

Otamatea High School

Year 9 Option Choices First Cycle for the 2010 Academic Year Information Sheet

This return will be used to determine what subjects will be offered by Otamatea High School next year and how these subjects will be combined in the timetable.

It is crucial that you consider carefully the subjects that you choose. These choices generate our final semester lines. If you wish to change your subjects at a future date you may find your choice severely restricted!

It is also important that you make a return so that your requirements are known. Please return the **First Choice Options** form, **SIGNED** by you **AND** your parents, to your vertical form teacher on or before **Wednesday 2nd September 2009**.

What semester subjects do you want to do next year?

Choose your courses from the lists offered on the following page.

Students should try to choose their semester subjects realistically. Failure to choose the correct subject may result in a student being unable to take a desired subject in later years.

For information about the courses, students and parents should read carefully the **Year 9 Course Booklet** given out with these forms. This booklet contains descriptions of the courses and any prerequisites and restrictions that may apply.

All students should pay careful attention to where their proposed course leads, and should make sure that they take any prerequisite subjects.

All Year 9 students complete a Core Subject course. This course is comprised of English, Mathematics, Science, Social Science and Physical Health and Wellbeing.

All students are asked to complete and return this form.

First Semester Choices for the 2010 Academic Year

Year 9 courses that may be offered by Otamatea High School in 2010.

All students are to fill in this form and return it to their Vertical Form teacher on or before Wednesday 2nd September 2009.

Name:	Year in 2009:	Vertical Form:
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Chance of returning to school next year? (Please circle one)				
Definitely Returning	Most Probably Returning	Probably Returning	Unlikely to Return	Definitely Not Returning
If Definitely Not Returning please state new school:				

Year 9 in 2010

Year 9 Options are taught in Semesters.

Each student takes a subject from Groups 1, 2 and 3 for half a year. In the second half of the year they take another three subjects, again choosing one from each group.

Students must choose **AT LEAST ONE** language and **ONE** Arts subject in the four subjects chosen for groups 1 and 2.

If numbers for any subject are insufficient or staff are not available, that class may not run and affected students will be asked to reselect their subjects.

As some subjects may be oversubscribed, students are asked to choose extra subjects.

Some students may be directed to a particular course of study.

Circle THREE subjects in each of the groups below. Number each choice in order of preference e.g. 1 = first choice.

Group 1
Dance
French
Music
Visual Art

Group 2
Drama
Keyboarding
Te Reo Maori
Spanish
Japanese

Group 3
Food Technology
Textile Technology
Metal Technology
Wood Technology
Graphics

Courses will only run if numbers are sufficient and specialised staff are available.

Parent /Guardian's Signature:	Student's Signature
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