




WAIMEA COLLEGE

Subject Choice 2019
Year 9 Students

Name: _____

The Waimea College option choices meet the needs of the National Curriculum Framework. All students will have year-long courses in English, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies and Health & Physical Education.

The other 3 essential learning areas are The Arts, Technology and Languages. These will be delivered in a series of “units”. Each unit will be 3 hours per week for one term. Students will do a total of 8 units in the year – two units per term.

Students will also choose 4 Enrichment courses which have a cross-curricular focus (see over page). 


Each subject has a unit value indicated. Please choose a total number of 8 units from the following list. Indicate your choice by ticking the boxes in the left hand column below. (✓)

The Arts			
<input type="checkbox"/>	MUS	Music = 1 unit	<p>You must do at least 2 from either Music, Performing Arts Drama, Performing Arts Dance or Visual Art.</p> <p>You cannot study Performing Arts Drama and Performing Arts Dance.</p> <p>You can choose to take 3 subjects from this category if you wish.</p> <p>Refer to the Curriculum Handbook for course information.</p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	PFA	Performing Arts Drama = 1 unit	
<input type="checkbox"/>	PFAD	Performing Arts Dance = 1 unit	
<input type="checkbox"/>	VAR	Visual Art = 1 unit	
OR			
Technology			
<input type="checkbox"/>	BIT	Biotechnology = 1 unit	<p>Digital Technology Media is a compulsory subject in Year 9. All students will study this for one term during the year.</p> <p>You can choose any other Technology units however, so that your total number of units for all subjects equals 8.</p> <p>Refer to the Curriculum Handbook for course information.</p>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	DTM	Digital Technology Media = 1 unit	
<input type="checkbox"/>	DTS	Digital Technology Studies = 1 unit	
<input type="checkbox"/>	FDT	Food Technology = 1 unit	
<input type="checkbox"/>	MAT	Materials Technology = 2 units	
Language (Each Language = 2 units)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	FRE	French	<p>You may choose 1 of the languages.</p> <p>Please note that Reading is recommended for students who need additional assistance with English, spelling, comprehension, reading, etc.</p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	JAP	Japanese	
<input type="checkbox"/>	MAO	Te Reo Māori	
<input type="checkbox"/>	REA	Reading	

PLEASE NOTE

The units that you choose to do in Year 9 will not generally limit your choice of options in Year 10. However, only able students should consider starting a foreign language in Year 10, and students wanting to do Sportspro in Year 10 will be selected from those who have done it in Year 9.

**There are no longer spaces left in Sportspro or Music Advanced.

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ENRICHMENT COURSES

Each student will study 4 Enrichment courses in Year 9. Each course is one term in length. Enrichment courses aim to include more than one curriculum area and focus on Key Competencies and project work. Choosing Enrichment courses can enable students to extend in an area that interests them.

Each Enrichment Course will come from a strand or cross-curricular area. Refer to the Curriculum Handbook for course information.

Choose 5 courses and number these in order of preference (1, 2, 3, 4, 5) from the list below. We will endeavour to give you your top 4 choices.

No. 1-5	Code	Strand	Course Name – See Curriculum book for more details
	EAC	ACTIVATE	Mission to Mars: Explore what it takes to get to the Red Planet and survive. Through a range of “hands-on” projects and online research, discover the challenges faced by humans as we continue to push the boundaries of exploration.
	EBO	BOOST	So Much To Give: Make a product from textile materials that can be donated to benefit others. This is a practical focused course that includes the recycling of clothing into items such as quilts and bags for a local community group.
	ECH	CHANGE	World View: Explore social issues such as the refugee crisis, terrorism, conflict, human trafficking, famine and child soldiers that will likely impact on the future well-being of humanity.
	ECR	CREATE	Unleash Your Creativity: If you have a passion for art, dance, drama, movie making, composing music, designing costumes, or you just want to explore where your creative passions lie, this course is for you.
	EEX	EXPLORE	Grow Your Future: Try your hand at adding value to horticultural or forestry produce while investigating aspects of science and production. Careers and industry speakers may be included.
	ELD	LEAD	Growing Leaders: Students will engage in activities undertaking leadership opportunities. They will develop movement and social skills, co-operation and empathy towards others, as well as organisational and planning skills, discovering critical thinking in action.
	ESA	SAVE	Save Our Local Environment: Actively investigate Waimea Inlet’s environmental issues and opportunities using scientific skills. A “hands on” approach will be chosen from: stream and estuary health; weather and climate change; invasive pests and weeds; pollution; human/cultural influence – or an issue identified by students.
	ESP	SPARK	Drive: Scope and possibility is limited only by your imagination, and your drive to learn. Introduction to a wide range of online courses or your own ideas will assist your inquiry project. Having access to a BYOD device is preferred.
	EPA	PAIHERE	Te Tumu Tumu: Discover what makes us uniquely Aotearoa, New Zealand by exploring the influence of both Maori language and culture.

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____