop excellent practical and organisation skills by cooking exciting recipes every week.

INFORMATION AND SOFTWARE TECHNOLOGY

Subject Fee Nil

People will require highly developed levels of computing and technology literacy for their future lives. Students therefore need to be aware of the scope, limitations and implications of information and software technologies.

This is a practical course which involves individual and group tasks which are performed over a range of projects. Development of technology skills and information about future career opportunities within this area are also important aspects of the course.

Students will identify a need or problem to be solved, explore a range of possible solutions and produce a full working solution. They will use a variety of technologies to create, modify and produce products in a range of media formats.

This course consists of core and option topics. Students are expected to complete a minimum of four options that include:

- Artificial Intelligence, Simulation and Modelling
- Authoring and Multimedia - Podcasting
- Internet and Website Development - Blogs
- Digital Media
- Software Development and Programming - Scratch
- Robotics and Automated Systems
- Database Design
- Network Systems

Students are expected to complete a minimum of four and a maximum of eight projects.
ITALIAN

The study of languages provides opportunities for students to become more accepting of diversity, more respectful of others and more aware of their place in the international community.

The study of the Italian language and culture offers insights into the development of Western civilisations. It enables learners to gain access to Italy’s rich cultural, historical, artistic and literary contributions to the global community.

The study of Italian provides students with

- effective skills in communicating
- a better understanding of the relationship between Italian and English
- opportunities for continued learning and for future employment, both domestically and internationally.

The Italian language is widely spoken in Australia and many opportunities exist to hear and use the language in real life situations.

MULTIMEDIA

The Multimedia focus of this course provides opportunities for students to develop, knowledge, understanding and skills in relation to multimedia and associated industries. The major emphasis of this course is on students being actively involved in the planning, development and construction of practical projects. Students will be provided with theoretical and practical experiences to develop knowledge and skills in multimedia.

Core modules develop knowledge and skills in the use of materials, tools and techniques related to multimedia and further developed through the study of specialist modules in multimedia based technologies.

Practical projects may include:

- Individual photographic images
- Photographic presentations
- Brochures incorporating photographic images
- Photo journals
- Computer animations
- Web pages
MUSIC

Subject Fee $25

The Music course is designed for all students, no matter what you think your musical skills are. Each student, in consultation with the teacher, will set her own goals for playing music on the instrument of her choice and singing. The school has a wide range of electronic instruments that can be used at school, including keyboards and guitars.

In keeping with the school's technology emphasis, computer software and hardware are used to assist the student. A range of topics will be studied such as rock music, film music, music from other cultures, popular and classical music. Students have the opportunity to compose their own music.

Fundamental skills in listening, reading and writing music give you the knowledge and need to progress with your own interests. Year 9 and 10 is an excellent beginning for people who wish to study music for the HSC.

Music provides enjoyable recreation interests, as well as providing background for a variety of careers within the music industry.

PASS - PHYSICAL ACTIVITY & SPORT STUDIES

Subject Fee $30

This course is designed to meet the needs and interests of our students who enjoy physical education, sports and health and who are keen to experience a wider range of sports and physical activities, as well as increase their knowledge of health and related issues.

The course has a good mixture of theory and practical work and many different activities are planned including the opportunity to attend a three day camp, part and full-day excursions to sporting venues, coaching activities and certification, aquatics awards, self defence, first aid and sports injury management along with an extensive list of competitive and recreational activities.

The course acts as a link between the junior school and the senior school for students wishing to take the 1 unit and 2 unit course in Years 11 and 12. Also- it provides a wide range of experience that could lead to job opportunities.
PHOTOGRAPHIC & DIGITAL MEDIA

Subject Fee $60

Moorefield Girls High School is fortunate to have a working darkroom where students can learn the practice of traditional wet photography. The school also has a dedicated computer lab with the latest computers and software to produce spectacular digital photographs and videos. Photographic and Digital Media provides opportunities for students to develop confidence and skills in working with:

- **Traditional photography:** using SLR cameras, composing photographs, lighting, studio work and photography ‘on location’. Students learn to process and print their own film using traditional darkroom procedures.
- **Digital Imaging:** Using software, particularly Adobe Photoshop to create fantastic and surreal imagery from digital photographs.
- **Film Production:** From storyboarding, filming, editing and sound to adding special effects to short films and music video clips.
- **Animation:** Exploring a range of animation techniques, particularly ‘stop motion’ and ‘claymation’ to create short films.
- **Critical and Historical Studies:** Students investigate the work of a range of photographers, designers, filmmakers, digital artists and animators to inspire and inform their own practice.
- The skills that students learn in this course can be used in other subjects to enhance the presentation of visual tasks.

TEXTILES TECHNOLOGY

Subject Fee $30

Textiles are part of everyday life, we cannot escape them. Some people make a career out of them while others simply enjoy their look, feel and use them as a creative hobby.

**In Textiles Technology you will:**

- Design and create clothes, accessories and other textile items.

Your practical project work will involve 5 focus areas: apparel, furnishings, costume, textile arts and non-apparel.

**In Textiles Technology you will learn about:**

- Textile designers, decoration of fabric, textile fibres and fabric construction
- History of textiles, cultural aspects of textiles and the textile industry

Join the Textiles Technology class and develop skills that could be useful in your career either as a professional designer, interior designer, fashion buyer or perhaps as an enjoyable outlet for your creativity.
**VISUAL ARTS**  
**Subject Fee** $50

This is an exciting course that places great value on the development of students’ intellectual and practical independence, critical judgment and an understanding of art in critical and historical studies. It caters to all students with varying artistic ability. The Visual Arts elective course enables students to explore a range of ideas and art forms in their art making. Students are increasingly able to specialize and work within their preferred art forms in year 10. The course includes:

- **2D Forms:** Students explore drawing, painting, printmaking, and mixed media, with works ranging from large scale projection pieces to the tiny, personalized “Passport to My World” work.
- **3D forms:** Students work with both relief sculpture and expressive mixed media sculpture.
- **Ceramics:** Students create functional ceramic pieces such as teapots and tea sets to large scale ancient inspired pots and canopic jars.
- **Photographic and Digital Media:** Students use digital cameras extensively in class and go out of the school taking digital photographs. They create interesting surreal digital collages using Adobe Photoshop.
- **4D forms:** Students transform digital images, and other 2-dimensional pieces into multimedia installations.
- **Critical and Historical Studies:** Students investigate artists, photographers, designers, filmmakers, digital artists and animators to inspire and inform their own practice.

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**THE SATURDAY SCHOOL OF COMMUNITY LANGUAGES and THE OPEN HIGH SCHOOL**

If you are unable to study the language of your choice at Moorefield Girls High School, you may be able to study it at either the Saturday School of Community Languages or through the Open High School.

The Saturday School of Community Languages offers courses in 23 different languages (e.g. Chinese, Spanish, Macedonian, Modern Greek, Serbian, Italian, Vietnamese etc.) at many different locations to HSC level and the Open High School offers a diverse range of languages including Indonesian, Japanese, Korean, Malay, Spanish and Russian.

You can apply through the Saturday School of Community Languages Coordinator and Open High School Coordinator at Moorefield. Places are limited at the Open High School - it only allows us to have six new enrolments each year. The Principal also has to say that you are capable of working independently and meeting deadlines. Don't forget you can only study a language at either Saturday School or the Open High School if a class in that language is not running at Moorefield.

Saturday School operates for Years 7 to 10 from 8.30-10.30 am and for Years 11 to 12 from 8.30–11.45 am.

The closest Saturday School Centres are St George Girls High School, Kogarah High School, Dulwich Hill High School and Ashfield Boys High School.
Subject Selection for Year 9 2014

MOOREFIELD GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL SUBJECT SELECTION FORM

This form is to be handed in no later than Thursday 5 September 2013, Week 8 Term 3

Place the form in the box at the Front Office

Name: ___________________________________________ Class: __________

To select your course of study for Year 9 and 10 you are required to complete three elective courses. It is advisable to choose electives based on personal interest, enjoyment and student strengths.

Number your choices “1” through to “5” with “1” being your first choice and “5” being your last choice.

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The school will not be able to run all the subjects offered. Where the preferences are not available, students will be asked to reselect. Where a course has too many students who apply, preference will be given to students who return their subject selection forms first.

Student Signature: __________________________________________

Parent Signature: ___________________________________________ Date: __________

(Office Use Only) Head Teacher Verification: _________________________________

Subject Selection Years 9-10 Electives 2014