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Dear Parents/Carers of Year 8 SVAPA students

Shortly, Year 8 students will be invited to submit their Elective course preferences for Year 9 in 2026. I am writing to advise that Year 8 SVAPA students do not need to undertake this process. Our Upper School office has automatically enrolled Year 8 SVAPA students in their Specialist Program Elective courses.

The SVAPA program is a specialist Arts commitment from Year 7 until the end of Year 9. These exclusive Elective courses are the culmination of their SVAPA learning journey.

Drama (9DRASV)

Year 9 SVAPA students undergo workshops, provocations and discourse on the nature of theatre and live performance. Students are exposed to ensemble theatre and devising, as well as multidisciplinary performance contexts. Simulating industry standards and expectations, students write a grant, go through a mentoring feedback program, manage a budget and, produce and perform their own shows to the public.

Music (9MUSSV)

Year 9 SVAPA Music retains the academic rigour of the general music course, however, extends the students through cultural investigation and creative production. Students are asked to question the purpose, aesthetic and importantly the moral implications of artistic choices. This course also offers the SVAPA students the opportunity to integrate music in various contexts with other arts such as music theatre.

Visual Arts/Digital Media (9VAMSV)

The Year 9 SVAPA Visual Arts course explores the links between traditional and digital media to explore the ways that contemporary artists have examined issues affecting the world today. Students create digital installations, photography, paintings, drawings and assemblages that examine their environment and our impact on it.

If you have any questions about the SVAPA Program please contact Shahna Gallagher, SVAPA Co-ordinator by emailing Shahna.Gallagher@education.wa.edu.au.

All Year 9 students continue to study a Language, Health and Physical Education until the end of Year 10. In addition, all Year 9 students (including SVAPA students) are placed into a Mathematics, English, Science and HASS course according to their learning needs, as evidenced by their prior performance in Terms 1-3 of Year 8. SVAPA students will stay together as a Form class.

We wish Year 8 SVAPA students all the best for the remainder of their time in Middle School and look forward to supporting them in their transition to Upper School next year.

Yours sincerely

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Human Resources / Timetable

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