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Subject Selections for Year 8, 2027

Year 8

Maths
(3 lessons)

Science
(3 lessons)

Humanities
(2 lessons)

HPE
(2 lessons)

English
(3 lessons)

Language
(2 lessons)



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Humanities

- History and Geography across the year

Italian Immersion – Humanities deliver in Italian language. Full year subject.
You must also select Italian as your language for Year 8.

Languages

- All students study a language in Year 8 – the same one you studied this year.



Technologies

- Students study all four technologies across Years 7 and 8.
- You don't need to select these – you will automatically move into a new technology subject each semester.



Choosing electives

Choose subjects that:

- You enjoy
- You do well in
- Will help you achieve your chosen career goals, or keep your career goals open
- Will develop skills, knowledge and attitudes useful throughout your life



Arts Electives

- 2 elective subjects each semester for 2 lessons per week per subject.

Subject
Dance (1 semester only 2 lessons)
Drama (1 semester only 2 lessons)
Music (1 semester only 2 lessons)
Visual Art (1 semester only 2 lessons)
Digital Art (1 semester only 2 lessons)
Dance Extension (Whole year - 2 semesters, 2 lessons)
Drama Extension (Whole year - 2 semesters, 2 lessons)
Visual Art Extension (Whole year - 2 semesters, 2 lessons)
Music Excellence Extension (Whole year - 2 semesters, 2 lessons)
Advanced Technologies (Whole year - 2 semesters, 2 lessons)

- Extension subjects (shaded subjects below) will study this for the whole year.

Selecting Electives

- Rank all subjects 1-10 (number 1 is your highest preference)



YEAR 8 SUBJECT SELECTION FORM 2027

STUDENT NAME: Mary Coates CONNECT CLASS: C071

PARENT/CARER NAME: Kate Coates

PARENT/CARER SIGNATURE: KCoates

2027 YEAR 8 SUBJECT SELECTION NOTES

- All students study Maths, English, Science, HPE, Technology, Languages and Humanities (History and Geography).
- Students study 2 elective subjects each semester for 2 lessons per week per subject.
- Students continue with the same Language that they studied in Year 7.
- More information can be found in the 2027 Year 8 Subject handbook <https://cairnsshs.eq.edu.au/curriculum/subjects-and-programs>
- Please return form to the main office.

Italian Immersion

Students who studied Italian language in Year 7 can elect to study Humanities delivered in Italian instead of History and Geography/Civics.

I studied Italian in Year 7	
☒ YES	☐ NO

If yes,

I am interested in studying Italian Immersion	
☐ YES	☒ NO

2027 YEAR 8 SUBJECT SELECTION

- Students must preference every subject (rank subjects 1-10)
- Students who select an extension subject (shaded subjects below) will study this for the whole year.
- Spaces in subjects may be limited, the aim will be to give as many students as possible their first choice.

Subject	Rank all subjects 1 – 10 (Number 1 is highest preference)
Dance (1 semester only 2 lessons)	1
Drama (1 semester only 2 lessons)	7
Music (1 semester only 2 lessons)	5
Visual Art (1 semester only 2 lessons)	2
Digital Art (1 semester only 2 lessons)	6
Dance Extension (Whole year - 2 semesters, 2 lessons)	3
Drama Extension (Whole year - 2 semesters, 2 lessons)	9
Visual Art Extension (Whole year - 2 semesters, 2 lessons)	4
Music Excellence Extension (Whole year - 2 semesters, 2 lessons)	10
Advanced Technologies (Whole year - 2 semesters, 2 lessons)	8

Advanced Technologies

Students who choose this subject as one of their top preferences can study this instead of an Arts elective (eg. Dance, Drama) or a Technology subject (eg. Digital Tec, Home Ec). Please indicate your preference below:

Only tick one and only tick if you have nominated Advanced Technologies in your top 4 subjects.	Tick preference
I would prefer to study Advanced Technologies instead of an Arts subject	
I would prefer to study Advanced Technologies instead of a Technology subject	



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2027 Year 8 Subject Selection Form

This subject selection form is for Year 7 students going into Year 8 in 2027

General information:

- All students study Maths, English, Science, HPE, Technology, Languages and Humanities (History, Geography). They are not required to select these subjects as it is done automatically.
- For Year 8, students are selecting their Arts electives for 2027.
- Rank subjects from 1 to 10 (with 1 being the most preferred subject).
- Students are also selecting if they would like to study Italian Immersion (Humanities in Italian language).
- For more information, please see Year 8 Subject Handbook below or Cairns High website <https://cairnsshs.eq.edu.au/curriculum/subjects-and-programs>
- Students will receive a hard copy subject selection form to complete as well. Students can submit this in the subject selection box at the main office.

Subject selection online form and hard copy form must be submitted by Thursday 3 September 2026.



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More information

- School website
- Subject Handbook
- Talk to your teachers
- Talk to the HODs
- Talk to the Deputy Principals





Paper version of subject selection due to main office
Thursday 3 September (Thursday Week 8)

Electronic version of subject selection due (Schoolzine email
to parents) Thursday 3 September (Thursday Week 8)

