



Kaipara College

Year 9 Curriculum Booklet



Welcome to Kaipara College

In this booklet you will find a short introduction to the core and option courses available at Kaipara College. Please use the information in this booklet to assist you and your child to make the subject choices that will best fit their academic aims and their own interests and talents.

Year 9 Options 2019

Compulsory subjects	All Year 9 students are required to study English, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, Physical Education, Health and Te Ao Maori
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9ENG - Y9 English

This course is compulsory.

Year 9 English is the first year of a dynamic two-year programme structured around oral, written, and visual language. Over the two years, students will consolidate and build on their reading, writing, speaking, viewing, and critical thinking skills, by being exposed to a range of contexts, themes and genres including that of Aotearoa New Zealand's culture, historical and modern literature, as well as media and pop culture.

Teacher in Charge: Claire Farnan-Sestito

Contributions and Equipment/Stationery: 1B5 English workbook

9MAT - Y9 Mathematics

This course is compulsory.

Mathematics Purpose: To consolidate the existing Mathematics knowledge of students and begin to prepare them for the senior school courses and assessments.

Content: The content of this course aims to reinforce and enhance students' mathematical skills. Students will focus on key mathematical skills in areas such as Number, Geometry, Measurement, Data Handling, Algebra and Problem Solving. Students will be required to work both individually as well as collaboratively, depending upon the task at hand.

Assessments: Class tests on content and method using both calculator and non-calculator approaches, investigations and an end of year exam.

Teacher in Charge: Lorraine O'Carroll

9SOS - Y9 Social Studies

This course is compulsory.

Through Social Studies, students develop the knowledge and skills to enable them to better understand, participate in, and contribute to the local, national, and global communities in which they live and work; engage critically with societal issues; and evaluate the sustainability of alternative social, economic, political, and environmental practices.

Teacher in Charge: Raninikura Kapa

Contributions and Equipment/Stationery: 1B5 x 2, Clear file, Social Studies Workbook

9HEA - Y9 Health

This course is compulsory.

Year 9 students begin Health Education with Friendships, as they are making new friends in a new school. We consider what it is to be a good friend, how to make friends and keep friends. Making healthy Lifestyle Choices in Term 2, is when students identify and investigate how to manage a balanced healthy lifestyle, using nutrition and exercise. Students will be encouraged to apply this knowledge to their own lives, developing lifelong healthy habits to reduce the risk of lifestyle illnesses. In Term 3, we think about Managing Change and its inevitable part of adolescence. Students will consider the changes that occur and explore how they can successfully manage changes with regards to their physical body, their emotions, relationships, responsibilities and independence. How good decisions are made is the topic in Term 4. This information is then applied to making safe decisions around smoking, alcohol and marijuana.

Teacher in Charge: Mike Graham

Contributions and Equipment/Stationery: Course workbook \$5

9PED - Y9 Physical Education

This course is compulsory.

"Kia totika ki tou taumata" - Act according to your strength. Year 9 students will have two hours of Physical Education per week. We aim to challenge students by developing their leadership and physical skills, by participating in a variety of different sports and activities. Students will co-operate, communicate and work with their peers and develop their interpersonal skills. We want our students to enjoy themselves, have fun, and have a lifelong appreciation of physical activity. To always try their personal best regardless of their ability. Areas of study include: Benefits of exercise, Learning through games, Expressive movement, NZ Maori games, Super strike.

Teacher in Charge: Mako Wilson

Contributions and Equipment/Stationery: Course workbook \$5
Compulsory PE gear \$30 Tee-Shirt and \$30 Shorts (purchase from the Uniform Shop)

9SCI - Y9 Science

This course is compulsory.

Bangs and Bubbles – we look at the periodic table, physical and chemical reactions.

Starlight – this goes into astronomy, light and the solar system.

The secret life of plants – the growth and reproduction of plants, including looking at significant NZ species.

Matter – this looks at the three states of matter, how energy and matter are linked and particle theory.

Fuelling our future – How will we provide usable energy in the future, the power and problems of fossil fuels.

There will also be two assessed investigations and two assessed pieces of research work during the year.

Teacher in Charge: Bronwyn Neville

9TAM - Y9 Te Ao Maori

This course is compulsory.

This course requires **1** option (unless Te Reo Maori is chosen).

Kaipara College believes that all students should have an understanding of basic tikanga Māori and practices relating to our school and our area. In this course, students will learn our school waiata, our school haka, some basic reo Māori, whilst practicing tikanga that pertains to our Whare Ako, our kura and our area.

Teacher in Charge: Bri Te Paa

9ART - Y9 Visual Art

This course requires **1** option.

The Year 9 Visual Arts Course involves students exploring basic skills and conventions in drawing, painting and a range of mixed media. Students develop their own ideas within the curriculum framework and explore a range of traditional and contemporary artists and styles. We encourage all students to have a go at every aspect of the Visual Arts.

Teacher in Charge: Jo Mears

Contributions and Equipment/Stationery: Art Fee for semester: \$25.00 including art pack and access to paint, ink and dyes

9MUS - Y9 Music

This course requires **1** option.

The Year 9 Music course is predominantly a practical course where students develop skills with modern instruments such as guitar, bass, drums, keyboard and voice. Students learn the role of these instruments within a group context and participate in a musical project from the formation through to a final performance. Students are also taught key aspects of music theory in a practical and applied manner.

Teacher in Charge: Greg McLarin

9DRM - Y9 Drama

This course requires **1** option.

The Year 9 Drama Course is mostly practical, where students develop basic skills in Drama Conventions. It involves students exploring and developing skills that are related to performance. Students are encouraged to have a go at all aspects of Drama.

Teacher in Charge: Stephen Lunt

9TRM - Y9 Te Reo Maori

This course requires **4** options.

Year 9 Te Reo Māori is a course that can be taken for 1 semester or the full year. It gives students an introduction to the Māori Language. The programme follows the Māori To Go Book 1 workbook, which is linked to Levels 1 and 2 of the NZ Curriculum. As well as studying the Māori Language, students will also practice cultural concepts.

Teacher in Charge: Bri Te Paa

9MMT - Y9 Multi Materials Technology

This course requires **1** option.

A course that introduces students to a technology process which includes working to a brief, researching, sketching, developing practical skills, materials knowledge, testing and trialling techniques and developing an outcome. Students will complete projects using a variety of different materials - wood, metal and fabric.

Teacher in Charge: Trina Smith

Contributions and Equipment/Stationery: To be confirmed (approximately \$25)

9DTG - Y9 Digital Technology

This course requires **1** option.

At Year 9 students are able to incorporate a wide range of skills including problem solving, decision-making, creativity, design, communication, critical thinking, analysis and evaluation. Students have many opportunities to use up-to-date digital technology facilities and incorporate digital technologies into their learning projects e.g. Robotics, Programming, 3D Printing, HTML with Web Design and Animation.

Teacher in Charge: Kim Adams

Contributions and Equipment/Stationery: \$10 (to be confirmed)

9FDT - Y9 Food Technology

This course requires **1** option.

A course that involves both theory and practical. Students will use the technological process to develop food products to satisfy given design briefs. All briefs will cover an element of nutrition awareness and students will be encouraged to develop healthy solutions.

Teacher in Charge: Trina Smith

Contributions and Equipment/Stationery: Cost is \$30 which includes all food and student workbooks

9DVC - Y9 Digital Visual Communication

This course requires **1** option.

A course that introduces students to the fundamental skills of technical drawing, graphic communication and designing. The first half of this course focuses on 2D and 3D drawing skills and basic understanding of the design process. The second half of the course reinforces these skills using a practically based project, where students will gain personal satisfaction by designing and modelling their design outcomes.

Teacher in Charge: Frances Gillett

Contributions and Equipment/Stationery: \$25 (to be confirmed)

9FRE - Y9 French

This course requires **2** options.

The Year 9 French course is an introductory course for those students who have either studied a language before or are interested in learning a language. The focus will be on conversation (especially helpful when travelling) and also the culture. Students will build their confidence in public speaking, increase their English skills and enjoy being able to converse in another language.

Teacher in Charge: Brigitta Bravery

9MED - Y9 Media Studies

This course requires **1** option.

Media Studies is a subject which is highly relevant to students given that 'the media' plays such a large role in the lives of teenagers today. Through being consumers and creators of media, this course aims to introduce students to the tools they need to understand the way media influences and manipulates its audiences. Students will be introduced to media concepts such as target audience, audience expectations, and the way media represents and misrepresents. Students will have the opportunity to create their own texts using either film or print media.

Teacher in Charge: Claire Farnan-Sestito

Contributions and Equipment/Stationery: Equipment Fees \$10, Trips - TBC

9ENT - Y9 Enterprise Studies

This course requires **1** option.

This course covers topics such as entrepreneurship, financial literacy, business concepts and product creation. These are the basic business terms and topics that continue through the Business Studies pathway. Students are encouraged to be creative problem solvers and to be able to share their ideas with others. Students will be assessed by completing a Entrepreneur research assignment and participating in a Shark Tank presentation. A can do attitude is required.

Teacher in Charge: Raninikura Kapa

Contributions and Equipment/Stationery: Business Workbooks \$5, Project Fees \$10

Trips - TBC

Notes:

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Option choice conditions
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• You must choose a maximum of 8 options.• Most options are for 1 Term.• You will do 2 options per term.• *French is a 2 option course. So you will only be able to choose 6 other options.• *Te Reo Maori is a full year option only. So you will only be able to choose 4 other options.• *Te Ao Maori is a compulsory option unless Te Reo Maori is chosen.• NUMBER your choices 1 to 8.

Please refer to the option booklet to help make your choices.

Art		Multi Material Technology		Design (DVC)		*Te Ao Maori	1
Drama		Food Technology		Media Studies		*Te Reo Maori	
Music		Digital Technology		Enterprise Studies		*French	

Feedback:

For the purpose of future planning are there any other subjects that you would like to see the college offer at Year 9?

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