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Note:
The arrangement may vary for students in some specialist programs. 
Specialist Tennis students will only do two hours per week in The Arts and Technology and Enterprise for a semester.
All course costs are given as a guide only. They are based on 2015 pricing structures and are subject to change in 2016.
The Arts

**DRAMA**

**Starting Drama – 8DRA**

This introductory Drama course aims to develop students’ self-confidence, creativity and spontaneity. The focus is practical and students will learn the basic skills of movement, mime and voice. These skills will be further developed in mask and mime workshops. A performance at the end of semester will showcase students’ newly-acquired skills. Students will have the opportunity to attend a performance by a visiting theatre company.

The cost of this course in 2015 was $23.00.

**MUSIC**

**General Information**

- Students who choose the Class, Instrumental and Ensemble Music units are those who wish to (i) continue School of Instrumental Music (SIM) tuition or (ii) learn an instrument privately. It is School of Instrumental Music Policy that students learning an instrument privately are not normally able to join SIM Classes.
- Each year, students wishing to study the Class, Instrumental and Ensemble Music units must enroll in both units for that year (Year 8 = 8MUS & 8MUSB). That is, the units may not be chosen separately.
- *Instrumental and Ensemble Music cannot be studied separately from Class Music.*
- Students learning an instrument at school will attend these lessons on a withdrawal basis from other classes. The maximum instrumental lesson length is 40 minutes. The instrumental timetables are “rotating” to minimise disruption to other classes.
- All students are required, as part of their Instrumental course, to participate in at least one of the following ensembles:
  - *Concert Band 1 (senior) or Concert Band 2 (junior) – woodwind, brass and percussion.*
  - *Scimitar String Orchestra (senior) or Cygnet String Orchestra (junior) – Violin, Viola, Cello and Double Bass.*
  - *Junior or Senior Classic Guitar Ensemble (classical guitar only)*
  - *Chamber Choir – Vocal students. This ensemble is also open to non-enrolled Music students from Years 7 to 12.*
- Students may only move from the junior ensembles to the senior ensembles via the Music Department’s AUDITION process.
- Pianists are encouraged to participate in concerts and other performances by accompanying soloists and playing solos. Occasionally, senior pianists may be invited to rehearse and perform with the school’s ensembles. The Chamber Choir is an ideal ensemble for pianists who enjoy singing. There is a “try-out” process, which may be discussed with the Teacher in Charge of Music or the Chamber Choir conductor.

**Additional costs**

Camp Fees of approximately $250.00 for the Senior Ensembles only (Concert Band 1, Scimitar String Orchestra, Senior Guitar Ensemble and Chamber Choir). There may be Special Extra Rehearsals organised for the other ensembles, which will attract a fee of approximately $20.00. The Music Department undertakes tours approximately every 3 years (for Senior Ensembles only). The cost of the 2009 Tour to the Australian International Music Festival in Sydney was approximately $2,600 per student.
Concert Uniform
All students enrolling in Class, Instrumental and Ensemble Music are required to purchase a Concert Shirt from the Applecross Senior High School Uniform Shop. In 2014 the cost of the Concert Shirt was $27.00. In addition, boys are required to purchase (i) a pair of black dress trousers (no corduroy or denim), (ii) a black belt, (iii) black leather shoes (no sports shoes) and (iv) black socks. Girls are required to purchase (i) long black pants (no corduroy or denim – and no skirts), (ii) low heeled plain black leather shoes (no canvas, sports, high heels or strappy styles) and (iii) black socks or knee-highs. There are simple and practical requirements for hair and jewellery, which are available through the Music Parents Handbook, which is published in Term 1 each year by the Music Support Group.

Class, Instrumental and Ensemble Music - 8MUS and 8MUSB
In this course, students will develop skills in listening awareness (aural perception) and basic music knowledge (theory). They will also express themselves through composition and arrangement activities, as well as gaining an understanding of what makes us listen to and enjoy music of different eras, cultures and styles (Music in Society). Practical music-making activities are integral to all music courses.

The cost of this course in 2015 was $45.00 per semester.

Special Conditions
Completion of course 8MUS is a prerequisite for enrolment in course 8MUSB. If course 8MUS has not been completed, an interview with the Teacher in Charge - Music is required. Students must learn a musical instrument at school or privately. Students who are eligible to hire an instrument will have to pay an annual fee of $160.00.

VISUAL ARTS

Famous Artist – 8ART
This course will involve Painting on Canvas, Charcoal Drawing, Sculpting 3D Cartoon Figures in Clay. Ever wondered what it would be like to paint on canvas or draw with charcoal or sculpt in a variety of 3D media? Well, in this course you get to learn the skills of the great artists as you become a real artist yourself! We will use professional materials and produce professional results and then display our work in our gallery. If you like art and want to learn to draw, paint and create, this course is for you.

The cost of this course in 2015 was $48.00

Funky Designer – 8DES
Do you want to design your own T-shirts and fabrics, jewellery or ceramic pots? Do you want to check out the latest graphics and design trends? Then this course would be great for you! You will love using your drawing ideas, creating your own personalised designs and then producing your own funky items. Create your own cool world!

The cost of this course in 2015 was $46.00

Special Art – Advanced Drawing – 8SPA
This course is designed to extend the skills developed in the Foundation Drawing course. Students will explore, in depth, the drawing ‘Principles’ using classic and contemporary drawing media as a vehicle. They will develop an understanding of Art Language and the importance of Drawing in arts practice. Students will create complex drawings that reflect a mixed-media approach, and produce at least one major work for display.

The cost of this course in 2015 was $48.00

NOTE: This course is available only to Gifted & Talented Visual Art students.

Special Art - Ceramics/Sculpture – 8SPAB (Semester 2)
This course is designed to extend the skills developed in the Foundation Drawing course. Students will explore, in depth, the drawing ‘Principles’ using classic and contemporary drawing media as a vehicle. They will develop an understanding of Art Language and the importance of Drawing in arts practice. Students will create complex drawings that reflect a mixed-media approach, and produce at least one major work for display.

The cost of this course in 2015 was $46.00

NOTE: This course is available only to selected Gifted & Talented Visual Art students.
English

Students learn about the English language and how to use it effectively. The study of English plays a vital role in the development of literacy, enhances students’ learning in all areas of the curriculum and provides them with the communication skills and critical understanding of language necessary for active participation in society. All students will cover the Australian Curriculum English Course. Creativity, critical thinking, Grammar and English skills of communication are the basis of all courses. Wide reading is encouraged through all courses to improve literacy.

English – 8ENG

Students study a general course of English, focusing on Language, Literacy and Literature. They study traditional tales, speaking skills, poetry, short stories and the novel. There is a strong focus on grammar and IT skills. In second semester students continue to study a general course of English, studying newspapers, film, novels, short stories, speaking and the use of persuasive language in essay writing. Grammatical skills are further developed. Students will participate in regular common task assessments throughout the year. The Academic Extension classes explore a wider range of more difficult texts.

The cost of this course in 2015 was $32.00

English as an Additional Language/Dialect - 8ESL

This course is based on the Australian Curriculum English Course (see English courses for more details) but is tailored to suit the needs of Non-English Speaking Background students who have been in Australia, or any English speaking country for fewer than three years. Some students who have been here longer may also be accepted into the courses if numbers permit. Entry to these courses is on approval from the EAL/D Teacher in Charge or the Lower School Deputy. In all EAL/D courses, students will demonstrate the skills through reading and viewing, speaking, listening and writing.

The cost of this course in 2015 was $32.00
Health and Physical Education

Health Education – 8HED/8HEDB
In this course, Year 8 students will cover the topics of self-esteem and bullying, communication, puberty, drug education (in particular alcohol), fitness and nutrition. In addition to the specific content covered in this course self-management skills such as communication, decision making, goal setting, risk management and resilience are embedded in the Health Education course.

The cost of this course in 2015 was $3.75 per semester.

General Physical Education 8PES and 8PESB
Students develop an understanding of the skills needed for confident participation in sport and recreational activities. This course enables students to make responsible decisions about health and physical activity and to promote their own and others' health and well-being. In this course students will develop skills in a variety of different physical activity contexts. There is also a focus on developing students’ interpersonal skills.
During Years 7-10 students will cover a broad range of sports developing fundamental movement skills, both land and water based.

The cost of this course in 2015 was $9.00 per semester.

Specialist Tennis
– 8TEN1/8TEN2 (Semester 1)#
– 8TEN3 / 8TEN4 (Semester 2)#
Students will learn:
• Fitness testing
• Topspin forehand and backhand ground strokes
• First serve variation and return
• Volley, smash, lob, passing shots
• Basic doubles positional play and tactics

The cost of this course in 2015 was $146.00

# Available for selected students only.
Languages

Students learn to communicate effectively in languages and further develop their skills and understandings in English and literacy in general. They gain an understanding of other societies, the ability to interact with people and cultures other than their own, and practical skills which they can use in future social, cultural and vocational areas. We have exchange programs to France and to Takarazuka, Japan. Students from Years 9 to 11 may participate in these programs.

French – 8FRE/8FREB
Students will learn about the different relationship between nouns and adjectives. They will learn how to use common irregular verbs used to introduce themselves, their families and pets. Students will learn about the most common regular verb groups to describe school and daily routines and household chores. When describing weather, months and seasons students will look at the way conjunctions modify sentences. This course is designed for second language learners. Background speakers of French will be required to enrol in Japanese. If in doubt, please contact the Head of the Languages Learning Area.

The cost of this course in 2015 was $16.00 per semester.

Japanese – 8JAP/8JAPB
Students will master hiragana script and be introduced to katakana and a range of kanji. They will revise simple information about themselves and learn to talk about the things they enjoy, such as sport. They will talk about school and school subjects, after school and leisure time activities and transport. Students will participate in group work and cultural activities. This course is designed for second language learners. Background speakers of Japanese will be required to enrol in French. If in doubt, please contact the Head of the Languages Learning Area.

The cost of this course in 2015 was $16.00 per semester.
Mathematics

Students use ideas about number, algebra, measurement, geometry, statistics and probability and mathematical ways of representing patterns and relationships, to describe, interpret and reason about their social and physical world. Mathematics plays a key role in the development of students’ numeracy and assists learning across the curriculum.

Year 8 students will be placed into tentatively streamed classes based upon their Year 7 results and results on their NAPLAN test. Nevertheless, the majority of students will study a common course throughout the first semester of Year 8. Only the least able students (fewer than 15 will be separated as pathway 4) for a slower paced course. Further pathway division will occur in Semester 2 but teaching at Pathways E, 1, 2 and 3 will follow a common core with some extension and added depth at Pathway E and 1. Students in Pathways 2 and 3 who make very strong progress will have the opportunity to attempt Pathway 1 in Year 9 without substantial disadvantage.

The total cost of all Mathematics pathways for a year in 2015 was $36.00.

Pathway Description

Pathway E is the Academic Extension course which covers the Pathway 1 course, but incorporates the extension work into their course work. It is a very demanding but rewarding course.

Pathway 2
Pathway 2 provides a good grounding in the essentials of Algebra and Number, Measurement and Geometry and Statistics and Probability, for students who wish to study any ATAR courses of study but is not rigorous enough for Specialist courses in Year 11 & 12.

Pathway 3
Pathway 3 is slower paced than Pathway 2 but still covers some of the rudiments of the higher pathway. For the more successful student in this pathway, the course still offers sufficient preparation for the lower stage ATAR Mathematics course in Year 11.

Pathway 4
Pathway 4 is a “focus” class designed to cater for students in need of special help in this subject. It endeavours to maintain basic numeracy skills which will be of use to students in their everyday lives. Students at this pathway will not normally study Mathematics beyond Year 10.
Science

Students investigate, understand and describe the physical, biological and technological world and value the systems and processes that support life on our planet. Science helps students to become critical thinkers who use evidence to construct conclusions.

The Australian Science Curriculum provides opportunities for students to develop an understanding of important Science concepts and processes, the practices used to develop Science knowledge, Science’s contribution to our culture and society, and its application to our lives. The curriculum supports students to develop the scientific knowledge, understandings and skills to make informed decisions about local, national and global issues and to participate if they so wish, in Science related careers.

Year 8 students study a common compulsory course of topics. The Academic Extension classes in Years 8 complete the course work at a faster pace so that they can engage in further studies of areas of the course. The specific focus of the extension courses will depend on the special interests of the students and teacher. Students may be moved in and out of the extension classes during Years 8 and 9. All students are encouraged to participate in a broad range of Science enrichment opportunities such as The Science Talent Search and Crest Awards. This particularly applies to students in extension classes.

Year 8 – 8SCI / 8SCIE

Chemical Science
In this topic students will be introduced to the science laboratory, laboratory skills, scientific equipment, library research skills and the methods of science through a study of matter.

Biological Science
In this topic students will study the differences between living and nonliving things, the characteristics, classification and importance of plants and animals.

Physical Science
In this topic, students will study forces and types of energy, temperature and its measurement and types of fuels.

Earth and Space Science
In this topic, students will study the earth, its structure, rock cycle, the atmosphere and our solar system.

The cost of this course in 2015 was $45.00.
Humanities and Social Sciences

Students in Humanities and Social Sciences focus on the Australian Curriculum cross curriculum and priorities and general capabilities. The general capabilities define knowledge, skills, and behaviours that can be developed and applied across the curriculum to help students become successful learners, confident and creative individuals, and active and informed citizens.

In addition to content knowledge students develop skills in the areas of Literacy, Numeracy, ICT Capability, Critical & Creative Thinking, Ethical Behaviour, Intercultural Understanding and Personal and Social Capability.

The courses at Applecross SHS for lower school students have been developed to meet the Australian Curriculum requirements with the program combining Australian Curriculum, History, Geography, Civics and Citizenship and Business and Enterprise.

Society and Environment – 8HASS

Medieval Europe
• The Renaissance
• Shogun Japan
• Urbanisation
• Mountains
• Coastal Landforms
• Government intervention and income redistribution
• Consumer Protection Laws
• How Laws are made in Australia

The cost of this course in 2015 was $32.00.
Technology and Enterprise

Business and Information Technology

Students apply knowledge, skills and resources in the development of practical solutions to problems. Through this process they learn to be innovative, adaptable and reflective as they select and use appropriate materials, information and systems to achieve worthwhile results.

Information Computer Technology – 81CT

Would you like to know more about computers and see how they can improve the layout of your school assignments? Impress your teachers by presenting assignments that look professional, are more inviting to read and easier for them to mark than handwritten assignments.

Information Computer Technology shows you how to operate a variety of computer programs, and provides you with sound skills in information computer technology. Efficient use of the keyboard and mouse to develop speed and accuracy are components of the course.

The cost of this course in 2015 was $10.00.

Design and Technology

Wood and Metalwork – 8WMT

In this course, students will design and manufacture a range of wood and metal projects. Students will gain useful skills in the manipulation of wood and metal using a range of power tools and machines. This course forms an excellent foundation for the development of practical skills in the Technology area.

The cost of this course in 2015 was $40.00.

Technical Graphics – 8TGR

In this course, students will learn the steps in producing a working design using Computer Aided Drafting software and use these skills to produce drawings in orthogonal, oblique, isometric and perspective styles. Students will also develop skills in digital graphics presentation and manipulation.

The cost of this course in 2015 was $12.50.
Home Economics

Home Economics is a fun, hands-on subject area encompassing many life skills. Using a technology and health focus, students are encouraged to use their own initiative to solve problems while working cooperatively with others, using appropriate equipment, and managing time effectively. This is done in the contexts of foods and clothing and textiles. The cost of the food courses includes all the food and equipment requirements. The cost of the textile courses includes the use of the sewing equipment; however, fabrics and some sewing aids will need to be provided by the students.

Food Awareness – 8FAW
Food Awareness is a fun course where you will learn to safely prepare a variety of healthy and nourishing foods suitable for breakfast, lunch, dinner, dessert and snacks. Students will plan and prepare a morning or afternoon tea for invited guests and demonstrate the skills they have learnt.

The cost of this course in 2015 was $60.00

Clothing Awareness – 8CAW
You will start at the beginning and learn to thread and use a sewing machine so that you can make a variety of simple articles such as a work bag, PJ shorts and simple garments. Some fabrics and sewing aids will need to be provided by the students.

The cost of this course in 2015 was $30.00.