

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.

In both Year 8 and Year 9, the structure of the content delivered throughout the year in the core subjects reflect the structure outlined in the senior years. Below is a table of the areas of focus for each subject.

Subject	Semester 1 Focus	Semester 2 Focus
English	Text Response and Language Analysis	Comparisons, Poetry, Reading and Creating
Maths	Number, Algebra, Statistics and Measurement	Financial Maths, Geometry, Probability, Linear and non-Linear Relationships
Science	Physics and Biology	Chemistry, Earth and Space
Humanities	History and Civics and Citizenship	Geography, Business and Economics

Students are exposed to a large number of specialist subjects including Languages (Italian or Japanese); Visual Arts; Product Design and Technology; Digital Technology; Performing Arts and Health and Physical Education. The teaching and learning programs are 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.

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. All students receive a certificate reflecting their level of achievement as well as a personalised letter of achievement signed by the college principal to use for potential future employment.