

# RODNEY COLLEGE



## SUBJECT SELECTION BOOKLET

FOR

YEAR 10  
2023

# INTRODUCTION

This booklet is designed to explain the subjects we will offer for the 2023 academic year.

Students who are not sure about what subjects to take should ensure they choose a wide range of subjects.

The school staff is available to advise students or meet with parents about subject choices.

Please phone our school office on 423 6030 to arrange an appointment should you need further information.

## When choosing:

KEEP IN MIND ...

1. English, Mathematics, Social Studies, Science and Physical Education & Health are compulsory at Year 10.
2. That a good general ability in a range of subjects is what many jobs require.
3. To ensure that all learners have the opportunity to become digitally capable individuals, the Ministry of Education is promoting students to take a Digital Technology subject at Junior level.
4. There are some jobs that require specific subjects – check with our Careers Adviser to ensure you make the correct selection.

## Year 10 Compulsory Curriculum Structure

English

Mathematics

Science

Social Studies

Physical Education & Health

## Year 10 Options – select options from the following

DVC Architectural Studies

Digital Technology

Drama

Engineering Technology (metal)

Enterprise Studies

Food Technology

Material & Technology (wood based)

Music

Spanish

Sport

Te Reo Maori (one semester)

Te Reo Maori (two semesters)

Visual Arts (one semester)

Visual Arts (two semesters)

The framework below shows where Year 10 subjects can lead to in Years 11, 12 and 13 to ensure all students have a pathway to success.

<b>LEVEL 1</b>	<b>LEVEL 2</b>	<b>LEVEL 3</b>	<b>Future</b>
English	English Creative Literacy  Media Studies	English Creative Literacy Literacy English Media Studies	U/P U/P U/P U
Maori Spanish	Maori Spanish	Maori Spanish	U/P U
Mathematics	Mathematics Mathematics with Statistics	Mathematics with Calculus Mathematics with Statistics	U/P U/P
Science	Biology Chemistry General Science Physics	Biology Chemistry  Physics	U/P U/P  U/P
Geography  History Business Studies	Geography Tourism History Business Studies	Geography Tourism History Business Studies	U/P P U U/P
Physical Education Health	Physical Education Health	Physical Education	U/P U
Construction Materials Technology (wood) Engineering Technology  DVC Architectural Studies Digital Technology or Computing Hospitality	Building Construction & Design  Engineering Technology DVC Architectural Studies  Digital Technology Hospitality	Building Construction & Design  Engineering Technology DVC Architectural Studies  Digital Technology Hospitality	A/P  A/P U/P  U/P P
Art  Music Drama	Art Photography Music Drama	Art Photography Music Drama	U/P U/P U/P U
Performing Arts Technology	Performing Arts Technology	Performing Arts Technology	P
	Gateway	Gateway	A

**Future Key** A = Apprenticeships

U = University

P = Polytechnic

## CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

LEARNING AREA	YEAR 9 COURSES	YEAR 10 COURSES
<b>English</b>	<b>English</b>	<b>English</b>
<b>Languages &amp; Culture</b>	Maori Spanish	Te Reo Maori Spanish
<b>Mathematics</b>	<b>Mathematics</b>	<b>Mathematics</b>
<b>Science</b>	<b>Science</b>	<b>Science</b> Enterprise Studies
<b>Social Sciences</b>	<b>Social Studies</b>	<b>Social Studies</b>
<b>Health and Physical Well-being</b>	<b>Physical Education and Health</b> Sport	<b>Physical Education and Health</b> Sport
<b>Technology</b>	Food Technology Materials & Technology – Wood Engineering Technology – Metal DVC Architectural Studies Digital Technology	Food Technology Materials & Technology – Wood Engineering Technology – Metal DVC Architectural Studies Digital Technology
<b>The Arts</b>	Drama Music Visual Arts	Drama Music Visual Arts

**Note:** **Bold Type** indicates subjects students must take. Other subjects listed are options that students may choose to take.

## COMPULSORY SUBJECTS

### Year 10 English

English is part of the compulsory programme in Year 10. This course focuses on the development of students' oral, written and visual language and prepares them for NCEA Level 1. Students study a range of texts such as novels, poetry and film through an exciting array of thematic units such as 'Conflict and Survival' and 'Gothic and Urban Myths'. They take part in oral and visual presentations, such as speeches and producing static images, and write in a range of styles. The programme will include standardised reading and writing testing (asTTle) as well as 6 topics that contribute toward the Junior Certificate of Educational Achievement. Students will have the opportunity to complete NCEA Level 1 assessments for static image, reading responses and oral presentation.

Topic name	Assessment Dates	Selected for JCEA
asTTle Persuasive Writing Pre Test	Term 1	No
asTTle Reading Pre Test	Term 1	No
Visual Text Study	Term 1	No
Close Reading of a Visual Text	Term 1	Yes
Written Text Study	Term 2	No
Close Reading of Unfamiliar Texts	Term 2	No
Static Image	Term 2	Yes
Non-Fiction Study	Term 3	No
Research Assignment	Term 3	Yes
Formal Writing	Term 3	Yes
asTTle Persuasive Writing Post Test	Term 3	No
asTTle Reading Post Test	Term 3	No
Response to Visual Text Essay	Term 4 – Exam	Yes
Close Reading of Unfamiliar Texts	Term 4 – Exam	Yes

### Year 10 Mathematics

Mathematics and Statistics is a part of the compulsory programme for Year 10. Content is grouped into curriculum levels in number, algebra, statistics, geometry and measurement, which allows individual students to work at their own level. Students work at their existing level of mathematical competence and are challenged to develop the skills required for success at the next level. The minimum goal in Year 10 is to be achieving at a level 5 proficiently, in order to be prepared for success in NCEA Level 1 which is at level 6 of the curriculum. There are two key competencies that are particularly important for mathematics; to be effective thinkers, and to be able to communicate ones thinking with accuracy and precision.

Topic name	Assessment Dates	Selected for JCEA
Number (asTTle)	February	No
Topic 1 Number	Term 1	Yes
Topic 2 Measurement	Term 1	Yes
Topic 3 Algebra	Term 2	Yes

Topic 4 Statistics	Term 3	Yes
Topic 5 Geometry	Term 3	Yes
Number (asTTle)	August	No
End of Year Exam	Term 4	Yes
Topic 6 Probability	Term 4	No

### Year 10 Science

This course is designed to build on the concepts covered in Year 9 in order to prepare students for NCEA Level 1 Science. Consequently, emphasis is placed on further developing the students' science literacy, numeracy and writing; research skills and investigative skills with strands of Mātaurangi Māori. Key Competencies and Science Capabilities are developed through the Nature of Science strand of the science curriculum.

Equipment: Year 10 SciPAD \$18

Topic name	Assessment Dates	Selected for JCEA
Acids and Bases	Term 1	Yes
Electricity	Term 1	Yes
Genetics and Evolution	Term 2	Yes
Birds and Bees	Term 2	Yes
Geology / Earth Science**	Term 3	No
Force and Motion	Term 4	Yes

\*\* Students have the option of doing an NCEA internal assessment for this topic

### Year 10 Social Science

Through the social sciences, students develop the knowledge and skills to enable them to: better understand, participate in and contribute to the local, national and global communities in which they live and work; engage critically with societal issues and evaluate the sustainability of alternative social, economic, political and environmental practices.

Topic name	Assessment Dates	Selected for JCEA
Economic Systems – Money-go-round	Term 1	Yes
Sustainability - Kaitiakitanga	Term 2	Yes
Human Rights – That's not fair	Term 3	Yes
Geography – Data collection and inquiry	Term 4	Yes

### Year 10 Physical Education & Health

Physical Education & Health is a compulsory subject in Year 10 that runs as the fourth period of a student's two option classes. This course is designed to continue on from the skills and themes developed in Year 9. Specifically, students will move beyond personal skill development to working cooperatively and assisting others to learn. In Health students will focus more on the dynamic states of personal well-being and ways we can maintain a healthy balance through life. The course runs for the entire year and the assessments are at Curriculum Level 5.

Equipment requirements: Active wear for all practical lessons. Pens or pencils for theory lessons.

Topic name	Assessment Dates	Selected for JCEA
Cooperative Learning	Term 1	Yes
Performance and Well-Being	Term 1	Yes
Drug Education	Term 2	Yes
Sexuality	Term 2	No

Body Image	Term 3	No
Skills and Rules	Term 3	No
Changing States of Health	Term 3	Yes
Games Strategies	Term 4	No
Leadership	Term 4	No
Fun Fitness	Term 4	No
Looking After Me	Term 4	No

## OPTION SUBJECTS

### Year 10 Design & Visual Communication (DVC) Architectural Studies

This one semester course teaches a range of essential skills required to be a product designer, architect, or graphic designer. Skills in freehand sketching and rendering, spatial design and visual presentations will be learnt through project based learning. These will continue to develop the student's knowledge in preparation for NCEA. No prior experience is required, but a willingness to learn. The course carries through to Level 3.

Contribution: \$10

Topic name	Assessment Dates	Selected for JCEA
Rendering and Sketching Drawing	Term 1/3	Yes
Spatial Design	Term 1/3	Yes
Presentation	Term 2/4	Yes

### Year 10 Digital Technology

This course focuses on providing the skills for NCEA Level 1 through brief development that will provide skills to work using the design process. Students will learn to design and develop a website using html and css. They will also develop resilience in problem solving skills when working within teams to develop a final electronics product. It is an advantage to have satisfactorily completed this course before selecting the Level 1 course. The course carries through to NCEA Level 3.

Contribution: \$25

Topic name	Assessment Dates	Selected for JCEA
Media Outcome	Term 1/3	Yes
Basic Computer Languages	Term 1/3	Yes
Electronics	Term 2/4	Yes

### Year 10 Drama

The course runs for one semester (two terms) and assessments are at Curriculum Level 5. Students further develop their skills and knowledge of the elements and conventions of drama. They will continue to develop their physical and vocal acting technique in addition to further exploring mime, improvisation, character development and role play. Students will be given the opportunity to devise a performance, learn how to operate as a chorus – encouraging the concept of ensemble acting. They will also be introduced to and perform a range of theatre forms particularly Commedia dell arte and Physical theatre, study texts and create characters using monologues and duologues or a short play. This course is the foundation for students who wish to pursue drama at NCEA Level 1 and beyond. There are three assessments which all contribute toward JCEA. Students will also have the opportunity to explore Performing Arts – mask and prop making for example.

Equipment: 1 x 20-page clear file, refill pad, pen and pencil		
Topic name	Assessment Dates	Selected for JCEA
Keeping it together: Chorus work	Term 1	Yes
A. Devise and perform a short drama incorporating elements and conventions and technique using Physical theatre B. Introduction to Commedia dell arte	Term 1 & 2	Yes
Perform an acting role in a radio play	Term 2	Yes

### Year 10 Engineering Technology - Metal

Year 10 Engineering Technology is about building on knowledge and skills learned in Year 9 and increasing the range of tools and equipment students can confidently use. This includes basic welding, electronics and sheet metal; leading students into more advanced project work including design. The course also covers workshop safety with a deeper understanding of workshop practice. This course gives students the opportunity to follow such diverse careers as robotics, electronics, automotive, construction and many other professions.

Contribution: \$40

Topic name	Assessment Dates	Selected for JCEA
Machinist clamp	Term 1/3	Yes
Tools and Techniques	Term 1/3	Yes
Every day carry tool	Term 2/4	Yes

### Year 10 Enterprise Studies

This half year course covers a range of life skills: from personal finances and tax responsibilities, to creative problem solving, and social enterprise.

Open entry

Costs/Equipment: \$10 start-up capital for Market Day

Topic name	Assessment Dates	Selected for JCEA
Understanding personal finances	Term 1	Yes
Planning a business activity in a group	Term 2	Yes
Running a business activity in a group	Term 2	Yes

### Year 10 Food Technology

This course is designed to stimulate students' interest in Food Technology and to help them develop the relevant knowledge and skills required for further study; and to foster lifelong skills and enthusiasm for cooking, nutrition and work or a career in the food industry. All topics will have



aspects of food safety and hygiene. Planning, designing and preparing a healthy meal is a highlight of the course. They will also have experiences in modifying recipes to suit individual needs.

Contribution: \$80 Stationery: glue stick, covered shoes, hair ties

Topic name	Assessment Dates	Selected for JCEA
Knife Skills	Term 1/3	Yes
Meal Planning	Term 1/3	Yes
Healthy Meal Development	Term 2/4	Yes

### Year 10 Horticulture and Agriculture

This course places an emphasis on the knowledge of agriculture from pasture to plate. Students will be developing knowledge and participating in plant growing, soil testing, and product testing. We will look at how we can maintain and improve NZ's primary industry (sheep and cattle) and the marketing around this.

Stationery: clearfile, refill pad

Topic name	Assessment Dates	Selected for JCEA
Pasture project	Term 1	Yes
Livestock	Term 1	Yes
Agriculture technology	Term 2	Yes
Product development and marketing	Term 2	Yes

### Year 10 Material & Technology - Wood based

This is a one semester course where students will make furniture type projects that require some individual design and problem solving capability, using a range of wood related materials. Although not compulsory, it is an advantage to have satisfactorily completed this course, before selecting a Level 1 Building Construction or Materials and Technology course in Year 11. It is a strong advantage to have followed a technology or building construction course pathway if students intend pursuing an Industrial Apprenticeship, or a career in Industrial Technology / Design / Arts.

Contribution: \$50

Topic name	Assessment Dates	Selected for JCEA
Workshop Safety and Responsibility	Term 1/3	Yes
Knowledge and Understanding of Resistant Materials	Term 1/3	Yes
Applied Use of Tools, Materials and Techniques	Term 2/4	Yes

### Year 10 Music

This course runs for one semester and assessments are at Curriculum Level 5. Learners explore a wide range of topics. The course is loosely based on the NCEA Level 1 course to ensure they are prepared for the requirements of NCEA Level 1. They work on developing their theory skills, compose music and participate in performing in a group and as a soloist. They also study the development of classical

music from the Baroque Period through to the early 20<sup>th</sup> Century. It is desirable that students are learning an instrument, including voice, either through the Group Itinerant Music Scheme at school or privately. Please see HoD Music to discuss further.

Equipment: 1x 1B5 exercise book, 1 x document wallet

Topic name	Assessment Dates	Selected for JCEA
Overview of the periods of classical music	Term 1	Yes
Score reading and analysis	Term 1/2	No
Perform a piece of music as a featured soloist and as a member of a group	Term 1/2	Yes
Composition and music technology	Term 2	No
Music theory	Term 2	Yes

### Year 10 Spanish

Year 10 Spanish introduces four topics that contribute toward Junior Certificate of Educational Achievement. The course runs for one semester and assessments are at curriculum levels 3-4. This programme is made up of 3 internal assessment tasks. The four topics give students the opportunity to communicate about themselves and their immediate environment and begin to communicate about life beyond their own experiences. The topics are: Going to School; Eat, Shop, Celebrate; At Home, Getting around town. This course is the foundation for students who wish to pursue Level 1 Spanish and beyond.

Topic name	Assessment Dates	Selected for JCEA
Understanding Spoken Spanish – Listening	Term 1/3	Yes
Understanding Written Spanish – Reading	Term 1/3	Yes
Speaking in Spanish	Term 2/4	Yes
Writing in Spanish	Term 2/4	No

### Year 10 Sport

Sport is an option subject in Year 10 that runs for one semester. There is a heavy emphasis on practical participation, however some theory will be involved to enrich student learning. The topics covered are based on Active Participation, Interpersonal Skills, Analysing to Improve and Motor Skill Learning. These will be completed through a combination of demonstrations, as well as student/peer/teacher judgements. Assessments are at Curriculum Level 5.

Equipment: Active wear for all practical lessons. Pens or pencils for theory lessons.

Topic name	Assessment Dates	Selected for JCEA
Active Participation	By Semester end	Yes
Interpersonal Skills	By Semester end	Yes
Analysing to improve	By Semester end	Yes
Motor Skill Learning	By Semester end	No

### Year 10 Te Reo Maori (one semester)

This course is based on Te Aho Arataki mo te Ako I Te Reo Maori (the Maori Curriculum for Mainstream Schools). During the semester, all students will use Te Reo Maori in the following contexts: Tikanga Marae (using customs and practices on the Marae), Koarotonga (comparing and contrasting different things), Kororero (conversational skills), Whakatauki (proverbs), Rerenga Ahua and Rerenga mahi (nominal and active sentences), Purakau (legends), Whakaari (plays). Assessments are at Curriculum Level 5.

Equipment: 1 x 2B5 Exercise Book      Field Trips: To be advised

Topic name	Assessment Dates	Selected for JCEA
Korero (Level 5)	Term 1	Yes
Tuhituhi (Level 5)	Term 1	No
Panui (Level 5)	Term 2	Yes
Whakarongo (Level 5)	Term 2	Yes

### Year 10 Te Reo Maori (two semesters)

This full year course will be based on Te Aho Arataki mo te Ako I Te Reo Maori (the Maori Curriculum for Mainstream Schools). During the year all students will use Te Reo Maori in the following contexts. Tikanga Marae (using customs and practices on the Marae), Koarotonga (Comparing and contrasting different things), Kororero (Conversational skills), Whakatauki (Proverbs), Rerenga Ahua and Rerenga mahi (nominal and active sentences), Purakau (legends), Whakaari (plays). Assessments are at Curriculum Level 5. This course will prepare students for NCEA Level 1 and 2.

Equipment: 1 x 2B5 Exercise Book      Field Trips: To be advised

Topic name	Assessment Dates	Selected for JCEA
Korero (Level 5)	Term 1	Yes
Tuhituhi (Level 5)	Term 1	Yes
Panui (Level 5)	Term 2	Yes
Whakarongo (Level 5)	Term 2	Yes
Matakitaki (Level 5)	Term 3	Yes
Whakatau	Term 3	Yes
Tikanga Marae	Term 4	No

### Year 10 Visual Arts (one semester)

This is a half year course covering a variety of different projects involving portrait painting, clay sculpting and illustrative design. The skills and techniques learned at this level are a prerequisite for entry to NCEA Level 1, which carries through to NCEA Level 3 and provides an excellent entry for further tertiary study in design and architecture as well as the fine arts.

Contribution: \$20 take home materials      Equipment: 2 x 2B pencils, 1 x A3 drawing envelope

All materials will be provided by the Art Department through the course contribution

Topic name	Assessment Dates	Selected for JCEA
Observational Drawing – Portraiture	Term 1	Yes
Portrait Painting	Term 1	Yes

Sculpture	Term 2	No
Design	Term 2	Yes

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Contribution: \$40 take home materials      Equipment: 2 x 2B pencils, 1 x A3 drawing envelope

All materials will be provided by the Art Department through the course contribution

<b>Topic name</b>	<b>Assessment Dates</b>	<b>Selected for JCEA</b>
Observational Drawing – Portraiture	Term 1	Yes
Portrait Painting	Term 1	Yes
Artistic Models	Term 1	Yes
Clay Bust	Term 2	No
Mosaic	Term 2	No
Van Gogh / Durer research	Term 2	No
Design – Typography / Fonts	Term 3	No
Design Illustration	Term 3	Yes
Cardboard Mechanics	Term 3	No
Sculpture Drawing – 1.3 / Level 1	Term 4	No
Sculpting in Plaster – 1.3 / Level 1	Term 4	Yes
Maori Symbol in Carving	Term 4	Yes

## **Online Courses - Year 10**

It is possible for junior students to enrol in either Video Conferencing or Te Kura.

Video conferencing is where the student meets once a week online with an allocated teacher. This meeting will be when they have a normal timetabled class. The student must attend the online class. After that, the student will have three lessons (usually timetabled in the Library) to keep up to date with their online work.

The following courses will be offered for Video Conferencing in 2023. <https://olc.school.nz/Courses>  
Te Kura is where the student completes all their work online. There is a series of lessons which the students work through. The student will have three lessons (usually timetabled in the Library) to keep up to date with their online work.

The current courses are offered by Te Kura. <https://www.tekura.school.nz/subjects-and-courses/>  
These may be subject to change in 2023.

Online courses are available to students who demonstrate a strong work ethic and like working by themselves in an online environment. Students can choose different subjects to those that are offered at Rodney College. Students can also choose a course which they are not able to do at Rodney College due to a subject clash. Students can also choose which level they work at: Year 9 - Curriculum Level 4; Year 10 - Curriculum Level 5, NCEA Level 1.