



**Great Lakes  
College**

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# **Tuncurry Campus**

## **Year 8**

## **Electives 2024**





# COURSE SELECTIONS

## YEAR 8 2024

### INTRODUCTION:

Please read this booklet with your child and assist them in their selection of courses for 2024.

In doing so, remember that the selection of electives should be based on:


- Courses that have been enjoyed in Years 7
- Courses that have provided success in Years 7
- Consideration of future career paths

### NOTE:

- Some courses require necessary materials and consumable items to be paid for by students.
- It may not be possible for students to be given their first choice courses, and not all courses will operate. Students must select wisely as courses may not be changed.

**Please ensure that the online selection is completed correctly and submitted as per the instructions on the last page of this booklet. These selections are not based on a first come basis, therefore students and parents should take up the opportunity to make considered selections as changes may not be possible. Parents/caregivers understand that by submitting the form that elective fees must be paid.**

**Selections open on Tuesday September 12 at 3pm and are to be submitted online (instructions on back page of this booklet) no later than 5.00pm Tuesday September 19 2023.**





# Year 8 Electives 2024

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## Aboriginal Culture and History

Are you interested in learning about Australia's Indigenous Peoples? Examples you might study include Indigenous key concepts, such as identity and Country, Indigenous land care practices, language groups (with a focus on our local area) and connections between sport and community. You will be presented with an opportunity to develop an appreciation of the rich culture of Australia's Indigenous Peoples.

**Fee: No cost**

## Art and Design

This course continues to build on 2D (drawing, design, painting & printmaking), 3D (sculpture & ceramics), skills students are learning in the mandatory Visual Arts course and extends into more detailed use of these materials with the making of larger scale artworks. It will introduce students to Visual Design, where art practices are used to make functional artworks based on student interest.

**Fee: \$30**

## Crime and Conspiracy

You will investigate unsolved mysteries in history using historical and archaeological methods. Examples you might study include Jack the Ripper, the involvement of aliens and the Egyptian Pyramids, the Crystal Skulls, the lost city of Atlantis, the Easter Island statues, and the Nazca Lines. Develop your own line of investigation, using fieldwork, historical sources, and analysing evidence to determine the methods that can be used to understand the past.

**Fee: No cost**

## Dance

This practical and fun course is designed for students who enjoy dance and enjoy expressing themselves through movement. Students perform a variety of dance styles and compose their own movements and performance. This course is suitable for dancers of all abilities.

**Fee: No cost**





## Digital World

Do you enjoy learning about and exploring game development? Do you like the challenge of designing and coding your own designs? Digital World gives students the opportunity to use their developing knowledge of creative designs, create games, animations and work through several real-life scenarios. Students will also learn about digital citizenship as well as navigating the digital environment in the 21st century.

**Fee: \$40**

## Drama and Drama Games

Drama provides an important and valuable means of increasing self-confidence, communication skills and social awareness through fun activities. Students will learn through doing and will develop their ability to share, collaborate and perform. In Drama, students learn about themselves and others by creating characters and situations. Drama provides a powerful means of exploring the way people respond to issues and ideas.

**Fee: Possible excursion (and Eisteddfod costs in Semester 1)**

## Entertaining with Food

Do you enjoy preparing and sharing food for special events? Entertaining with Food is an elective course designed to develop the skills of students in the production and presentation of foods for special events such as banquets and parties. Students will study the safety and hygiene practices necessary for food preparation and plan food projects for special events. You are required to bring your apron and hat for practical lessons, available to purchase for \$13.

**Fee: \$55**

## Fashion Design

Do you enjoy the challenge and satisfaction of designing and creating textile products for yourself rather than buying them? Fashion elective is a textile-based elective in which students learn about the many and varied uses of textile products. Students will explore projects based on interior decoration and garment construction. Students document each of their design projects in a design folio.

**Fee: \$20 plus students will be asked to supply their own fabric for some projects.**

## I Wonder If .....

Have you ever wondered why something is how it is? Or isn't? What would happen if? Why did that happen? How can I make that better? Then this course is for you! Using research, the scientific method and your own ingenuity, explore the possibilities and get the answers to YOUR questions.

**Fee: No cost**





## Japanese Tourism

Do you like to travel? Do you like Japanese food? Are you interested in Japanese culture? If so, this is the course for you! In Japanese and Tourism, students design a trip to Japan, discovering beautiful scenery, exciting attractions and delicious food whilst learning how to shop, order a meal and navigate their way around Japan speaking in Japanese. Students will also develop an understanding of Japanese culture and customs, enabling them to communicate with Japanese tourists within the tourist industry in Australia and overseas.

**Fee: Cost of restaurant visit**

## Materials Technology – Projects

Do you enjoy learning about and exploring ideas for materials-based projects? Materials Technology Projects gives students the opportunity to develop and design projects using a variety of materials including timber, metal and acrylic in the workshop environment. Students will also learn about the workplace, health and safety considerations of the practical classroom and documentation of their design projects.

**Fee: \$55**

## Personal Interest Project

This is your opportunity to demonstrate your knowledge or become an expert in an area of your choice. The PIP elective aims to challenge students to think beyond the classroom curriculum using creative problem-solving skills and lateral thinking tools to explore both individual and group personal interest projects. Students will choose a global issue, research the topic, propose a solution and conduct a seminar to present their findings.

**Fee: \$25**

## Photo-digital Media Studies

This is an introduction to the study of photography and film making suitable for beginners and experienced students. Students will learn about using digital cameras and devices to create and manipulate professional looking images, combine text and photographs, publication layout and experiment with short animation and video production.

**Fee: \$25**

## School of Rock

This is a practical course designed for students who enjoy playing or singing rock and pop music. Students will learn to play as a member of an ensemble (group) and may have opportunities to play as a soloist. Students will be encouraged to perform on traditional rock instruments such as electric guitar, bass, drums, keyboard and voice. Members of the class may take up the opportunity to perform at assemblies, school events or the Eisteddfod.

**Fee: \$15 plus possible excursion costs**





## Sport Science

This course will appeal to any student who is interested in sport, the human body and the History of Sports. The course will include learning about the skeletal, muscular and cardiovascular systems, how best to improve fitness, Australia's Sporting Identity and History of Sport. During practical lessons, the students will be involved in fitness testing, circuit training, cultural sports and also developing their own games.

**Fee: No Cost**

## STEM

Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths. Do you enjoy challenges? Are you a lateral thinker? Do you want to develop your skills to create problem solving projects? STEM elective offers students the opportunity to develop skills in multi discipline projects, drawing together skills from across curriculum areas. Projects may include: electronic circuits for robotics, computer imaging/printing, and different types of forces for motion.

**Fee: \$50**

## Work, Work, Work

"We've gotta go to work, work, work..." Prepare for the working world by developing your understanding of work, recognise your aspirations, your rights and responsibilities as workers, employer expectations and the diversity of work opportunities. This is an exciting opportunity to develop your employability skills and capacity to prepare for and adapt to multiple transitions throughout your life. Let's start early in preparing you for life after school!

**Fee: No cost**

## Zoology

Do you have a favourite animal? Would you like to be a zookeeper, a vet or vet nurse, a farmer, a marine biologist, or do you just love animals?

The course introduces Zoology which is the study of animal life. Zoologist's research everything they think to ask about animals. This course will also teach you about animal husbandry and introduce the skills needed to handle, train & care for animals. As humans, we are intricately tied to animal life – we have depended on many of them for food, work, and friendship throughout our evolution and history.... not to mention that we are animals!

**Fee: No cost**







# How to select Elective subjects in Edval for 2024

**Step 1** OPEN your school student portal email account and look for the Edval subject choices email

**Step 2** Highlight and copy the Webcode (7 digits a combination of letters and numbers) in the email (ctrl C) or write the code down

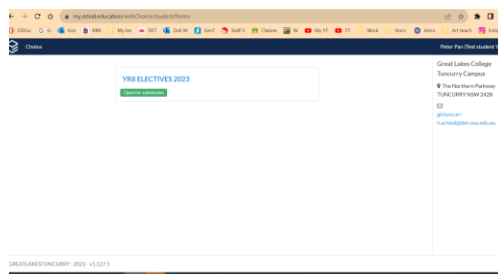
**Step 3** Click the link in the email and the elective choices website will open in anew page

**STEP 1:** Click: [my.edval.education/login](https://my.edval.education/login)

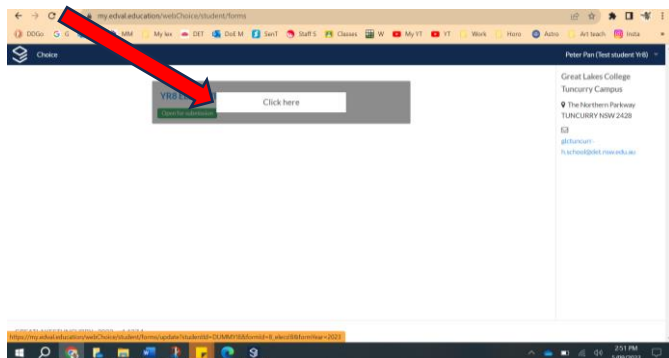
**STEP 2:** Enter the following WebCode: 0000000

**STEP 3:** Select sport you want.

**STEP 4:** Click [Submit].



**Step 4** Press Click here, enter the webcode either by pasting it (ctrl V) or typing it in



**Step 5** Choose main units AND reserve units, every field must have a response.

**Step 6** press *submit* and email your selections to yourself (student portal address) to remember your choices.

