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## YEAR 9 COURSE OVERVIEW, 2027

Each topic covered will be investigated in terms of personal, local, national and global relevance, ensuring all our students are connected to their roots and personal identity but will also be confident global citizens.

### LITERACY STUDIES

- Writing in a range of genres - persuasive, creative, essay writing, writing for communication
- Close reading of books, poems and film to create meaning
- Responding to texts
- Reading comprehension and critical thinking
- Language studies, including spelling, grammar, structure
- Visual language
- Oral language

### NUMERACY

- Number skills - including decimals, percentages, fractions
- Statistical investigation and analysing statistics
- Geometry and measurement
- Probability
- Algebra

### SCIENCE

- Periodic Table
- Chemical reactions
- Motions and forces
- Earth systems - climate, water and carbon cycles
- Ecosystems
- Biology including genetics and cells

### HEALTH & PHYSICAL EDUCATION

- Fitness
- Nutrition
- Self care, puberty, addiction, mental health
- Positive Relationships
- Outdoor education - maps, risk taking, weather analysis, challenges
- Developing skills in specific physical activities



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## SOCIAL SCIENCES

- Historical impact of selected key events in New Zealand and the world from 1840-2000
- NZ Government systems
- Geographical studies of migration
- Our coasts as a geographical feature and resource
- Population change
- Economics and financial literacy

## TECHNOLOGY

- Using the design process to develop ideas
- Material investigation and development in a range of contexts, e.g. food, fabric, wood
- Digital technology

## ARTS

- View and respond to a range of art disciplines (music, drama, dance, visual art)
- Practice art making skills and apply to own creative work

## PATHWAYS

- Potential career opportunities, goal setting and tertiary training

These learning areas will be developed as a core classroom programme and will be complemented with specialist programmes, visiting educators or learning trips for areas such as music, STEM, sports skills, drama and dance.