



KU-RING-GAI HIGH SCHOOL

Talent Enrichment Program 2020

The Talent Enrichment Program at Ku-ring-gai High School is the epitome of future focused learning. Every student from Years 7—10 has 2 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 creative writing, construction, voice, drama, and dance.

Students will elect their preferences for TEP courses for 2020 online in the last weeks of 2019. Please note that courses are based on student choice and staff availability each year, therefore, some courses may not commence.

COURSES ON OFFER FOR 2020 ARE:

BIG HISTORY

Have you ever wondered: Are we alone in the universe? How did we get here? Why are we here? If so, then this is the course for you! The universe has been around for 13.8 billion years. Big History lets you explore these ideas in fun and engaging ways, bridging all areas of study including science, history, and more. You will learn the story of the universe, our planet, living things (including dinosaurs!) - and of course that of humanity!

COST: \$40



CHINESE WORLD CULTURE

The Chinese World TEP course offers the opportunity to investigate language and culture from the Chinese-speaking world. No prior knowledge of the language is required. Students will acquire essential communication skills through the use of basic vocabulary encountered in everyday conversations such as greetings, asking for directions, dining out, times and dates, etc. With cultural elements embedded, the course will also enable students to understand some aspects of Chinese society and culture such as festivals and traditions.

COST: \$40



DANCE & DANCE ADVANCED

Two dance classes will be offered for 2020. These classes will be auditioned and graded on prior dance experience. They will be given mentoring opportunities, as well as exposure to industry events and leaders through masterclasses, rehearsals and excursions. The classes expose students to various aspects of technique, choreography and performance styles.

The advanced company group, which have prior dance experience, will be expected to perform at school concerts/assemblies and in several extra-curricular performances. These may include: North Sydney Dance Festival, Sydney Eisteddfod, Hills Eisteddfod, Ryde Eisteddfod, School Spectacular and School Performances. Advanced level students may have the opportunity to work with professional guest practitioners.

There will also be an opportunity for the beginners/intermediate group to perform in some of the above performances.

The fee associated with the program is \$200, this includes Eisteddfod entries, tutors, competitions and costume hire. Costumes are to be returned at the end of each year once performances have concluded.

COST: \$200



DEBATING / PUBLIC SPEAKING

The course involves students participating in the art of Debating and Public Speaking, understanding and communicating current affairs and relevant/topical issues throughout the community, to equip them with skills in formulating arguments and using evidence to support their claims. Students would consolidate the format/structure of a formal debate, develop persuasive rhetoric and collaborative skills, while learning to facilitate debates themselves.

COST: \$40



KHS NEWSROOM / JOURNALISM

This TEP course will provide students with the opportunity to examine journalism, media and communication. This course overlays digital reporting skills across the key disciplines of investigative journalism, international journalism, television reporting, audio journalism and photojournalism.

Students will be able to gain real-world experience in media writing, radio, video and digital media production, and media relations as well as critical education in media and communications theory and practice. Areas of study include writing for media, media liaison, broadcast and online journalism, social media communication, ethical and legal issues in the media, and international media practice.

This course fosters the development of students who are not only interested in creative writing, but also have enthusiasm about the wider community, and the value of accuracy in the modern world. Furthermore, this will appeal to a range of students keen to showcase their talents in photography, art, graphic design, games, poetry, music, culture, and humanity.

COST: \$40



NOVEL IDEA

Unleash the writer in you! Do you love to read? Do you enjoy crafting your own compositions? Then here's 'A Novel Idea' for you! You will get to read selected texts and some of your own choice. You will discuss them with like-minded people and best of all, you will get to publish. You never know, you may be the next J.K Rowling, John Marsden or Matthew Reilly.

COST: \$40



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



PHOTOGRAPHY/ DIGITAL MEDIA

Students will produce a portfolio of work, using Google sites, which documents their progress and skills in digital photography and wet/darkroom photography. Students should have a keen interest and ability in using digital SLR cameras, and in using manipulation and editing software such as Photoshop and Lightroom. Students are encouraged to bring their own digital SLR to work on their photography skills. Students will work in groups or as individuals to develop photography projects. Some projects include looking at composition, portrait photography, macro photography, stop motion photography, wet/darkroom photography, and photograms.

COST: \$40



PHYSICAL THEATRE (DRAMA)

If you are a creative, spontaneous and energetic person who loves expressing themselves through their physicality, then this program is for you. TEP Physical Theatre will challenge and develop your physical expression, as well as a variety of drama and theatrical skills, as you explore a variety of physically based performance styles, such as Circus, Clowning, Mime, Commedia dell'Arte and Slapstick. In turn, this course will help develop your confidence in performing and presenting to audiences for a variety of purposes. TEP Physical Theatre students will develop performance pieces for school related and independent drama events, performing to peers and the wider community.

COST: \$40



POPULAR MUSIC

The Popular Music course will offer extension opportunities for talented singers and rock instrumentalists. Two classes of students will work in various groupings throughout the year to extend their technical skills both as a soloist and members of a group (e.g. singing workshop, guitar masterclass) as well as developing skills in musical expression and staging.

The group will work with specialist tutors at times to work collaboratively developing pieces to a performance standard. Visiting performers may include ex-students, professionals and current senior musicians from Ku-ring-gai High School. Both classes will work in various combinations to create high quality performances in a variety of styles and vocal/instrumental groupings.

Students will develop skills in staging, use of microphones and PA equipment, vocal percussion and looping within their performances. They will assist each other by giving and receiving regular feedback on each other's performances in class.

Performances will be presented regularly both in and out of class to showcase the student's work. These will include school events such as assemblies, concerts and talent quests, as well as external opportunities as they arise. These may include local primary school tours, Eisteddfods, festivals, competitions and the Schools Spectacular.

COST: \$40



PRODUCTION ARTS (THEATRE, FILM & MEDIA)

TEP Production Arts provides students with theoretical and practical experience in theatre, film and media. The course is aimed at students who may wish to pursue a career in Design, Technical Theatre, Media or Production. Providing hands on experience in audio, lighting, staging and vision technologies whilst also learning skills in following a design process and event management. Each term students will develop collaborative projects. The course will culminate in the students choosing and staging a major event at school (such as a TEP showcase, Film Competition, etc.).

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

- An interest in technical theatre (audio, lighting and vision equipment and associated technologies), film and other media types.
- An interest in being challenged.
- A willingness to work independently to complete class tasks.
- Capacity to work co-operatively and collaboratively within a group with students from a variety of year groups.
- Demonstrate self-direction and motivation.
- A willingness to work behind the scenes at school events and productions.

COST: \$40



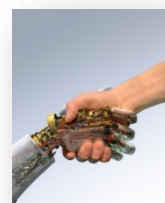
ROBOTICS & 3D MODELLING

Learning by doing! This course teaches computer programming skills, logic and problem solving through interactive and exciting projects. This class is perfect for students who have great imaginations, enjoy figuring out how things work or simply love technology, including creating animated video games. Students also have the opportunity to:

- learn the basics of LEGO EV3 Robot programming – build a robot and program it to avoid obstacles, pick up objects, sing and even dance around the room
- discover a new way to bring mathematics, science, and computer science to life.

This course will also give students the opportunity to be introduced to 3D modelling using a range of CAD software. The skills will be developed through a series of practical experiences and tutorials allowing students to develop knowledge, understanding of and skills in designing, producing and evaluating.

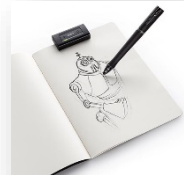
COST: \$40



SKETCH

Students will explore a range of traditional drawing media to create representational art and designs. The focus will be on improving skill in realistic depictions and in creating original designs related to a given topic. Students will also explore the use of the drawing tablet, stylus and computer software to produce vector and raster based drawings and designs. There will be an emphasis on developing and refining, effective design techniques. Enhancing audience engagement through visual aesthetics and extending interpretive meaning will be considered.

COST: \$40



SPORT – GENERAL

TEP Sport General 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



SPORT – FOOTBALL/FUTSAL

TEP Sport- Football and Futsal offers the opportunity for students to be involved in a Football and Futsal academy, improving their knowledge, skill development and leadership of the game. Students will participate in training, coaching and have the opportunity to represent the school in this chosen area of sport.

COST: \$40 + ADDITIONAL VENUE CHARGES



STEM INTO THE FUTURE

Explore the potential of Science and Technology through practical, project based activities. This course will engage students in building devices that apply scientific principles to real life situations. Solar power, simple machines, designing circuits and creating programs to make them run. STEM is an exciting and growing field of learning and discovery. Skills in this area offer the jobs of the future.

COST: \$40



TEXTILES WEARABLE ART

This course encourages students to engage with a range of textile items and caters for a variety of student interests. Students will have opportunities to embellish and manipulate textile materials in order to design and make, or repurpose items of apparel. Students will enhance their skills in understanding the construction of garments and are required to source materials appropriate to their design.

COST: \$40



TIMBER PRODUCTS AND SKATEBOARD CONSTRUCTION

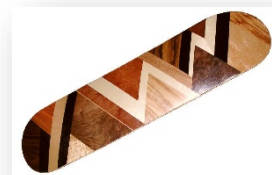
This course will allow students to be creative through the construction of timber products combined with the challenge of design. The emphasis is on the development of practical skills used to construct timber products and skateboard decks with the application of veneer marquetry.

Students will be required to pay an additional \$60 per skateboard deck if they choose to make extra decks after the initial one has been constructed.

Pre-requisites:

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

- 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