



Ku-ring-gai
High School

Talent Enrichment Program

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The Talent Enrichment Program at Ku-ring-gai High School is the epitome of future focused learning. Every student from Years 7—10 has two extra hours of subjects of their choice per week to inspire, create and challenge. These subjects encourage creative thinking, collaboration and problem solving as students engage in such areas as construction, voice, drama, and dance. Students will elect their preferences for TEP courses for Term 1 2024 online in Term 4, 2023. Please note that courses are based on student choice and staff availability each year and therefore, some courses may not commence.

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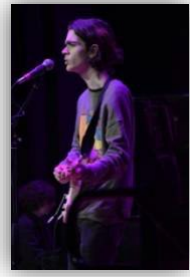
CONTEMPORARY MUSIC

The Contemporary Music course will offer extension opportunities for talented singers, guitarists, bassists, drummers, pianists and other instrumentalists. Students will work in numerous group settings throughout the year to extend their technical skills both as a soloist and ensemble member (e.g.: singing workshops, guitar masterclasses) as well as developing skills in musical expression and staging.

Students develop knowledge in emerging technologies, have exposure to stylistic performances and cutting-edge compositional techniques as an art form. These performances will involve students in reflective practice in addition to regular teacher/peer feedback.

Performances will be presented regularly through both co-curricular and extracurricular activities and students will actively engage in performance opportunities at assemblies, concerts, school tours, eisteddfods, festivals and competitions.

COST: \$40



DANCE

Dance is open to any student wishing to improve their technique and develop their passion for dance. Auditions for the Dance Advanced class will be held in the first TEP class of the year. Successful applicants should have strong dance technique and performance quality. The classes expose students to various aspects of technique, choreography and performance styles. They will be given mentoring opportunities, as well as exposure to industry events and leaders through masterclasses, rehearsals and excursions.

A range of performance opportunities will be available to students throughout the year. These may include: North Sydney Dance Festival, Sydney Eisteddfod, Hills Eisteddfod, Ryde Eisteddfod, School Spectacular and School Performances. Teachers will determine which performances each group will participate in, however, the Dance Advanced group will be expected to perform at school concerts/assemblies and in school promotional events. Course fees include Eisteddfod entries, tutors, competitions and costume hire. Costumes are to be returned at the end of each year once performances have concluded.

COST \$250

DRAMA

If you are a creative, spontaneous and energetic person who loves exploring the world of drama and theatre, then this program is for you. In 2023 we will have a specialist external tutor with industry experience running this program.

TEP Drama will stretch your imagination and creativity through improvisation, playbuilding and a variety of acting and performance styles. You will be given the opportunity to develop voice and movement skills, as well as develop your collaborative skills and confidence in performing and presenting to audiences.

TEP Drama students will develop performance pieces for school related and independent drama events, performing to peers and the wider community.

COST: \$50



LASER-CUT MARQUETRY AND SKATEBOARD CONSTRUCTION

This course will allow students to be creative through the construction of timber products combined with the challenge of design. The emphasis is on the development of practical skills used to construct skateboard decks and timber products. Students will use Adobe Illustrator to create designs and utilise the laser cutter to the application of veneer marquetry to decorate the skateboard decks. If students choose to make an extra skateboard, an additional payment of \$60 per deck will apply.

Specific skills and knowledge that will make it easier for students to be successful in this course include:

- An interest in being challenged.
- Being creative using a variety of materials.
- A willingness to work independently to complete a task.
- Capacity to work co-operatively within a group.
- Demonstrate self-direction and motivation.

COST: \$100



MIXED MEDIA

This course is designed for artistically skilled students that would like to experiment with a variety of styles within the creative space. Students will experience a range of art materials throughout the course and be able to extend their proficiency in areas such as ceramics, printmaking, painting, photography and various other mixed mediums. Students will also work towards applying these skills in a collaborative art making project towards the end of the course. Students will be challenged both conceptually and technically, with an aim to extend their knowledge of fine arts and build skills to help them in their future artistic endeavours.

COST: \$50

PAINTING

This course is designed for students with a keen artistic ability, who wish to further develop their technique in painting and layering of different paint mediums. The focus is on improving the understanding of colour theory and layering techniques artists use to establish depth, texture and perspective within their artworks. Students will learn how to manipulate different mediums including acrylic, watercolour, free flow, house paint, and gouache. Students will paint on a variety of different surfaces such as canvas, paper, board and recycled materials. Students should be able to sustain an artmaking process over an extended period of time.

COST: \$40

SKETCH Plus

Talented Visual Arts students are encouraged, in this course, to explore the creative potential of combining new multifaceted approaches to their art making. Students will draw in traditional media such as graphite, ink, charcoal and chalk on paper as well as using digital media. Vector based graphics using the drawing tablet and graphic user interface will be practiced as well as digital design using a combination of traditionally produced art works and computer imaging. Students will also produce sculptural works using natural resources from the environment which will then form the basis for further digital composite images



and drawings. Photographic techniques will be explored with an emphasis on capturing high quality reference images as part of the creative process. This course is designed to build and consolidate students' skills in 2D and 3D visual arts to produce interesting hybrid artworks. Students will study the artworks of related artists to inform and enrich their artistic practice.

Students need a visual diary and 2B pencil for this course.

COST: \$50

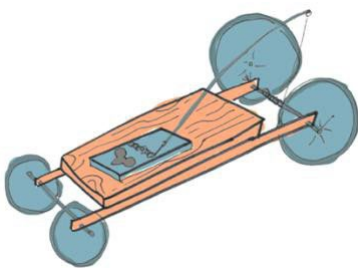
SPORT

TEP Sport incorporates a wide range of lifelong physical activities, including recreational, leisure and adventure pursuits, competitive and non-competitive games, individual and group physical fitness activities.

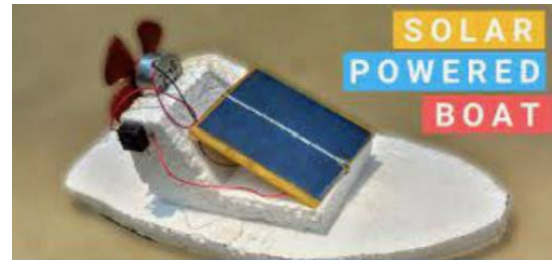
COST: \$40 + ADDITIONAL VENUE CHARGES

STEM INNOVATIONS

Explore student potential using Science and Technology, Engineering and Mathematics through practical, project-based activities. This course will engage students in building devices that apply STEM knowledge to real life situations. It aims to develop their collaboration,



communication, critical thinking and creativity skills. The projects may include but not limited to problem-solving projects, solar power, simple machines, programming, 3D modelling and 3D printing. STEM is an exciting and growing field of learning and discovery. Skills in this area offer the jobs of the future.



COST: \$40

THE GUILD - BOARD GAME CLUB



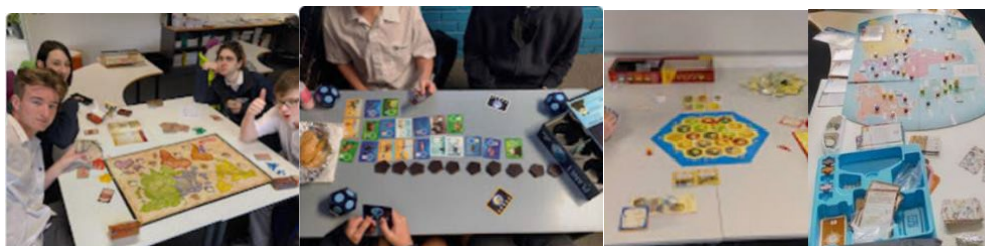
Our popular *The Guild - Board Game Club* is also offered as a TEP subject. With the added time of Tuesday afternoon, students will experience in-depth board games, developing their literacy and numeracy skills, through games such as:

1. Fantasy: Dungeons and Dragons Universe; One Deck Dungeon
2. Strategic: Monopoly; Fortnite; Risk!; Ticket to Ride
3. Co-operative: Gloomhaven; Jaws of the Lion; Ravine; Catan
4. Historical: Imperium; Legends / Classics; 7 Wonders; Undaunted; Normandy; Catan
5. Geography: Trekking the World; Planet!
6. And many more! (More games can be ordered based on student preference).



If you are interested in exploring the world of board gaming (there will be no digital games here!), then, consider *The Guild: KHS Board Game Club* as your TEP subject for 2024!

COST: \$40



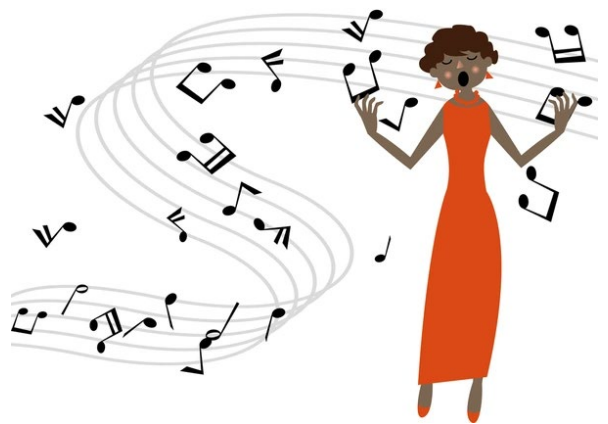
VOCAL ENSEMBLE

Vocal Ensemble is an exciting new TEP course that is offered to any student that wishes to improve and further develop their vocal musicianship. Students will be exposed to techniques that will enable them to refine their intonation, breath control, sight singing and secure ensemble skills through 2, 3 and 4-part harmony.

Throughout the course students will have the opportunity to engage in large and/or small vocal ensembles, and develop a strong awareness of the roles and relationships within a vocal group. This course will expose students to a variety of performances, compositions and arrangements, whilst delivering repertoire that captures a vast range of musical styles and genres.

A combination of mentoring sessions, specialised vocal tutors, workshops, rehearsals and excursions will contribute to fostering and improving students' vocal skills and technique. Students participating in TEP Vocal Ensemble will be expected to perform at school concerts, assemblies and CAPA showcases. Further possible performance opportunities (which will incur an additional cost as auditioned based) include Eisteddfods (Sydney and Ryde), In Concert - Secondary Choral Festival, School Spectacular, Pulse Alive.

This course will develop students' confidence in performing and strengthen their skills in musical expression and interpretation.



COST: \$40

