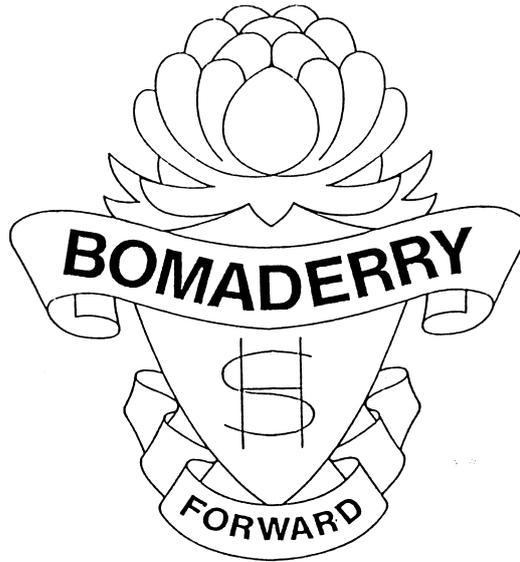




**BOMADERRY HIGH SCHOOL**



## **INTEREST ELECTIVES BOOKLET**

To assist Year 7 students and  
parents in the selection of  
electives for  
**Year 8 2018**

# INTRODUCTION

Year 8 students will study two Semester courses next year. Each course will operate for 4 periods per cycle. These '8W' Semester courses are called 'Interest Electives'.

Year 7 students going into Year 8 need to select their elective preferences after carefully reading and considering the following information.

Listed below are the electives available for two periods a week.

- Aboriginal Studies
- Animal Care
- Art Attack!
- Beginner Guitar
- Ceramics
- Coding with the iPad
- Dance
- Digging Up The Past
- Drama
- Drawing and Graphics
- Electronic Music
- Language
- Metal Art
- Our World
- Simply Irresistible
- Simply Sewing
- Teen Speak

There will be homework provided and a report written on each elective. Classes will be formed to enable the majority of students to receive their first and second preferences. Due to class numbers, availability of teaching staff and flexibility in timetabling, some students may not receive their first preference.

Students who are planning to choose a **Language** (whether German, Indonesian or Japanese) as an Elective in Year 9, are advised to choose **Language** as their Year 8 Elective.

For further information, see the Teacher in Charge of the elective in which you are interested.

## ABORIGINAL STUDIES

Students will have the opportunity to gain knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal peoples of Australia, their cultures and lifestyles. It is designed to be inclusive of all students in NSW schools and is of value to both Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal students.

Aboriginal students are empowered through exploring and celebrating their cultural and social heritage and its longevity. They gain pride and cultural affirmation through the study of their local/regional community and through the study of Aboriginal cultural diversity.

See Mr Kelly in the HSIE faculty in D Block for more information.

**Cost:** Nil.



## ANIMAL CARE

This course will provide a broad scope and knowledge of the responsibilities associated with the care of an animal, be it farm animals, household domestic animals, native or exotic species.

Students will:

- Identify a range of animals that are kept as pets (cats, dogs, wombats, ducks, snakes).
- Identify anatomical features of specific animals (horses, dogs, birds).
- Perform routine animal husbandry techniques in accordance with accepted code of practice on domestic and farm animals (worming, grooming, vaccinations).
- Make decisions that reflect consideration of environmental, welfare and economic issues (i.e. Wandering domestic cats, dog registration, crowing urban roosters, numbers of permissible pets.)

For further information, see Mr Manktelow in the Agriculture staffroom (E Block).

**Cost:** Nil.

## ART ATTACK!

This dynamic course develops art making skills in a variety of materials and techniques. It is a great opportunity for motivated and interested art students to get extra tuition in art making practice. This course is 100% art making, a lively imagination is needed!

Students will:

- create 2D and 3D artworks in materials such as paint, plaster, clay, inks, collage, etc.
- explore the potential of different materials to achieve various effects.
- exploit their natural creativity and discover the personal satisfaction of making artworks and art objects.
- reflect upon their world and experiences as ideas for art making.
- have a totally creative and fun experience!

See Ms Myers-Brown (Head Teacher Creative and Performing Arts) OR one of the Visual Arts teachers in the CAPA staffroom for more information.

**Cost:** \$25 (includes all art materials)



## BEGINNER GUITAR

Students will learn to play both acoustic and electric guitars. The focus of this course is on developing musicality and sound guitar technique.

Students are not expected to have any previous experience in playing guitar.

Students will learn to play in small groups and as a class performing in a variety of styles including:

- 'Rock and Pop'
- 'Jazz'
- 'Finger-Picking and Melody Playing'
- 'Improvisation'
- 'Chordal' accompaniment.

For more information see Ms Myers-Brown (Head Teacher Creative and Performing Arts) or Mr Holloway in the CAPA staffroom, B Block (upstairs).

## CERAMICS

Ceramics is a “hands on” course. The focus is on art making. There is no art studying component. Students will make functional and decorative clay pieces as well as sculptures.

Forming methods using coils and slabs as well as a range of decorative techniques will be learnt. Tiles, Dragons, wall plaques, coiled pots, plates, animal and figure sculptures are some of the pieces made.

See Ms Myers-Brown (Head Teacher Creative and Performing Arts) or Ms Laris in the CAPA staffroom.

**Cost:** \$35



## CODING WITH THE iPad

Coding is the skill that will be required in the very near future in the 21st century employment market. Students use their iPad and relevant apps to learn how to build code to carry out instructions and graduate to developing their own digital games on the iPad. Based on Computer Science, coding offers student the opportunity to explore, problem solve, be creative and persistent in achieving goals.

Using Swift Playgrounds, Tynker and other resources, students develop important skills which will give them the edge in using digital technologies in their education and workplaces.

See Mr. Devlin in the Library for further information about this new subject.

**Cost:** Nil

## DANCE

Dance in Year 8 allows the students to explore their creativity and musicality, develop confidence to perform a variety of dance skills in a social environment as well as giving them a broad base from which they can continue their study of dance if so desired. Students learn to respect themselves, others and their work as they take ownership of the dances they compose and perform.

Students explore the process of composition, develop skills in performance and acquire knowledge to appreciate dance and its place in history, society and culture.

Students will perform, compose and appreciate dance by studying a range of popular dance styles from a variety of cultures.

They will develop a working knowledge of the physical requirements needed to prepare one's body for dance as well as engage in a variety of group and individual tasks. Students develop individual logbooks which document their achievements and experiences from each lesson, this logbook assists in developing their dance vocabulary.

Contact Ms Wood in the CAPA staffroom, B Block (upstairs) for further information.

**Cost:** Nil.



## DIGGING UP THE PAST

Students will get to investigate the Ancient, Medieval and Early Modern Societies.

Students will undertake archaeological digs investigating the Ancient World (Egypt and the Pharaoh), weapons of Medieval and Europe visit museums and recreate events from the past.

See Mr Kelly in the HSIE Faculty in D Block for more information.

**Cost:** Nil

## DRAMA

### 'All the world's a stage' - so come and get on it!!

Year 8W elective Drama is an exciting practical course that gets students thinking on their feet, improvising, interpreting scripts, play building and problem solving.

Drama students learn about themselves and others through participation in a range of fun and exciting practical activities which will assist in boosting self esteem, confidence, encourage cooperative working relationships and develop vital communication skills.

Drama provides a unique and challenging learning environment where students 'have a go' no matter what their prior experience is. They are asked to reflect about the things they have learnt and skills they have developed in a Drama log book each lesson.

The knowledge and skills we develop in Drama are skills needed for life and help to support performance and oral tasks in many subjects across the school.

For further information, see Ms Myers-Brown (HT CAPA) in the CAPA staffroom.

**Cost:** \$25 (includes Drama Log Book)



## DRAWING AND GRAPHICS

### Preview to Technical Drawing

This course is a preview of the drawing course that is offered in Years 9 and 10. Basic house plans and architectural drawings are covered in this "hands on" approach to technical drawing. CAD and computer graphic programs will be used to assist in rendering design and printing. Basic models and designs may also be 3D printed during this course.

This is essential for students interested in building, architectural, engineering or design industries as well as a great communication tool for life.

Using traditional drawing instruments and an introduction to computer assisted drawing programs (CAD).

For further information, contact Mr Flack (HT Industrial Arts) in the IA Staffroom.

**Cost:** \$5

## ELECTRONIC MUSIC

This course will provide an introduction to electronic music making. The focus is on creativity, 'hands on' manipulation of loops and samples, creating original sounds and the development of various composition and performance techniques.

Students do not need any previous experience in composing or using music technology.

Students will:

- Learn to use loop-based recording software like Garageband, Soundation and Studio One to create, edit, remix and record new sounds to produce a song
- Use professional level electronic instruments, software and hardware devices by Ableton, Korg, Native Instruments, Maschine, Traktor and Launchpad
- Learn where to access free music software & loop libraries
- Sound design, live looping, composing and arranging
- Develop musicality individually and as part of a group

For more information see Mr Holloway (Music) in the CAPA staffroom

**Cost:** \$20



## LANGUAGE

### An Introduction to Japanese Language and Culture

Content and Outcomes:

- An introduction to Japanese language and script (tourist focus).
- An introduction to Japanese culture—traditional to modern.
- Awareness of and practice of Japanese arts and crafts.
- To identify with traditions and celebrations of Japan in relation to student's self, community and global perspective.

See Ms. Lymbery Sensei in the Language staffroom upstairs in D Block for more information.

**Cost:** \$20 to cover art/craft material, food and excursion to the Japanese Centre in Sydney.

## MAKEIT CLASS WOOD

As part of the worldwide Makelt movement, student's will be able to access the school's industrial arts workshops and make a variety of toys, puzzles as well as explore hobbies of woodwork and problem solving.

If you consider yourself as an artist/designer and like a hands on approach you will enjoy Makelt class.

The main concept of Makelt class is for students (both girls and boys) to enjoy designing and creating interesting and challenging things for themselves in a safe and supervised environment. Projects will include decorative items for the house and garden as well as jewellery and ornaments. As well as teacher guided projects it is envisioned that students will research and bring in projects that will test their ingenuity and problem solving abilities.

Other reasons to consider art Makelt could also include:

- ◆ Challenge students to think about Design, Engineering and to experiment with different technologies.
- ◆ To be proud of an achievement. Develop PERSISTENCE.
- ◆ Develop thinking skills to take into life after school.
- ◆ Develop social interaction in a different environment.

Whether you like a challenge or just enjoy practical work this is the course for you. There are an abundant amount of projects that students will find challenging and rewarding, extending the avid designer and woodworker.

See Mr Flack in the Industrial Arts staffroom for more information.

Cost: \$20 per Semester for materials and equipment.



## METAL ART

Many everyday objects are made from metal and many people enjoy creating, designing and working with metal.

If you consider yourself as an artist/designer and like a hands on approach you will enjoy metal art. The main concept of metal art is for students (both girls and boys) to enjoy the unique working qualities of metal and to design and create interesting and challenging projects. These could include sculpture, decorative items for the house and garden as well as jewelry and ornaments.

Other reasons to consider art metalwork could also include:

- Challenge students to think about Design, Engineering and to experiment with different technologies.
- To be proud of an achievement, develop PERSISTENCE.
- Develop thinking skills to take into life after school.
- Give students an option when considering a career in a Metal Trade.
- Develop social interaction in a different environment.

Whether you like a challenge or just enjoy practical work this is the course for you. There is an abundant amount of projects that students will find challenging and rewarding, extending the avid designer and metalworker.

See Mr Flack in the Industrial Arts staffroom for more information.

**Cost:** \$30 per Semester for materials and equipment.



## OUR WORLD

Students will investigate three topics in this course; the physical planet, it's major oceans and the earth's distribution of resources.

They will study the geographical processes that form our physical planet from volcanos to earthquakes that shape our planet. They will study the world's oceans and the influences they have on the planet and how the world's resources are distributed and sustainably used.

Fieldwork activities will be a major component of the course visiting sites and museums.

See Mr. Kelly in the HSIE Faculty in D Block for more information.

**Cost:** Nil (There are excursions that students will need to pay for).

## SIMPLY IRRESISTIBLE

Simply Irresistible offers students the opportunity to cook for fun.

There is an emphasis on practical work as students prepare scrumptious treats.

The course will cover such areas as:

- cake cookery
- icings and fillings
- biscuit and pastry making
- sweet making

If you enjoy cooking, eating and talking about food, this is the course for you!

For more information see Mrs Butfield (Head Teacher Home Economics) in the Home Economics staffroom, B Block, downstairs.

**Cost:** \$30



## SIMPLY SEWING

Simply Sewing offers students the opportunity to learn to sew and enjoy other fun crafts such as crochet and macramé.

There is an emphasis on practical work with students completing projects for themselves such as -

- Dyeing/printing/decorating fabrics
- iPad covers
- Wrap skirts/pajama pants

If you enjoy doing 'hands on' activities, being creative and learning how to have fun on the sewing machine, then this is the course for you.

For more information see Mrs Butfield in the Home Economics staffroom, B Block (downstairs).

**Cost:** \$20

## **TEEN SPEAK**

### **Have your say and be heard!!!**

Ever feel your parents and teachers don't listen to you? Ever feel you have the words in your head but just don't know how to say them? Then **Teen Speak** is for you!

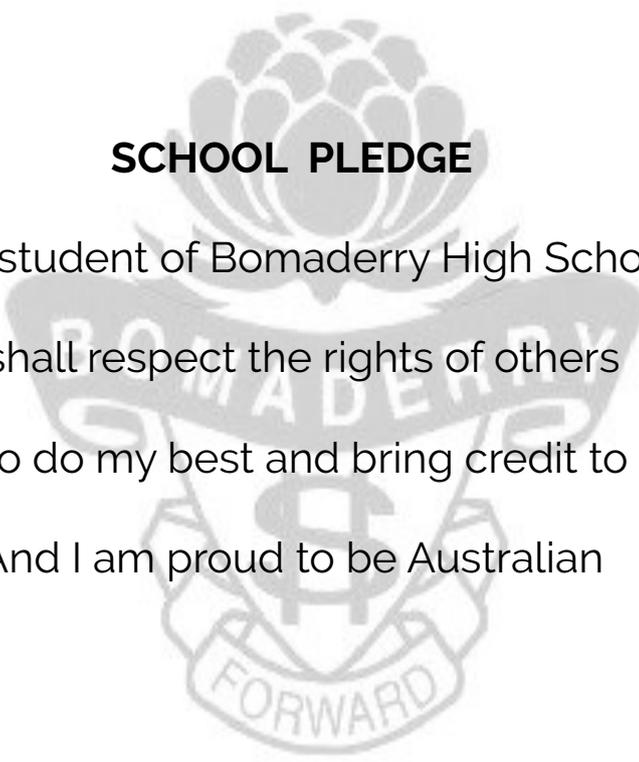
Teen Speak explores the skills and techniques involved in being heard and understood. You will learn how to plan and prepare for oral presentations, express your opinion without causing offence and develop the confidence for successful communication.

This course is designed for both the avid public speaker and the student who needs a boost in oral confidence (and I'm not talking toothpaste!).

We will work through a variety of planning processes required for delivering an oral presentation in class. You will explore the significance of tone, vocabulary and intent when exchanging conversations with teachers, employers, friends and family so as to be taken seriously.

**Cost:** Nil. See Ms Myers-Brown (Head Teacher CAPA) for details.





## **SCHOOL PLEDGE**

As a student of Bomaderry High School

I shall respect the rights of others

I shall strive to do my best and bring credit to my school

And I am proud to be Australian