

KIAMA HIGH SCHOOL

Year 8 Electives

2023

2023 Year 8 Course Selection Timetable

When	What
<p>Friday 2 September</p> <p>Week 7</p>	<p>Students are provided with an electronic copy of 2023 Year 8 Elective Booklets and view short talks by specialist teachers on the elective subjects offered at KHS at online year meetings.</p> <p>These will be available on the school website on the same day.</p>
<p>Friday 2 September</p> <p>End of Week 7</p>	<p>Year 7 students will be issued with their individual code for entering their preferences into EDVAL, there is instruction sheet, explaining the process at the back of this booklet.</p>
<p>Friday 9 Sept.</p> <p>Week 8</p>	<p>Due date for on-line selection of 2023 Year 8 Electives.</p> <p>Students are to print the confirmation of selection after entering their choices online and submit the signed confirmation to Mrs Anthony in A Block.</p>
<p>Late Term 4</p>	<p>Students will be notified of their electives.</p>

2023 Year 8 Elective Selection

During Year 7, students at Kiama High School are provided with a broad range of mandated subjects to study and enhance their learning experiences. In Year 8, as well as those subjects that students are required to study, Kiama High School offers students the opportunity to select a course in which they would like to focus more attention and further their skills and knowledge. Students and parents are encouraged to read the following course information carefully, consult with the teachers specialising in the courses and select THREE courses from those provided.

It should be noted that there is no requirement for students to choose electives in Years 9 and 10 that match their Year 8 Elective; nor will a student be disadvantaged for making different elective choices in Years 8 and 9. Kiama High School will endeavour to provide students with their first choice, although this cannot be guaranteed. There are a number of factors which affect a student receiving their elective preferences, most especially the number of students selecting that option.

Parents should note that costs incurred in electives course are compulsory. These may be made in a one-off lump sum payment or in instalments. All course costs are payable to the Administrative Offices in A-Block. If students have not finalised either their payments or payment plans by the end of Week 5 in Term 1, 2023, there may be a requirement for the student to change to an elective with no financial liability.

There is access to a Student Financial Assistance Scheme for eligible students. Further information about the course selection process can be obtained through Mrs Anthony, Deputy Principal Year 7 at the school.

Mrs Catherine Glover

Principal

SUMMARY OF COURSE COSTS

Course	Cost
Active 8	\$30.00
Drama	\$15.00
Design & Technology	\$50.00
Food Technology	\$75.00
Industrial Technology – Metal	\$40.00
Industrial Technology – Multimedia	\$30.00
Industrial Technology – Timber	\$60.00
Marine Studies	\$20.00 ** Students will also need to purchase a red lycra rash shirt
Music	\$20.00 Plus \$50 for instruments hired to take home
Textiles	\$45.00
Visual Art	\$40.00 Plus \$8 mandatory Visual Design Journal.
Visual Design	\$40.00 Plus \$8 mandatory Visual Design Journal.

How to select 2023 Year 8 Electives

1. Read this booklet carefully paying particular attention to:
 - a. COMPULSORY FEES;
 - b. Other EXPENSES – process diaries, fabrics instrument hire and camps;
 - c. Clothing requirements – covered shoes
 - d. Attendance/uniform requirements.

2. Choose THREE courses and discuss them with your parents/caregivers.
3. Go to <https://spring.edval.education/login>.
4. Enter your password in the appropriate space.
5. In Priority 1, select your MOST PREFERRED elective course.
6. In Priority 2, select your SECOND MOST PREFERRED elective course.
7. In Priority 3, select your THIRD MOST PREFERRED elective course.

REMEMBER: The order in which you select your electives counts. If you have any problems please see Mrs Anthony.

ACTIVE 8

The course comprises 80% practical activities and 20% theoretical study, giving students the opportunity to extend the work covered in the core Physical Education lessons. The double lessons also provide the time and opportunity to use facilities outside the school; that is, Kiama Leisure Centre, rock-pools, cycle-ways, tennis courts and beaches.

The course is aimed at the development of skills in the major areas of:

- Aquatics - to develop swimming and lifesaving skills and attain appropriate awards offered by the Royal Life Saving Society;
- Recreational activities - to develop skills in a range of recreational games and activities, so that constructive and enjoyable use may be made of leisure time.

NB: Students electing to take the course need not be outstanding athletes but should be competent in, enjoy, and be prepared to give of their best in a range of sporting and recreational activities.

Students should consider their effort, participation and achievement in Year 7 PE.

Course Fees: \$30.00, covering resources (eg, Aquatics Booklets).

Contact: Mr Peter Quine, Head Teacher – Personal Development, Health & Physical Education

DRAMA

The Year 8 elective course in Drama introduces students to the world of Dramatic Art. Year 8 Drama is very practical, specifically designed around workshopping activities to develop a student's confidence, and expressive skills through performance. Drama also offers students a chance to express their creativity through performance, movement, lighting, sound and set design, and collaborate with other students across the school in play building exercises.

Drama is a highly creative and collaborative subject and requires students to work with dedication and focus on individual, group, and whole class performances. Through group-devised and individual projects, the students develop their personal, interpersonal, and general work-related skills. These include problem solving, public speaking, the understanding and consideration of others, self-discipline, resourcefulness, memory training, organisation, spontaneity, creativity, empathy, sympathy, compromise, and tact.

Students are required to purchase a A4 Art diary as their class logbook to record their practical process and act as a reflective writing tool.

Course Fees: \$15.00

Contact: Ms Kate Stehr, Head Teacher – Creative and Performing Arts and Languages

DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY

People interpret and alter products, systems, and environments in an attempt to improve the quality of their lives.

In the Design and Technology course, students are presented with real world design problems, and they are challenged to develop solutions to these problems using the design process. Each student will engage with a variety of materials and technologies, with the final term dedicated to a personal design project, where students are encouraged to develop a project and solution that is of personal interest and significance. Students will also learn about the significance of design and designers in our society.

Focus areas for study include – agriculture, food technologies, engineered systems, information and communication technologies and materials technologies (timber, metals and textiles).

Course Fees: \$50.00

Contact: Ms Kylie Chapman, Head Teacher – Technology & Applied Sciences

FOOD TECHNOLOGY

Food is an essential part of our everyday life. We use it for energy, to celebrate and to spend time with family and friends. When studying Food Technology in Year 8, students will learn basic cooking and knife skills, Nutrition, Food Product Development and Food Art.

This course will be rich in practical experiences where students will learn to prepare healthy meals, how to develop a food product from concept to product and the tricks of the trade in cake decoration, food presentation and other food styling trends.

NB: Each student is responsible for providing an apron, tea towel, placemat and container for practical lessons. Solid leather/leather-like shoes must be worn: canvas shoes are a Workplace Safety Hazard and are not suitable.

Course Fees: \$75.00, to cover all ingredients and other consumables used in classwork.

Contact: Ms Kylie Chapman, Head Teacher – Technology & Applied Sciences

INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY – METAL

Minerals and metal products are essential for modern living. Most of us don't give much thought to the metal products we engage with every day. When studying Industrial Technology – Metal, students will learn the basic skills required to produce items in metals.

They will then move on to develop their own project using the design specifications developed by their teachers. Students will have the independence to design and build a metal project to suit the needs of a design brief.

NB: Solid leather/leather-like shoes must be worn: canvas shoes are a Workplace Safety Hazard and are not suitable.

Course Fees: \$40.00, covering cost of materials.

Contact: Ms Kylie Chapman, Head Teacher – Technology & Applied Sciences

INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY – MULTIMEDIA

Students will use a variety of technology to design and develop projects using new and traditional technology. This course will be IT-based and have a focus on areas such as STEM projects, 3D printing, web page design, computer-aided drawing and Photoshop.

This course will help students gain confidence in the use of basic computer skills, such as the use of word processing, spreadsheets, databases and presentation software.

Students will be required to complete a portfolio of work for each unit of work studied.

Course Fees: \$30.00, to cover cost of consumables (paper, rendering media, etc.)

Contact: Ms Kylie Chapman, Head Teacher – Technology & Applied Sciences

INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY – TIMBER

Timber products come from a living, growing, self-sustaining resource which human beings have been using for hunting and living for thousands of years.

When studying Industrial Technology – Timber, students will learn the basic skills required to produce product items in timber. They will then move on to develop their own project using the design specifications developed by their teachers.

Students will have the independence to design and build a timber project to suit the needs of a design brief.

NB: Solid leather/leather-like shoes must be worn: canvas shoes are a Workplace Safety Hazard and are not suitable.

Course Fees: \$60.00, covering cost of materials.

Contact: Ms Kylie Chapman, Head Teacher – Technology & Applied Sciences

MARINE STUDIES

The oceans, inland waterways and other bodies of water cover more than 70 percent of the Earth's surface and influence all forms of life on this planet. Australia controls an enormous area of the oceans (up to 1.3 times the size of its landmass) and is responsible for its stewardship.

Marine Studies provides an opportunity for the future custodians of the marine environment to study and appreciate its value.

It gives students the opportunity to develop the necessary knowledge and skills to safely use and protect its unique ecosystems and, at the same time, develop an appreciation and respect for the marine environment.

Students will achieve this through obtaining knowledge and skills in the following areas:

- Water safety & ocean skills
- Recreational fishing skills
- Shipwrecks and salvage operations
- Water bird ecology
- Marine biology
- Antarctica

Class time will be divided between theory-based lessons and practical activities. Practical excursions include water safety skills at the rockpool, ocean safety skills at the beach, fishing at the harbour, and coastal walks. There are also practical activities in class for example knot tying skills.

Please note: It is recommended that students choose to complete their Ocean Surf Safety Award (Surf Survival Certificate) as a sport elective during Term 1. This will greatly complement their Marine Studies experience.

Requirements: Students will need to purchase/obtain a red lycra rash shirt. These are for sale at the front office.

Course Fees: \$20.00 to cover the cost of materials used.

Contact: Mr Nigel Bolack, Classroom Teacher, Marine & Aquaculture Technology.

MUSIC

The Music course is for the full year, with the option of continuing into Years 9 and 10. This course caters for beginners as well as more advanced musicians.

Students will invest time into learning to play a musical instrument, as well as listening to music and learning to write their own music.

Students who are already able to play their instrument are given the opportunity to develop their skills by playing more advanced music, both individually and as part of a group. Singers are also encouraged to do this course to develop their talents in vocal performance.

The course also includes topic areas of study, including:

- Exploring varieties of music notation
- Pop music
- Technology and its influence on music.

The Music Department may be able to loan instruments, dependent upon availability. These include:

- Flutes, clarinets, saxophones,
- Trombones, trumpets, other brass instruments;
- Keyboards;
- Acoustic, bass and lead guitars;
- Drums

Students are encouraged to perform at events, including the KHS Festival and the KHS Art Exhibition & Elective Music Showcase Evening, and MADD nights. We also encourage students to become involved in extra-curricular musical activities - Band, Vocal Group, Small Rock Group, Musicals

Course Fees: \$20.00 for all Elective Music students, covering cost of Music, equipment to maintain instruments and repairs to instruments.

There is an additional hire fee of \$50.00 per year for instruments that are loaned to students to take home

Contact: Ms Kate Stehr, Head Teacher – Creative and Performing Arts and Languages

TEXTILES TECHNOLOGY

Textile Art is the use of fibre, threads and fabric for the creation of a textile artwork or item. Students will use various techniques to create artworks from thread, fibre, dye, paint, embellishment items and other decorative equipment. Projects can include a wall hanging, homewares and apparel.

Students will develop their design skills and learn how to use these skills to produce original artworks and textiles items. The first project will be teacher-driven; however, students will take the techniques learnt in their first project to create their own textiles items.

Course Fees: \$45.00, covering the costs of expendable items, such as bobbin, thread, sample fabrics, class patterns, some haberdashery items.

A textiles folio/diary is needed for design work (**\$8.00 from the front office.**) Purchase of fabrics, trims and notions for projects is the responsibility of the students.

Contact: Ms Kylie Chapman, Head Teacher – Technology & Applied Sciences

VISUAL ARTS

Learn of the dynamic links between the scientific, cultural and natural worlds and contemporary and traditional forms of artmaking!

This elective offers students the opportunity to create artworks with deep linkages to our known world. Students engage with the scientific world through the study of automatism, microscopic imagery and mixed media techniques. Our natural world is uncovered through hyper-realistic, graphite animal drawings. Traditional Alebrije mask making is explored, using paper pulp and wire armatures. Students will also engage in a community project with a local golf course, creating ceramics markers inspired by traditional Japanese Netsuke designs, that will be a permanent part of the green!

Students are encouraged to enter their creations into a range of local and national art events. Students will learn and engage in collaboration teamwork, critical reflection, audience interaction and studio artmaking skills.

Students also get the opportunity to engage in the learning process of Claymation, a day long, stop frame animation process that results in student making their own short animated films!

			
Art and the Natural World	Art and the Scientific World	Art and the World of Culture	Art and Community

Course Fees: \$40.00 – to cover material costs, plus \$8.00 mandatory Visual Arts Process Diary

Contact: Ms Kate Stehr, Head Teacher – Creative and Performing Arts and Languages

VISUAL DESIGN

Visual Design is an exciting new, one year course being offered by the Creative and Performing Arts faculty at KHS. Visual Design is different from Visual Arts in that students design objects to work in our world, these objects may have functional and decorative purposes. Students will learn about different kinds of visual design artworks in print, object and digital forms.

They will learn how to represent their ideas over the one year course with reference to contemporary trends and look at how web designers, commercial and industrial designers, graphic, fashion and accessory designers make visual design works!

Students will develop their research skills in the design of their projects, building a folio of work over time and documenting this in their Visual Design Journal.

- This course is a great starting point for students interested in future careers in a broad range of design fields, such as Jewellery Design, Fashion Design, Interior Design, Animation, Functional Ceramics, Game Design, Film Set Design, Prop Design
- This course offers students the opportunity to build a folio of work which can assist with applications for future study in these fields.

The course programs will be designed around the skills and desired learning outcomes of the students. We can tailor the design projects to suit projected career goals!

The course will explore the creation of:

- Sneaker Design
- Functional Ceramics
- Architecture/ Tree House Design
- Christmas Decor

			
Sneaker Design	Functional Ceramics	Tree House Design	Christmas Decor

Course Fees: \$40.00 – to cover material costs, plus \$8.00 mandatory Visual Design Journal

Contact: Ms Kate Stehr, Head Teacher – Creative and Performing Arts and Language