

SHAPING OUR EDUCATION



SEEK

- *attempt or desire to obtain or achieve (something):*



EXPERIENCE

- *skill or knowledge that you get by doing something:*



EXCEL

- *be exceptionally good at or proficient in an activity or subject.*

TERM ONE ELECTIVES YEARS 7 to 10 TUESDAYS - 7 WEEKS

This program is designed to broaden the students' experience within and beyond the curriculum. It offers opportunities to extend or deepen their knowledge in a particular area of study or ignite a passion for a particular general interest. Staff, parents, past students and expertise outside of the immediate school community can offer a subject about which they are passionate and offer specialist knowledge.

Each term students are able to choose between a wide variety of subjects including the arts, science, technology, construction and sport. As part of our Careers program, all Year 10 students are required to participate in a careers subject in either Term 2 or Term 3. The Electives Program fosters Preshil's enduring commitment to: making, choosing, building, playmaking and performing as described in the Preshil 'Courage' book.

The cost of the Electives program is now included as part of the Years 7 to 10 composite fee and is also partly subsidised by the program budget. However, some subjects may have additional associated costs for special equipment, excursions, incursions and transport. Families are notified of these costs if they arise.

Some subjects may also extend into fruit or lunch, particularly those leaving the school grounds. Students will need to be aware of this when choosing particular subjects as they may need to take and eat their fruit and/or lunch.



DESIGNING OUR FUTURE

DREAM

- *an idea or vision that is created in your imagination.*

STEAM

SCIENCE | TECHNOLOGY
ENGINEERING | ARTS | MATHS

ART EXTENSION GROUP with Michael Hawkins

Involves students setting up their own art project from across various art mediums and will focus on the following starting points:

Self-portrait glitter paintings, Bamboo-cane sculpture
Stop-motion animation, Murder mystery (art + narrative)
Group mural making or Silkscreen printing project

Where will your creative brain take you?

Will involve at least one gallery and/or artist studio visit in Term 2. Important contemporary artworks of the last 20 years will also be sporadically brought up for analysis throughout the course. This is an ongoing elective to allow for larger projects to evolve.



PHILOSOPHY with Eliana Horn (Preshil Alumni)

Did you know that you can put the prefix ‘the philosophy of’ in front of any topic and bam, you’ve created a whole new area of philosophy? For example, ‘the Philosophy of Selfies’: are selfies a healthy form of self expression or a reflection of a self absorbed generation? ‘The Philosophy of Donald Trump’: why do people love him, why do they hate him, and why should we care about gender neutral toilets? ‘The Philosophy of Tumblr’: should we be ‘politically correct’? Do we really need to ‘check our privilege’? Join the conversation!

PERSONALISED STATIONERY with Clare Coman

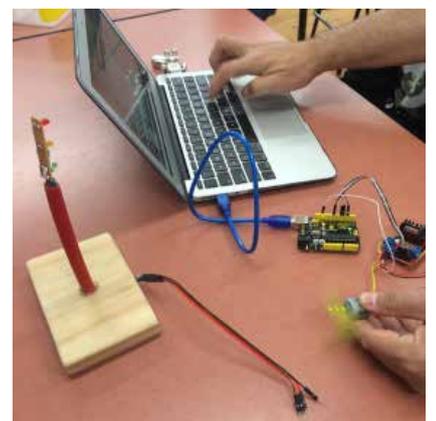
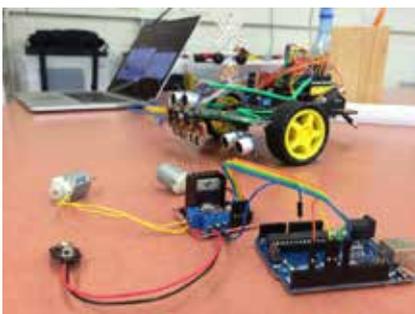
Have you thought about making your own cards and stationery? Would you like this to include natural or recycled materials? This elective will involve going to Recycle Art and sourcing some materials that can be used for your own stationery items. Other skills used will be heat-activated stamp glitters and quilling paper to add to cards.

Any cards that you make that you would like to donate, we can add to a basket in the office and give the money to charity.



ARDUINO PROGRAMMING with Karl von Moller

Please note new students are welcome and classes will be structured accordingly! If you have already begun your journey with Arduino and C/C++ programming, then this course will also introduce you to Ultrasonic Distance Measuring sensors, Soil Hygrometer/Humidity Detection, Electronic Compass Modules, LCD displays, LED alpha numeric displays, Motor control and interface digital sensors using I2C and SPI. Newcomers will develop their skills to sense the physical world, using connected sensors (light and temperature), turn on LEDs to create interactive lighting displays, control motors, generate different sounds, use breadboards and learn simple soldering. Come and check out our latest upgraded learning shield 'Eureka'.



FASHION ILLUSTRATION & SUSTAINABLE DESIGN with Jennie Spruch

Please note new students welcome and classes will be structured accordingly! Continuing students can now prototype their design from last term which will also include learning about sustainable design and designers. There will also be an opportunity for everyone to visit Hunter Gatherer and also an op shop to source materials to create a prototype of their design. This is a very visual, practical introduction to fashion illustration and textiles. Students will learn about the design process, how to get inspiration from research to mood board, how to draw the industry standard fashion figure and create a design that represents you. You will also have the opportunity to submit your designs to the Wool4Schools competition.



CERAMICS with Skye Gallagher

“Ever wanted to design and make your own dinner set, or perhaps your own designer jewellery? Maybe you wish to create your own fantastical creature from clay... In this elective you will learn a range of ceramic making techniques, such as hand building, wheel throwing, slip casting and glazing and work on a project of your choice!”



THEATRESPORTS with Adam Simon

In this Elective students will participate in a variety of improvisation games to assist in developing their drama skills. Each class is structured similar to a “Whose Line is it Anyway” show. A sample list of activities would be Film Styles, Fixed Emotions, House Party and Mission Improbable. The list of options is endless, maybe even come up with a few of your own. No experience necessary.

AUSLAN with Chris Dite (Preshil Alumni)

Think you're not a good language learner? Think again. Come and learn the basics of Australian Sign Language, Auslan. A range of deaf native and 'Magic Hands' teachers will teach you how to converse in everyday Auslan, including how to introduce yourself and other kinds of magic. Learn a visual language!

KERBAL SPACE PROGRAM with Eli Hoch and Riley Turner

Do you like space, history, rockets and the occasional unscheduled explosion? Do you like the idea of recreating one of the proudest moments in human history? Do you like having the fate of small, clumsy, green astronauts in your hands? If you answered yes to any of the above, then we have an offer for you. In this elective, taught by two of our 2014 Preshil graduates, they will guide you on a journey of space exploration with the help of the wonderful simulation/game 'Kerbal Space Program'. You will design the ships, plan the missions and pilot your creations out of the atmosphere with the final goal of recreating one of the finest moments in humanity's history: the manned moon landing. Throughout the elective, we will also briefly touch on the fascinating history of space flight.

This elective is designed for people who have little to no experience with Kerbal Space Program, but we'll be setting up some extra challenges for more experienced players if they would like to join in.

HEALTH and WELLBEING

KITCHEN GARDEN with John Collins & Sarah Alexander

This term's elective will focus again on ethical eating or "eating green". Not only will you source nutritious and delicious 'green' recipes, you will also cook up delicious food each week and take care of the kitchen garden crops.



SPORT AND PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

Meditation; Body/Mind Work with Fiona Martin

This is a Yoga, Pilates and Tai-Chi inspired program. No experience is necessary. It is essential that students bring a blanket, yoga mat, comfortable gym clothes (no jeans, jumpers or tight clothing) and bare feet. Be ready for a challenging, strengthening and uplifting choreographed program that will leave you feeling strong and relaxed. Fiona is an experienced Fitness Instructor and practising Dance Therapist who works for Boorondara, Yarra and Darebin City Councils in these capacities. She has also completed studies and contemplations in Meditation at Sidda Yoga Ashram in Fitzroy. Fiona has studied movement under Andrew Morrish (Trotman and Morrish) and John Britton of Duende. She has also studied Body Mind Centering under Llewellyn Wishart.

TENNIS with Bill Madafferi

Bill provides coaching for all ages and skill levels, from beginners to advanced, in a relaxed and encouraging environment, making it easy for students to enjoy their tennis as they learn the various disciplines of the game. Getting to know each student's strengths and weaknesses means progress can be made every lesson. Lessons are held at MCC Kew next to the Primary campus.



COMMUNITY & SCHOOL PARTNERSHIPS

Elective Volunteers Wanted

If you have an idea or know someone who would love to run an elective that involves a community partnership, please let us know!

ELECTIVES PREFERENCE

Students need to choose only one Elective. Students should mark their choices in the order of preference. The Elective you choose will be for the whole term. Forms must be returned by the due date and are dated and numbered on receipt to be fair. All Electives are allocated on a first come first in basis. We will notify you which Elective you are in as soon as possible so you can prepare if necessary.

CHOOSING AND RESPONSIBILITY

“From the earliest years, children at Preshil are encouraged to choose... In later years, children are encouraged to choose and pursue one or more special interests... This tradition of choosing special projects and electives continues throughout the school.

Preshil believes that providing children with the choice to follow their own interests leads to a more compelling and rewarding learning experience for both child and teacher. By taking ownership of their education children invest more of themselves and are more motivated to learn.

By learning to make their own choices in ever more significant ways, children begin to learn the importance of making good choices and taking responsibility for them. When children can understand that their every action is the product of a choice they themselves make, whether consciously or unconsciously, they become more empowered to direct their own lives.

By choosing to pursue their own interests children solidify their unique strengths and the growing expertise that will aid them in their later studies, as well as in their vocations as adults...”

The Courage Book

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