



Rosehill College Year 9 Course Information 2026

The curriculum studied by Year 9 students attending Rosehill College in 2026 is designed to promote a broad and balanced education across all areas of the New Zealand Curriculum. Our Year 9 curriculum prepares all students for their learning in Year 10 and offers them an opportunity to explore their interests and passions.

COMPULSORY COURSES

All Year 9 students will study the following compulsory courses:

ENGLISH (9ENG): This course is designed to inspire students through engagement with the wonders of the English language. Students learn to interpret and respond to texts studied in class using critical skills and techniques. These skills can be implemented across the curriculum in other learning areas.

HEALTH & PHYSICAL EDUCATION (9PECO): Ākonga explore and demonstrate a range of values and investigate the importance of how these values impact participation across a number of physical activities and games. Ākonga demonstrate how to take responsibility during their Physical Education lessons and reflect on how this impacts teams in which they participate. Ākonga develop awareness of their own wellbeing and learn strategies to manage the transition into their teenage years.

MATHEMATICS (9MATH): This course is specifically focused on necessary skills within the Mathematics learning area.

SCIENCE: UNLOCKING SCIENCE (9SCIC): This course introduces the key skills required to unlock the Scientific world and unleash your inner scientist. You learn the necessary practical skills used within the Science learning area, the Scientific method, and the role Science plays in our lives. The Unlocking Science course is complemented by choosing a Science course in the second half of the year.

SOCIAL STUDIES: OUR AOTEAROA (9SOCO): From the earliest Polynesian arrivals to the latest migrants, we all chose to call Aotearoa home. We are a melting pot of many cultures. Find out more about who we are, how we have shaped our nation and what makes us special and unique.

TIKANGA-Ā-KURA (9TIKK): This course is undertaken to build understanding of the values of Rosehill College through a Te Ao Māori lens. Students engage in the school's heritage, make connections and build a sense of pride in who they are. This course assists all students to transition into Rosehill College during the first half of the year.

BROADER CURRICULUM COURSES

The Year 9 curriculum includes an additional five courses studied for one semester (half a year). This ensures broad engagement with each learning area of the New Zealand Curriculum and supports informed decision making about courses in the future.

- Students must choose **at least ONE course from each of these learning areas:** Arts, Languages, Science and Technology.
- Students choose **ONE OTHER course** that interests them from **any of the follow courses.**

This additional choice may include:

- an additional an Arts course
- a two semester Language programme / an additional Language course
- any other broader curriculum course choice
- *only ONE Technology choice is available to Year 9s in 2026 due to rooming and staffing constraints.*

During course selection students will be asked to select 'back-up' courses for each curriculum area. This is because some of the student's course choices may not be available due to staffing, student numbers, or timetable clashes.

ARTS CURRICULUM CHOICES

You must choose at least one of the following courses:

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| ART - PRACTICAL ART 9ARTP | An introduction to a range of different art making skills and media, including drawing, painting and/or printmaking. Students develop confidence and creativity, learning to generate, develop, and refine ideas in response to a variety of motivations, including the study of established practice. |
| ART - DIGITAL MIXED MEDIA 9ARDM | Students develop confidence and creativity through mixed media digital art making techniques and processes. Students learn to generate, explore and communicate ideas in a range of media including digital collage, photography and illustration, utilising a variety of digital art making tools. |
| ART - CONTEMPORARY ART OF THE PACIFIC J9ARPA | Students develop and extend knowledge of contemporary art making processes of both Māori artists and artists of the wider Pacific. Ākonga compare and contrast the ways in which ideas and art-making processes are used to communicate meaning in selected objects and images related to their own personal communities and culture. |
| DANCE - 9DANC | Ākonga will be introduced to a variety of dance genres, exploring how each utilises the elements of dance, and develop an understanding of the context and culture each dance sits within. Students will develop practical skills by learning a number of fundamental movements relating to the genre of focus which will culminate in a dance performance. A mostly practical course, students will experience all features that lay the foundations to meet NCEA requirements in the future. |
| DRAMATIC ARTS - 9DRAM | This course provides opportunities for ākonga to explore dramatic forms and techniques, using material from a wide range of sources and cultures. Ākonga will use the elements of drama to examine situations and issues that are relevant to their lives. Ākonga will create, perform, discuss, and analyse drama, and then reflect on the experiences to develop an understanding of themselves, the art form, and the world around them. |
| MUSIC - 9MUSG | Bring your skill as a musician - or your desire to become a musician - to this class, and play as part of a class band, learn guitar, and/or engage with a class vocal group. Create and play music while increasing Music Literacy. You will also have the opportunity to take Itinerant Music Lessons with a specialist teacher. Options include piano, guitar, flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, trombone, percussion and vocals. <i>Access to an instrument is required.</i> |

SCIENCE CURRICULUM CHOICES

You must choose at least one of the following courses:

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| SCIENCE FORENSICS - 9SCIF | Become a forensic scientist for a semester and extend your Scientific knowledge with a focus on Biology and Chemistry. This course explores the job of a forensic scientist, types of forensic evidence and the application of investigative skills and scientific knowledge. |
| SCIENCE PLANET EARTH AND BEYOND - 9SCIP | Explore the uniqueness of our planet and the wonders of the Universe, extending your Scientific knowledge with a focus on Physics and Earth and Space Science. This course will look at both Earth and Astronomical Systems, the interactions between the two, and the physical phenomenon involved. |

LANGUAGES CURRICULUM CHOICES

You must choose at least one of the following courses:

*If you want to study the same language for two semesters (all year), please select the course with '2' at the end of the code.
N.B. choosing a language for the whole year includes your Interest-based course for 2026.*

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| CHINESE - ONE SEMESTER 9CHI1 | This course is an introduction to the basics of Chinese language, including pronunciation, grammar, and vocabulary. You will be able to use basic Chinese language to communicate simple ideas, feelings and needs. You will also develop an awareness and appreciation of Chinese culture and traditions, including food, festivals, and customs. |
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| CHINESE - TWO SEMESTERS 9CHI2 | This course is designed to enhance your proficiency in Chinese through an interactive and culturally immersive approach. You will expand your vocabulary, grasp fundamental grammatical structures, and improve your listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills. You will develop your communication skills in everyday contexts. You will build a solid foundation in the language and deepen your understanding of the diverse Chinese culture. |
| TE REO MĀORI - ONE SEMESTER 9MAO1 | In this course students will develop and demonstrate language skills to learn Te Reo Māori through karakia, waiata and a host of interactive and group activities. Key outcomes are to ensure that students are exposed to a range of different contexts through the four language modes. This learning can be further solidified through participation in Kapa haka and Mau rākau. |
| TE REO MĀORI - TWO SEMESTERS 9MAO2 | This course is designed to enhance your proficiency in Te Reo Māori through an interactive and group oriented approach. You will expand your vocabulary, grasp fundamental grammatical structures, and improve your listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills. You will build a solid foundation in Te Reo Māori and deepen your understanding of Te Ao Māori. Learning can be further solidified through participation in Kapa haka and Mau rākau. |
| SAMOAN - ONE SEMESTER 9SAO1 | This course is focused on the Samoan language and its relevant culture. The course covers basic historical and geographical concepts, and will introduce you to the Samoan language for everyday interactions. You will also develop an awareness and appreciation of Samoan cultures and traditions. |
| SAMOAN - TWO SEMESTERS 9SAO2 | This course is designed to enhance your proficiency in Samoan through an interactive and culturally immersive approach. You will expand your vocabulary, grasp fundamental grammatical structures, and improve your listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills. You will develop your communication skills in everyday contexts. You will build a solid foundation in the language and deepen your understanding of Samoan culture. |
| SPANISH - ONE SEMESTER 9SPA1 | This course is focused on the Spanish language and its relevant Hispanic cultures. The course covers basic historical and geographical concepts, and will introduce you to the Spanish language for everyday interactions. You will also develop an awareness and appreciation of Hispanic culture and traditions, including festivals and customs. |
| SPANISH - TWO SEMESTERS 9SPA2 | This course is designed to enhance your proficiency in Spanish through an interactive and culturally immersive approach. You will expand your vocabulary, grasp fundamental grammatical structures, and improve your listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills. You will develop your communication skills in everyday contexts. You will build a solid foundation in Spanish and deepen your understanding of Hispanic cultures. |

TECHNOLOGY CURRICULUM CHOICES

You must choose one of the following courses:

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| HARD MATERIALS - 9TECH | The aim of the Year 9 Hard Materials course is to develop practical skills in students through project making. The design process combined with use of common tools and machines will enable students to apply their learning to project based outcomes. Students build confidence, skills and techniques that lead into Year 10 Hard Materials Technology and Year 10 Design and Visual Communication. |
| SOFT MATERIALS - 9TECS | The aim of the Year 9 Soft Materials program is to develop and apply practical skills to solve authentic problems or realise opportunities using the context of foods and fabrics. The aim is to build confidence, skills and techniques that lead into Year 10 Food Technology and Year 10 Fabric Technology. |

OTHER CURRICULUM CHOICES

You may select any of these courses:

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| SOCIAL STUDIES - GOING GLOBAL J9SOGG | This is a combined Year 9 and 10 course. From the cat walks of Paris to the battlefields of Ukraine, global events that happen on the other side of the world have an impact on a small island nation at the bottom of the Pacific called New Zealand. Learn about how the global issues of our time impact on the world and our lives. |
| SOCIAL STUDIES - THERE IS NO PLANET B J9SOEN | This is a combined Year 9 and 10 course. Are you concerned about the natural environment? Seen natural disasters on television and social media and worried about Climate Change and the future of our planet? Want to do something but not sure what to do? We will travel into the past and learn about how Māori have used and protected the environment and we will journey into the future to learn about how Climate Change will impact on you. Then we will take action. |
| ENGLISH - SPEAKER'S WORKSHOP J9ENG | This is a combined Year 9 and 10 course. Find your voice! Use your voice! This course is for those of you who want to learn how to debate in a team, present a personal TED Talk, develop a Spoken Word poem and produce a podcast on an issue of relevance. You will develop speaking techniques and must be prepared to contribute to teams' work throughout the course. |

SPECIAL PROGRAMMES

MANAAKITIA MAI (9MANA): All students undertake the Manaakitia Mai programme in a smaller group than average class sizes. A cross-curricular programme that addresses Literacy and Numeracy skills every week, Manaakitia Mai also aims to develop positive learning relationships within House groups and, alongside supporting College values, builds the key competencies from the New Zealand Curriculum.

Rosehill College also offers programmes catering for very able students and for students who require additional learning support.

9IMMA and 9IMMB: English Immersion and Intermediate English are programmes that support students from overseas to gain English proficiency. *These programmes are only available after testing has occurred.*

J9LEAP: Learning Enrichment Acceleration Programme is an invite-only course available at Year 9 for gifted and talented students. The Year 9 course allows students to pursue areas of interest, building on their capacity to use their strengths to maximise achievement. It provides opportunities for students to develop critical thinking using depth and complexity strategies with a wide range of differentiation. Students will further develop their interpersonal skills through collaborative learning within a positive group culture. *Invitation only - Please speak to your GATE Coordinator, Year 7/8 teacher or Principal for a referral. All students must undertake a selection interview.*

J9PENN: The Rosehill College Netball Academy is designed to develop both the athletic and personal growth of our students. Each module integrates interactive lesson plans and assessments, ensuring that students gain comprehensive knowledge and practical experience in various aspects of netball and personal development. *This course is for selected students who commit to representing the college in Netball. Please contact Rosehill College Sports for a referral s.leaupepetele@rosehillcollege.school.nz*

J9PERR: The Rosehill College Rugby Academy is designed to develop both the athletic and personal growth of our students. Each module integrates interactive lesson plans and assessments, ensuring that students gain comprehensive knowledge and practical experience in various aspects of rugby and personal development. *This course is for selected students who commit to representing the college in Rugby. Please contact Rosehill College Sports for a referral s.leaupepetele@rosehillcollege.school.nz*

FOUNDATIONS: The Foundation Skills Programme (NZ Certificate in Foundation Skills) helps you build confidence and practical skills for everyday life, further study, or work. You'll improve reading, writing, maths, and digital skills in real-life contexts, while also developing teamwork, leadership, and goal-setting abilities. Delivered in a supportive, hands-on environment grounded in Te Tiriti o Waitangi, the course leads to an NZQA qualification and a pathway to employment or vocational training. *Invitation only - Please speak to your SENCO, LSC, Year 7/8 teacher or Principal for a referral.*

EXTENSIONS: For highly able students, there are individual learning plans available which enable extension into Year 11 or Year 12 studies. *Please speak to your year 7/8 teacher or Principal for a referral and contact our Rosehill College GATE Co-ordinator m.powell@rosehillcollege.school.nz to arrange appropriate testing.*

