

GRADE 7 PERSONAL PURSUITS 2026

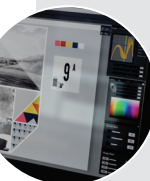
In 2026 students will be able to participate in two half-year Personal Pursuits subjects on Thursday afternoons. Please use the information below to inform your selections and complete the attached form. **Please select 4 of the options below. In order of preference.**

Street Art



Do you find street art, graffiti or tagging appealing? In this course we will explore all the different aspects of art which can be found on the streets, with no art gallery in sight! You will learn the unique art of graffiti lettering styles and also get to create your own 'tag' which we will add to the wall of the skate park on our class excursion. You will have the opportunity to learn stencil and paint application techniques to inspire you to develop your own colourful street style.

Graphics and Animation



Bring your imagination to life as you create and refine design ideas through graphics, 2D and 3D animation, and logo design. Using Photoshop, Illustrator, Blender, and TinkerCAD, you'll design your own characters, animate short scenes, experiment with 3D printing, and develop mini advertising projects that let you communicate ideas to real audiences.

Sweet and Savoury



Do you love to cook and want to get some more practical skills? In this course you will cook a variety of both sweet and savoury recipes to eat at school or take home to the family. The 'Sweet and Savoury' course caters for students from beginners through to independent cooks.

Dance



We will explore dance as an art form through choreography, performance and appreciation. Students will have the opportunity to choreograph and perform in whole class, small group and individual situations. Students will also learn about styles and choreographic intent, detailing how movement communicates ideas and concepts. Students will be expected to reflect upon and evaluate their own and other performances, which will develop performance capabilities and movement skills.

Basketball Academy



This course is designed to extend students with a particular interest in developing their knowledge as a basketball player or official. Students will develop their individual basketball skills, participate in umpiring courses and learn how athletes prepare for games through aspects such as nutrition, biomechanical analysis and psychological development. Students will also be given the opportunity to have local basketball players and coaches as special guests.



Sport, Fun and Fitness

This course is designed for students to have the opportunity to participate in and lead a range of physical activities. The class will focus on a range of sports, with students having the opportunity to be involved in activities that will enhance their physical, social and mental wellbeing.



NHSSA Sport

Students will participate in the NHSSA winter sport competition on Thursday afternoons. If choosing this option please indicate on the form which sport you intend to play:

- ▶ Football (boys)
- ▶ Football (girls)
- ▶ Soccer (mixed)
- ▶ Netball (girls)
- ▶ Netball (boys)



STEM

Design, build, and race your ideas as you work with CAD, 3D printers, and laser cutters to develop and test design solutions. You'll collaborate on projects using Micro:bit and Arduino to bring electronics to life. Along the way, you'll be introduced to exciting programs like STEM Racing, where your cars hit the track, First Lego League, where robots take on real-world challenges, and GreenSTEM, where sustainability drives innovation. You may even be selected to represent the school at the State Science and Engineering Challenge.



Drama

This Personal Pursuit provides students with an opportunity to continue to enjoy Drama. Students will be involved in a range of performance situations and practical group activities, including improvisation, whole class dramas and scripted performances.



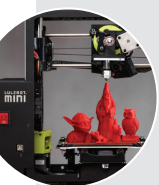
Music Extension

Music students develop their application of the elements of music to a wide range of activities including composition, improvisation and listening. Song writing skills are enhanced through examining common chord progressions and analysing high quality music examples. Students develop technique on their chosen instrument through goal setting and the acquisition of good practice habits. Performance of personally relevant material is of great importance and leads to self-expression and creativity.



Concert Band

You can develop your ability to read music notation and be part of a large ensemble playing a wide range of musical styles. Learn how to blend and balance your sound with others and understand the gestures that conductors use. No previous experience is required although people who have been members of the Esk Band Program or other community band programs should enjoy this course. Instruments are provided and there are no extra costs.



Applied Technology

This course uses a range of technologies to design and create a variety of projects. Machinery and skills used include; traditional handtools, 3D printing, 3D routing, laser cutting, forming plastics with heat and chemically, electronics including programmable boards such as Arduino and Raspberry Pi. Materials used include Fibre Reinforced Plastics, a variety of thermoforming 3D plastics, wood and metal.



Drawing and Painting

Do you enjoy drawing and painting and want to further develop your skills? Get your paint brushes and pencils ready. You are about to gain confidence using a wide variety of art materials, learning new techniques and how to use them. You will have the opportunity to experiment in your visual journal, before commencing the teacher directed tasks.