



Year 7 Term Overview

In Term 1 2026, we are learning to:

English

- write short narratives that explore the stages of the Hero's Journey;
- experiment with descriptive language features to build imaginative worlds; and
- create and develop original characters that have rich inner worlds.

Maths

- represent numbers in different forms;
- understand special numbers such as prime, composite and square numbers;
- compare and perform operations with integers, fractions and decimals; and,
- develop efficient calculation strategies.

HaSS

- investigate 'Deep Time' and the significance of early First Nations Peoples in Australia, using archaeological and historical terms;
- think critically about Australia's earliest history, focusing on continuities and changes over time;
- use primary and secondary sources to create historical arguments and interpretations; and
- understand Australian citizenship, democracy, and government.

Science

- work safely in the Science labs;
- follow the scientific method to understand the world around us;
- use scientific equipment to complete experiments; and,
- separate pure substances from mixtures by using the differences in physical properties of the materials.

Electives

In Years 7 and 8, students participate in a rotation of semester-long elective subjects drawn from Creative and Performing Arts as well as Applied and Digital Technology. The program provides exposure to a broad range of subjects, supporting informed elective choices in Years 9 and 10.

HPE

- support inclusion, fair play and collaboration when playing indigenous games;
- apply and transfer throw and catch movement skills and movement concepts when playing netball and basketball; and,
- implement and evaluate the effectiveness of movement strategies and movement concepts when participating in athletics events.

Curiosity Labs

- understand the development of the culture and community of Shirley Smith High School;
- use shared stories and research to understand the histories of place and people connected to our school; and,
- explore our individual role in creating the growing community of Shirley Smith High school.

Connect

- improve and reflect on our planning, time management and study skills;
- evaluate current friendships, explore new connections and build positive relationships with others; and
- set specific, measurable, realistic and attainable goals and reflect on our progress towards meeting these.