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Subject Selection Information

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Faculty: CAPA

Subject: Ceramics (CEC)

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Classification of the Course:

Category C
Non-ATAR Friendly
2 Unit Board Endorsed

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Nature of the Course

This course provides students with the opportunity to develop an understanding of ceramic processes and practices, and the ways in which these can be used in making a range of products and artworks.

Students develop understandings of the histories, conventions, traditions and contemporary applications of ceramics to inform their own practice.

Ceramics is the art and technology of forming, firing and glazing clay to make a wide variety of products, ranging from building materials to ceramic ware such as plates, bowls and drinking vessels, jewellery, sculpture and decorative wall surfaces.

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Nature of the Course

This course enables students to develop an understanding of ceramic processes and practices, and the ways in which these can be used in making a range of products.

Students develop a critical appreciation of the aesthetic, expressive and utilitarian qualities of ceramic forms in contemporary and past societies, and knowledge of the diverse applications of ceramics in contemporary society and ways of valuing the skills involved in making well-crafted forms.

They also develop skills to give form to their ideas and feelings in ceramic products.

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What students learn

Modules include:

- **Handbuilding**
- **Throwing**
- **Sculptural Forms**
- **Kilns**
- **Glaze Technology**
- **Casting**
- **Surface Treatment**
- **Mixed Media.**

The **Introduction to Ceramics** (Core) and **Occupational Health and Safety** modules are mandatory. The additional module, **Ceramics Project**, extends students' learning experiences and may reflect students' increasing interests and desire to specialise in one or more area of ceramics.

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HSC Exam: No

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Internal Assessment Structure

Students are required to keep a diary throughout the course.

Students are assessed on coursework relevant to each Module studied.

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There is no external examination (delivered by NESA) for Content Endorsed Courses.

Assessment is school-based and teachers award an assessment mark using the Performance Descriptions for reporting achievement in HSC Board Endorsed Courses.

All Content Endorsed Courses count towards the Higher School Certificate and appear on the student's Record of Achievement. However, Content Endorsed Courses do not count in the calculation of the Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR).

Content Endorsed Courses may be studied as 1 or 2 units and as Preliminary and/or HSC courses.

The Common Grade Scale is used to report student achievement in the Preliminary/Year 11 course in all NSW schools.

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Elective fees for the Course:

$50 per year