

Overview of the Year 9 Curriculum and Timetable

The Year 9 program offers students:

- An exciting integrated curriculum across the humanities called 'Coresplore' where students get to learn about the world and develop skills by seeing the inter-connectedness of God's world. English, History, Geography and Civics are all covered as students explore a range of units that mirror the biblical story of creation, fall, redemption and renewal.
- A unique 'Community Life' program where students learn about what makes community 'tick'. In Godspace, they tackle questions of faith and biblical understanding. In Hangloose, they develop important inter-personal skills. In their COGs (Community Organisation Groups) they organise everything from assemblies, worship and hospitality through to communication within the year level.
- A range of exciting off-campus experiences where students get to immerse themselves in the 'real' world. These experiences offer the opportunity to marvel at the diversity of God's creation from the city to the wilderness; from reflection to practical service.
- An innovative 'Earthprobe' program where students run their own Co-ops. Encouraging a practical and hands-on approach to environmental sustainability, students choose from a range of activities. From growing vegetables and herbs, making jewellery out of recycled products, caring for our own chickens and alpacas or taking responsibility for the school's recycling, these Co-ops provide the opportunity for students to make a personal impact on the environmental issues of our day.
- A Science and Maths curriculum that continues on with the important numeracy and science skills already established and vital for their future VCE choices.
- A broad selection of electives including Outdoor Education, PE, German, Music, Art, Drama, Food Technology and Wood Technology. These provide students with the opportunity to pursue individual areas of interest and giftedness.



The Structure of the Timetable

The timetable is built around a 10 day cycle. Each day is divided into three zones or blocks of 100 minutes each. Afternoon zones are divided into two lessons. Coresplore is allocated 8 zones per cycle; Coresplore Science and Community Life each have 4 zones per cycle. All electives have 4 zones per cycle.

Sporting Program

Students in Years 8 and 9 will combine for Thursday afternoon sport. They may choose to play in various team sports in the Eastern Independent Schools competition or school-based sports.