Dear Parents/Carers,

Students in Years 7-9 need to make choices regarding their elective subjects for 2015 during this week. This will be completed using an Online Application called “Subject Selections Online (SSO)”. Access is from the Telopea Park School Website.

Every effort is made to place students in the subjects they choose. Please ensure students register a number of preferences using SSO. Please note that first preferences are not always possible.

Regards,
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### Year 9 2015

Students entering Year 9 need to be aware of the subjects that they will be required to study in Year 9:

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### Year 9 2015 Subject Selections Online (SSO)

Year 9 (2015) students are organised in classes by the executive teachers of Mathematics, English, Science, Languages and French stream subjects.

For Arts/Technology, PE and Humanities classes, students are to choose subjects. Year 9 (2015) students (and their parents) will do this using the online application, SSO. A number of preferences will be required.

Accompanying this letter are descriptions of the courses that are being offered. Please read these carefully before completing selections online and note the following:

- Exactly one PE unit must be chosen each semester. (EFS students choose in Semester 1 only)
- You must choose one unit of Geography and one unit of History – only one per semester. (EFS students do not make this choice)
- Arts and/or Design Technology subjects are the remaining choices – one per semester.
- The online application, called SSO, will guide you in making these preference selections.
THE ARTS

Computer Graphics:
Computer Graphics introduces the student to the fundamental principles of Animation and/or Graphics Design. Course work will reflect concepts of practice in the form of animation or graphic assignments, practical tasks and a journal. Graphics students will work within the Adobe Photoshop environment, working with key tools, palettes and menu bars. Major features will include working with layers, image editing, design type, blend modes, selections, retouching, and working with swatches and colour. Animation students will create 2-D designs using computer graphics software. Practical components of this class will include allowing students to innovate, create and practice computer graphics techniques within a range of context designs. Telopea Park School is currently negotiating the possible introduction of a certificate II in Creative Industries in collaboration with the Academy of Interactive Entertainment. As this is in the design stage, more information will be available at the start of 2015. Study program includes short and long-term modules ranging from a single semester to a four semester course elective.

*Course Print Material Cost $15.00

Media:
Media is an Arts subject only offered in Semester 2. In Media you will investigate different types of media used today and how media can affect our perceptions and views. You may end up filming, using Photoshop (and other Adobe Suit products), writing, scripting, planning, or analysing different content. Media is a creative subject that utilises the various technologies we have at hand.

Video Art 1-4:
Video Art is an Arts subject offered in both Semester 1 and 2. Throughout the unit you will learn how to script, storyboard, use cameras, edit film, and critically analyse your work and others. There will be opportunities to make individual and group films.

Theatre Ensemble (Drama):
This unit will work on building performance skills such as acting for the stage, contemporary dialogue, working in small companies, multicultural theatre, ensemble building, and professional theatre visits. The group will work on presenting two short pieces of contemporary theatre.

Physical Theatre:
This unit will focus on the physical approaches to theatre making including circus, puppetry, street theatre, creative movement, stage combat and professional theatre visits. In second semester these techniques will be brought together to create a series of innovative non-speech based productions.

On Stage Off Stage:
This unit will bring together all the elements necessary to build a theatre production. Students will have the opportunity to experience acting, directing, producing, costume/makeup, set design and construction, prop making, lighting, sound and professional theatre visits. This unit will continue into second semester ending with a student designed, produced and performed work.

Performance Workshop (Drama):
This unit will work on producing a large-scale scripted work, with the possibility of integrating both live music and dance. In semester one a script will be chosen and students will begin work on all relevant areas of stage craft of theatre making including choreography, blocking, composition, set and costume design and construction.

Wind Ensemble:
A one semester course which builds on from the year 8 band course. Prior experience required.

Year 9/10 Guitar, Keyboard, Drums:
An intermediate level course for students interested in learning guitar, drums and introductory keyboard. Prior experience in the Year 8 guitar, drums, keyboard course is desirable.

Dance Now:
In this semester long course students will develop their movement skills in a variety of current dance styles. They will also explore the elements of choreography and apply them to their own compositions in order to develop quality dance pieces. Students will record and reflect on their own work and that of others through a process journal.

Dance Festival:
In this course students will be introduced to a range of techniques to equip them to create a group dance work which will be performed at the Canberra Theatre for the Ausdance Dance Festival. Students will develop skills in dance technique, choreography, rehearsal planning and team work. Students who select this unit must enrol in Dance Festival for Enrichment in Terms 2 and 3, to allow enough time to develop their choreography for performance.

TECHNOLOGY: COMPUTER AND DESIGN TECHNOLOGY

International Cookery:
In this unit you will understand and practice different methods of cookery from all around the world. You will engage in the creative process of designing your own dishes. You will develop your organisational skills in a team spirit.

*Course material cost: $80.00

Entertaining:
In this unit you will experience a wide range of cooking techniques and methods of cookery to entertain your guest’s palate. Be the Chef and develop your cooking skills at our famous Telopea’s Luncheon. You will design a morning tea and care about details to impress your guests. Develop your organisational skills in a team spirit.

*Course material cost: $80.00
Hospitality:
Students will plan and prepare food for social occasions. Food safety and hygiene, and food service will also feature. Students will learn basic industry skills including the operation of an espresso machine. The students will cook at least once a week. Students will maintain a portfolio.
*Course material cost: $80.00

Cakes, Biscuits and Slices:
This course focuses on the cooking methods, function of basic ingredient and storage of a variety of baked products including batters, biscuits, pastry, muffins and cakes. It also looks at the place of these products in our diet. Students will cook at least once a week.
*Course Materials Cost: $80.00

Short Order Cook:
Students prepare nutritious foods using fast contemporary food preparation techniques. These will include a fusion of Asian and modern Australian food styles. Students will maintain a portfolio.
*Course material cost: $80.00

Textiles – Fashion Design:
Students have opportunities to improve and expand their sewing skills in areas such as designer gear and sportswear. There is a focus on practical skills development, including sewing machine and overlocker. Students have the opportunity to use the computer aided sewing machine and specialised software. Students do not need previous experience. Student will undertake theoretical work associated with the course. Students will be required to supply their own fabrics, patterns and ideas to complete their projects.
*Course Material Cost: $20.00

Textiles – Fashion and Modelling:
Students have opportunities to improve and expand their sewing skills. It will include practical sewing projects that students will choose in consultation with their teacher. It also includes aspects of modelling, including catwalk modelling, photographic modelling, skin care, make up, hair care and manicure. Students will be required to supply their own fabrics, patterns and ideas to complete their projects.
*Course Material Cost: $20.00

Industrial Design 1-4 (Metal and Wood Workshops):
An introduction to the knowledge and skills required to construct cabinets and fine furniture using recognized, traditional trade practices and new technologies. Upon completion of the course, using woodworking production equipment and hand tools, you will be able to lay out, calculate, cut, machine, assemble and finish preparation of a cabinet or a piece of fine furniture.

Metal Jewelry Design:
Metal Jewelry is a Design subject only offered in Semester 2. During this unit you will learn various metal and jewelry techniques with many different materials we have available. There will be tasks in which you can chose what type of jewelry piece you want to attempt to make. The design cycle is used to help make your product.

Digital Photography 1&2:
Digital Photography is a Design subject offered in both Semester 1 and 2. Throughout this unit you will learn how DSLR cameras work and how to use them. You will also investigate different techniques and skills available to improve or alter photos. There will be opportunities to digitally edit photos, analyse and understand photography and take many photos.

HUMANITIES

Year 9 students must complete one semester of Geography and one semester of History during the year. Students organize their selections so that one is completed in Semester 1 and the other in Semester 2. Students cannot choose to do these subjects concurrently.

Year 9 History:
Units studied include the Industrial Revolution, Making a Nation and World War One.

Year 9 Geography:
Units studied include interconnected and the impact of interconnectedness, urbanisation, development and food Security

PE / HEALTH COURSES

Mainstream PE:
Mainstream PE courses contribute to the development of students individual and team skills in both indoor and outdoor activities with emphasis on game sense, teamwork and social interaction. Courses will consist of a variety of 3 week activity units and a Health unit.

Sports Leadership:
Sports Leadership incorporates the general Principles of Coaching and Sports Administration. Students undertake introductory certification in a range of sports, conduct Preschool and Primary Coaching Sessions and assist in the running of Primary School, Zone and ACT Sporting Carnivals.

Women in Sport:
Women in Sport is designed for female students who have an interest in fun fitness and team game activities. Theoretical topics have a strong female focus and include: Issues in Sport, Body Image, Nutrition and Exercise, Sexuality and Substance Abuse. The sporting schedule is flexible and negotiated according to interests.

Fitness for Boys:
Fitness for Boys is designed to encourage boys to participate in a range of individual and team sports and fitness related activities. Theoretical topics will be selected from the following; Sports Injuries, Drugs in Sport, Physiology of Exercise, First Aid and Sports’ Nutrition.

Fitness for Life:
Fitness for Life is designed to encourage students to participate in a range of individual and team sports and fitness related activities. Theoretical topics include; Anatomy and Sports Injuries, First Aid and Sports Nutrition.

*N.B: Voluntary Cost for Consumables
Please note: “The payment of this financial contribution is voluntary. The Education Act 2004 states that your child will not be refused benefits or services if you do not choose to contribute. Individual records of contributions are confidential.”