

## 5.2 TECHNOLOGY

### 1. GENERAL SHOP (MAJOR)

*Teacher who may be contacted for further information:*

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This course of study is offered as four periods of General Shop per week. Students will undertake one semester of woodwork and one semester of metalwork. The aim of the course in broad terms is to encourage students to develop confidence in their own ability at working with tools, machines and equipment as they relate to practical applications. Working in an industrial environment it is essential that students also gain an appreciation for working safely in a practical environment.

Students will work through practical exercises in class time with teacher guidance that will allow them ample opportunities to achieve the goals outlined above. It needs to be stressed that the assumption is that in year 9 students will have limited prior practical experience and therefore the course aims to develop and foster a keen interest in working with tools and equipment to achieve a completed project. It would be hoped that throughout the course students will gain confidence with work of a practical nature and also develop safe working habits. Students will be challenged to develop an enquiring mind in relation to materials, products and processes.

#### **Assessment**

Class projects, assignment and theory test (written)

As part of the General Shop course, students will be required to complete a number of practical exercises. Once completed, students are permitted to take these items home. Parents need to be aware that projects are a result of a teaching exercise only. They do not, and were never intended to, conform to General Australian Standards, and should be viewed in that light.