

Avonside Girls' High School | Te Kura Kōhine o Ōtākaro Curriculum 2026

	Y9	Y10	Y11	Y12	Y13
English	English	English	English Language & Literature	English Language & Literature	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> English Language & Literature* English for Science Communicators* Bridging the Gap
Media Studies	Media Studies (semester)	Media Studies (semester)	Media English (replaces L1 English)	Media Studies	Media Studies*
Enrichment Programs	SPEC ESOL	SPEC ESOL	SPEC ESOL	SPEC ESOL	SPEC ESOL
Health & Physical Education	Health and Physical Education	Health and Physical Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Health Physical Education & Sports Science 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Health Physical Education & Sports Science Physical Education & Sports Coaching 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Health* Physical Education & Sports Science* Physical Education & Sports Coaching*
Languages	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> French Japanese Spanish Te Reo Māori 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> French Japanese Spanish Te Reo Māori 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> French Japanese Spanish Te Reo Māori 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> French Japanese Spanish Te Reo Māori 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> French* Japanese* Te Reo Māori*
Mathematics	Mathematics	Mathematics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mathematics Mathematics and Statistics Foundation Mathematics 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mathematics Mathematics & Statistics 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Statistics* Calculus* Mathematics Applied*
Science	Science	Science	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Science Extra Science! 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Biology Chemistry Physics Science 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Biology* Chemistry* Physics* Science*

Social Sciences	Social Sciences	Social Sciences Geography (semester) Commerce (semester) Psychology (semester)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Commerce ● Geography ● History ● Pasifika Studies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Classical Studies ● Commerce ● Geography ● History ● Pasifika Studies ● Psychology ● Tourism Studies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Classical Studies* ● Commerce* ● Geography* ● History* ● Pasifika Studies ● Psychology* ● Tourism Studies
Technology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Design & Visual Communication ● Fashion & Design Technology ● Food Technology ● Digital Innovations ● Product Development Technology 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Design & Visual Communication ● Fashion & Design Technology ● Food Technology ● Digital Innovations ● Product Development Technology 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Design & Visual Communication ● Digital Technologies ● Fashion & Design Technology ● Food Technology ● Product Development Technology 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Design and Visual Communication ● Digital Technologies ● Fashion & Design Technology ● Food Technology ● Product Development Technology 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Design and Visual Communication* ● Digital Technologies* ● Fashion & Design Technology* ● Food Technology* ● Product Development Technology*
The Arts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Dance ● Drama ● Music ● Visual Art 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Dance ● Drama ● Music ● Visual Art 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Dance ● Drama ● Music ● Te Ao Haka ● Visual Art - Practical 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Dance ● Drama ● Music ● Te Ao Haka ● Visual Arts - Design ● Visual Arts - Painting & Printmaking ● Visual Arts - Photography 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Dance* ● Drama* ● Music* ● Te Ao Haka* ● Visual Arts - Design* ● Visual Arts - Painting & Printmaking* ● Visual Arts - Photography*
Vocational courses - Onsite				Tourism Hospitality	Early Childhood Financial Literacy Hospitality Tourism

Vocational Academy On /Offsite				VOC222 - for further details about courses available, see AGHS coursebook	VOC333 - for further details about courses available, see AGHS coursebook
--------------------------------	--	--	--	---	---

In the table above, the ***asterisk*** is used in the Y13 column to mark UE Approved subjects.

Year 9

- Ākonga must select 1 Arts subject, 1 Technology subject and 1 Language subject
- Ākonga are encouraged to fill their remaining semesters with further Arts, Technology and Language subjects or the additional subject options.
- All subjects run for one semester / half year.
- Exceptions JTRM, JMUS. These subjects run for a full year.
- Additional Y9 subjects in 2026 will include 9 Philosophy, 9 Māori Studies, 9 Media Studies, 9 Ngā Taonga Tākaro

Year 10

- Ākonga choose 1 Arts subject, 1 Technology subject and are encouraged to continue studying a Language.
- Ākonga fill their remaining semesters with further Arts, Technology and Language subjects or the additional subject options.
- Y10 Languages are one year courses and count as 2 semesters. If you intend to study a Language in Y11, then you must study this in Y10.
- JTRM, JMUS and all Y10 Languages run for a full year.
- Additional Y10 subjects in 2026 will include Commerce, Media Studies, Digital Innovations, Geography, Ngā Taonga Tākaro and Psychology

Additional Subjects for Junior semesters 2026

Year 9	Year 10	Junior (one year courses)
Philosophy Māori Studies Media Studies Ngā Taonga Tākaro	Commerce Media Studies Digital Innovations Geography Ngā Taonga Tākaro Psychology	JTRM JMUS

Year 11 2026

Students at AGHS are well prepared with the knowledge and skills needed to gain NCEA qualifications at Level 2 and 3 by the end of Year 12 or 13.

In 2026 Science will be offering a rigorous curriculum of learning that prepares students for NCEA L2 and L3. Over this programme students will be assessed on their learning by their teachers. It may include some L2 NCEA standards where appropriate.

History and Mathematics will be offering a rigorous learning programme for success at NCEA L2 and 3. History will offer 15x L1 credits with a Level 2 essay writing internal Achievement Standard. Mathematics will offer 10 NCEA L1 credits through the year.

The focus in Year 11 is to ensure that literacy and numeracy requirements are met for all students through quality teaching and learning.

Students will gain the 60 credits for the L1 Qualification over Years 11 and 12 with the focus being on the 60 credits needed for the NCEA 2 qualification.

There will be close tracking of students in Year 11 by HOLAs, whānau teachers and ākonga | students.