



KARAMŪ
HIGH SCHOOL

Year 9
COURSE BOOKLET
2026

Knowledge is Strength
He Mana tō te Mātauranga



YEAR 9 COURSE INFORMATION

This booklet provides you with information on the Year 9 Curriculum to be offered at Karamū High School in 2026.

All schools are required by the New Zealand Curriculum to offer students each of the following eight Essential Learning Areas.

- English
- Mathematics
- Science
- Social Studies
- Physical Education and Health
- Technology
- The Arts
- Digital Technology - one term

In addition, it is recommend that students also study a language. Karamū High School offers Japanese, Te Reo Māori and Spanish.

**Full details
are on the
following
pages**



YEAR 9 CURRICULUM STRUCTURE

Students at Year 9 take all the compulsory courses and choose option courses from the list below.

ESSENTIAL LEARNING AREAS

English
Mathematics
Science
Social Studies
Physical Education
Health
Digital Technologies



**All of these
courses are
compulsory**

Japanese
Te Reo Māori
Spanish



Students are encouraged to take a language. Two languages can be selected in consultation with DP - curriculum.

A language will be studied as **two of the option courses**

Then choose from the following

DVC
Food Technology
Product Design
Fashion and Textile Design
Visual Arts
Dance
Drama
Music
Advanced Music
Media Studies
Business Studies

YEAR 9 OPTION CHOICE

Students choose from ONE of the option choices below:

EITHER

JAPANESE
or
TE REO MĀORI
or
SPANISH

Two languages can be selected in consultation with DP - curriculum.

and 5 further
option courses



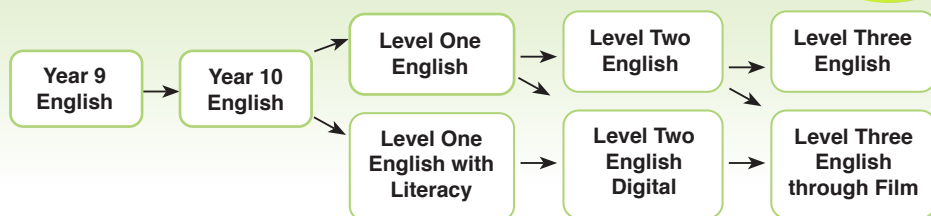
OR



7 option
courses

ENGLISH

Essential Learning Areas



SKILLS *I will learn and develop in Year 9 English*

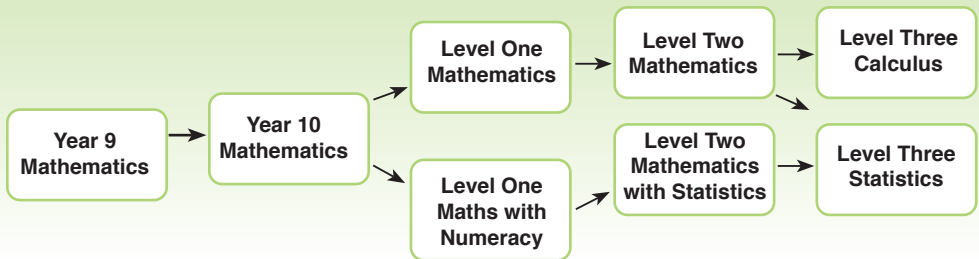
- Reading and viewing a variety of texts for enjoyment and understanding
- Writing in a variety of styles
- Presenting and explaining information in visual forms
- Speaking and debating skills
- Listening carefully and responding

TOPICS *I will cover in Year 9 English*

- Reading for a purpose and enjoyment
- Writing creatively, formally and as a response to text
- Listening and responding



MATHEMATICS



IDEAS *I will build and develop in Year 9 Mathematics*

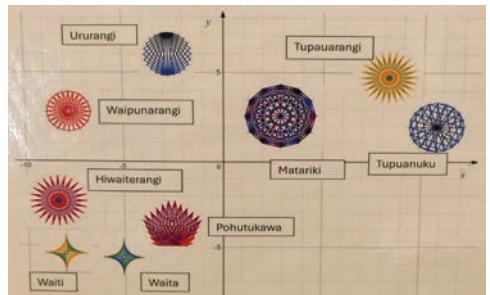
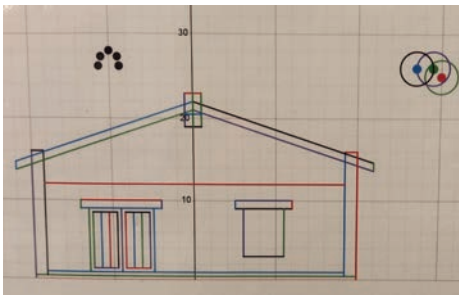
- The interface between mātauranga Māori and matauranga mathematics and statistics offers opportunities for insights that uphold the integrity of each knowledge system
- Mathematics and statistics have a continuous, evolving / human history
- The world is full of patterns and structures that we use mathematics and statistics to understand
- The world is characterised by change and variation that we use mathematics and statistics to understand

- Mathematical and statistical logic and reasoning enable us to identify and explain relationships and to justify conclusions

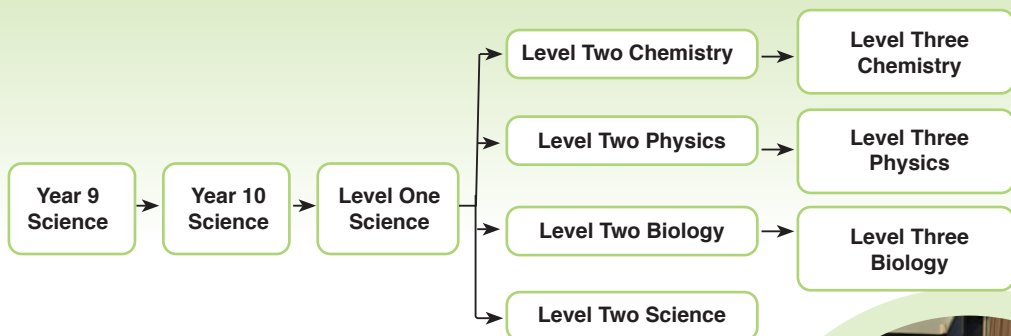
CONTEXTS

I will cover in Year 9 Mathematics

- Number
- Algebra
- Space
- Measurement
- Statistics
- Probability



SCIENCE



SKILLS *I will learn and develop in Year 9 Science*

- That science is a way of explaining the world
- To ask questions, find evidence and explore simple models
- To use a range of scientific symbols and vocabulary
- Explore various aspects of an issue and make decisions about possible actions

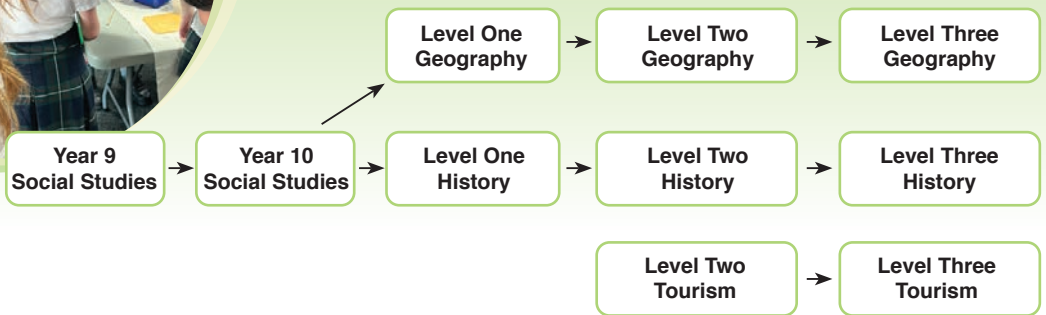
TOPICS *I will cover in Year 9 Science*

- Proudly Karamū - investigating the Karamū plant important to us
- Our Place in Space – thinking about how our universe is changing
- Wai Water – communicating the importance of water
- Survival Science – participating in our survival





SOCIAL STUDIES

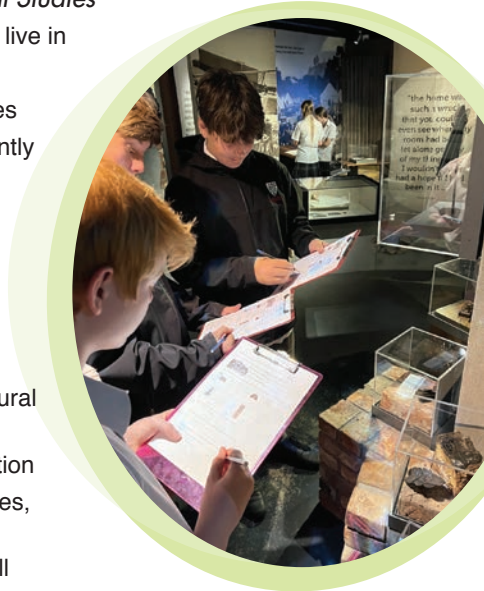


SKILLS *I will learn and develop in Year 9 Social Studies*

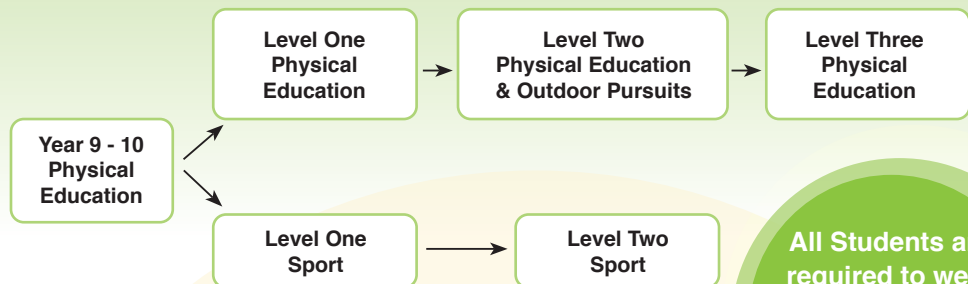
- An understanding of NZ history and the world we live in
- A knowledge of current events
- Mapping, graphing, and interpretation of resources
- The ability to work collaboratively and independently
- Research and presentation skills
- Written and oral communication
- Critical thinking
- Digital literacy

TOPICS *I will cover in Year 9 Social Studies*

- Taiao – Savage Earth - causes and effects of natural disasters and climate change
- Foundations of Aotearoa, Māori and tauīwi migration
- Boom and Bust - economic drivers in colonial times, sealing, whaling, muskets and war
- Kāwanatanga, government systems. Students will create their own political parties
- Te Korowai – My Feather, Our Cloak



PHYSICAL EDUCATION



All Students are required to wear the Karamū High School physical education uniform

SKILLS *I will learn and develop in Year 9 Physical Education*

- The ability to interact with others and work together
- Development of motor skills, knowledge and understanding about movement
- The knowledge, understandings, skills and attitudes needed to enhance personal well-being and physical development
- Listening and applying information

TOPICS *I will cover in Year 9 Physical Education*

- Motor skills
- Hitting skills – badminton
- Fitness
- Ball control – rugby, basketball, volleyball and netball
- Climbing
- Gymnastics
- Kapa haka
- Video analysis



HEALTH

Year 9
Health



Year 10
Health

SKILLS *I will learn and develop in Year 9 Health*

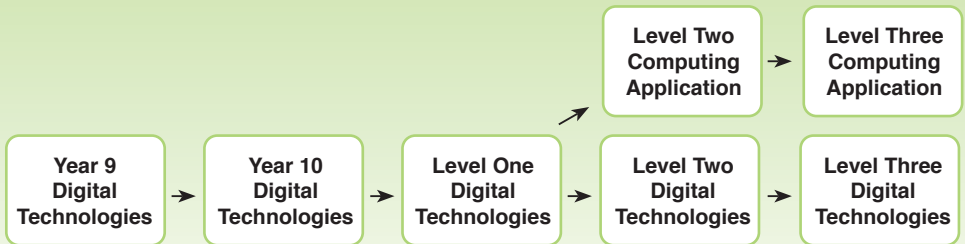
- Relating to others
- Decision making
- Making healthy and safe choices
- Self-reflection

TOPICS *I will cover in Year 9 Health*

- Hauora, attitudes and values
- Personal Identity: Feeling good about ourselves and others
- Communication
- Sexuality - Puberty
- Keeping ourselves safe - Smoking / vaping



DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES

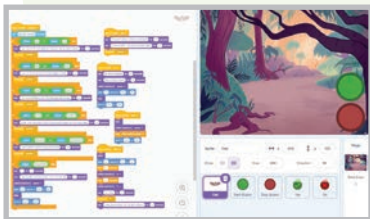


SKILLS I will learn and develop in Year 9 Digital Technologies

- Understanding of how devices work and how data is stored in binary
- How to use technology safely, respectfully and responsibly
- Solving problems using logic, algorithms, and coding
- Designing webpages and digital content

TOPICS I may cover in Year 9 Digital Technologies

- Binary data representation
- Digital systems: input and output devices
- Technology in our everyday lives
- Digital citizenship and cybersafety
- Exploring digital media: websites and images
- Decomposition
- Algorithms and flowcharts
- Coding in Scratch
- Design and develop websites using HTML



BUSINESS STUDIES

Year 9
Business
Studies



Year 10
Business
Studies



Level One
Commerce



Level Two
Business
Studies



Level Three
Business
Studies



SKILLS I will learn and develop in Year 9 Business Studies

- Individual work skills
- Negotiating and decision making
- Marketing skills
- Teamwork and collaboration
- Writing skills
- Financial literacy
- Creativity through digital technology
- Entrepreneurial skills

TOPICS I will cover in Year 9 Business Studies

Topics will be chosen from the following:

- Advertising and marketing techniques
- An applied business activity:
Business planning for a potential
business
- Entrepreneurs
- Financial literacy



JAPANESE

Year 9
Japanese



Year 10
Japanese



Level One
Japanese



Level Two
Japanese



Level Three
Japanese

SKILLS *I will learn and develop in Year 9 Japanese*

- Basic skills in listening, speaking, reading and writing Japanese
- An understanding of another culture
- Working co-operatively

TOPICS *I will cover in Year 9 Japanese*

- Daily life in Japan (festivals)
- Japanese greetings
- A self-introduction in Japanese
- Numbers in Japanese
- The Japanese classroom
- Japanese culture – origami, food and calligraphy
- Hiragana – one of the Japanese alphabets



TE REO MĀORI



SKILLS *I will learn and develop in Year 9 Te Reo Māori*

- Basic skills in reading, writing, speaking and listening
- Working co-operatively
- Tikanga Māori

TOPICS *I will cover in Year 9 Te Reo Māori*

- Mihi – greetings and farewells
- Language structure
- Basic vocabulary
- Māori history and customs



SPANISH

Year 9
Spanish



Year 10
Spanish



Level One
Spanish



Level Two
Spanish



Level Three
Spanish

SKILLS *I will learn in Year 9 Spanish*

- Basic skills in listening, reading, writing and speaking in Spanish
- An understanding of another culture
- Working co-operatively

TOPICS *I will cover in Year 9 Spanish*

- All about me
- My free time
- My school
- My family and friends
- My city



DESIGN AND VISUAL COMMUNICATION (DVC)

Year 9
DVC

Year 10
DVC

Level One
DVC

Level Two
DVC

Level Three
DVC



SKILLS *I will learn and develop in Year 9 DVC*

- Freehand drawing
- Instrumental (technical) drawing
- Perspective drawing
- Architectural drawing
- Sketchup
- Creativity and innovation

TOPICS *I will cover in Year 9 DVC*

- Creative drawing and communication
- Chair design
- Dream room design
- Architectural design project



FOOD AND NUTRITION



SKILLS *I will learn and develop in Year 9 Food and Nutrition*

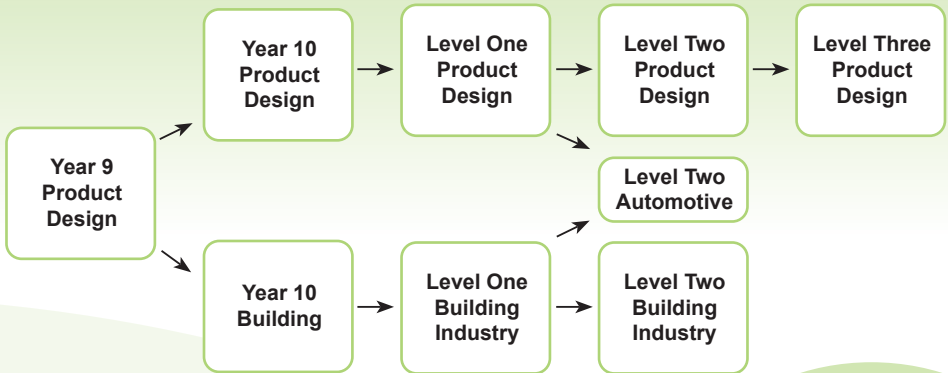
- Cookery skills
- Nutrition
- Meal planning
- Cultural foods
- Hauora

TOPICS *I will cover in Year 9 Food and Nutrition*

- Food safety
- Nutrition and healthy eating
- Actioning healthy food choices in the planning, development and production of a nutritious, cultural dish



PRODUCT DESIGN



SKILLS *I will learn and develop in Year 9 Product Design*

- To use tools and machines in the workshop safely
- To use digital prototype tools such as laser cutters
- Design and problem solving
- Creativity and innovation
- Manipulation, transformation and construction methods

TOPICS *I will cover in Year 9 Product Design*

- Construction skills activities
- Product design project, phone amplifier design and construction



FASHION AND TEXTILE DESIGN

Year 9
Fashion
& Textile
Design



Year 10
Fashion
& Textile
Design



Level One
Fashion
& Textile
Design



Level Two
Fashion
& Textile
Design



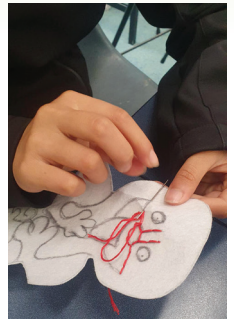
Level Three
Fashion
& Textile
Design

SKILLS I will learn and develop in Year 9
Fashion and Textile Design

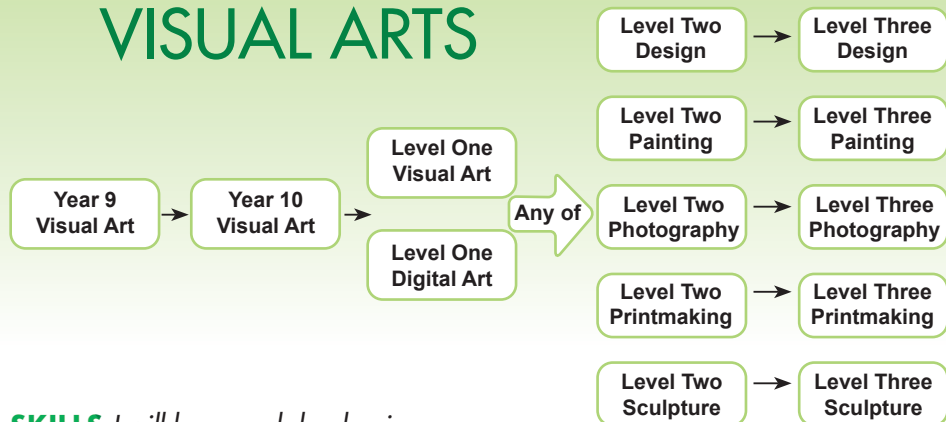
- Creativity and innovation
- Sewing techniques
- Basic pattern making
- Embroidery

TOPICS I will cover in Year 9
Fashion and Textile Design

- Sewing machine licence
- Kete design and construction
- Design and make a tiki soft toy
- Scrunchies



VISUAL ARTS



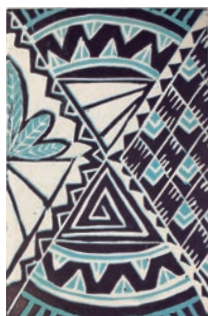
SKILLS *I will learn and develop in Year 9 Visual Art*

- Artistic ability
- Creativity and innovation through new artworks
- Ability to work to deadlines and relate to others
- Ability to generate and develop ideas



TOPICS *I will cover in Year 9 Visual Art*

- Learn drawing techniques: proportion, tone and composition
- Design and printmaking
- Colour theory and painting
- Understanding of artists and artworks in context
- Sculpture and photography investigations



DANCE

Year 9
Dance



Year 10
Dance



Level One
Dance



Level Two
Dance



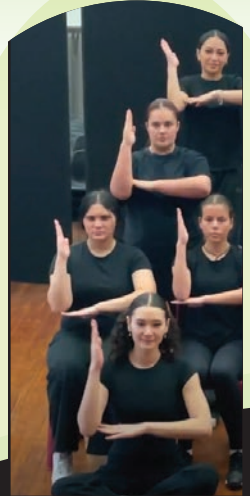
Level Three
Dance

SKILLS *I will learn and develop in Year 9 Dance*

- Group work and collaboration
- Creativity
- Self expression
- Perseverance

TOPICS *I will cover in Year 9 Dance*

- Exploring different styles of dance such as hip hop, contemporary, cultural, jazz, and theatre
- Creating dances that express ideas and feelings
- Performance ethic and skills



DRAMA

Year 9
Drama

Year 10
Drama

Level One
Drama

Level Two
Drama

Level Three
Drama

SKILLS *I will learn and develop in Year 9 Drama*

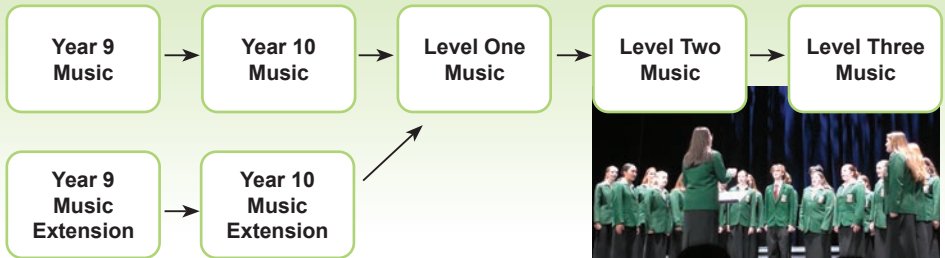
- Confidence
- Group work and collaboration
- Creativity
- Self expression
- Performance techniques

TOPICS *I will cover in Year 9 Drama*

- Improvisation
- Learning and performing scripts
- Creating and performing a play
- Drama games



MUSIC



SKILLS *I will learn and develop in Year 9 Music*

- Ability on musical instruments
- An understanding and appreciation of music of various styles
- Musicianship skills
- Ability to work in a group
- Music notation and reading skills
- Performance confidence

TOPICS *I will cover in Year 9 Music*

- Introduction to and instruction on the keyboard, guitar, bass and drums
- Introduction to reading and writing music
- Research of a chosen music style
- Shared performing art showcase with other Year 9 classes



ADVANCED MUSIC

SKILLS *I will learn and develop in Year 9 Advanced Music*

- Further ability on musical instruments
- An understanding and appreciation of music of various styles
- Creativity and initiative
- Aural awareness and musical theory skills

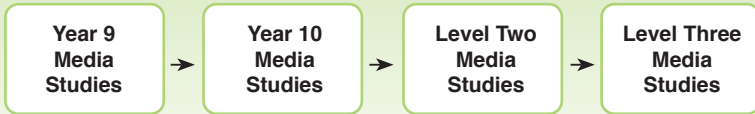


TOPICS *I will cover in Year 9 Advanced Music*

- Improve aural skills of rhythm, melody and chords
- Performing skills on a range of instruments shared at performing arts showcase of Year 9
- Creative composition skills
- Research projects based on musical styles and the students own instrument



MEDIA STUDIES

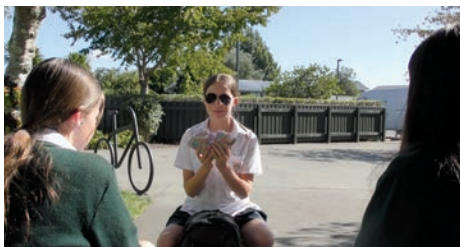


SKILLS *I will learn and develop in Year 9 Media Studies*

- Practical film making
- Creativity and innovation
- Initiative
- Working co-operatively
- Planning and processing

TOPICS *I will cover in Year 9 Media Studies*

- An introduction to media studies
- Working as a group to make a short film
- Introduction to film language
- Study of a film





Subject Ideas



Subject Ideas

PROUDLY
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HASTINGS

PROUDLY
LEARNING

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