

Carwatha College P-12

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SPECIAL INTEREST ELECTIVES

2017

MATERIALS AND SERVICES CHARGES

Voluntary Contributions and Essential Items

All electives use classroom materials and class sets of texts, and these elective costs are largely included in the voluntary levy component. These are charges which need to be paid for students to access necessary materials and services such as the planner and locker.

Charges Associated with Specialised Units/activities

Some electives use extensive or expensive class materials, which will require additional charges. These charges will vary in cost from \$10 to \$80 per electives.



SPECIAL INTEREST ELECTIVES DESCRIPTORS

BAKING & CAKE DECORATING

This is mostly a practical elective where students build up a range of skills including cake making, sponge making, bread making and pastry making. They learn to design and make a range of sweet and savoury foods using the skills they have developed throughout the semester. Some of the foods made include pies, small cakes, biscuits and breads as well as a large decorated novelty cake of their choice. Decoration techniques include the use of fondant icing, ganache and glaze icing. Students also learn how to decorate with chocolate and toffee.

BOOK CLUB

This elective is for students who enjoy reading and discussing books. The lessons will provide an opportunity to examine a variety of genres and texts from specific areas of interest. Students will explore genres such as fantasy, supernatural, urban fiction, romance, adventure, science fiction, black comedy and mystery drama to name a few, as well as examine origins of formats such as graphic novels and comics.

DECORATIVE METAL AND PLASTIC

This is a mostly practical elective where students work with plastic and metal to make a number of pieces of work. They construct a decorative model to sit on a shelf or desk using a combination of metal, plastic and/or some timber. Students may choose to incorporate a clock or pen-holder into their design.

DISCOVERING THE WORLD OF SCIENCE

This unit is a mostly practical elective where students will undertake a range of inquiry based activities and projects to better understand the world around us. Investigations can include forensic science, genetics and electricity. Students will be given the opportunity to design, build, test, modify and analyse just like a 'real' scientist.

ENTERTAINING WITH FOOD

This is a mostly practical elective where students learn how to entertain friends and family in a range of settings and events. These events may range from casual, informal lunches and brunches to a formal dinner party. Students learn how to make a range of appetizers, soups, entrees, main course, desserts and sweets suitable for serving with after-dinner coffee. Foods made include savoury biscuits, pastries, soups, soufflés, meats, vegetarian dishes, cakes, jam and simple confectionary. Students work in teams to construct a two or three course meal based on a theme of their choice. They also make and decorate a small edible gift.

PERSONAL TRAINING

Personal Training will help you understand the many different ways to exercise. Students will develop a training program to meet their needs. This class will allow you to look after your fitness at your level – where you set the pace.

FURNITURE MAKING

This is a mostly practical elective where students plan and make a small, simple piece of furniture using timber as a material. Examples of typical furniture made may include shelving units, cabinets, bed-side tables.

LOGIC PROBLEM SOLVING AND PUZZLES

This elective explores the world of logic, games and puzzles. Strategies will be investigated and tactical manoeuvres will be explored. A variety of games and puzzles to be investigated include: Chess, Sudoku, Rubik's Cube and iPad games. Students can also undertake a thorough investigation of a game of choice. Challenges will be run during the unit and analysis of strategies will be looked at.

PHOTOGRAPHY

This is mostly a practical elective where students develop basic photographic skills. Students will learn the art of using both manual camera and video recording. Students will utilise these skills in completing various photographic projects such as making a photo collage of school sporting events such as swimming and athletics carnivals. This elective is designed for students to have fun experimenting with the various functions available on modern cameras and recording devices.

PILATES AND YOGA

Build long, lean and strong muscles through studying techniques of yoga and pilates. Focusing on improving your core strength will lead to better posture and equilibrium within your body. Yoga will teach you to relax in all situations through concentrating on breathing practices. These two styles of physical activity will also improve your flexibility alongside your spiritual and emotional health. In yoga students will perform flowing sequences that stimulate the whole body. Pilates will engage the core muscles through static and dynamic movements.

TEAM SPORTS

Learn to understand all facets of team sports. Develop skills, tactics and knowledge that are used in participating in and organising a variety of team sports. Students will be taking control of all the components of team sport including coaching, playing, umpiring, managing equipment, etc.

THE WORLD AND YOU

This elective will explore issues and ideas underlying our society. Students will look at major world events and movements over time, and consider the impact of these events on society. Students will have input into what is studied. Activities undertaken will include research, use of technology, discussion and debate.

STRATEGIC GAMES

Take a break from your academic studies and utilize your non-physical competitiveness. Learn how to play Yugioh and Magic the Gathering and introduce a game of your own. Students will participate in board and computer game tournaments.

CHESS

This elective provides opportunity for students to learn how to play, or further develop existing interest in, the game of Chess. Students will enhance logic and strategic thinking skills in an enjoyable context. The class will allow students to play Chess variations such as “Transfer Chess” and learn to solve Chess related logic puzzles.

FILM EXPLOSION

Explode your creative abilities to understand and create ‘FILM’. Come and watch a range of short and feature films to understand film technique and genre – eg horror, action, romance, and animation. Students will be able to create, direct and star in short films.

CREATIVE WRITING

Aspiring authors will develop their creative writing skills working to develop short stories. Through reflection on short works of fiction, we will learn to create relatable characters that appeal to readers and to develop a plot line that is directed towards the ‘epiphany’ in the story. There will be a focus on extending essential writing skills to equip students in their emerging writing careers.

PEER SUPPORT PROGRAM

This elective allows students to be trained as Peer Support leaders and then work in teams to support and mentor small groups of Year 7 students.

PRIMARY LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

This elective allows students to develop their leadership skills in a variety of settings across the primary school. It will include leadership training and support. Students will work in primary classes, alongside the teacher with small groups or with individual younger students.