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# Arts & Language Choices

Year 7-9

This booklet provides information regarding Languages and Arts choices for Year 7-9 Students at Prince Alfred College. In addition to these choices, students study a range of subjects from eight learning areas in accordance with the requirements of the Australian Curriculum. Language and Arts choices are studied throughout Years 7 to 9; as such it is important to consider these options carefully and to make positive choices based on interest, enjoyment, previous experience, and potential for future success.

## Languages

Language acquisition is a compulsory subject at Prince Alfred College. Students have the option of either Chinese, French or Italian. Our goal is to produce students who can communicate in both their mother tongue and another language of their choice. To this end, students are advised to choose carefully, as they will be required to study this language from Years 7-9 in order to develop functional proficiency. The grounds for this choice could be any combination of the following:

- Interest in the culture(s) - history, literature, film, music, fashion, sports, society, cuisine
- Cultural heritage of the student
- Prior knowledge of the language/culture/countries
- Prevalence of the chosen language in the global arena
- Relevance to future career trajectories

The courses adhere to the expectations of the Australian Curriculum: Languages. Alongside the obvious benefits of communicating in another language, language study provides students with an opportunity to enrich their cultural and social awareness, enhance their memory and problem-solving skills, gain a better understanding of grammatical metalanguage and literacy skills, and develop a highly regarded asset for future employment. Prince Alfred College offers both Asian and European languages.

Students choose ONE language to study. Their study of this language continues through Years 7-9.

- Chinese
- French
- Italian

## Arts

The Arts is a learning area that draws together related but distinct art forms. While these art forms have close relationships and are often used in interrelated ways, each involves different approaches to arts practices and critical and creative thinking that reflect distinct bodies of knowledge, understanding and skills. The arts have the capacity to engage, inspire and enrich all students, exciting the imagination and encouraging them to reach their creative and expressive potential. At Prince Alfred College, students are encouraged to begin to specialise in their preferred arts forms in either visual or performing arts studies [Australian Curriculum: The Arts]

In Years 7 and 8, Arts subjects are offered on an elective basis. Students choose TWO out of three broad Arts areas to study. These subjects will be studied for a semester each in both Years 7 and 8.

- Visual Art
- Drama
- Music OR Advanced Music

## Drama

Through Drama, students learn to express their ideas, thoughts and opinions as they discover and understand the world. They learn that creating, making and presenting their work is as essential to learning in Drama as is being involved in a performance. Students develop their dramatic knowledge and understanding through participating actively in creative workshops, while learning the symbols, techniques, processes and skills of Drama. Drama learning provides students with opportunities to engage with creative industries and arts professionals and to learn about the potential for careers in performance and film. Students in Drama will learn about the history of drama and the role of drama in society.

## Music

## Technology

## Visual Art



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