

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 FOUR ELECTIVES

YEARS 7 to 10

TUESDAYS - 8 WEEKS

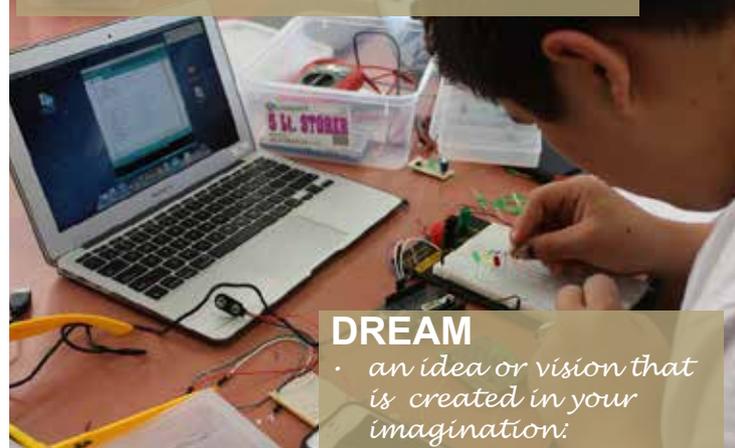
This program is designed to broaden the students' experience within and beyond the curriculum. It offers opportunities to extend or deepen their knowledge in a particular area of study or ignite a passion for a particular general interest. Staff, parents, past students and expertise outside of the immediate 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 throughout the year. 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

MURAL MAKING with Michael Hawkins

As part of a wider school initiative to turn the alleyway between the science rooms and The Blackbox into a Melbourne Laneway, Michael will be running an elective that will involve painting geometric mural designs in this space. The elective will involve designing and then painting your designs but also requires all participants to work together -this will be a group project to some degree.

Note: Priority will be given to Year 9 and 10 for this elective.

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.



LEARN THE BASICS OF OIL PAINTING

with Penelope Long

Penelope Long is an artist with over twenty years of experience. Penelope will teach you how to mix colour, apply paint and compose a picture. Students will be looking at the old masters, contemporary painters, and using their own ideas and surrounds for inspiration. The students will also learn about different styles of paintwork ranging from energetic brushy and expressive painting to a more controlled tonal approach. The main aim is to have fun and develop an understanding of a challenging but beautiful and rewarding medium.



PHILOSOPHY with Eliana Horn

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'? This term we will be discussing a whole new range of topics so whether or not you did philosophy last term - join the conversation!

VISUAL STORY TELLING with Karl von Moller

Learn to tell dramatic stories visually - learn some filmmaking techniques to help imagine, create and tell strong stories by strengthening your ability to express yourself visually. In this elective, students will explore the fundamental building blocks of a visual filmmaker. You will explore visualisation techniques like storyboards, how to use staging to make every scene strong and powerful and frame your shots using dynamic composition techniques. You will also learn about timing, visual flow, “crossing the line” and some tricks to break all the rules through the use of editing.



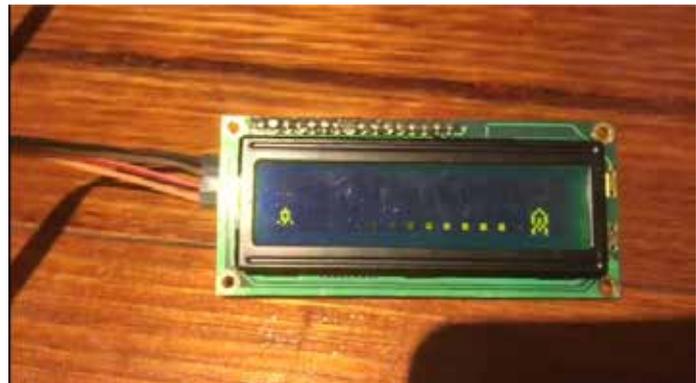
Karl is a freelance commercial Director, Cinematographer and Photographer, both locally and internationally. He has worked on many award-winning television commercials, documentaries and music videos. Projects include: The Bank Job, Storm Warning, Goggo d'art, The Australian Defence Force, HP Computers, Coca Cola, Toshiba, Canon, Killing Heidi, Wicked Beats Sound System and Madison Avenue to name a few.

OR

INTERMEDIATE PROGRAMMING with Karl von Moller

This term, “Programming with Arduino” will create an **LCD based game**. Students will also review some early steps in programming, the course is designed to take your programming skills to the next level.

Students will explore Arduino’s core by using “**interrupts**” to make game play responsive to button inputs, the basics of using the “**i2C protocol**” to communicate to an LCD module, **using libraries to extend what Arduino is capable of, and building the algorithm for a fun “space Invaders” style game.**”



RUSSIAN CONTINUES with Chris Dite

Politicians, generals, journalists and bookworms have been obsessed with 'deciphering' Russia for hundreds of years. Whether or not there actually is a key, a good place to start looking for one is the Russian language. Take this introductory course to the Russian language if you've ever wanted to get to the bottom of election interference, Crime and Punishment, Soviet glory days, Putin memes, criminal tattoos, and bleak dash cam auto accident footage. Your world will never be the same.



HEALTH and WELLBEING

VIVA FITNESS with Karoline Kuti

Discover activities that you may have never experienced or thought about to stay fit and healthy. Throughout this elective you may participate in activities such as rock climbing, belly dancing, orienteering, boxing, swimming, Zumba, tai chi, crossfit and many more. The class will be fun, inclusive and appropriate for any fitness level.



BOOK CLUB with Deb Heyes

Come and join the book club. We'll read a book, enjoy some cake and maybe even cook a little.



SPORT AND PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

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.



SKATEBOARDING with Junction Skate Coaches

This innovative and refreshingly new program focuses on engaging all students irrespective of age and gender and delivers an active fun and games-based clinic incorporating balance, agility, coordination and technique. During the program, confidence is built by the individual as he/she progresses with skills and techniques imparted during our sessions. The programs also assist in the building of participants' self-esteem and positive identity for young people and youth culture. Includes all equipment and safety wear. No experience necessary and students may bring their own boards, scooters and equipment.



COMMUNITY & SCHOOL PARTNERSHIPS

Year 10 CAREERS with Bronte Howell and Clare Coman

The Careers and Pathways Elective will introduce students to important information about careers and pathways. There will be helpful material to learn about the future of work, your skills and interests, Universities, TAFEs and alternative tertiary education providers, the selection of tertiary study places, work opportunities, interviewing skills and other resources about student pathways in the coming years. This may include visits from a selection of tertiary providers. We'll also look at study and work/travel abroad opportunities for young people. It is essential our students are well informed and equipped for employment, as well as develop the skills and tools necessary for job seeking success.

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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