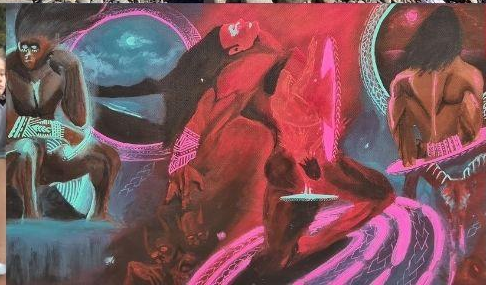


NAENAE COLLEGE

Year 9 Options

2026



Ready to choose your options for next year?

This resource is designed to help you understand the options available at Naenae College for Year 9 students.

Some of these options are the foundational skills for future subjects you can take in Year 10 and beyond.

You want to ensure you choose subjects that connect to your interests, skills, and possible pathways after college. Choosing subjects based on what your friends are doing might not be a wise choice.

If you wish to talk to someone about your options, you can ask your teachers or parents to email our school for more information.



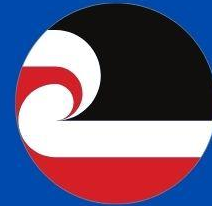
Compulsory Year 9 courses at Naenae College

All Year 9 students will do one term each of the compulsory classes over the year. You will do these two classes in the **FIRST** half OR the **SECOND** half of the year.



Compulsory Digital Technology

The basics of digital technology used during your years at Naenae College.



Compulsory Te Reo Māori

The basics of Te Reo Māori, one of our country's official languages.

Year 9 Options Timetable Structure

This is an example of how option classes are structured for all Year 9 students. You will take the two compulsory courses in the first half OR the second half of the year.

Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
Compulsory Te Reo Māori	Compulsory Digital Tech	Option B	Option B
Option A	Option A	Option C	Option C

Year 9 Option Subjects

Read the course description for each option over the following slides and use the **Year 9 Option Choices form link sent via email** to make your selections.

- Art
- Drama
- Food Technology
- Hard Materials Technology
- Japanese
- Media Studies
- Music
- Outdoor Education
- Services Academy

Year 9 Compulsory Course Descriptions

Compulsory Digital Technologies
Compulsory Te Reo Māori



Compulsory Digital Technologies

We use computers for school work, entertainment, shopping and much more. Understanding how computers work and how to use different computer applications is essential in our increasingly digital world. This course covers the basics in using a computer as well as an introduction to coding, creating animations and web pages.

We will learn to:

- Manage files and folders
- Use a keyboard efficiently
- Create a simple animation
- Create and publish a web page
- Do simple coding

Compulsory Te Reo Māori

This is an introduction course to Te Reo Māori (language) and tikanga Māori (customs). We will learn Te Reo Māori through korero (speaking), whakarongo (listening), pānui (reading), tuhituhi (writing), whakaaturanga (presenting), powhiri (welcoming ceremonies), haka (dance) and waiata (song). You can take the Year 9 Te Ao Māori option course if you wish to go further from this Compulsory course.

We will learn to:

- Greet, farewell, acknowledge people, and respond to greetings and acknowledgements
- Introduce yourself and others and respond to introductions
- Identify numbers, days of the week, months, and dates
- Say your iwi, hapū, mountain, river, hometown, and place of origin
- Recognise the sounds of Māori alphabet letters, letter combinations, intonation, and stress patterns.



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Art

Welcome to Year 9 Art! If you choose this option course, you will be working on a number of taster projects to develop skills in Drawing, Printmaking, Sculpture and Painting. These are the essential skills for future years of Art.



We will learn to:

- Express ideas creatively in relation to a given theme, focusing on your own interests, culture and identity.
- Develop literacy skills through Art Vocabulary while studying established artists and how they make artwork.
- Bring out your own creative ideas through compositional and experimental studies.





Drama

Year 9 Drama is a performance subject with students creating original stories. Students will develop creative thinking through short units of work designed to improve their storytelling skills. Students will gain self-confidence being in front of an audience, while also being introduced to the technical aspects of Drama and how they work.

We will learn to:

- Character Creation - use given information along with your own creativity to create a unique and detailed character within a given world/context
- Devising - create an engaging original story that is clearly communicated through group planning and presentation
- Performance skills - 3-5 minute production scene that will be directed by the teacher and presented to an audience
- Tech skills - explore different backstage areas in drama before focusing on one area to complete a design assessment

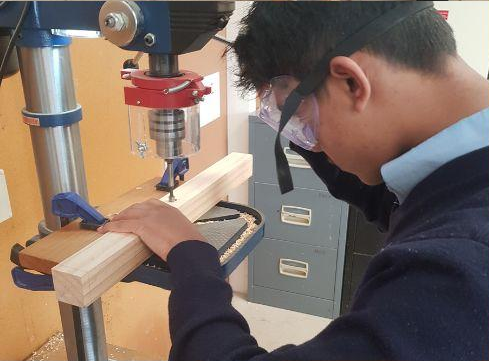


Food Technology

Are you interested in learning about food, and developing skills? Whether you are an aspiring Gordon Ramsey or have never been in the kitchen before then this will have something for you. First ensuring you have a good grounding of practical techniques and knowledge to be successful with food. You will go onto learn about healthy eating and develop and adapt meals to improve the nutrition of them.

We will learn to:

- Understand the importance of accurate weighing and measuring.
- Use equipment in the kitchen effectively and safely.
- Increase confidence, independence and skills when working with food.
- Make recommendations to improve the nutritional value of meals.



Hard Materials Technology

Hard Materials Technology is how to work and create materials in the workshop. You will work with basic workshop tools to create simple, attractive items to take home. You are encouraged to try things, make mistakes, and try again, learning as you go. Safe practice and perseverance are highly encouraged.

We will learn to:

- Identify the names and uses of various basic shop tools.
- Demonstrate skills and techniques required to craft straightforward and appealing items.
- Demonstrate skills and techniques for sanding and applying a finish to our projects.
- Apply essential safety principles for working in a workshop setting.



Japanese

This course will explore up to two of the three Japanese writing systems—hiragana and katakana—and introduce students to Japanese vocabulary and sentence structure. Students will learn how to introduce themselves, their whānau and whakapapa, and hold simple conversations on topics such as weather and school.

We will learn to:

- Reading - recognising the alphabet symbols of the Japanese language and connecting them to their phonetic sounds.
- Speaking - constructing simple sentences in the target language and verbalising.
- Listening - understanding instruction or greetings in the target language (informal)
- Writing - using written understanding of the symbols to create written texts.



Media Studies

Media Studies is about learning how media industries create products and stories to entertain, inform and persuade us. You will learn about how the media affects our lives, how and why products are made, and how to create your own.

We will learn to:

- Understand the difference between misinformation and disinformation.
- Write our own fake news stories.
- Explore the Superhero film and television genre and use our understanding of its codes and conventions to create original superheroes.
- Create a script and a poster or trailer for the opening and origin story of our superheroes.



Music

Year 9 Music is a foundational Music course. We will look at the basics of how music is created, written and performed in different styles. You will also have an introduction to some musical instruments, including: drums, guitar and piano.



We will learn to:

- Perform a song to the class (ia small group or individually)
- Compose music for a purpose (i.e. for a still image)
- Research and present a project on a musician or band
- Develop our aural skills by analysing songs, scales and chords (major/minor) and intervals
- Identify and describe music terms, symbols and basic notation



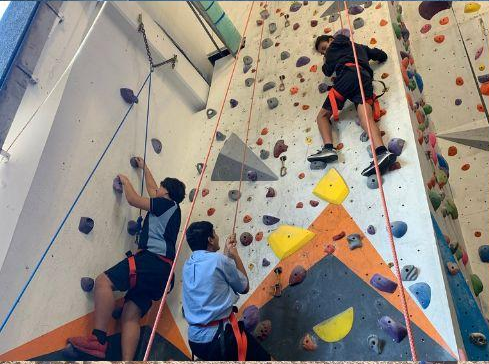


Outdoor Education

The Year 9 Outdoor Education program is designed to introduce students to a range of outdoor activities and experiences that fosters personal and social development and develops an awareness of our environments. Students will develop their ability to work together and build collaborative relationships in an outdoor setting.

We will learn to:

- Navigate using map and compass skills
- Prepare for tramps and go on short hikes
- Develop camping skills, such as lighting fires and cooking meals on the fire
- Participate in team-building activities
- Explore the natural environment





Services Academy

Services Academy provides an introduction to the discipline, training and fitness skills needed for the armed forces. At Year 9, it is about providing opportunities for you to push your boundaries, find new physical and mental limits, to encourage teamwork, discipline, and competitiveness and to develop confident, self-initiating, motivated, physically fit potential leaders and role models.

As part of the programme, you will be issued a Services Academy polo shirt and black trousers/shorts. You will also attend a boxing session at Naenae Boxing Academy each week.