



Gawler & District College B-12

Year 7 | 2026 Elective Options

From Our Principal

We believe that:

- Learning is a partnership to be shared by the student, the school and their parents/caregivers.
- Our objective is to provide a supportive School environment in which students can achieve their greatest potential.
- This will be achieved if students, supported by their families, always strive for excellence and give of their best and view learning as a lifelong process.
- Every endeavour should be made to make learning engaging for students.

Craig Brown, Principal

Course Selection

Making choices of subjects is very important. Every student should make a serious effort to plan their curriculum pathway to enable them to follow their chosen career path and interests.

In selecting a course students should consider:

- The curriculum pattern
- Student interests
- Career choices and/or post school options
- Current subjects and progress
- Subject teacher recommendations

Students can get help to choose the most appropriate course by talking to:

- Parents/Caregivers and/or their friends
- Home Care Teacher
- Subject Teachers
- Year Level Manager
- School Counsellors
- The SACE Coordinator

Information to help choose wisely is available from:

- This Curriculum Guide
- The Job Guide
- SATAC Guides
- Internet
- Tertiary Institution information
- Pamphlets and booklets in the Year 11 & 12 Study Areas

Parents/Cargivers can help by:

- Being positive, supportive and encouraging
- Assisting in finding information
- Attending course counselling days

Remember:

- Subject choices must be based on as much information as possible.
- YOU are responsible for YOUR subject choices.
- Subjects must be selected for the whole year.
- Choose carefully. Selections are considered to be FINAL and it may not be possible to make changes.
- The school will make every effort to offer the subjects that you select. However, this may not be possible.

You will be consulted if changes need to be made.



Introduction & Content

Choosing Subjects

Carefully read the subject descriptors before selecting your units.

We suggest you keep this Curriculum Guide for all of next year so that you may refer back to this information in discussing study plans for next year and beyond.

Progression to the next level of study is dependent upon students meeting the work and assessment requirements to a satisfactory (C grade) standard. Progress and course selection may have to be negotiated individually if student achievement is not satisfactory.

Additional information is available to students through sessions with Home Care teachers, year level assemblies, special assemblies for particular topics and discussions with subject teachers. Students are also encouraged to access other sources of information.

Additional information is available to parents and students through an information evening. Parents can contact appropriate school personnel if they require any further information.

Whilst there is a set curriculum pattern of required subjects at Years 7-10, some flexibility is possible to meet individual student needs.

Students, with assistance from parents/caregivers and counselling from Home Care teachers and/or counselling personnel, nominate their subject preferences. Students are issued with a computer printout of their choices.

The school timetable is constructed on the basis of student choices within the constraints of staffing and school resources.

Although every effort is made to accommodate all student preferences this is not always possible. Where students are unable to study their selected subjects they are re-counselled to enable them to select appropriate replacement subjects.

Students, with support from parents, will have limited opportunities to make changes to the chosen course.



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In 2026 Year 7 students have the compulsory subjects of: Maths, English, History, Science, The Arts, Design & Technology, Japanese and Physical Education. Additionally, students will have a number of elective options to select from.

Students must select two elective subjects from the below list plus an additional two reserve subjects (In the event first preferences are unavailable). Once you have decided, please record your choices on the Subject Selection Form.

Agriculture

Agriculture is a practical subject so students will need to be prepared to work within the full scope of animal husbandry and garden care. The topics in Agriculture will include an introduction to agriculture and safe work practices, farming in your backyard including growing plants from seeds and cuttings, animal husbandry and agribusiness.

Eco Studies

OUR WETLANDS NEED SAVING. We can teach you the skills to rehabilitate the wetlands. Ignite your passion for the environment, learning about animals, and get your hands dirty biodiversity and conservation; and ecosystems while working in both an inside and an outside classroom. Research using citizen science, participate in tree planting, bee hive/hotel creation and water resources management. Be the change you wish to see in the world, learn the skills to assist in decreasing climate change that you can teach others and take into your future. Come and get your hands dirty!

Math Investigators

Ever want to investigate how to get a hole in one at a mini putt putt and win every time. Is solving puzzles and problem solving your thing? Well then, WE NEED YOU! OUR SOCIETY NEEDS THINKERS AND INNOVATORS LIKE YOU! Let your creativity fly with maths. Work in teams and development new ideas from old concepts. Make the change you want to see for your future and become an entrepreneur. This elective is project-based learning where we will support you as you work through your ideas. This elective allows you to use all of your maths skills and more in one double just once a week.

Sports

This practical-based subject is perfect for students who love being active and want to develop their skills in a range of team sports. The course is different from Core HPE, with a stronger focus on practical lessons and game play. Sports such as soccer, basketball, netball, baseball, or football will be selected by the class, giving students a say in what they play. The focus is on building fundamental skills, teamwork, and having fun while learning through active participation.



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MUSIC

In the Year 7 Music elective, students will study music for 10 weeks and have the opportunity to develop their skills through a range of engaging activities. They will play in the class band, perform music using layered arrangements, and explore the fundamentals of music theory and music technology. The course encourages students to express their creativity through performance and to build confidence in a supportive and inclusive environment. This subject can lead to a variety of future pathways, including performer, music technician, recording artist, composer, conductor, teacher, musicologist, sound engineer, producer, and many more.

Stage & Theatre Design

In Year 7 Stage and Theatre Design, students are introduced to the creative and technical elements that bring drama productions to life. They will explore set design and construction, learning the basics of building and designing stage environments. The course also covers costume design, where students discover how clothing enhances character and storytelling, and makeup artistry, which teaches techniques to transform actors through dramatic and character-driven makeup. Lighting design is another key focus, as students gain hands-on experience in using lighting to shape mood, atmosphere, and narrative. No prior experience is needed, as long as students have an interest in drama and creativity. This subject offers a strong foundation for future pathways such as scriptwriting, directing, theatrical makeup artistry, performance, acting, stage technology, filmmaking, and more.

ART

In Year 7 Art, students will explore a range of media, including drawing, painting, and sculpture, as they develop their creative and technical skills. They will examine the work of various artists and reflect on their artworks through written responses. Throughout the year, students will compile a folio that showcases their use of different art techniques and materials. They will also have the opportunity to create and exhibit their own artworks in the Gawler and District College SALA Art Exhibition in August. This subject can be a pathway to careers such as artist, illustrator, animator, photographer, art gallery curator, art teacher, architect, and more.

Workshop Skills

In Year 7, students embark on an exciting journey of creativity and innovation! The term begins with a crucial focus on safety, ensuring that everyone understands the importance of working responsibly in the workshop. After mastering these essential skills, students dive into hands-on learning, spending half the term engaging with various materials to create their own projects.



Computer Aided Design (CAD)

In Year 7 CAD, students will navigate their digital skills to draw, create and innovate! This subject introduces them to the world of Computer-Aided Design (CAD), where they can bring their ideas to life digitally. This dynamic blend of practical and digital skills sets the foundation for future design challenges and ignites a passion for engineering and technology! Students will have opportunities to use 3D printers and a laser cutter to bring their ideas to life.

Elective Digital Technology (Coding and Game Development)

If you love games and want to learn how to make them, then this course will start you down that path. Making games is a creative and technical art form. In this course students will familiarize themselves with the fundamentals of game development. Using programs like Scratch to build their own videogames, students will become familiar with the basics of coding languages and logic. This course is for individuals interested in digital technology, and can lead to careers like: game designer or programmer, animator, app developer, cyber security professional, website designer or cloud engineer.

Food

Do you love food, cooking, or getting creative in the kitchen? In this exciting elective, you'll build your confidence and skills as you explore a wide variety of sweet and savoury dishes from different cultures.

You'll learn techniques like dough making, baking, knife skills, flavour balancing, and food presentation, all while working with ingredients and recipes that go beyond the basics. From pastry and pasta to decorated cakes and creative meal planning, this course is perfect for anyone who enjoys hands-on learning and delicious results.

Whether you're a beginner or already love to cook, this class will help you develop your skills in a fun and supportive environment.

Textiles

In the Year 7 textiles course, students will be introduced to fundamental sewing skills. They will learn basic techniques such as threading a needle, simple stitching, and using a sewing machine. Throughout the course, students will create easy and practical items. This course is perfect for beginners who want to explore the basics of sewing in a fun and hands-on environment.