Manurewa High School
Piki atu ki te rangi

Year 9 Option Courses 2026   Name: _____

The Year 9 curriculum for 2026 consists of the following courses – **English, Mathematics, Health and Physical Education, Science, Social Science, Te Reo Maaori and Technology.**

Please choose below from the following option subjects to be included in your Year 9 programme.

Arts Courses – Please **select three option courses** below, ranked by preference 1st, 2nd & 3rd.

Dance	☐	Provide students with the opportunity to explore movement as a dance art form. Students will develop insight, understanding and a practical knowledge of culturally significant dances. They will develop choreographic skills while learning to present and respond to movement.
Drama	☐	Provide students with an introduction to the skills essential for creative drama and practical performance. Students will develop collaboration skills and will explore their ideas using mime, movement, body and voice. Students need to be aware this is a performance class.
Music	☐	This course is for students who are keen to learn how to read and play music. Students will study music theory and aural skills, especially focused around practical activities using keyboards and guitars.
Visual Arts	☐	This course allows students to further develop their art making and creative skills. They will complete works in different media including painting, print-making, design and sculpture. The emphasis of this course is on building students' skills and develop confidence with drawing and both wet and dry media. Student work will also be displayed in the school exhibition.
Music Academy	☐	This course is ideal for students who are keen to learn how to play and read music on a concert band instrument. It runs for the whole year, not just two terms. The instruments include flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet and trombone, with the opportunity to move onto others such as French horn, tuba, bass guitar and percussion. All students will receive specialist lessons on their chosen instrument at school from top musicians who come in to do this. Students will be expected to play in the Development Band and ultimately our very successful Concert Band as they progress, enabling them to play in competitions and attend overseas trips with us.

Language Courses – Please **select two options** below, ranked by preference 1st & 2nd.

Digital Coding	☐	This course will provide students with the opportunity to develop their digital literacy and work with coding software. Students will be able to develop their knowledge with different code languages. They will use this in a variety of applications including web and app design, gaming and basic robotics. Students will also have the opportunity to complete Microsoft Certification courses.
Japanese	☐	Students learn to communicate in simple spoken Japanese about themselves, their family and their likes and dislikes. Students are introduced to the Japanese writing systems. The study of Japanese culture includes making Japanese food, origami, writing with ink and brush and interacting with our exchange students from Japan.
Samoan	☐	An introduction to the spoken and written language of Samoa. The course topics will cover every day simple phrases in terms of listening, speaking and writing. This introductory level concentrates on the alphabet, vowels, pronunciation, vocabulary, grammar and greetings.
Spanish	☐	An introduction to the spoken and written language of Spain. The course topics will cover every day simple phrases in terms of listening, speaking and writing. This introductory level concentrates on the alphabet, vowels, pronunciation, vocabulary, grammar and greetings.
Tongan	☐	An introduction to the spoken and written language of Tonga. The course topics will cover every day simple phrases in terms of listening, speaking and writing. This introductory level concentrates on the alphabet, vowels, pronunciation, vocabulary, grammar and greetings.