

KU-RING-GAI HIGH SCHOOL Talent Enrichment Program 2021

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 2021 online in the last weeks of 2020. Please note that courses are based on student choice and staff availability each year, therefore, some courses may not commence.

COURSES ON OFFER FOR 2021 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

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 workshop, guitar masterclass) as well as developing skills in musical expression and staging.



Contemporary Music students may have the opportunity to work with specialist tutors throughout the year, collaborating and developing their pieces to a high standard. Specialist tutors may include school alumni, professional musicians and current senior music students. Students are provided leadership opportunities where they

work collaboratively to create a portfolio of high quality performances in a range of styles and genres.

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, competitions and Schools Spectacular.

DANCE & DANCE ADVANCED

Two dance classes will be offered for 2021; Dance and Dance Advanced. The Dance class is open to any student wishing to improve their technique and develop their passion for dance. The Dance Advanced class is open to audition to 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. 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 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: \$40

MIXED MEDIA

Students will experience a range of different art mediums throughout the course and be able to extend their skills in areas such as Photography, 3D and 2D forms and various other mixed media projects. Students will work towards applying these skills in a collaborative artmaking project towards the end of the course. Students will need a Visual Arts Diary for this subject.

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



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.

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



TIMBER 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 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.

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.

