**2025 COURSE INFORMATION**

**ENGLISH**

In English, students’ study, use, and enjoy language and literature communicated orally, visually, or in writing.

English is compulsory up to and including Year 12. In Year 12 there is a UE literacy component to enable students to progress with the Level 2 UE criteria.

**MATHEMATICS**

In mathematics, students explore relationships in quantities, space, and data and learn to express these relationships in ways that help them to make sense of the world around them.

Mathematics is compulsory up to and including Year 11. Students can then opt to study Calculus, Statistics or Practical Maths in Year 12 and Year 13.

**SCIENCE**

In science, students explore how both the natural physical world and science itself work so that they can participate as critical, informed, and responsible citizens in a society in which science plays a significant role.

All Year 9 and Year 10 students study Science as will the Year 11 students. In the Senior school, sciences branch out into Biology, Chemistry, and Physics with Space Science

**AGRICULTURE WITH HORTICULTURE**

Learning in Agricultural and Horticultural Science develops students' understanding of the interconnectedness of all aspects of the growing environment, which includes people, soils, water, climate, plants, and animals. This subject focuses on primary production and predominately stops at the site gate, excluding businesses that support the primary industry.

In Year 12 this branch out into Environmental Science where students look at their impact on the world around them, the economic benefits of sustainability and viability.

**Enviro Sustainability**

Education for Sustainability is about learning to think and act in ways that safeguard the wellbeing of people and the planet. It encompasses the care for the environment and the impact of human endeavours and the primary industries.

**ARTS**

In the Arts, students explore, refine, and communicate ideas as they connect thinking, imagination, senses, and feelings to create works and respond to the works of others.

Students in Y9 have the opportunity to experience all of the Arts & Technology courses offered at KCS, from Y10 they can opt into them and create a pathway through to the Senior School.

Arts: offers courses in painting, photography,  digital technologies, design & visual communications.

**HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION**

In Health and Physical Education, students learn about their own well-being, and that of others and society, in health-related and movement contexts.

All Year 9 and Year 10 students study Health & Physical Education as will the Year 11 as a semester topic.

In the Senior School, students can opt to do Physical Education, (NCEA accredited) and be invited to study in the specialised sports Institute of Rugby League. (Health and Fitness) in Academy.

**LANGUAGES**

In learning a language, students learn to communicate in another language and develop their capacity to learn further languages, they will explore different cultures and world views in relation to their own. Te Reo Maori is part of Year 9 and 10 and opens to NCEA Te Reo in the senior school.

**Humanities**

In the Humanities, students explore the Bible and how they themselves can participate and take action as critical, informed, and responsible Christians.

The Local Histories is also brought in and the impact of the past is studied and understood.

All students study Humanities. Students can also opt to take History, and Tourism (QRC) in the Senior School.

**GATEWAY AND PATHWAYS PLANNING**

This is a program for Y11 to Y13 students which opens the gate between school and the world of work and allows students to gain experience in a local workplace. The focus is to gain workplace industry credits. Topics covered in the classroom include Site Safety, Customer Services, CV writing, Interview Skills, and Personal Career Planning.

**Te Ao Haka**

Te Ao Haka is a new performance-based subject. It provides opportunities for ākonga to engage in Māori culture, language, and traditional practice. Ākonga learn their whakapapa, history and language through the medium of haka. The subject combines traditional and contemporary culture. Ākonga can use Te Ao Haka credits towards NCEA and University Entrance (UE). We are also offering scholarships in Te Ao Haka, more information about this will follow.