

TEXTILES TECHNOLOGY

Textiles Technology may be studied as a 100-hour course (Year 9 or Year 10) or as a 200-hour (Years 9 and 10) course in Stage 5.

Course Description

A study of Textiles Technology provides students with broad knowledge of the properties, performance and uses of textiles in which fabrics, colouration, yarns and fibres are explored.

Project Work may include investigation and experimentation enabling students to discriminate in their choices of textiles for particular uses. Students then document and communicate their design ideas and experiences and make use of contemporary technology in their project work. Completion of projects will help to develop skills and confidence in the manipulation and use of a range of textile materials, equipment and techniques. Students will investigate the work of textile designers and from this research make judgments about the appropriateness of design ideas, the selection of materials and of tools and the quality of textile items.

Areas of Study:

There are three areas of study:

1. Design
2. Properties and Performance of Textiles
3. Textiles and Society.

Students can then look at a Focus area: these are recognised fields of textiles that will direct the choice of student projects. The focus areas are:

- Apparel – includes clothing and accessories such as shoes, hats, jewellery and belts.
- Furnishings – includes cushions, curtains, bedspreads, lampshades, quilt covers, bed linen, chair coverings, table linen, and beanbags.
- Costume – includes theatre costumes, masks, headdress, folk and traditional costumes, fancy dress costumes and dance costumes.
- Textile Arts – includes wall hangings, fabric-based artworks, embroidery, wearable design.
- Non-apparel – includes book covers, toys, bags, umbrellas, tents, backpacks, sleeping bags.

Focus areas are intended to encourage students to engage with a range of textile items and cater for a variety of student interests. They provide options for students to refine and enhance their knowledge and understanding of textiles using a variety of materials, tools and techniques.

Record of School Achievement (RoSA)

Satisfactory completion of 100 or 200 hours of study in Textiles Technology during Stage 5 (Years 9 and/or 10) will be recorded with a grade on the student's NESAs Record of School Achievement.