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WHANGANUI CITY COLLEGE



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Junior Courses for 2024



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Introduction:

The year will be divided into two semesters. This will be for both senior and junior students. This means that students will not necessarily have to do a full year course unless they select to do so in the senior school.

Junior Courses:

Students in the junior school must choose one English, Mathematics and PE / Health course per semester. Students can only choose a course once and in the Junior school. Students should choose at least one Te Reo course per year, however they can choose more Te Reo courses per semester. Students have the option to choose any of the following subjects to fill their timetable:

- Art
- Dance
- English
- Mathematics
- Music
- Science
- Social Sciences
- Physical Education / Health
- Technology
- Te Reo Maori



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Course selection:

Before choosing your subjects read the information to see which courses that you are interested in.

You have to choose at least one English, Mathematics and Physical Education / Health course in each semester.

You must take at least one Te Reo course per year.

Talk to your whanau, whanau teacher and the dean before choosing your courses.

The courses are written in real world situations.

Curriculum Coverage:

Over the two years any year 9 or 10 student will cover the necessary curriculum coverage to prepare them for the senior school. All courses will be offered to the multi level classes (years 9 and 10). This means that the students will have a wider range of learning opportunities. Students need to cover all curriculum areas over the two year period at the junior school level.

Literacy and Numeracy:

Students will have the opportunity to sit these exams during years 9 and 10. All courses will have aspects of Literacy and Numeracy in order to prepare the students. Further opportunities to achieve the students Literacy and Numeracy credits will be offered in the senior school.

How to choose your courses:

1. Read through the courses before making a decision.
2. You need to choose an English, Mathematics and Physical Education and Health (A green, yellow and blue course) for each semester.
3. Choose a Te Reo Maori course per year.
4. These courses can be chosen in whichever line you wish to have it in.
5. Make sure that you include as many subject options as possible.
6. Complete your choices by filling in the option form at the end of the booklet.
7. It's important to remember that you can choose a course only once over the two years (years 9 and 10).
8. Complete the form and submit it.
9. Write the course code of your first choice and your backup course on the form.
10. Complete both semester 1 and semester 2 courses.



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Line 1

Course Code	Course Name	What this course is about	Semester	LEARNING AREA
E1PURKU	Pūrākau	This course will be based on stories from Aotearoa New Zealand. Ākonga will be learning about language and literature through this context. Ākonga will develop skills in reading, writing, speaking and presenting.	1 or 2	English
E1SSPT	Supersport	This course will be based around the theme of Sport and Sporting identities. Ākonga will be learning about language and literature through this context. Ākonga will develop skills in reading, writing, speaking and presenting. There will be a focus on learning about hunting and fishing in the past and the present.	1 or 2	English
MA1TUHU	Game & Data investigators	This course looks at whether games are just a matter of chance. Learn how to analyse game statistics to improve results.	1 or 2	Mathematics
PE1SPRT	Sport Excellence	This course will provide you with the opportunity to focus on developing sports-related skills and fitness for a range of sports. You will be expected to partake in at least one sport and wear the correct school Physical Education uniform for all practical lessons.	1 or 2	Physical Education and Health
PA1DANS	Junior Dance Studies 2	This course introduces students to multiple dance genres, in a fun and inclusive way. Not only will students be focusing upon building their practical dance skills and knowledge, they will be learning skills in choreography and discovering how to use and implement the elements of dance in effective ways. Through game play, collaborative movement generation, and learning of dance phrases; students will have the opportunity to explore different modes of performance and foster confidence to share their movement with peers.	1 or 2	Dance
VA1WETM	Wet and Dry Media	This course explores the use of dry and wet media combinations. Explore a range of media and mark making tools to create works of art.	1 or 2	Art
TE1FDMA	Food Magic	This course explores the magic of food and the impact this has had on humans . Learn how advances in food technology have changed society from the past to the present and into the future. Learn what happens to the components of food as processing operations are undertaken. Apply this knowledge to create tasty new food products from scratch.	1 or 2	Technology
TD1DIGIT	Junior Digital Technology	This course will provide opportunities to explore a range of digital technology outcomes. This includes website design, practical coding challenges and robotics. This course also focuses on developing good file management procedures such as saving and naming files and folders correctly.	1 or 2	Digital Technology



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Course Code	Course Name	What is this course about	Semester	LEARNING AREA
E1MTO	Mo te whānau	This course will be based around the theme of whānau. Ākonga will be learning about language and literature through this context. Ākonga will develop skills in reading, writing, speaking and presenting. There will be a focus on learning about the importance of whānau.		
PA1DANCE	Junior Dance Studies	This course introduces students to multiple dance genres, in a fun and inclusive way. Not only will students be focusing upon building their practical dance skills and knowledge, they will be learning skills in choreography and discovering how to use and implement the elements of dance in effective ways. Through game play, collaborative movement generation, and learning of dance phrases; students will have the opportunity to explore different modes of performance and foster confidence to share their movement with peers.	1 or 2	Dance
SC1NGATA	Te Ngahere me te Tangata	This Science course explores life in the native bush and conversion of forest into farmland.	1 or 2	Science
SS1PACIF	Social Studies - Ko wai tatou?	This course takes a fascinating look at the attitudes and facts surrounding migration in Social Studies. How and why do people move? When did your ancestors move to Aotearoa? What will happen with migration in the future? Our Special Topic: Trans-tasman and Pasifika migration	1 or 2	Social Studies
TR1HIRE	Ngā Mahi ā-Rēhia	An introduction to Māori leisure, including: Waiata & haka Mau rākau Tāonga Tākaro Kori Tinana	1 or 2	Te Reo Maori
VA1DRAW	Visual Art - Drawing Basics	This course is a basic drawing course. It covers ideas and concepts around pencil technique, creating space and using perspective. It is a good beginner course with introductions to the Basic concepts.	1 or 2	Art



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E1HARL	Heroes and Leaders	This course will be based around the theme of Heroes and Leaders. Ākonga will be learning about language and literature through this context. Ākonga will develop skills in reading, writing, speaking and presenting. There will be a focus on learning about the qualities of heroes and leaders.	1 or 2	English
MA1MART	Maths through Art	This course looks at the connections between Measurement, Geometry and Art. You will create and calculate your own unique pieces of Art using these connections.	1	Mathematics
PE1GIRLS	Physical Education for Girls	This course will provide you with an opportunity to participate in a variety of physical activities and sports, while also acquiring the knowledge, skills and understanding to develop your physical competence of movement and safety. You will be expected to wear the correct school Physical Education uniform for all practical lessons.	1 or 2	Physical Education and Health
TD1GAME	Junior Gaming	This course will provide opportunities to explore and create a range of games, using different media. This includes learning how to design, develop, test and use feedback in the development of your games. You will also have the chance to explore and experiment with computer coding languages as you build different games.	1 or 2	Digital Technology
SC1AWA	Te Awa me te Tangata	This course looks at an environmental science course that studies river water quality and wastewater treatment through the lens of the Whanganui River region of the North Island.	1 or 2	Science
TR1NGATOI	Ngā Toi Māori	This course will help students become familiar with basic reo through Māori art - specifically Tukutuku	1 OR 2	Te Reo Maori



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Course Code	Course Name	What is this course about	Semester	LEARNING AREA
E1SBT	Strange But True	This course will be based around the theme of Strange but true events that have happened to people and places. Ākonga will be learning about language and literature through this context. Ākonga will develop skills in reading, writing, speaking and presenting. There will be a focus on learning about strange or odd events that have happened in the past and the present.	1	English
MA1MBLD	Waihanga Pangarau	This course will be looking at the connection between various aspects of the building process and how we can calculate the material that we need. How to draw a plan for what we want to build and all the calculations needed to complete it.	1 or 2	Mathematics
MA1MAUN	Tāngata whenua o te maunga (People & Mountains)	This course looks at to matou maunga, to tatou iwi. We look at the who, what, and how, through the lens of Statistics and Probability.	1 or 2	Mathematics
PE1HART	Heart Sport	This course will provide you with an opportunity to participate in a variety of physical activities and sports. The focus of this course is to ensure that you participate in physical activity regardless of your expertise. You will be expected to wear the correct school Physical Education uniform for all practical lessons.	1 or 2	Physical Education and Health
SS1DUST	Ko wai tatou?	An exciting, fast-paced course where you will learn about people in Whanganui, Aotearoa and the World. How did people first arrive in New Zealand? How have people migrated? Our Special Topic: Dust-bowl migration in the United States	1 or 2	Social Science
SC1MOATA	Te Moana me te Tangata	This Science course explores Sun, Moon and Earth interactions and the behaviour of ocean waves and sunlight. The ocean as a mineral resource, particularly Iron sand mining off the coast of Taranaki / Whanganui, is also investigated.	1 or 2	Science
TR1KAKAN	Te Kakano	Learn basic te reo Māori: Basic introduction Everyday phrases Basic sentence structures	1 or 2	Te Reo Maori



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Course Code	Course Name	What is this course about	Semester	LEARNING AREA
MA1NPTN	Te Ngahere me te awa (Forests & the river)	This course discovers tessellations and transformations, creates an inspired art piece, and develops an in-depth understanding of Patterns & Graphs. It interweaves mathematics and te ngahere me te awa.	1 or 2	Mathematics
PE1TAKAR	Ngā Taonga Tākaro	This course will provide you with an opportunity to learn about and engage in a combination of physical activities relating to traditional Māori games. You will be expected to wear the correct school Physical Education uniform for all practical lessons.	1 or 2	Physical Education and Health
PA1MUSIK	Music Essential Skills 2	This course is for students who are interested in a pathway in music. Learn the basic skills needed to understand how music works. Learn how to apply this knowledge with an instrument and express your creativity. This course will also help you to build your literacy skills through a music pathway. Music is a great way to explore your creative side while developing your literacy skills at the same time.	1 or 2	Music
SC1EXIN	Experimental Investigative Science	This Science course teaches how to collect and process scientific data in a range of scientific situations across the Living World, Physical World, Material World and Planet Earth and Beyond strands of the NZ National Science Curriculum.	1 or 2	Science
SS1SLAVE	Ko wai tatou?	An action-packed course about people and where they live. What impact does movement have on countries and people? What happens when people from other cultures move to another country? What attitudes do people have towards migrants? Our Special Topic: Slave migration and indentured migrants	1 or 2	Social Studies
TE1CMSS	Create and make with soft stuff	This course explores the properties and techniques related to working with soft materials to create sustainable items, with an emphasis on manaakitanga principles. Students will gain an understanding of the unique characteristics and technical development of soft materials, learn various shaping and forming techniques, and apply these skills to create eco-friendly items that are made for real-life purposes. This is a compulsory course for students intending to pursue a technology pathway at senior level.	1 or 2	Technology



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Course Code	Course Name	What is this course about	Semester	LEARNING AREA
E1SSSTR	Sinister Stories	What sends shivers down your spine? This course will be based around the theme of Sinister Stories. The course structure will be based around three contemporary short stories. Ākonga will develop evaluation skills and be able to demonstrate an understanding of different language features for effect.	1 or 2	English
MA1PAHE	Paheko	This course will be looking at the link between Number and Algebra. Our focus will be on problem solving and how we can use the Number and Algebra rules to solve it.	1 or 2	Mathematics
MA1PURP	Puzzles, Problems and Prizes	This course will be looking at the link between Number and Algebra. Our focus will be on problem solving and how we can use the Number and Algebra rules to solve it.	1 or 2	Mathematics
PE1HART	Heart Sport IX	This course will provide you with an opportunity to participate in a variety of physical activities and sports. The focus of this course is to ensure that you participate in physical activity regardless of your expertise. You will be expected to wear the correct school Physical Education uniform for all practical lessons.	1 or 2	Physical Education and Health
PA1MUSIC	Essential skills	This course is for students who are interested in a pathway in music. Learn the basic skills needed to understand how music works. Learn how to apply this knowledge with an instrument and express your creativity. This course will also help you to build your literacy skills through a music pathway. Music is a great way to explore your creative side while developing your literacy skills at the same time.	1 or 2	Music
TE1DFL	Design for life.	We are surrounded by design. Everything we use, wear and consume has been through a design process leading to manufacture. However, this has led to a lot of waste being produced. Learn about the design process through applying the 6R's to commonly discarded products. Discover your creativity through sketching, CAD software and modeling. Realise your design by creating mock ups, models and prototypes of your solutions.	1 or 2	Technology



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Course Code	Course Name	What is this course about	Semester	LEARNING AREA
E1HSFH	Hunt, Shoot, Fish	This course will be based around the theme of Hunting, Shooting and Fishing. Ākonga will be learning about language and literature through this context. Ākonga will develop skills in reading, writing, speaking and presenting. There will be a focus on learning about hunting and fishing in the past and the present.	1 or 2	English
P1BOYS	Physical Education for Boys	This course will provide you with an opportunity to participate in a variety of physical activities and sports, while also acquiring the knowledge, skills and understanding to develop your physical competence of movement and safety. You will be expected to wear the correct school Physical Education uniform for all practical lessons.	1 or 2	Physical Education and Health
SC1MGATA	Te Maunga me te Tangata	This Science course explores geology, electricity and power generation in the Central Volcanic region of the North Island.	1 or 2	Science
VA1WEMD	Visual art in Wet Media	This course explores the use of dry and wet media combinations. Explore a range of media and mark making tools to create works of art.	1 or 2	Art
TE1CMHS	Create and make with soft stuff	This course explores working with soft materials to create sustainable items, with an emphasis on manaakitanga principles. Students will gain an understanding of the unique characteristics and technical development of soft materials, learn various shaping and forming techniques, and apply these skills to create eco-friendly items that are made for real-life purposes. This is a compulsory course for students intending to pursue a technology pathway at senior level.	1 or 2	Technology
SS1IRISH	Ko wai tatou?	This interesting Social Studies course is one where you will learn about migration throughout history. How have people travelled to and from Whanganui, Aotearoa and the World? Our Special Topic: Irish migrations, Jewish migrations	1 or 2	Social Science
SS1HUMAN	Ko wai tatou?	This course is an exciting, fast-paced Social Studies course where you will learn about people in Whanganui, Aotearoa and the World. How did people first arrive in Aotearoa? How have people migrated? Our Special Topic: People smuggling, Human trafficking and Illegal Migration	1 or 2	Social Studies



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Name:

Year level:

Course Selection:

Choose the course that you would like to do in each line with a backup choice

Semester 1

Line 1	1 st Choice	E1PURU	E1SSPT	MA1TUHU	PE1SPRT	PA1DANS	VA1WETM	TE1FDMA	TD1DIGIT
	Backup	E1PURU	E1SSPT	MA1TUHU	PE1SPRT	PA1DANS	VA1WETM	TE1FDMA	TE1DIGIT
Line 2	1 st Choice	E1MTO	PA1DANCE	SC1NGATA	SS1PACIF	TR1HIRE	VA1DRAW		
	Backup	E1MTO	PA1DANCE	SC1NGATA	SS1PACIF	TR1HIRE	VA1DRAW		
Line 3	1 st Choice	E1HARL	MA1MART	PE1GIRLS	TD1GAME	SC1AWA	TR1NGATOI		
	Backup	E1HARL	MA1MART	PE1GIRLS	TD1GAME	SC1AWA	TR1NGATOI		
Line 4	1 st Choice	E1SBT	MA1BLD	MA1MAUN	PE1HART	SS1DUST	SC1MOATA	TR1KAKAN	
	Backup	E1SBT	MA1BLD	MA1MAUN	PE1HART	SS1DUST	SC1MOATA	TR1KAKAN	
Line 5	1 st Choice	MA1NPTN	PE1TAKAR	PA1MUSIK	SC1EXIN	SS1SLAVE	TE1CMSS		
	Backup	MA1NPTN	PE1TAKAR	PA1MUSIK	SC1EXIN	SS1SLAVE	TE1CMSS		
Line 6	1 st Choice	E1SSSTR	MA1PAHE	MA1PURP	PE1HART	PA1MUSIC	TE1DFL		
	Backup	E1SSSTR	MA1PAHE	MA1PURP	PE1HART	PA1MUSIC	TE1DFL		
Line 7	1 st Choice	E1HSFH	PE1BOYS	SC1MGATA	TE1CMHS	SS1IRISH	SS1HUMAN		
	Backup	E1HSFH	PE1BOYS	SC1MGATA	TE1CMHS	SS1IRISH	SS1HUMAN		



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Name:

Year level:

Course Selection:

Choose the course that you would like to do in each line with a backup choice

Semester 2

Line 1	1 st Choice	E2PURU	E2SSPT	MA2TUHU	PE2SPRT	PA2DANS	VA2WETM	TE2FDMA	TD2DIGIT
	Backup	E2PURU	E2SSPT	MA2TUHU	PE2SPRT	PA2DANS	VA2WETM	TE2FDMA	TE2DIGIT
Line 2	1 st Choice	E2MTO	PA2DANCE	SC2NGATA	SS2PACIF	TR2HIRE	VA2DRAW		
	Backup	E2MTO	PA2DANCE	SC2NGATA	SS2PACIF	TR2HIRE	VA2DRAW		
Line 3	1 st Choice	E2HARL	MA2MART	PE2GIRLS	TD2GAME	SC2AWA	TR2NGATOI		
	Backup	E2HARL	MA2MART	PE2GIRLS	TD2GAME	SC2AWA	TR2NGATOI		
Line 4	1 st Choice	E2SBT	MA2BLD	MA2MAUN	PE2HART	SS2DUST	SC2MOATA	TR2KAKAN	
	Backup	E2SBT	MA2BLD	MA2MAUN	PE2HART	SS2DUST	SC2MOATA	TR2KAKAN	
Line 5	1 st Choice	MA2NPTN	PE2TAKAR	PA2MUSIK	SC2EXIN	SS2SLAVE	TE2CMSS		
	Backup	MA2NPTN	PE2TAKAR	PA2MUSIK	SC2EXIN	SS2SLAVE	TE2CMSS		
Line 6	1 st Choice	E2SSSTR	MA2PAHE	MA2PURP	PE2HART	PA2MUSIC	TE2DFL		
	Backup	E2SSSTR	MA2PAHE	MA2PURP	PE2HART	PA2MUSIC	TE2DFL		
Line 7	1 st Choice	E2HSFH	PE2BOYS	SC2MGATA	TE2CMHS	SS2IRISH	SS2HUMAN		
	Backup	E2HSFH	PE2BOYS	SC2MGATA	TE2CMHS	SS2IRISH	SS2HUMAN		