NAENAE COLLEGE

Year 9 Options 2027

Ready to choose your options for next year?

This resource is designed to help you understand the options available at Naenae College for Year 9 students.

Some of these options are the foundational skills for future subjects you can take in Year 10 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 ask your teachers or parents to email our school for more information.

Compulsory Year 9 courses at Naenae College

All Year 9 students will do one term each of the compulsory classes over the year. You will do these two classes in the FIRST half OR the SECOND half of the year.

Compulsory Digital Technology

The basics of digital technology used during your years at Naenae College.

Compulsory Te Reo Māori

The basics of Te Reo Māori, one of our country's official languages.

Year 9 Options Timetable Structure

This is an **example** of how option classes are structured for all Year 9 students. You will take the two compulsory courses in the first half OR the second half of the year.

Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
Compulsory Te Reo Māori	Compulsory Digital Tech	Option B	Option B
Option A	Option A	Option C	Option C

Year 9 Option Subjects

Read the course description for each option over the following slides and use the **Year 9 Option Choices form link sent via email** to make your selections.

- **Art**
- **Business Studies**
- **Drama**
- **Food Technology**
- **Hard Materials Technology**
- **Japanese**
- **Media Studies**
- **Music**
- **Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM)**

Year 9 Compulsory Course Descriptions

Compulsory Digital Technologies
Compulsory Te Reo Māori

Compulsory Digital Technologies

We use computers for schoolwork, entertainment, shopping and much more. Understanding how computers work and how to use different computer applications is essential in our increasingly digital world. This course covers the basics of using a computer, plus an introduction to coding, creating animations, and building web pages.

We will learn to:

- Manage files and folders
- Use a keyboard efficiently
- Create a simple animation
- Create and publish a web page
- Do simple coding

Compulsory Te Reo Māori

This is an introduction course to Te Reo Maori (language) and tikanga Māori (customs). We will learn Te Reo Māori through korero (speaking), whakarongo (listening), pānui (reading), tuhituhi (writing), whakaaturanga (presenting), powhiri (welcoming ceremonies), haka (dance) and waiata (song). You can take the Year 9 Te Ao Māori option course if you wish to go further from this Compulsory course.

We will learn to:

- Greet, farewell, acknowledge people, and respond to greetings and acknowledgements
- Introduce yourself and others and respond to introductions
- Identify numbers, days of the week, months, and dates
- Say your iwi, hapū, mountain, river, hometown, and place of origin
- Recognise the sounds of Māori alphabet letters, letter combinations, intonation, and stress patterns.

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Art

In this option course, you'll explore drawing, printmaking and painting through a range of taster projects. You'll build the core art-making skills you need for future Visual Art courses.

We will learn to:

- Express ideas creatively through themes connected to our interests, culture and identity, using symbols and motifs that carry meaning.
- Use key art skills like perspective, composition and colour theory to plan and create artworks.
- Study artists and art from different times and places, including Māori and Pacific artforms, and use art vocabulary to talk and write about their work.
- Use materials and cultural elements respectfully and understand the protocols, such as tikanga, behind them.
- Develop our own ideas through experimenting, planning in a process journal, and giving and receiving feedback.

Business Studies

This course will help you understand the economic concepts and financial skills that help people make informed decisions and build long-term financial wellbeing.

We will learn to:

- Explain how money, goods and services move between people, businesses and governments around the world.
- Identify the different sectors that make up the economy.
- Understand the Māori economy and its foundation in rangatiratanga.
- Manage money to make informed financial decisions.
- Manage financial risks and plan for unexpected events.

Drama

Year 9 Drama is a performance subject with students creating original stories. Students will develop creative thinking through short units of work designed to improve their storytelling skills. Students will build self-confidence by working with a range of people and performing in mini performances for an audience.

We will learn to:

- Character Creation - use given information along with your own creativity to create a unique and detailed character within a given world/context
- Devising - create an engaging original story that is clearly communicated through group planning and presentation
- Performance skills - 3-5 minute production scene that will be directed by the teacher and presented to an audience
- Key Features - explore a style of drama to understand the main structure, which will then be put into practice through a short performance.

Food Technology

Love food? Curious about flavours, how food is made, or what different ingredients actually do? This is the course for you! It isn't a normal cooking class. Instead, you'll explore the science and technology behind food, and how the way we make it changes what we end up eating. By the end of the course, you'll use everything you've learned to design, test and make your own food product.

We will learn to:

- Taste and test food like a food scientist, using what we find to choose the best ingredients.
- Understand what different ingredients do and how they work together (like why some cookies turn out chewy and others crunchy).
- Explore how methods like drying, fermenting and mixing change food.
- Work safely and make responsible choices about waste, allergens and cultural needs.

Hard Materials Technology

Hard Materials Technology is about how to work and create materials in the workshop. You will work with basic workshop tools to create simple, attractive items to take home. You are encouraged to experiment, make mistakes, and try again as you learn. We strongly encourage safe practice and perseverance.

We will learn to:

- Identify the names and uses of various basic shop tools.
- Demonstrate skills and techniques required to craft straightforward and appealing items.
- Demonstrate skills and techniques for sanding and applying a finish to our projects.
- Apply essential safety principles for working in a workshop setting.

Japanese

This course will explore up to two of the three Japanese writing systems—hiragana and katakana—and introduce students to Japanese vocabulary and sentence structure. Students will learn how to introduce themselves, their whānau and whakapapa, and hold simple conversations on topics such as weather and school.

We will learn to:

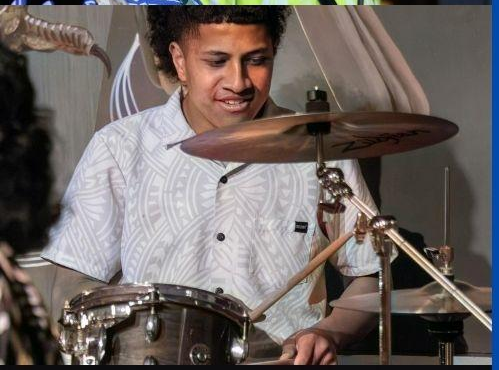
- Reading - recognising the alphabet symbols of the Japanese language and connecting them to their phonetic sounds.
- Speaking - constructing simple sentences in the target language and verbalising.
- Listening - understanding instruction or greetings in the target language (informal)
- Writing - using written understanding of the symbols to create written texts.

Media Studies

Media Studies is about learning how media industries create products and stories to entertain, inform and persuade us. You will learn about how the media affects our lives, how and why products are made, and how to create your own.

We will learn to:

- 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.

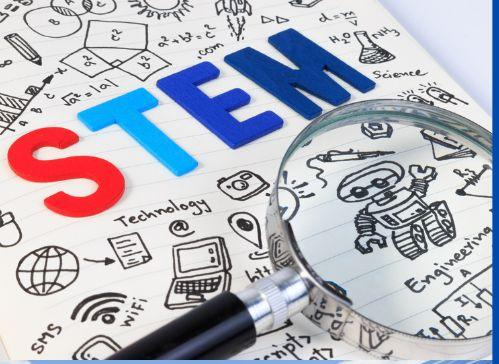


Music

Year 9 Music is a foundation course that runs for two terms. You will explore the basics of how music is made, written, and performed in different styles. You will also get hands-on experience with a range of instruments, including drums, guitar, and piano, and start building the skills you need to perform and create your own music.

We will learn to:

- Perform a song to the class (ie, small group or individually)
- Learn how to use software to create music
- Research and present a project on a musician
- Develop our aural skills by analysing songs, scales and chords (major/minor) and intervals
- Identify and describe music terms, symbols and basic notation



STEM

STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths, and this course brings all four together. You'll learn how to make energy without harming the environment and how to cut down on waste. You'll learn by doing: running experiments, building mini projects and coming up with your own ideas to fix real problems.

We will learn to:

- Explore renewable energy and how it helps build a greener future.
- Turn kitchen scraps into usable gas through biogas experiments.
- Make compost that turns food and garden waste into plant food.
- Discover how solar panels work through hands-on mini projects.
- Build science, design and problem-solving skills for future study.