

# Middle Years



## Curriculum Overview

The Middle Years Mini School is set up to provide targeted support to students in Years 8 and 9. Students are exposed to their core subject areas and have the ability to choose subject areas that interest them in preparation for Senior Years.

Students in Years 8 and 9 study English, Mathematics, Humanities, Science and Mentor as their core subjects. Teachers have spent time planning and developing units of work that focus on the middle years' research to encompass a hands-on, flexible approach and a 21st-century approach to teaching and learning.

Students are exposed to a large number of specialist subjects including Languages (Italian or Japanese), Visual Arts, Technology, Performing Arts and Health and Physical Education. The teaching and learning program is supported by the BYO device program at the College.

Leadership skills and community experiences are an essential component to the Middle Years program with students having the opportunity to be involved in excursions and camps connecting their learning to real-world experiences and developing positive relationships with peers and teachers.

Students are involved in the High Resolves program in Year 8 and have the opportunity to select a leadership based subject at Year 9 to develop and extend these leadership skills into a community project.

## English as an Additional Language (EAL)

At Mount Ridley College we provide EAL learners with an in-class support program to ensure all learners are catered for. The team-teaching approach provides opportunities for the classroom teacher and an EAL teacher to share the responsibility of planning, assessing and evaluating the needs of EAL learners.

## Middle Years Certificate

The Middle Years Certificate is a two-year program beginning at Year 8 and concluding in Year 9. Over the course of the two years, students are invited and provided opportunities to participate in additional activities such as excursions, incursions, and leadership opportunities. These activities are recorded and acknowledged at the end of Year 9 when students are awarded their Completion Certificate. The certificate evaluates three domains – Academic, Global Citizen and Extra-Curricular and contains five different levels of achievement,