

	Year 7- Curriculum Overview
English	Students will study a range of text types including a novel, film, poetry, nonfiction, picture books and extracts from Shakespearean plays. Students will learn how composers make meaning through their use of language and apply these skills to develop their own writing. Students will engage in some project-based learning to build their creative and collaborative skills.
Mathematics	Students develop knowledge and understanding of number, geometry, algebra, measurement, chance and data. Skills are applied to problem solving and mathematical investigations.
Science	Students will develop their working scientifically skills, basic knowledge and use of scientific equipment and safety through a study of <i>Forensic Science</i> in Term 1. This is followed with topics covering <i>Physics</i> - forces, T- use of microscopes and <i>Earth Science</i> - basic astronomy.
Geography (semesterised)	In Geography students investigate relationships between people and places in <i>Interconnections</i> and then explore a range of environmental relationships in <i>Landscapes and Landforms</i> . A practical fieldwork activity may be undertaken in the local area.
History (semesterised)	The Year 7 History course introduces students to the study of History and the techniques used to investigate the past, whilst also exploring societies of Ancient History. The introductory <i>Investigating History</i> unit explores the fundamental concepts of History. Students then start to develop their skills of interpretation, analysis, empathy, research, written and oral communication, through the study of two ancient societies: <i>Ancient Rome</i> and <i>Ancient China</i> .
Personal Development, Health and Physical Education (PDHPE)	Students develop their knowledge, understanding and skills across three content strands: Health, Wellbeing and Relationships, Movement Skill and Performance and, Healthy, Safe and Active Lifestyles. Students will integrate their understanding on key concepts and consolidate their development through practical application.
Technical and Applied Studies (TAS)	Students use a range of tools, materials and techniques in the design process and technological experiences through theory and practical lessons. In Semester 1 students explore <i>Digital Technology</i> and incorporate basic workshop safety during this time. Remaining study is rotated through 1-2 context studies, from: Food, Wood, Metal, Textiles and Plastics

Music	Students learn about the Concepts of Music to develop foundation skills in a range of learning experiences including: performing, composing and listening. Students investigate these learning experiences across a range of styles, genres and music periods. The four topics explored by students in Year 7 include <i>Discovering Duration</i> , <i>Exploring Pitch, Tone Colour and Sound Sources</i> and <i>Rock Music</i> . In these units, students are provided opportunities to perform individually and in small ensembles.
Visual Arts	Students learn to analyse, interpret and explain artworks in verbal and written form by investigating a broad range of art genres and styles throughout art history, including indigenous art. In art making, students build foundation skills across drawing, painting, printmaking and sculpture in the creation of portraits, lino printing and masks.
Language (LOTE) (semesterised)	The study of language is semesterised in order to give students exposure, confidence in skills in language and culture across two language study areas. Specific language studies offered include: Chinese, French and Japanese.
Specialist Programs	<p>Wellbeing: Ensuring all students are supported in their transition to High School is achieved through a dedicated program delivered within the student timetable. Peer support and student leaders are utilised to ensure all students are quickly integrated as members of the Chatswood High School community.</p> <p>Literacy: Recognising the critical role of student literacy to student academic success, Chatswood High School runs a dedicated Literacy program targeting Year 7 growth in reading and writing.</p>
Sport	Students engage in a range of physical activities to develop fundamental movement skills across a range of activities including: gymnastics, martial arts, dance and swimming.