



Friday 6th October 2023

Year Three- Year Six Student Agency Electives

Dear Year Three- Year Six families,

Following discussions with students in Year 3-6, we will be offering student electives again in Term Four 2023, *with the bonus that students may select an elective that they have already taken part in.*

Elective subjects will be allocated based upon student preferences. If a subject has remaining vacancies following 1-4 preferences, then students who have already undertaken this elective may be allocated, with preference being given to Year Six students.

Please be aware that students in our school band, and those students who have qualified for the aerobics team will not take part in allocating a Term Four preference.

ACTIONS REQUIRED BY YOU:

- 1. Commit time to read the information below as a family.**
- 2. Respond with your elective preferences by **Tuesday 10th October 2023.****

In order to make this information easier to understand and access, it is presented in a Q&A format.

What are Student Agency Electives?

Student Agency Electives (or electives as they are referred to in this letter) are an opportunity for all students in Year Three- Year Six to engage with electives from a variety of subject areas which may not appear within the traditional primary school curriculum.

There are multiple new electives on offer for Term Four, therefore please read through all options available.

Is there updated information I should be aware of?

Yes. There are three updates for you to be aware of:

1. Students may select an elective which they have already undertaken. If a subject has remaining vacancies following 1-4 preferences, then students who have already undertaken this elective may be allocated, with preference being given to Year Six students.
2. Students who are in the following electives will remain in their allocated elective for the duration of the year, and do not need to list electives:
 - School of Rock- USPS Rock Band!
 - Aerobics- the sport of fitness
3. The above electives are not available for other students to select, therefore they have been removed from the Term Four listing.

Who can take part, and when will electives occur?

All students in Year Three - Year Six will be taking part.

Elective subjects will be conducted each Friday during Session 6, with some electives also involving the third recess on a Friday afternoon for setup.

The Term Four program will commence with an orientation session in Week Two, Term Four - Friday 13th October 2023.

Please note that the electives program be held on the following dates:

- Friday 13th October 2023
- Friday 20th October 2023
- Friday 27th October 2023
- Friday 10th November 2023
- Friday 17th November 2023
- Friday 1st December 2023

Who will lead the elective subjects, and how were they chosen to be offered?

Electives are being facilitated through a combination of school staff and community partners.

The current electives have been offered to provide 'something for everyone' based upon what we know about our students.

If a supervising staff member is unavailable to facilitate an elective session (eg: an absence with no replacement available) students from this elective will be allocated to another elective for that session only.

During the first session of each elective cycle, students will be provided with the opportunity to voice what they would like to learn within the subject area.

When are student elective preferences due back to school?

Being provided with elective choices is a great opportunity, but it also requires great responsibility from students.

Student elective preferences must be returned to classroom teachers no later than Tuesday 10th October 2023.

Students who do not return preferences by this date will be placed into an elective subject with remaining vacancies.

How will the school allocate elective preferences?

This is a challenging task for the school. The nature of elective programming is that students may not always get their top choices.

All students must be resilient and thoughtful when selecting electives.

The school will endeavour to provide students with their highest possible elective preference, based upon the following criteria:

- Any prerequisite requirements for the elective
- Group dynamics and sizing
- What staff know about student learning.

Remember, electives are an exciting learning initiative which will continue to be offered, with each term presenting a new opportunity for students to list new elective preferences.

Kids in the Kinder

Supervising Staff:

- Stacey Bowles
- Dandenong Ranges Childcare Staff

Prerequisites:

- None

Group sizing limit:

- Maximum of 18 students

Elective Summary:

This elective is targeted at students who enjoy helping younger peers, and may even be considering being a teacher in the future. You may even just be someone who loves helping out as a bigger buddy for younger children!

We will visit the Dandenong Ranges Childcare Centre each Friday and assist with teaching younger students, from toddlers to four-year olds. Sometimes we might also attend localised excursions with supervising staff.

Getting down with a deck

Supervising Staff:

- Llew Humphries
- Kaitlyn Dam- Knox Skatepark YMCA accredited coach

(Kaitlyn's recent achievements: 2021- Top 4 Open Moomba National Street Championship, Top 3 Open Women's Bowl Championship- Adelaide Rumble on the Reef, Top 5 Open Women's Street Championship- Adelaide Rumble on the Reef, 2023 Open Woman's Bowlzilla Invitational Gold Coast Championship, Renton Millar sponsored skate team... and this is just to name a few!)

Prerequisites:

- Students must have their own skateboard, approved helmet, knee pads, elbow pads (wrist pads highly recommended)

Group sizing limit:

- Maximum of 12 students

Elective Summary:

In this class you will be learning everything about skateboarding! We will run through how to maintain your skateboard and what all the parts of the skateboard are. When we have learnt all about skateboard maintenance, we will start getting comfortable on the skateboard and we will learn how to control it. Once we understand this, we will begin to practise some basic tricks, and then we will get to have a look at and pick our own tricks.

During wet weather, we will undertake group projects such as 'deck art'.

DJ-ing, Sound Engineering and Radio Production

Supervising Staff:

- Michelle Wright
- Ren Cuttriss- 3MDR 97.1FM Education Officer, Nat Grant- 3MDR 97.1FM Station Manager

Prerequisites:

- None

Group sizing limit:

- Maximum of 12 students

Elective Summary:

Have you ever dreamed of being on the radio? Do you want to learn how to produce music, sound engineer and learn about what all the cool buttons on a mixing-deck do? Maybe you just want to hear your own voice on the radio and produce your own content- interviews, radio, talk shows. *We can teach you how to do all of this and more!*

In this class we will learn how to write radio programming, collect, and edit sound-bytes, stings and music. Working as a team we will produce at least one radio show which will go to air over the school's speaker system and be played during a Wednesday afternoon timeslot on 3MDR 97.1FM. Audiences will even be able to download your show as a podcast...so cool!

No-cooking Cooking Class

Supervising Staff:

- Melissa Woollard

Prerequisites:

- None

Group sizing limit:

- Maximum of 14 students

Elective Summary:

No-cooking cooking class...what even does that mean???

In this class you will learn how to safely cook food without the use of an oven (yes that's right you can cook and feed yourself yummy and healthy food when there are no adults around to help you...BONUS!)

Do you want to learn more about cooking and food preparation? Do you want the chance to make and eat yummy food at school? Learn how cook for yourself when nobody else at home will do it for you! Come along and learn how to make yummy, delicious, and nutritious snacks without the use of an oven.

Learn about food nutrition, food handling, and kitchen safety.

Computer applications- become a master of the keyboard!

Supervising Staff:

- Melinda Rowe

Prerequisites:

- None

Group sizing limit:

- Maximum of 16 students

Elective Summary:

Learn all about how to use a range of programs using the Netbooks. You will delve into creating engaging presentations, learn how to use and create detailed Excel spreadsheets, work on your touch-typing skills and more.

Wet Felting- art, sculptures and clothing

Supervising Staff:

- Amanda Oakley

Prerequisites:

- None

Group sizing limit:

- Maximum of 14 students

Elective Summary:

Learn about the process of how wool (fleece) can be used to create pieces of art, sculpture, and clothing. You will design, plan, and create several pieces of wet felted art works such as bookmarks, drink coasters and decorations suitable for the festive season ahead such as hanging baubles and/or mini bunting. You could keep these items for yourself or present them as a gift to someone in your family.

Bring along your enthusiasm and creative spirit. It is a hands-on experience with soap and warm water. Natural/organic liquid soap will be used and provided for you.

Volleyball!

Supervising Staff:

- Lachlan Prasad

Prerequisites:

- None

Group sizing limit:

- Maximum of 16 students

Elective Summary:

Join Mr Prasad in learning the fundamentals skills required to play volleyball. Learn how to serve, block, dig, set, and spike.

We will Practice these skills in groups and then further develop them through round robin matches.

Wonderful Watercolours

Supervising Staff:

- Shar Stjerne

Prerequisites:

- None

Group sizing limit:

- Maximum of 16 students

Elective Summary:

Join Mrs S in the art room to explore some watercolour techniques that can be used with interesting effects. Have fun with flowing colours, bold shapes, and deep blacks.

We will design some Halloween cards/posters/artworks and create and make simple gifts for the holidays.

Masters of Mountain Bikes

Supervising Staff:

- Justin Scicluna
- Lysterfield MTB District Trail Riders Club supervising staff

Prerequisites:

- Students must have their own approved bike helmet (AS/NZS 2063:2008); *helmets will be checked by staff prior to taking part in practical lessons*
- Students must have their own correctly fitting bike (can be a mountain bike or BMX) which is appropriate for both road and trail riding; *bikes will be checked by staff prior to taking part in practical lessons*
- Riding gloves are highly recommended
- A willingness to take part in group rides within and beyond the school boundary. We continue to ride in the rain and mud!

Group sizing limit:

- Maximum of 12 students

Elective Summary:

Do you want to learn how to manage and maintain your bike- such as how to fix brakes, wheel punctures, re-chain, fix gearing, adjust handlebars, seats, and everything else that moves!

Once you are confident with the above, then your bike can take you anywhere from the open road to single downhill mountain trails!

In this elective you will gain knowledge and understanding of the road traffic environment, road laws, and bike safety. You will develop the physical and cognitive skills to manage your bike and be a safe cyclist; both on your own and as part of a riding group.

Dependent upon your demonstrated skill-level, we will work with jigsaw-jumps, flat surfaces, obstacles, and rough-terrain riding.

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Term Four 2023 Preference Form

Choose all 9 elective subjects.

List your preferences in order; starting with your first preference listed next to the # 1.

Return this page to your classroom teacher no later than Tuesday 10th October 2023.

Student Name: _____

Class: _____

Student signature: _____

Parent/carer signature: _____

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