

NAENAE COLLEGE

Year 10 Options

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Ready to choose your options for next year?

This resource is designed to help you understand the options available at Naenae College for Year 10 students.

Some of these options are the building blocks for future subjects you can take in NCEA Level 1 and beyond.

You want to ensure you choose subjects that connect to your interests, skills, and possible pathways after college. Choosing subjects based on what your friends are doing might not be a wise choice.

If you wish to talk to someone about your options, you can speak to the teachers of these subjects.



Year 10 Options Timetable Structure

Year 10 students will do four half-year courses. This is an example of how option classes are structured for all Year 10 students. There are no compulsory courses for options like in Year 9.

Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
Option A	Option A	Option C	Option C
Option B	Option B	Option D	Option D

Year 10 Option Subjects

Read each course description on the following slides, then select your options in **SchoolBridge**. Your LAR teacher can show you how.

- Art
- Business Studies
- Design
- Digital Technologies
- Drama
- Entertainment and Events Technologies
- Food Technology
- Gagana Sāmoa
- Hard Materials Technology
- Japanese
- Media Studies
- Music
- Photography
- Services Academy
- STEM
- Te Ao Māori



Art

This course aims to develop and extend practical art-making skills introduced in Year 9. Students will explore wet and dry media techniques to produce tone through mark-making using watercolour, Indian ink, paint, and other dry media. They will also explore their identity through cultural and personal imagery.

We will learn to:

- Use marking-making and blending techniques effectively.
- Apply brush and wet media, and understand the effects of dark vs. light tones.
- Brainstorm and understand image representation, including iconography and symbolism and social activism.
- Understand the art-making process and practice patience as it takes time to improve.
- Produce balanced compositions in our artwork.





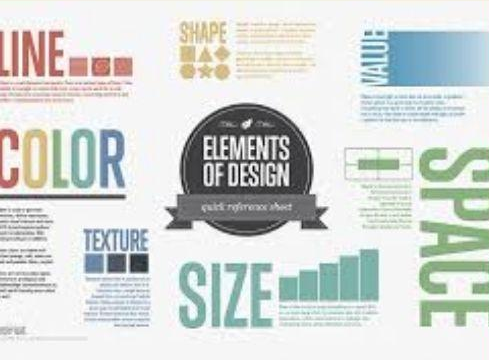
Business Studies

This course introduces the knowledge and skills needed for entrepreneurship and financial responsibility. Students will learn how financial systems work in our society and how to use them to their advantage.

We will learn to:

- Understand key economic concepts like needs and wants, factors of production, market research, and taxation.
- Manage money by learning about different types of income, foreign exchange, and budgeting skills.
- Work as a team to create a business, from developing an idea and business plan to doing market research.
- Use economic analysis to make judgments about financial decisions and how they affect our communities.
- Learn about consumer law and organisations, and how they protect people's rights as consumers.





Design

This course enables students to explore design and create digital artworks. You will learn a range of Photoshop and Illustrator skills to develop artwork and learn about visual communication through various ideas, themes, and briefs. Students who wish to take **Year 11 Design** must complete this course. If you would like to do a full year of **Digital Art**, you should also choose Photography as your second junior option (highly recommended).

We will learn to:

- Understand copyright and build a personal image library of textures and photos for future projects.
- Follow the design process — from reading and creating briefs to researching, sketching, and developing ideas.
- Use various digital design programmes and tools such as Photoshop, Illustrator, and camera and drawing tablets to help bring their ideas to life.
- Create final artworks that solve creative design challenges.
- Design projects such as logos, posters, superheroes and other visual design tasks.



Digital Technologies

You will learn how digital data is stored and how to use digital tools to create useful and interesting things. You will solve problems, develop ideas, create digital projects, test, evaluate and improve your work.

We will learn to:

- Design and program a digital story/game using Scratch
- Work in teams to create using Edison robots and programming
- Create web pages
- Manage and present data
- Design and create an animated advertisement for an organisation
- Use the internet (including AI) safely and responsibly



Drama

Year 10 Drama builds on the performance skills from Year 9. Students will develop creative thinking through scene studies and then use this knowledge to improve their storytelling skills in performances. Students will then be involved with an in class production, which they will perform to invited friends and whanau.

This subject ties in well with **Entertainment and Event Technologies**. If you would like to do a full year of theatre-related subjects, it is highly recommended that you also choose **Entertainment and Event Technologies** as your second junior option.

We will learn to:

- Study a scene from a play and learn about themes, characters, setting, and the playwright.
- Apply Drama techniques, elements, and conventions through devised performance.
- Build on acting skills through scenes in a production.



Entertainment and Event Technologies

This course is for students interested in theatre or film production and in designing or building event technology such as lighting, props, costumes, and makeup. It's ideal for hands-on learners who are creative thinkers and problem-solvers and enjoy design, art, or theatre.

This subject ties in well with **Drama**. If you want to do a full year of theatre-related subjects, we highly recommend choosing **Drama** as your second Year 10 option.

We will learn to:

- Sew basic designs, use a sewing machine, and create a small project with these skills.
- Apply safe makeup practices, design a makeup look, and practise one event-style makeup technique.
- Experiment with different materials and tools to design and create a small project.



Food Technology

This course is for anyone with an interest in food, whether it's flavours, how to make and prepare food or what certain ingredients do. Rather than a traditional 'cooking' class, the focus of this subject is technology and the design process as it relates to food.

We will learn to:

- Use a range of food processing and cooking techniques
- Understand the properties of ingredients
- Apply the design process to develop products for a purpose
- Control or vary factors to achieve the desired outcome.



Gagana Sāmoa

This course is great for beginners or anyone wanting to build a strong foundation in Gagana Sāmoa. In Term 1, you'll learn the basics — the alphabet, pronunciation, vocabulary, and sentence structure. In Terms 2, 3, and 4, you'll explore Samoan legends and historical stories that help you grow confidence in reading, writing, listening, and speaking, while deepening your understanding of Samoan culture, values, and identity. This course is perfect preparation for Level 1 Gagana Sāmoa next year, and you can join even if you haven't taken it before.



We will learn to:

- Extend our knowledge of Sāmoan vocabulary, grammar, and pronunciation.
- Explore Sāmoan culture, traditions, etiquette (customary practices), and ceremonies.
- Introduce yourself and share your fa'asinomaga (ancestral history and connections to specific places).
- Engage in extended conversations in Sāmoan.
- Develop the ability to read, write, and confidently present in Sāmoan.





Hard Materials Technology

This course is about designing and creating fit-for-purpose items. Students are taught to give things a try, to make mistakes and try again, learning as they go. We strongly encourage safe practice and perseverance.

We will learn to:

- Design physical objects using techniques such as drawing and measuring
- Identify appropriate materials and tools for the job
- Apply the skills and techniques needed for marking out, cutting and shaping materials
- Use a variety of tools safely and effectively
- Communicate clearly to document the construction process





Japanese

You'll learn how to interact with others, talk about your whānau and whakapapa, and write simple texts about daily life. In Year 10, you'll also get the chance to learn some basic kanji (Chinese-style characters).

Please note: This course does not go beyond Year 10.

We will learn to:

- Read the Japanese alphabet by recognising symbols and matching them to their sounds.
- Speak by building and saying simple sentences in Japanese.
- Listen and understand everyday instructions and greetings in Japanese.
- Write short texts using the Japanese writing symbols we've learned.





Media Studies

Understand the difference between misinformation and disinformation. Write our own fake news stories. Explore the Superhero film and television genre and use our understanding of its codes and conventions to create original superheroes.

Create a script and a poster or trailer for the opening and origin story of our superheroes.

We will learn to:

- Study the dystopian film genre then storyboarding and creating a sweded, or original film scene, using real film production techniques.
- Explore the history of video games and design our own original game proposal.
- Understand the impact of misinformation, image manipulation, and AI in news and social media, especially how these affect young people.



Music

Year 10 Music builds on what you learned in Year 9 and gets you ready for Year 11. You will explore how music is made, written, and performed in different styles while improving your skills in performing, composing, listening, and music theory. You'll also take part in weekly group lessons on your chosen instrument, including drums, guitar, bass guitar, voice, or piano. There are limited spots for violin, cello, flute, saxophone, trumpet and trombone in this half-year course.

We will learn to:

- Play or sing a song to the class in a small group or individually
- Make your own music using a Digital Audio Workstation
- Write a song
- Research and present a project on a music genre
- Train your ear through song analysis, scales, chords, and intervals
- Learn musical terms, symbols, and basic music notation



Photography

This course enables students to explore photography and create digital artworks. You will learn various camera and photography techniques, as well as Adobe Photoshop skills, to develop artwork and visually communicate your ideas. Students who wish to take Year 11 Photography must complete this course. Alternatively, if you would like to do a full year of Digital Art, you should also choose Design as your second junior option (highly recommended).

We will learn to:

- Use a digital camera and plan photo shoots using photography conventions to tell a story.
- Take on a range of class photography challenges and projects.
- Use Adobe Photoshop and Lightroom, and manage and print digital files.
- Build the skills needed for Year 11 Design and Photography.

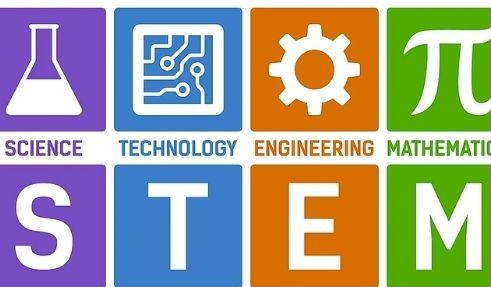


Services Academy

The Services Academy is underpinned by a military philosophy of discipline and structured learning. It incorporates drill exercises, fitness and outdoor activities and provides students with opportunities for self-development and leadership. After completing this course students will have a solid base from which to continue with Services Academy at Year 11. Course leads on to Level 1 Services Academy.

We will learn to:

- Recognize and effectively manage emotions.
- Actively contribute in team settings, such as drill.
- Foster a positive classroom engagement.
- Practice Whanaungatanga (Relationships) and Manaakitanga (Caring) by supporting peers and the school community.
- Maintain high attendance and work on boosting self-confidence and discipline.



STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics)

This course lets you explore the exciting world of renewable energy, sustainability, and environmental solutions through both theory and hands-on projects. You'll learn about sustainable energy sources, biogas production, composting, solar energy systems, and ways to reduce waste and plastic pollution to help create a cleaner, greener future. By combining science, technology, and design, you'll use creative and critical thinking to develop real-world solutions to environmental challenges.

We will learn to:

- Explore renewable energy and sustainability, using science and technology to find cleaner, greener solutions for the future.
- Carry out biogas experiments that turn kitchen waste into usable gas energy and see how this works in real life.
- Learn how composting turns food and garden waste into natural fertiliser to reduce waste and support healthy gardens.
- Investigate how solar panels work and compare on-grid and off-grid solar systems through hands-on mini projects.
- Build practical STEM skills in science, design, and environmental problem-solving to prepare for future studies in sustainability, engineering, or STEM.





Te Ao Māori

Te Ao Māori means “the Māori world.” In this course, you’ll build on what you learned in Year 9 and grow your knowledge of te reo Māori, tikanga (customs), and Māori culture through group performances. We will learn Māori stories (pūrākau), explore cultural practices, and perform haka and waiata to understand their meanings. We’ll also focus on improving your pronunciation, vocabulary, and sentence structure, while becoming more confident in speaking, listening, reading, and writing.

This course is open to everyone, even if you’re new to te reo Māori or performing.

We will learn to:

- Understand Te Ao Māori (“the Māori world”), tikanga (customs), and pūrākau (Māori stories).
- Build te reo Māori skills in speaking, listening, reading, and writing.
- Perform haka and waiata with confidence and understand their meanings.
- Explore how te reo Māori connects to identity and community.