



YEARS 7 to10 ACTIVITIES PROGRAM 2014

The Activities Program is designed to broaden the students' experience beyond the curriculum and offer opportunities to extend or deepen their knowledge in a particular area of study or ignite a passion for a particular general interest. Staff, parents, past students and expertise outside of the immediate school community can offer Activities about which they are passionate and offer specialist knowledge.

Students are able to choose between a wide variety of weekly activities including the arts, technology, construction and sport.

The Activity Program deliberately fosters Preshil's enduring commitment to: making, choosing, building, playmaking and performing as described in the Preshil 'Courage' book.

Many costs of Activities are subsidised by the Activities budget however some Activities have associated costs for specialised experience, special equipment, materials, excursion fees and transport as required. These can be paid in advance and are a flat rate per term, per Activity as listed.

Some Activities may also extend into fruit or lunch, particularly those leaving the school grounds. Students will need to be aware of this when choosing particular activities as they may need to take and eat their fruit and/or lunch.

TERM ONE 2014

3D Printing

Scott Phillips

3D printing - introductory presentation, which covers workflow, technologies and applications. Kinect scanning 3D printing is liberating people's creative imaginations and is fuelling innovation around the world. We're looking for hackers, freaks, designers and artists; anyone who can imagine the feeling of having made something magical. Come and learn the spells and the potions. What will you do with them? Jewellery, phone cases, models, Electronic cases? Well, that's where it gets interesting. Check out thingiverse.com for some ideas.

Costs: \$135 per term

Day: Tuesday

Class: Max 10

Costs: \$135 per term

Day: Thursday

Class: Max 10

Intro to Glass Kiln Forming Techniques

Emma Borland | Mark Ammermann

In this unit you will be introduced to the beautiful and exciting medium of glass. The unit will be guided by Mark Ammermann and Emma Borland, who exhibit regularly and run a professional glass making studio in the Dandenong Mountains. We will cover many different applications of glass formation in the kiln. You will learn how to enamel ceramics with glass. Make powder wafer stencils and apply them to light catchers. Glass fusing will be used to make small graphic and artistic panels. Glass slumping will be explored in order to change the shape of flat glass. You will also make some simple glass jewellery. Students will be encouraged to explore a variety of techniques and will be able to create their own designs in glass. They will come away with a number of personal glass objects. The elective will cover health and safety in a professional studio, including safe handling of tools and glass as a material.

Costs: \$135

Day: Tuesday Only

Class: Max 12

Art

June McKenzie

Journey into a landscape: Beginning with the idea of creating 'A LANDSCAPE'. You will experiment with different materials to create your world. This may be in the natural world, an urban landscape, within a room or within your imagination. It may be drawn, painted, built, using collage images and objects. You will spend 1 session at the NGV looking at selected work in the exciting Melbourne Now exhibition and also view some landscapes in the selection.

Costs: \$25

Day: Tuesday only

Class: Max 10

Electronics Introduction

Karl von Moller

This program is an introduction and involves developing students' knowledge of a wide range of electronic components including soldering. Students will build circuits from flashing lights, making sounds, light detectors to actuating motors and brush-bots. These sessions will also be preparation for advancing to programming micro controllers with Arduino.

Costs: \$135 per term

Day: Tuesday Only

Class: Max 8

Creative Writing

Fiona Martin

This activity will involve going out to various locales to absorb the atmospheres and discuss different writing styles and read a variety of short stories in different genres. The group would then begin to work on either a series of short pieces or an extended piece for the term. A selection of work may be published.

Costs: Nil

Day: Tuesday only

Class: Max 10

Kitchen Garden

John Collins

This elective focuses on ethical eating or eating green, not only will we source nutritious and delicious 'green' recipes, we will also cook up delicious food each week.

Costs: \$20

Day: Thursday Only

Class: Max 8 - 10

Sport A

Beth Johnston

Get involved in a range of different sporting challenges.

Costs: Nil

Day: Tuesday

Class: Open

Textiles

Cressida Batterham-Wilson

Session 1: Each Student will bring \$20 and their MYKI and we will go to Spotlight on the tram to buy fabric, and any trim required, for making Pyjama pants.

Session 2: Techniques for cutting and preparing to sew, pinning or tacking and observing the 1.5cm seam allowance.

Session 3 to 8: Construction and finishing techniques for all seams and button holes and will include invisible hemming with herringbone stitch.

Session 9: Will be our Pyjama Party. We'll wear our PJ pants, make popcorn and watch a movie, in the library screening room, which we'll decide on over the course of the elective.

Costs: \$20

Day: Thursday Only

Class: Max 8

Sculpture

Josh Wilson

Two activities are being offered for Small Sculpture. Both will use Sculpey an oven-bake polyform clay. Students can create a small monochrome figurine. Alternatively, using a variety of colours students can learn Caning: a technique which allows you to create pictures inside a rolled out tube which can then be used for creating beads.

Costs: \$30

Day: Thursday Only

Class: Max 8

Extreme Ornithology - Native Birds in their Local Habitats

Rod Waterman

Excursions to places of environmental significance in the Melbourne environs, including sites along the Yarra River, Wetlands, Woodland and Grassland Reserves. There will also be one extended excursion to places such as the Museum of Victoria, Healesville Sanctuary or the Melbourne Zoo. The aim is to learn about the birds and their habitat needs and to appreciate the beauty and diversity of Australian native avifauna. The role and nature of bird calls will also be discussed. A regular web blog will be associated with this activity (see previous Preshil 'Extreme Ornithology' blog at <http://extremeornithology.blogspot.com.au/>)

Accessories to bring (not compulsory): Binoculars, notebooks, sketchbooks, cameras (smartphones, iPads etc), Field Guides (we have some in school library). There is new excellent Field Guide app, "Pizzey and Knight, Birds of Australia, Digital Edition" available from the Apple Store (~\$70). A wonderful free app that includes birds and a range of other animals, frogs and insects etc is the 'Museum of Victoria Field Guide' (free from the Apple online store).

Note: It is important to dress sensibly for a range of outdoor conditions, including wearing sunsmart clothing, sunhat/sunscreen. Bring your own water bottle and wear appropriate footwear (no high heels!).

Costs: \$20

Day: Thursday Only

Class: Max 8

Song Writing | Recording

TBA High Voltage Rock School

High Voltage Rock School's 'Song Writing' program. High Voltage Rock School will be providing a quality educator to run a program in song writing. We are looking for rockers or poppers - basically any type of musician to form some bands. Each student will be given the opportunity to contribute to the song writing process. Whether it be scripting the lyrics, creating the melody, writing the chords, writing a riff or laying an EPIC beat. The program will culminate with a studio recording of your song/s and a live performance at school. All styles welcome! May include 1 excursion to local recording studio.

Costs: \$135

Day: Tuesday Only

Class: Max 8

Chess

Leonid Sandler

The chess club will operate under the supervision of the International Master and FIDE (International Chess Federation) accredited and registered trainer Leonid Sandler, who was also the captain of the Australian Women's Chess Olympic Team. In order for our students to become independent thinkers and self-starters, they must be equipped with the ability to analyse and reason, be quick problem solvers, strategists and good planners. The following skills will become part of the students' way of thinking: Problem Solving, Abstract Analysis, Spatial Aptitude, Verbal Reasoning, Logical and Critical Thinking, Intellectual Maturity, Originality, Cognitive Skill Enhancement, Concentration, Increased Memory Capacity, Organisational Skills, Decision making under pressure and much more.

Costs: \$135 per term

Day: Tuesday Only

Class: Max 10

Sport B

Get involved in a range of different sporting challenges.

Costs: Nil

Day: Thursday

Class: Open

Beth Johnston

Photshop

This activity is aimed at giving students a basic understanding of Adobe Photoshop techniques from beginner to advanced levels. Students who already have a solid grounding in this program will be able to extend their knowledge of tools.

Costs: Nil

Day: Tuesday

Class: Max 10

Gillian Crothers

Pop Art

This activity is aimed at giving students an opportunity to create either a painting or a sculpture based on the work of the Pop artists. Students will look at the 2 dimensional work of Andy Warhol and 3 dimensional work of Claus Oldenburg as inspiration. They will then have the opportunity to work on either a painting or a soft sculpture, using images from mass media and commercial products as subject matter.

Costs: Nil

Day: Thursday

Class: Max 10

Gillian Crothers

Zines

Most commonly a small circulation self-published work of original or appropriated texts and images usually reproduced via photocopier. Content is entirely the whim of the creator and can be fiction or non fiction, pictures or writing, poetry or story, general information, one word only or something entirely different. May include a small excursion to local op-shops etc for materials.

Costs: \$20

Day: Thursday Only

Class: Max 8

Charlotte Jowett

Cooking From Around The World

In this elective we'll be looking at cooking cuisine from different cultures. We'll explore the traditions and history of cultural celebrations. We'll sample traditional foods and cook recipes from around the world.

Costs: \$20

Day: Tuesday Only

Class: Max 8

Yavanna Dyson

METHODS OF PAYMENT

Online Credit Card

Trybooking.com

Direct Deposit

Account Name: Preshil School

BSB: 303256 Bank West

Account no: 0003493

(Your account code and last 3 digits of activity code will be your reference)

Cheque

Make payable to Preshil, The Margaret Lyttle Memorial School. Please include student name and activity code.

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Terms

Activity fees and charges are payable at the beginning of term. Outstanding payment will be added to the next terms fees.

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