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Cairns State High School

Year 8 2025 subject information for students

Wednesday 21st August 2024



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GREETINGS

CAIRNS STATE HIGH SCHOOL ACKNOWLEDGES AND PAYS RESPECT TO THE PAST PRESENT AND FUTURE TRADITIONAL CUSTODIANS AND ELDERS OF OUR LAND:

THE GIMUY WALUBARRA YIDINJI PEOPLE AND THE CONTINUATION OF CULTURAL, SPIRITUAL AND EDUCATIONAL PRACTICES OF ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER PEOPLES.

ANCESTORS HAVE WALKED THIS COUNTRY AND WE ACKNOWLEDGE THEIR SPECIAL AND UNIQUE PLACE IN OUR SCHOOL'S HISTORICAL CULTURAL AND LINGUISTIC IDENTITY.

AS WE WALK TOGETHER ON THIS COUNTRY, WE ACKNOWLEDGE THE DIVERSITY AND STRENGTH OF EACH OF US, STRIVING FOR EXCELLENCE AS ONE, CONNECTED BY MUTUAL RESPECT, LIVING AND LEARNING RESPONSIBLY AND DEVELOPING RESILIENCE IN ALL.



KURRINYALA PILAN KUTAN.
NGAYU NGAT JE YINGKU
PULMPA MARPU KIMOY
WALUPARRA PAMANDA YIDINJI
PAMA.

A Guide to 2025 Year 8 Subject Selections

Students continue with:

- Maths, Science, English, HPE studies.
- Student study History for one semester and Geography for one semester
- Students continue with their language or literacy support program
- Students continue to rotate through technology subjects

Students choose their Arts elective for 2025.



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- Students must preference 1 to 11 their online subject selection form.
- 4 subjects are offered as whole year options meaning this is the only arts subject they will do
- Dance Extension; Drama Extension; Visual Arts Extension; Music Excellence Extension
- If students would prefer to study two arts subjects across the year they should preference the 1 semester only subjects higher: Drama, Visual Art; Music; Music Excellence; or Digital Art. Or advanced Technologies

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2025 Year 8 Subjects

The Arts Offerings		
Visual Arts	Performing Arts	Music
Digital Art (1 semester only)	Dance (1 semester only)	Music (1 semester only)
Visual Art (1 semester only)	Dance Extension (Full Year)	Music Extension (Full Year)
Visual Art Extension (Full Year)	Drama (1 semester only)	Music Extension (1 semester only)
	Drama Extension (Full Year)	

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2025 Year 8 Subjects

Advanced Technologies

1 semester

Can be done instead of a technology subject or an Arts subject.

This is aimed at students with a focus on design, engineering and architecture. There is more classroom work than in workshop.



A Guide to 2025 Year 8 Subject Selections – Success Pathways

How do I choose my Success Pathway

- Talk to your teachers, ask them questions.
- Read your subject selection book online.
- Ask older students that you trust about subjects they have studied (but remember sometimes subjects change each year).



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Why not to pick a subject.

- Your friends are doing it.
- Somebody tells you that you won't like it.
- It's too much theory (all subjects have an element of theory).

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ITALIAN LANGUAGE IMMERSION PROGRAM

- Must be doing Italian as your language now.
(Australian curriculum course)
- Should be in Immersion class now, otherwise must discuss with Italian teacher first.
- Study History and Geography in Italian
(1 Semester each)



2025 Arts half year options

(You can study 2 of these across the year)

Drama

Dance

Music

Music Excellence

Visual Art

Digital Art



2025 Arts half year options

(You can study 1 of these across the year)

Drama Extension

Dance Extension

Music Excellence Extension

Visual Art Extension



2025 Music options

Music Extension

- generally for students currently studying Music Excellence and/or engaged in instrumental music lessons or Chorale

Music

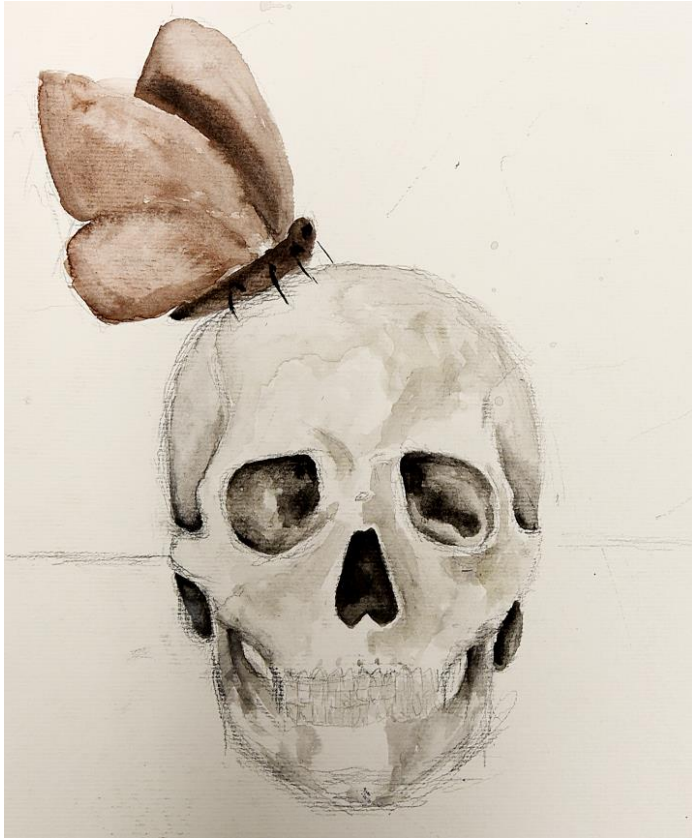
- for students with a more general interest in music. Perhaps with interests in guitar or other contemporary music.



Digital Art



ART



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Other Common Questions

- Can you change subjects? **Yes, but only at set times and only if there is room to move. The fact that students are now only studying subjects for 12 months means less change is encouraged.**
- Can I study other subjects not offered at Cairns High? **No, we offer a greater range of subjects than most schools that all link in with our senior subjects.**
- Do I have to do Maths, Science, English, History/Geography/Civics and HPE? **Yes they are mandatory under Australian Curriculum.**



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Other Common Questions

If I select a subject am I guaranteed a place in that course? No, however it is highly likely you will get a placement. Factors that may prevent you from gaining a placement.

- Lack of student numbers mean subject doesn't run
- Too many students choose subjects. Decision will then be made looking at:
 - Your best success pathway



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Next steps

- All year levels now need to complete our 2022 subject selection forms being sent home tomorrow.
- Forms are due back by Friday week 9.
- Students will receive a presentation next week on subjects.

Website information

- For Curriculum information go to Curriculum Tab and then sub-heading Subjects and Programs.
- For Enrolment information click on the enrolments tab

The screenshot shows the website for Cairns State High School. The browser address bar displays 'ctsandprograms/Pages/Subjectsandprograms.aspx'. The page header includes the school's logo, name, and tagline 'The best we can be. Education Queensland International'. A navigation menu at the top lists 'Our school', 'Enrolments', 'Curriculum', 'Extra-curricular', 'Facilities', 'Calendar and news', 'Our community', 'Support and resources', and 'International'. The 'Curriculum' tab is active, and a sub-menu is open showing 'Subjects and programs', 'Vocational education', 'Tertiary programs', 'Excellence programs', 'Testing and assessment', and 'Booklists'. The main content area is titled 'Subjects and programs' and lists 'Course Information' for the years 2019 and 2018. For 2019, the links include 'The new QCE at Cairns State High (2019 Year 11)', 'Year 11 (2019) and 12 (2020) (PDF 3.5 MB)', '2019 IBDP programs (PDF 1.9 MB)', and 'Year 10 2019 Subject Selection Information powerpoint presentation'. For 2018, the links include 'Year 7 and Year 8 (PDF, 3MB)', 'Year 9 (PDF, 3.4MB)', 'Year 10 (PDF, 1.4MB)', and 'Year 11 (2018) and Year 12 (2019) (PDF 3.3 MB)'. A sidebar on the right lists 'New QCE' resources from the QCAA website, including 'About QCE', 'Learning options', 'Planning your pathway', 'Information for families', 'QCE credit: completed Core requirement', 'Calculating QCE credit for Year 12 students from 2020', 'QCE Literacy and Numeracy', and 'QCE credit and duplication of learning'. The footer features the school's logo and the text 'CAIRNS State High The best we can be.'

How to fill out form

Year 8 Subject Selection Form for 2025

This subject selection form is for Year 7 students going into Year 8 2025

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.
- Please see Cairns High website [Subject Information Booklet](#) for more information. Also click [here](#) for original form, which may help guide your online selections.
- For Year 8, students are selecting their Arts elective/s for 2025 on this document.
- Students are also indicating their interest in Excellence Programs.

Subject selection online form must be submitted by parent/carer by Wednesday 4 September 2025.

Parent/Carer First Name *

Parent/Carer Last Name *

Parent/Carer Email *

Child's First Name *

Child's Last Name *

EXCELLENCE PROGRAM

EXCELLENCE PROGRAM

These occur before school, after school during lunch breaks and may be subject to auditions/trials. There are some exceptions where these programs may be run during normal school time. Tick the box or boxes below if you are interested. * Students audition/trial for entry into the following programs:

- Centre of Excellence Basketball
- Centre of Excellence Chorale (including Young Singers)
- Centre of Excellence Dance
- Centre of Excellence Drama
- Centre of Excellence Engineering and Aerospace
- Centre of Excellence Film
- Centre of Excellence Hockey
- Centre of Excellence Soccer (Football)
- Centre of Excellence Visual Art

CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

- Brass
- Percussion
- Stings
- Woodwind

ITALIAN IMMERSION HISTORY/GEOGRAPHY

Students can study an Italian Immersion History/Geography course instead of their standard History/Geography course. Students must be studying Italian as well. Please tick a box below to indicate your preference. (If you are not interested please do not tick a box) *

- I am currently studying Year 7 Italian Immersion and wish to continue.
- I am not currently studying Italian Immersion but I am interested in studying Italian Immersion.

How to fill out form

YEAR 8 ART ELECTIVES - 2 Lessons a week for 1 semester

Students must rank every subject. Students who select a specialisation subject as their first preference will study this for the whole year. They will not study a second arts elective. Spaces in subjects may be limited, the aim will be to give as many students as possible their first choice. This includes a specialist Technology subject called Advanced Technologies which can be chosen as an option.

Rank all subjects 1 to 11 (1 is the highest preference)

Dance (1 semester only)	<input type="text"/>
Drama (1 semester only)	<input type="text"/>
Music (1 semester only)	<input type="text"/>
Music Excellence Extension (1 semester only)	<input type="text"/>
Visual Art (1 semester only)	<input type="text"/>
Digital Art (1 semester only)	<input type="text"/>
Advanced Technologies (1 semester only)	<input type="text"/>
Dance Extension (whole year - 2 semesters)	<input type="text"/>
Drama Extension (whole year - 2 semesters)	<input type="text"/>
Visual Art (whole year - 2 semesters)	<input type="text"/>
Music Excellence Extension (whole year - 2 semesters)	<input type="text"/>

If you have chosen Advanced Technologies as one of your subjects, would you prefer it replaced your Arts Electives or replace your technology subjects (e.g. Home ec, Economics and Business, Design and Technology and Digital Technologies) *

Please Select ▼

Please Select

- I would like to do Advanced Technology instead of an Arts elective
- I would like to do Arts subjects and do Advance Technologies instead of my Technology subjects
- I am not interested in studying Advanced Technologies in Year 8

Write your signature above the line

Child's signature *

Clear

Write your signature above the line

What if I have submitted but made a mistake.

It's ok you can just re-submit, we take your
most recent entry.

But entries close on Wednesday 27th August.





Thank you

