



Moorefield Girls
High School

SUBJECT SELECTION

YEARS 9-10

2021 - 2022

INSPIRING YOUNG WOMEN

Information for students entering Year 9 in 2021

The NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) requires you to study a number of compulsory subjects and a range of electives. At Moorefield Girls High School our Year 9 and 10 curriculum is organised in the following way:

You will study 8 compulsory courses

- English
- Mathematics
- Science
- Geography (Mandatory)
- History (Mandatory)
- Personal Development, Health and Physical Education (PDHPE)
- Sport
- Careers

You will also study 3 electives of your choice from the list below:

- Commerce
- Design and Technology
- Drama
- Food Technology
- Industrial Technology - Multimedia
- Information and Software Technology
- Languages – Italian, Modern Greek
- Music
- Photographic and Digital Media
- Physical Activity & Sports Studies
- Textiles Technology
- Visual Arts

Record of School Achievement (RoSA)

At the conclusion of Year 10, students are eligible for a Record of School Achievement (RoSA) which is issued by the NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA). The RoSA is a cumulative record of all academic achievement and is designed to record and credential all of a secondary school student's academic results up until the HSC.

The RoSA will detail grades for courses a student completes right up until the time they leave school. If a student leaves school before receiving a grade in Year 11 or Year 12 courses, their RoSA will record the courses they commenced.

Mandatory requirements of a RoSA are displayed below.

English	The Board Developed syllabus to be studied substantially throughout Years 7–10.
Mathematics	The Board Developed syllabus to be studied substantially throughout Years 7–10.
Science	The Board Developed syllabus to be studied substantially throughout Years 7–10.
Human Society and Its Environment	To be studied substantially throughout Years 7–10. History and Geography in Stage Australian History and Australian Geography in Stage 5.
Languages Other than English	Must be completed in one language over one continuous 12-month period between Years 7–10 but preferably in Years 7–8.
Technological and Applied Studies	The Board’s Technology (Mandatory) Years 7–8 syllabus to be studied for 200 hours.
Creative Arts	Must consist of the Board’s mandatory courses in each of Visual Arts and Music.
Personal Development, Health and Physical Education	This course is to be studied in each of Years 7–10.

To qualify for the award of a RoSA, a student must have:

- attended a government school, an accredited non-government school or a recognised school outside NSW;
- undertaken and completed courses of study that satisfy the Board’s curriculum and assessment requirements for the Record of School Achievement;
- complied with any other regulations or requirements (such as attendance) imposed by the Minister or the Board; and
- completed Year 10

SELECTING SUBJECTS

Ability - Choose subjects in which you will do well

Interest - Choose subjects which interest you

Motivation - Choose subject areas which you want to study

Visit <https://www.moorefieldgirlshighcareers.com/>

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Moorefield Girls High School Careers website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for Home, Sitemap, and Book an Appointment. The main header features the school's logo and a menu with categories: IMPORTANT INFORMATION, HSC/ROSA, POST SCHOOL OPTIONS, WORKPLACE LEARNING, FOR PARENTS, and FOR STUDENTS. A large central banner reads "Applying for uni ▶ a Year 12 student" over an image of students. To the right, the text "Moorefield GHS Careers" is followed by a mission statement: "Our aim is to provide you with all the latest information that will help you make decisions about your future career and your life beyond school." Below this, it states: "You can use this site to locate University, TAFE and any other type of course across Australia, get information about the HSC, search for job vacancies and much more. Feel free to drop into the Careers Office if you have any questions." Three smaller tiles are visible: "Careers Newsletter" with an image of people, "UAC Course Search" with a magnifying glass over a document, and "Facebook" with a group of students. At the bottom left, there is a list of newsletter links: "June/July Careers Newsletter 2020" and "Term 2, Week 8 Careers Newsletter 2020". In the center, there is a search box for "Undergraduate" courses with a search bar and a dropdown menu. On the bottom right, there is a Facebook social media widget for "Moorefield Girls High Scho..." with 193 likes and buttons for "Like Page" and "Contact Us".

SUBJECT FEES

In electives there are costs for materials and equipment used and consumed by students.

When you elect to study a subject with subject fees you also accept responsibility to pay this fee. Students in financial need may apply to the Principal for assistance.

ELECTIVE INFORMATION

COMMERCE

Commerce is ideal for students who are:

- planning a career in Business, Law or Economics
- considering undertaking Business Studies, Economics or Legal Studies in the senior school
- interested in our legal system, the business world, financial literacy and the world of work

Commerce provides the knowledge, skills, understanding and values that support young people to make sound decisions on consumer, financial, business, legal and employment issues.

Students develop **higher order thinking skills** including the capacity to apply problem-solving strategies, the skills of analysis and evaluation. They engage in critical thinking, reflective learning, develop the ability to research information, evaluate options, and participate in collaborative decision making.

Commerce students develop attitudes and values that promote ethical behaviour and social responsibility and a commitment to contribute to a more just and equitable society.

DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY

Subject Fee \$40

Have you ever wanted to choose more subjects than you're allowed? Design and Technology allows you flexibility.

You can choose within Design and Technology to do a variety of different subjects rather than focusing on one area for two years. The class will be able to select design projects based on their interests, skills and resources available.

The course may include sewing, cooking, woodworking, graphic design, agriculture, small business or computing.

As a Design and Technology student you will learn to use a variety of technologies to solve specific problems. These skills are what employers are looking for: ability to work with others, thinkers, planners, ability to solve problems and creativity.

DRAMA

Subject Fee \$20

This elective course is available to all students. If you take this course you will gain knowledge and understanding of:

- Improvisation and play building
- The different dramatic forms and styles:
Physical theatre, Ancient Greek theatre, Commedia, Melodrama, Realism, Non-realism etc.
- Acting from different scripts
- Performance techniques (eg. Method acting)
- Technical aspects of theatre

You will also experience a variety of dramatic presentations.

The course will involve students in experiencing live theatre, in school and out of school. Students choosing the course must be prepared to meet the costs of these excursions.

Even if you do not pursue one of the many drama career paths in theatre, film and television, Drama is very useful in all areas of life. It will develop your communication skills and problem solving abilities, as well as boosting your self confidence in a wide variety of situations.

FOOD TECHNOLOGY

Subject Fee \$80

The Food Technology course focuses on food and its importance in our lives.

During the course you will look at:

- Skills in food preparation
- Food hygiene and safety
- Nutrition and healthy eating
- Food properties
- The development of the 'Australian cuisine'
- The development of food products
- Food from around the world
- Food service and catering
- Food for special occasions

You will develop excellent practical skills by cooking great recipes every week.

INFORMATION AND SOFTWARE TECHNOLOGY

People will require highly developed levels of computing and technology literacy for their future lives. Students therefore need to be aware of the scope, limitations and implications of information and software technologies.

This is a practical course which involves individual and group tasks which are performed over a range of projects. Development of technology skills and information about future career opportunities within this area are also important aspects of the course.

Students will identify a need or problem to be solved, explore a range of possible solutions and produce a full working solution. They will use a variety of technologies to create, modify and produce products in a range of media formats.

This course consists of core and option topics. Students are expected to complete a minimum of four options that include:

- Artificial Intelligence, Simulation and Modelling
- Authoring and Multimedia – Animations
- Digital Media
- The Internet and Website Development
- Software Development and Programming using games– Scratch, Kodu, Python

- Robotics and Automated Systems
- Database Design - SQL
- Network Systems

LANGUAGES Studying a language provides students with:

- effective skills in communicating in a chosen language.
- a better understanding of the relationship between languages and English.
- an understanding of the cultures associated with a chosen language.
- opportunities for continued learning and for future employment, both domestically and internationally.

ITALIAN

If you have enjoyed learning Italian in Year 8 then you will most certainly continue to have a great time in Years 9 and 10. You've learnt the basics so now it's time to further develop your skills in Italian.

As well as having fun and eating out at a restaurant, you will learn about life in Italy, the Italian culture, history and improving your language skills in both Italian and English.

Italian is the official language of Italy, San Marino and the Vatican City and one of the official languages of Switzerland. It is also spoken in many other countries in Europe, North and South America, Africa and Australasia. Italian and English share a common linguistic link with Latin. This makes learning Italian so much easier.

The Italian language is widely spoken in Australia and many opportunities exist to hear and use the language in real life situations. The Italian community is well established and continues to make major contributions to contemporary Australian society in the areas of culture, industry, trade and agriculture.

MODERN GREEK

The study of Modern Greek enables learners to gain access to, and to appreciate the rich culture, history, art, science and literature of Greece. Students will obtain linguistic competence which allows them to communicate with Greek speakers in Australia and around the world.

In addition, the study of Modern Greek assists learners in the study of other Indo-European languages. From ancient Greece through the Byzantine era and to modern times, Greek has been a dynamic language influencing other languages and cultures.

The study of Modern Greek contributes further to multicultural Australian society by promoting understanding, empathy and cooperation. It also provides learners with a sound foundation in all areas of study.

The study of Modern Greek provides students with opportunities for continued learning and for future employment, both domestically and internationally, in areas such as commerce, tourism, hospitality and international relations.

Industrial Technology- MULTIMEDIA

The Multimedia focus of this course provides opportunities for students to develop, knowledge, understanding and skills in relation to multimedia and associated industries. The major emphasis of this course is on students being actively involved in the planning, development and construction of practical

projects. Students will be provided with theoretical and practical experiences to develop knowledge and skills in multimedia.

Core modules develop knowledge and skills in the use of materials, tools and techniques related to multimedia and further developed through the study of specialist modules in multimedia based technologies.

Practical projects may include:

- Individual photographic images/ Movie posters
- Photographic presentations
- Game Development using Scratch, Kodu and Python
- Self Directed Movies
- Computer animations using software using Google Sketchup, and Alice 3
- Web pages/ Web sites

MUSIC

The Music course is designed for all students, no matter what you think your musical skills are. Each student, in consultation with the teacher, will set her own goals for playing music on the instrument of her choice and singing. The school has a limited number of instruments available for hire and a wide range of electronic instruments that can be used at school, including keyboards and guitars.

In keeping with the school's technology emphasis, computer software and hardware are used to assist the student. A range of topics will be studied such as rock music, film music, music from other cultures, popular music and classical. Students have the opportunity to compose their own music.

Fundamental skills in listening, reading and writing music give you the knowledge and need to progress with your own interests. Year 9 and 10 is an excellent beginning for people who wish to study music for the HSC.

Music provides enjoyable recreation interests, as well as providing background for a variety of careers within the music industry.

PHOTOGRAPHIC & DIGITAL MEDIA

Subject Fee \$60

Moorefield Girls High School is fortunate to have a working darkroom where students can learn the practice of traditional Wet Photography. The school also has a dedicated computer lab where students learn about digital photography and video film making. Photographic and Digital Media provides opportunities for students to develop confidence and skills in working with:

- *Traditional photography:* using SLR cameras, composing photographs, lighting, studio work and photography 'on location'. Students learn to process and print their own film using traditional darkroom procedures.
- *Digital Imaging:* Using software, particularly Adobe Photoshop to create fantastic and surreal imagery from digital photographs
- *Film Production:* From storyboarding, filming, editing and sound to adding special effects to short films and music video clips.

- *Critical and Historical Studies*: Students investigate the work of a range of photographers, designers, filmmakers, digital artists and animators to inspire and inform their own practice.
- The skills that students learn in this course can be used in other subjects to enhance the presentation of visual tasks.

PHYSICAL ACTIVITY & SPORT STUDIES (PASS)

This course is designed to meet the needs and interests of our students who enjoy physical education, sports and health and who are keen to experience a wider range of sports and physical activities, as well as increase their knowledge of health, develop new skills and want to build their self confidence.

The course has a good mixture of theory and practical work and many different activities are planned including the opportunity to attend a three day camp, part and full-day excursions to sporting venues, coaching activities and certification, aquatics awards, self defence, first aid and sports injury management along with an extensive list of competitive and recreational activities.

The course acts as a link between the junior school and the senior school for students wishing to take the 2 unit PDHPE (ATAR course) in Years 11 and 12.

TEXTILES TECHNOLOGY

Subject Fee \$30

Textiles are part of everyday life, we cannot escape them. Some people make a career out of them while others simply enjoy their look, feel and use them as a creative hobby.

In Textiles Technology you will:

- Design and create clothes, accessories and other textile items

Your practical project work will involve 5 focus areas: apparel, furnishings, costume, textile arts and non-apparel.

In Textiles Technology you will learn about:

- Textile designers, decoration of fabric, textile fibres and fabric construction
- History of textiles, cultural aspects of textiles and the textile industry

Join the Textiles Technology class and develop skills that could be useful in your career either as a professional designer, interior designer, and fashion buyer or perhaps as an enjoyable outlet for your creativity.

VISUAL ARTS

Subject Fee \$60

This is an exciting course that promotes creativity. It caters to all students with varying artistic ability. The Visual Arts elective course enables students to explore a range of ideas and art forms in their art making. The course includes:

- *2D Forms*: Students explore drawing, painting, printmaking, and mixed media, with works ranging from large scale projection pieces to the tiny, personalized passport to my world work.
- *3D forms*: Students work with both relief sculpture and expressive mixed media sculpture.
- *Ceramics*: Students create functional ceramic pieces such as teapots and tea sets to large scale ancient inspired pots and canopic jars.
- *Photographic and Digital Media*: Students use digital cameras extensively in class and go out of the school taking digital photographs. They create vividly coloured, surreal montages using Adobe Photoshop.
- *Critical and Historical Studies*: Students investigate artists, photographers, designers, filmmakers, digital artists and animators to inspire and inform their own practice.

THE SATURDAY SCHOOL OF COMMUNITY LANGUAGES and THE NSW SCHOOL OF LANGUAGES.

If you are unable to study the language of your choice at Moorefield Girls High School, you may be able to study it at either the Saturday School of Community Languages or through the NSW School of Languages .

The Saturday School of Community Languages offers courses in 26 different languages (e.g. Chinese, Spanish, Macedonian, Modern Greek, Serbian, Italian, Vietnamese etc.) at many different locations to HSC level and the NSW School of Languages offers 13 different languages including Indonesian, Japanese, Korean, Chinese, French, German, Italian, Korean, Latin, Modern Greek, Portuguese, Spanish and Russian.

You can apply through the Saturday School of Community Languages Coordinator and The NSW School of Languages through the Language Coordinator at Moorefield Girls High School. Places are limited at the NSW School of Languages - it only allows us to have six new enrolments each year. The Principal also has to indicate that you are capable of working independently and can meet deadlines. Don't forget you can only study a language at either Saturday School or the Open High School if a class in that language is not running at Moorefield.

Websites:

Saturday School of Community Languages

<https://saturdaycl-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/>

NSW School of Languages

<https://nswschoollang.schools.nsw.gov.au/>