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***Year 9 & 10***

All students in Year 9 have **core subjects** that all students must study, and **elective subjects** that students choose to study. In Year 9, students choose two electives subjects. It should be noted that some Senior School (Year 11 and 12) subjects have pre-requisites or recommendations for results at a Year 10 level. Students are encouraged to seek advice from their Subject teachers, Heads of Department and Head of Year as they choose subjects at the end of Year 8 and Year 9.

***Core subjects:***In Year 9 and 10, the **Core Curriculum areas are:**

Religious Education  
English  
Mathematics (Mathematics A prep or Mathematics B prep in Year 10)  
Science  
History (1 Semester)

Physical Education (1 Semester)  
  
***Elective subjects*:**

Students choose elective subjects such as: Business, Physical Education (can choose to do a full year),History (can choose to do a full year) Science Extension, Music, Drama, Visual Arts, Media, Language (Japanese or Italian), Technology (INTAD), Graphics, Food Tech, Geography, ICT.

Our subject elective offerings are responsive to changes within the Australian Curriculum as well as the distinctive interests and strengths of cohorts of students.

Further information regarding the process of choosing electives is outlined with students and parents at the end of Year 8.

***Year 10***

The latter part of Year 10 is a crucial time for students and their parents. During Term 3 of Year 10, students and parents are involved in a comprehensive process as students make decisions about their educational directions and career options. There are several options that may be available to students at the end of Year 10, for example:

* Leave school and seek employment
* Study to prepare for work after Year 12
* Study to prepare for tertiary entrance.

Subjects fall into several categories in the Senior School. **Authority**, **Authority-Registered and VET subjects.** Students need to complete at least 5 Authority subjects in order to be OP eligible.

Authority subjects are more academic in nature. The Authority-Registered and VET subjects are more practical and are generally designed to teach vocational content and skills. All subjects in the Senior school require a high level of commitment and effort.