



Newtown High School of the Performing Arts

Class Changes Policy

CORE CLASSES

The composition of core classes is carefully considered by Teachers, Year Advisors and Deputy Principals. Student and parent/carer class requests are not considered for reasons of student equity.

Core classes are an opportunity for students to build and broaden social connections, as well as to hone skills in working with a range of personalities and abilities. It is important that students receive the opportunity to develop learning connections in addition to their friendship groups.

Whilst known wellbeing issues are considered, the timetable and curriculum determine the composition of core classes. Changes to core classes are not possible.

ELECTIVE CLASSES

NHSPA encourages students to choose elective courses based on personal interest and aptitude.

These choices should be carefully considered by students at subject selection times in Term 3 to allow the school to prepare and organise successfully for the following year.

The logistics of timetabling make it impossible to cater to all student elective preferences, and therefore, indicating second choice preferences is essential.

Course changes are disruptive for staff and students and can have an adverse effect on learning outcomes and confidence. If a student has an extreme change of heart, and it is prior to the cut-off date, changes to chosen elective courses *may* be possible in Years 8-11, and only if it can be facilitated within the timetable.

The cut-off date for changes to electives is published at the beginning of each year. After this date, no change requests from parents/carers or students will be considered.

Thank you for your support in ensuring that NHSPA provides an engaging, broad curriculum and a positive learning environment for all our students.