

## Junior Curriculum

Tauranga Boys' College is a **BYOD** school. **All students** need to bring a device to school. A student-owned internet-capable device is now an important part of a student's toolkit, giving him instant access to unlimited resources and enabling him to support, extend, communicate and share his learning in a way that best prepares him for the future. Your son will experience technology integrated into curriculum delivery via Google Classroom, Education Perfect, etc. Alongside these online platforms, there is still a place for books, paper and pen, and you will have noticed a greatly reduced stationery list.

**The recommended device is a Chromebook or laptop**, however, you may choose another device, provided it can hold its charge for up to six hours, and connect to the internet. *It must have the latest version of Google Chrome installed.* **Phones are not an approved learning device.**

During a student's progress through the College, his Academic Tutor and Form Teacher will talk to him about courses and advise him on his selection of subjects. It is important that parents with questions and/or feedback relating to courses and options consult with their son's Academic Tutor in the first instance.

### Year 9

All students are required to take the following core subjects:

English Social Studies, Mathematics, Health and Physical Education, Science

Students also choose eight one-term options:

<i>At least two of</i>	<i>At least two of</i>	<i>At least one of</i>
Carving (Wood or Bone)	Art	Japanese
Digital Technology	Design	Latin
Design & Visual Communication	Drama	Mandarin
Food Technology	Film Making	Spanish
Industry Trades	Māori Performing Arts	Te Reo Māori
Product Technology	Music	Reading Support

### *Additional options*

Athlete Development  
Business Studies  
Innovation  
Philosophy

Particular care is taken to gather as much information as possible about the background of new entrants from contributing schools. Students are placed in courses best suited to their ability. Extension classes follow an enriched programme. From these classes, the accelerate students are selected for the following year.

The Learning Needs and Learning Centre classes have a curriculum tailored to meet their needs, along with remedial tuition and one-to-one tutoring in reading and other special programmes. All courses are designed so that students showing industry, ability and application are able to move into higher-banded classes.

Year 10

All students are required to take the following core subjects:

English Social Studies, Mathematics, Health and Physical Education, Science

Students also choose four half-year options:

<i>At least one of</i>	<i>At least one of</i>	<i>Additional Options</i>
Carving (Wood or Bone)	Art	Agricultural & Horticultural
Digital Technology	Design	Science
Design & Visual	Drama	Athlete Development
Communication	Film Making	Business Studies
Electronics	Māori Performing Arts	History Inquiry
Food Technology	Music	Innovation
Industry Trades		Japanese
Product Technology		Literacy Support
		Mandarin
		Reading Support
		Spanish
		Te Reo Māori

Accelerated learning students also have access to some NCEA Level 1 subjects, such as Science, Mathematics, History, or Geography.