

LATROBE HIGH SCHOOL



Junior Personal Interests 2016 Semester 2 (Term 3 and 4) Course Selection Booklet



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Grade 7/8 Junior Personal Interests for 2016

JPI 1

Grade 8 MDT

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Rock Band

Have you ever wanted to play in a band? Rock Band is your chance. In this subject you will learn the skill and techniques of a rock band instrument (guitar, bass, drums or keys) and work together in bands to learn songs to share. **WARNING:** Persistence and a positive attitude are required in order to get you rocking. Students will be required to complete some written work as well as set band pieces before undertaking their own choice of songs.

Sport for Girls

This subject is aimed at students who enjoy the opportunity to engage in physical competition in a safe but physically challenging environment. Students who select this class will be expected to display a positive work ethic in order to:

- Adapt and apply sport specific skills to new and challenging situations
- Understand how strategic thinking and game tactics can improve performance
- Understand personal fitness and the elements underpinning it
- Reflect on personal responsibility for fair play and sportsmanship in physical activities.

Grade 7 Food

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Grade 7 Maths Extended

This course is designed to enrich and extend students in Maths who have demonstrated an above average ability in this area. This unit will cover problem solving skills, using algebra and numerical skills to find solutions to everyday mathematical problems. Students are invited by letter to participate in this course.

Art

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Drama

Students will engage in a variety of practical activities designed to develop their communication and confidence skills. These include improvisation, scripted and unscripted drama and general language work. Students will be expected to participate in group work and to perform to a variety of audiences.

JPI 2

Grade 8 Food, Nutrition and You

This course investigates food and nutrition. Students will develop skills in the preparation and presentation of food by using a wide variety of cooking techniques and ingredients. They will also gain an understanding of nutrition and develop an awareness of how food choices affect life-long health and wellbeing. This course will have equal components of theory/demonstration lessons and practical cooking lessons.

Concert Band

Ever wanted to play an instrument? Flute? Saxophone? Trumpet? Tuba? This is the class for you. Everyone will be assigned an instrument at the start of the semester, and together we will form a large ensemble, or concert band. Learn the fundamentals of reading music and techniques on your instrument through team work and performances. **WARNING:** No daggy music here. Once we know how to play, the sky is the limit.

Sport for Boys

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Paint It

This subject is for students who love painting or who want to improve their painting skills. Students will be introduced to colour theory and basic painting techniques. Students will learn how to mix, apply and experiment with acrylic paint through a variety of projects and themes. This subject will help to improve students' understanding of composition, design and paint handling.

Cool Chicks

This course is designed to build and develop confidence in young girls. We will focus on public speaking, personal confidence and deportment and grooming. We will be having a number of female guest speakers visiting throughout the year.

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JPI 3

Grade 7 Mathbusters

This PI is for students who wish to improve their basic math skills. In class, students will be required to participate in a variety of math games, mental math and problem solving activities. If you want to get back to the basics of maths, then this PI is for you.

Sport Stars

This unit encourages students to participate in a wide range of sports from common individual and team sports to sport unique to different countries and time eras in a safe but challenging environment. Students will refine their fundamental motor skills as well as applying effective strategies and tactics to games and sport. Knowledge and understanding of sports and rules will be gained through this unit. Sport Stars is only open to students who intend to always participate and show good attitude towards having fun. It is expected that students participate 100%, with a positive and willing attitude towards every lesson.

Textiles

This course will provide students with opportunities to create a range of items that involve the use of textiles. A common project will be provided to start the term then students will progress to guided free choice projects. Cushions, bags, knitting, crochet, beading, embroidery, craft items, embellishment techniques, quilting, toy making or garment construction; working by hand and using the sewing machines – the possibilities are endless. While developing their skills, students will begin to understand the potential of designed objects and will explore originality and creativity in their projects.

Japanese

One of the most effective ways to learn a language is by understanding its culture. For this reason Japanese classes will be heavily focused on learning and understanding the written and spoken language through its dynamically vibrant and fascinating culture. While developing basic Japanese reading, writing and communication skills, students will have an opportunity to learn about Japan's rich history and experience its wonderful food and traditions. This will provide students with an opportunity to become culturally aware and obtain an appreciation for diversity and the role it plays in the world today.

Ceramics

Students undertaking this course will be introduced to basic hand building techniques, ceramic construction and decoration. With these skills we can make anything from a teapot to a monster!

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Junior Leadership

This course allows students to develop their leadership skills by making a positive impact on their school and local community. Students will learn how to plan and implement projects that improve the school and local community. Students will learn about inspirational leaders throughout history, how to work as part of a team and how to recognise their own strengths. Students will take on a role of responsibility within the school and local community, and experience positive changes as a result of their hard work.

Fitness Fanatics

Fitness Fanatics is a Personal Interest subject for grade students who would like to develop and improve their own personal fitness level. Fitness Fanatics is primarily a practical subject however there will be times when theory is required to help students understand components contributing to fitness. Students who wish to join fitness fanatics must be able to demonstrate a sound level of motivation and enthusiasm to reach their own personal fitness goals, be a willing participant in all activities, be able to demonstrate good team work skills and be prepared to work hard and SWEAT. Activities that could be included in the subject include: running drills, hill sprints, circuits, gym work, cross fit and boxing. Active participation is compulsory in this subject to achieve your fitness related goals. If you are prepared to give 100% and sweat, sign up!

Junior Drama

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JPI 4

Computer Skills

This PI focuses on improving the presentation of computer documents – word, publisher, emails etc. Each lesson students will be reminded, or introduced, to ways that will assist them with the appearance of their work. Classes will be a combination of self-exploration, teacher directed and following written instructions and will involve regular assessment tasks. This PI is not for computer gamers, but for those who really want to improve their basic computer skills.

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Music

Music is designed for students who already play an instrument and want to extend their skills to the next level. You will have the chance to select solo and small group songs to work on aiming toward sharing your work with the class. To succeed at a high level, you will need to have a high level of self-discipline as you will be practising your instrument without direct supervision. Written theory work covers the basics of reading music notation.

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Sketch It

This subject is for students who love drawing or who are willing to work hard to improve their drawing skills. Students will get an introduction to sketching from life with a chance to experiment with a variety of drawing materials and techniques. Students will draw a variety of still life, human figures and landscapes. This course will help to improve students' ability to observe, record, interpret and communicate visually.

Fitness and Games

Fitness and Games is a Personal Interest subject aimed at Grade 7 and 8's, who are willing to actively participate in a range of sports and fitness activities to the best of their ability. Traditional and non-traditional sports ranging from netball, basketball, European handball and lacrosse. Fitness activities will include circuit training, running activities and tyre training. Being motivated, showing enthusiasm, encouraging others and having fun are all attributes that students should possess if they would like to join Fitness and Games.

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Sing Star

Sing star is for the student who can't keep from humming, crooning, musing and whistling. Learn how to sing harmonies. Learn how to blend your voice with others to create amazing, show-stopping a Capella rhythms and accompaniments, a la "Pitch Perfect." Learn how to care for and warm-up your voice as well as the fundamentals of reading music so that you can be well-equipped for gigs and singing in bands. Learn about solo performance confidence tricks. **WARNING:** An open mind and a supportive attitude are the required attributes for this class. This is a great class to get you ready for Production in Gr 9/10.

Print It

This subject enables students to explore different printmaking techniques and media including monoprints, lino cuts and etchings. Students will learn a variety of printmaking processes through a series of projects and guided experiments. Design, composition and colour projects will encourage students to extend their ideas into a series of printed images. This course will help to improve students' ability to turn their designs into fine art prints.

Authorised

In this PI students will read books, poetry and plays and look at their authors. There will be some project work and plenty of class discussion. If you enjoy reading a variety of materials you will enjoy this PI.

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Science Investigation

Are you interested in Science? Do you like to be in control of your own learning? If so, then this is the subject for you. In negotiation with the teacher you will be able to complete some study and undertake an investigation in an area of science that you are interested in.