



YEAR 8 2026

ELECTIVE CHOICES

Year 8 2026 – Elective Subjects

At Temora High School, in addition to studying the required Year 8 subjects, students are given the opportunity to study **THREE** elective subjects. Students will study each of these electives for one semester (two school terms). This will provide them with the opportunity to explore subjects prior to choosing their elective subjects for Stage 5 (Years 9 and 10).

Students are to complete the online form sent to their school email address, students are asked to select: Visual Arts (Mandatory), **THREE** subjects in order of preference and **TWO** reserve choices. Every effort will be made to allocate first preferences, but this will depend on student numbers and timetable availability. Some electives require contributions to be paid as the resources and material used are costly. If selected, parents/carers undertake to pay these elective contributions.

Please contact the Year Adviser if you would like to discuss elective choices.

Year Adviser: Mrs Lauren Krause

YEAR 8 CURRICULUM	English	Technology	PDHPE	Elective 1*
	Mathematics	HSIE	Visual Arts*	Elective 2*
	Science	Music	Sport	Elective 3*

**Semester-based courses*

Year 8 Elective Choices - Summary

ELECTIVE SUBJECT	KEY LEARNING AREA
Agriculture	Technological and Applied Studies
Commerce - Crime Scene to the Court Room	Human Society and its Environment
Commerce - Little Entrepreneurs	Human Society and its Environment
Dance	Creative and Performing Arts
Drama	Creative and Performing Arts
Food Technology	Technological and Applied Studies
History Elective	Human Society and its Environment
Industrial Technology - Metal	Technological and Applied Studies
Industrial Technology - Timber	Technological and Applied Studies
Photographic and Digital Media	Creative and Performing Arts
Sports Studies	Personal Development, Health and Physical Education
STEM	Technological and Applied Studies

Subject descriptions can be found over the page.

Year 8 Elective Subject Descriptions

Agriculture

Elective Contribution: \$20

Students get hands-on experience as they learn valuable skills in growing vegetable and regional crops, observing the growth of the Riverina's most common crops, and taking part in the school's sheep production. Through practical learning, students have the opportunity to learn new skills such as lamb marking, fencing, tractor driving skills and crop management.

The subject fee goes towards covering the costs of materials, resources and facility maintenance related to the course. This also allows for more frequent practical lessons to occur due to materials costs.

Commerce - Crime Scene to the Court Room

Elective Contribution: Nil

Ever wondered how crimes are solved, and justice is served? In *Crime Scene to the Courtroom*, you'll dive into the fascinating world of the Australian criminal justice system. Explore the nature of crime, how investigations unfold, and what really happens during a criminal trial - from arrest to sentencing.

Get hands-on with activities like solving fictional crimes using real forensic techniques, taking part in role plays, and stepping into the shoes of a prosecutor, defence counsel, or witness during a full mock trial.

You'll also unpack real-life cases that have shaped Australian law and changed the course of legal history.

If you're curious about crime, passionate about justice, or love a good mystery - this is the subject for you.

Commerce - Little Entrepreneurs

Elective Contribution: Nil

Got a cool idea? Think you could make it big? In Little Entrepreneurs you'll learn how to turn your creativity into cash by starting and running your very own small business - right here at school! From coming up with a business idea to branding, budgeting, and making a profit, you'll get to experience what it's really like to be an entrepreneur.

Work with your classmates to build a real school-based business, sell products or services, and see just how far your hustle can take you. Whether you're into fashion, food, tech, or just want to be your own boss - this subject gives you the tools to make it happen.

If you've ever dreamed of making money doing something you created - this is where it starts.

Dance

Elective Contribution: Nil

Students learn about performing, composing and appreciating dance. By exploring a range of dance styles, students will build performance skills and their overall understanding of the world of dance.

Drama

Elective Contribution: Nil

Students learn about themselves and others through focus, voice, movement and mime. Much of the class time is devoted to a practical approach to drama looking mainly at improvisation and play building.

Food Technology

Elective Contribution: \$50

A practical-based subject in which students gain basic skills in the preparation, cooking and presentation of food. Students learn how to use a variety of foods and understand their value in promoting overall health and wellbeing.

The subject fee goes towards covering the costs of ingredients, cooking supplies, kitchen equipment and resources related to the course. This also allows for more frequent practical lessons to occur due to ingredient costs.

History Elective**Elective Contribution: Nil**

This course allows students to look at some of the more colourful characters in history from Dracula (Vlad the Impaler) to Jack the Ripper. Other topics include the history of film, sport and recreation in history, war, crime and punishment. Students get the opportunity to examine historical websites and films, use digital media and take part in an excursion.

Industrial Technology – Metal**Elective Contribution: \$50**

Students design and make projects from metal products, using hand and machine tool skills. They gain an understanding of the basics of metalwork through this practical approach.

The subject fee goes towards covering the costs of materials and the purchase and upkeep of workshop tools and equipment related to the course.

Industrial Technology - Timber**Elective Contribution: \$50**

Students design and make projects from wood and wood products, using hand and machine tool skills. They gain an understanding of the basics of woodwork through this practical approach.

The subject fee goes towards covering the costs of materials and the purchase and upkeep of workshop tools and equipment related to the course.

Photographic and Digital Media**Elective Contribution: \$25**

Students explore the world of photography and digital media by exploring material and conceptual practice. Using digital and darkroom processes, students create a range of photographic works.

The elective contribution is used to cover the cost of purchasing and upkeep equipment such as cameras and other digital equipment.

Sports Studies**Elective Contribution: Nil**

This course provides for a comprehensive study of physical activity and movement. It incorporates the investigation of strategies and techniques that make movement more successful, and the development of fundamental skills to enable confident transfer of movement skills to various contexts. It also recognises the role that practice and feedback play in mastering fundamental movement skills. The syllabus has a strong focus on physical activity and is designed so that students learn through movement.

STEM**Elective Contribution: \$40**

Students learn about robotics, 3D design and production, as well as design and engineering principles. Students design and produce their own creative pieces while applying principles of science and maths to solve problems or produce a product.

The subject fee goes towards covering the costs of materials, technology resources, equipment, and enriching experiences related to STEM projects and activities which allows for more frequent practical lessons to occur due to material costs.

How to complete your Elective Subject Selection Form

Subject selection forms have been emailed to students, please complete selections online by **Friday 30th May 2025** (Friday, Week 5 Term 2).

1. Visual Arts (Mandatory) will be your first choice.
2. Select your **THREE** elective subjects in order of preference.
3. Select **TWO** reserve elective subjects.