



YEAR 9 2025

ELECTIVE OPTIONS

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Year 9 Electives

Students are completing the elective choices via the Online Web Preference system. Electives are chosen from the drop down boxes in order of preference. **Two** electives are undertaken in 2025, **one per semester**. Two reserves provide a back-up if electives are full, or do not run.

Write the electives you are considering and the reasons why you would like to study them.

Organising your ideas:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

Languages at Year 9 - There are many benefits gained through studying languages.

The Victorian Curriculum states that:

Learning languages in addition to English extends students' literacy repertoires and their capacity to communicate. It strengthens students' understanding of the nature of language, culture, and the processes of communication. (Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority 2024.)

- In addition, students who continue with a language through to VCE Units 3 and 4, have the opportunity to be awarded the [VCE Qualifications](#).

We know, however, that by the end of Year 8, some students find that French and Japanese are becoming more difficult and hold little interest.

Students, with their parents' consent, may therefore select from the following for Year 9:

1. **French** (full year)
2. **Japanese** (full year)
3. **Commerce** (full year)

A student who has an interest in both languages and Commerce is encouraged to select the language in Year 9. They will have the opportunity to select the Money Tree in Year 10 and a range of VCE Commerce subjects over the ensuing years.

You are now ready to complete your Online Preferences for 2025. Keep this booklet as a reminder of your electives and their descriptions for next year.

Instructions:

1. Open the email sent to your school account
2. Click on **'Click here to open Web Preferences'**

House: _____ Student Code: STUD1002141
Year Level: _____ Home Group: _____
Roll Class: _____

The following steps outline how to enter your subject preferences online.

1 Internet Access	You will need a computer with an internet connection and a printer. We recommend using Firefox, you may also use Google Chrome or IE 6.0 and above.
2 Log In	Log In to www.selectmysubjects.com.au using: Click here to open Web Preferences Student Access Code: SA516-5489-1002141

3. Click on **Add New Preferences** and make your elective choices, in order of preference, and Language/Commerce required subject.

Web Preferences - Home Page Timetabling ONLINE

1 Click Add New Preferences 2 Select Your Preferences 3 Submit Valid Preferences 4 View/Print Receipt

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[+ Add New Preferences](#) [View Subject Details](#) [Log Out](#)

Submitted Preference Receipts

Preference Receipt 1: [SA516-5489-1002141-531325 \(12/08/2016 5:23:26 PM\)](#)

4. Finally, add parent/guardian email address. This will generate an email which requires a parent signature.

The student signs in the allocated position, and then saves the signature.

Submit valid preference once it has turned green.

Parent/Guardian Email Address: [+](#)

Student Signature

Sign Type Upload

Save Signature

[+ Submit Valid Preferences](#) [Cancel](#) [Log Out](#)

If you haven't received an email link to Web Preferences Online, see Mr Minter, the Timetabler.

ACCELERATED COMPUTING

What is the focus/goal of this subject?

Students who successfully complete Year 9 Accelerated Computing will be able to select VCE Unit 1 & 2 Applied Computing in Year 10. This will allow students to have an additional subject added onto their ATAR in Year 12. In this semester-based subject, students will explore how to use spreadsheet software such as Excel, including formulas and functions that allow the program to do all the hard work. Students will learn how to design a client home network, including the hardware/software and how computers are connected to the Internet.

Students will use visual design tools to help consolidate their ideas and designs before developing working solutions. They also develop a database in Access which allows data to be manipulated and sorted on a large scale.

What activities and assessment tasks are undertaken?

- Creating a spreadsheet using Excel to perform powerful functions with ease
- Manipulating and sorting data, including producing graphs
- Consider the hardware and software required to set up a network
- How to store, search and organise large sets of data in a database
- Design and configure a new home network for a client using the very latest in technology
- Complete practical exercises in Excel
- Develop a database in Access – students choose a topic of interest
- End of Semester Examination

Where does this subject lead in Years 10 - 12?

VCE

Students can continue studying information technology in Year 10 by undertaking VCE Unit 1 & 2 Applied Computing and Unit 3 & 4 Analytics in Year 11.

Career

There are many careers to follow when specialising in information technology, these can be IT related such as Network Manager, Website Designer, Cyber Security Analyst, Data Analyst and Database Administrator. Additionally, many other jobs and careers are increasingly needing their staff to have IT skills and capabilities.

As technology progresses, the need for information technology skills and professionals increases, with IT employment opportunities being an area of demand in the next five years and beyond.

ART

What is the focus/goal of this subject?

By the end of Year 9, students will have built an awareness of how and why artists realise their ideas through different visual arts practices. They will identify and explain how artists and audiences interpret artworks through explorations of different viewpoints, as well as interpret artworks through research and art practice.

As they make and respond to visual artworks, students will critically reflect on the contribution of visual arts practitioners from a range of cultures, times and locations that refer to the development of different traditional and contemporary styles of art works, which include Contemporary Art and sculpture, Modernism and painting, and the Pop Art Movement of the 1960's and its resurgence in a contemporary context.

Students will extend their understanding of safe visual arts practices and have the choice to use sustainable materials whilst exploring and manipulating materials, techniques, technologies, and processes to express their intentions in art works.

What activities and assessment tasks are undertaken?

In this Unit students complete two main assessment tasks:

- Painting and Drawing – An exploration of the Pop Art Movement focusing on Portraiture
- Sculpture – An exploration of 3D using clay, including hand building techniques and language focusing on sculpture terminology.
- Research task of a chosen sculptor.
- Colour Theory and its application.

Students will research and collect ideas and inspiration from history while referring to contemporary culture.

Discover and develop skills using different painting techniques and materials, discover and develop skills using different clay hand building techniques, extension tasks based on Papier Mache, and Lino Printing.

Experience construction methods using a diverse variety of materials.

Be challenged by using clay, glazing and firing sculptures.

Discussion and evaluation of their artworks.

Where does this subject lead in Years 10 - 12?

Students gain confidence in using art principles and practice, providing them with opportunities to enter Year 10 2D Art and Year 10 3D Art, and to continue through to Units 1-4 VCE Creative Practice and/or Year 10 Visual Communications, continuing through to Units 1-4 Visual Communication and Design.

There are also opportunities to develop specific interests for future employment that are relevant to many art and design fields or just for fun.

E.g. Professional Fine Arts practice, Book Illustrator, Architect, Curator, Botanical or Scientific Illustrator, Art and Design Teaching and many more.

COMMERCE

What is the focus/goal of this subject?

By the end of Year 9, students will develop a strong understanding of their role as active and informed citizens. To achieve this, they will explore the Australian Political and Legal System (Civics and Citizenship) in conjunction with Business and Economics, with focus on sustainability. This integrated approach empowers students to become responsible global citizens capable of addressing complex challenges.

Business and Economics (Money Matters) introduces students to financial planning, interest rates, and the banking system. It equips students with financial literacy, covering topics such as budgeting, saving, and investing. This knowledge enables them to make informed financial decisions and build a solid financial foundation.

Civics and Citizenship (Law and Order) introduces students to Australia's political and legal frameworks, fostering critical thinking and legal literacy. By examining rights, responsibilities, and the justice system, students develop a deep appreciation for societal justice.

What activities and assessment tasks are undertaken?

Law and Order

- Australian Political and Legal System
- Criminal and Civil Law
- Court Hierarchical System
- Court Visit / Guest Speaker

Money Matters

- Saving and investing, different savings options, interest rates, shares, property
- Borrowing and credit: loans, credit cards, interest, repayment plans, good debt and bad debt
- Debt Module
- Buying your first car project

Work and Work Futures

- Students research the way the work environment is changing in contemporary Australia and analyse the implications for current and future work
- Researching current trends in the types of work available, the changes occurring, and the implications for future employment
- Analysing how technology, globalisation and sustainability have affected the way we work
- Investigating a range of occupations and the skills and dispositions required in different fields

Where does this subject lead in Years 10 - 12?

Year 10 Commerce

Year 11/12 VCE Business Management, Legal Studies, Economics, Accounting.

COOKIES

What is the focus/goal of this subject?

Cookies is an elective that runs over one semester. This is a fun and practical hands-on skill set, that is a stimulating, practical and engaging subject for students.

As part of this elective, the students will gain competency in four Vocational Education and Training (VET) units:

- Produce biscuit and cookie products – lots of baking each week.
- Package pre-prepared foodstuffs – learn how to package food for sale.
- Plan and cost recipes – make their own recipes and sell the cookies.
- Use hygienic practices for food safety.

What activities/assessment tasks are undertaken?

Students will be assessed both practically and with an online assessment for each unit.

Students will be observed completing a range of processes and techniques used for producing biscuit and cookie products, along with correct storage requirements of ingredients used in the production.

They will also be required to finish biscuits in a variety of ways including the use of fruit, chocolate, jams, dipping and sandwiching.

Correct packaging, labelling and costing of ingredients will also be part of the assessment criteria.

Where does this subject lead in Years 10 - 12?

Year 10 VET Certificate II in Cookery

Year 10 VET Certificate II in Hospitality

DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGIES - STEM

What is the focus/goal of this subject?

In this subject students extend their knowledge and skills from Years 7 and 8 in constructing projects from a variety of materials. Students also gain competency in the use of hand and power tools in the construction of a product.

As part of the design process, students will investigate sustainability and recycling options.

What activities and assessment tasks are undertaken?

Students will research and develop a functional product by completing the following:

- Investigate
- Research
- Concept drawings
- Production planning
- Production of a product
- Evaluate

Students will use a variety of hand and power tools, identical to what would be used in a trade industry and TAFE settings. They are also required to show the safe use of these tools in a practical setting. Students are instructed on the correct practices that are used in industry, and are expected to work to these standards.

Where does this subject lead in Years 10 – 12?

Students can choose to do the Design and Technology (STEM) elective in Year 10.

This leads to students studying VET Construction Pathways for Years 11-12.

This subject could also be a taster for Trade Based Careers.

DRAMA

What is the focus/goal of this subject?

The focus of Year 9 Drama is Physical Theatre, which is an ideal introduction to the world of theatre and drama. This unit helps students to experience the many aspects of drama and includes a mixture of acting, stage work and exploring the more physical aspects of theatre. Students are exposed to a range of different physical performance styles, such as clowning, Commedia dell'arte, mask-work and circus skills. The unit involves participation in practical workshops as well as examining and writing about different performance styles. This unit is an ideal preparation for further studies in this area. Students are assessed on their participation in practical workshops, demonstration of skills, written work and a semester examination.

What activities and assessment tasks are undertaken?

Students participate in team-building drama exercises that are movement and character based. They are introduced to Physical Theatre performance styles and practitioners, Clowning and Physical Comedy and using their body to create physical comedy and clowning. Students also gain practice in the use of masks from different performance styles to create meaning, the use of different Physical Theatre styles, such as 'Viewpoints', to create new devised drama and to also explore existing play scripts. Training in the use of different Circus Skills, such as juggling and balancing, can also be used to create and enhance drama.

- Theatre History: Introduction to physical theatre performance styles and practitioners.
- Clowning/ Physical Comedy: Class workshops and exercises
- Masks: Mask workshops and exercises
- Commedia dell'arte Unit: Workshops and exercises and viewing of filmed performances.
- Physical Theatre class workshops: Exercises to create new devised drama and explore existing play scripts.
- Circus Skills - Class workshops and exercises to explore circus skills and different juggling apparatus.

Where does this subject lead in Years 10 - 12?

Year 9 Drama leads to the development of confidence and is well suited for students who love to perform, have fun and learn new skills. It is also appropriate for students who wish to study further in Year 10 Drama. Students are also encouraged to follow their passion towards VCE Drama or Theatre Studies Units 1 – 4 in Years 11 and 12.

FOOD TECHNOLOGY

What is the focus/goal of this subject?

Food Technology teaches students how to use various kitchen equipment, emphasizing the importance of safe work practices and production skills. They will expand on their previous knowledge of personal and kitchen safety and hygiene. Students will use a variety of ingredients to produce delicious and nutritious foods. They will learn to investigate and evaluate their ideas through the design process. The course focuses on creating and preparing healthy dinners using the Australian Guide to Healthy Eating, and exploring diverse cuisines from around the world.

What activities and assessment tasks are undertaken?

- Online food safety certificate.
- Designing a healthy poke bowl and independently cooking it.
- Investigating a Country and its cuisine, then preparing a dish to represent it.
- Practical cookery skills such as kitchen safety and hygiene, food preparation, time management and kitchen equipment.
- Theoretical knowledge such as food safety and hygiene, nutrition and the importance of a healthy diet and multicultural cuisines.

Where does this subject lead in Years 10 - 12?

- VCE Food studies Units 1 – 4 in Years 11 and 12
- VCE/VET Certificate II in Hospitality (Kitchen Operations) Units 1 – 4 in Years 11 and 12
- VCE Health and Human Development

(These subjects have the possible option to advance in Year 10).

INTERACTIVE GAMING AND CODING

What is the focus/goal of this subject?

We want our students to understand technology and its opportunities. A coder is a logical thinker and someone who can effectively break a big problem into smaller ones. Students will use GameMaker to create simple games and then build up these skills over time where they can extend a platformer game. Students will have the option to design and program 3D virtual reality games that can be played with the VR headset and joystick controller. Alternatively, students can elect to design and build a beginner-style game using the software program Unity. Unity is a program studied at TAFE and University for those who would like to learn about 2D and 3D game design. Students will learn about algorithms and programming theory, including program design through using flowcharts and pseudocode.

What activities and assessment tasks are undertaken?

This course provides a gentle and fun introduction to the design and production of computer-based games, for students with no prior programming experience. Students will learn how to code, the principles of game design, and code debugging, and apply these skills and knowledge to create a computer game of their own design.

What does this subject lead to in Years 10 - 12?

Year 10 Online Gaming and Coding

Unit 1 & 2 VCE Applied Computing

Unit 3 & 4 Data Analytics

MEDIA

What is the focus/goal of this subject?

The main focus is to explore how the media represents reality through production techniques and understanding of media language. Through collaboration in small groups and individually, students create media in forms that include video, photography and print and sound, whilst studying professionally produced texts such as feature films, advertisements, etc.

Year 9 Media students gain a solid grounding in media equipment operation including video, photography, and audio. Students plan, storyboard, film and edit a range of filmmaking exercises, developing an understanding of narrative codes and conventions and applying these to create their own short film. They use a range of film-editing applications such as iMovie, Adobe Premiere and Davinci Resolve and become familiar with a wide range of video/still cameras and audio equipment, also developing appreciation and skill in photography, utilising Adobe Photoshop.

The Year 9 Media course has a strong practical element, whilst also focusing on theoretical aspects, such as the understanding of how narratives are constructed through codes and conventions. It is an excellent introduction to further study of Media, which continues through Year 10 and VCE (Years 11 and 12).

What activities and assessment tasks are undertaken?

- Filmmaking Exercises
- Narrative Film Analysis
- Genre Film Production
- Photography
- Film Poster Production

Where does this subject lead in Years 10 - 12?

In Years 10, 11 and 12 (VCE Media), students continue to develop technical, artistic and analytical skills in Media. Year 9 Media is an excellent introduction and window to future opportunities in Secondary and Tertiary Media education, and a huge array of media related career paths and opportunities.

MUSIC

What is the focus/goal of this subject?

This unit is designed to extend students' enjoyment in, and experiences with, various forms of Music. It can lead to further study in later years, but it can also be taken purely for interest at this level.

The course has a practical emphasis, enabling students to experiment, listen and perform on musical instruments and develop their skills and enjoyment in playing music with others in a group, as well as working on their own individual technique and skill as a performer. The study includes elements of IT, using software to help students develop better composition and aural skills. They become familiar with the musical benefits of Sibelius software and how to use other music applications for use as composition, songwriting and music creation tools.

During the semester, theoretical, analytical and aural skills are introduced as key parts of the musical process. A strong theoretical and aural understanding enables students to participate more confidently in musical groups and also develop an appreciation of how different forms of music are constructed. These skills also assist in other performance-based subjects across the curriculum.

Students who love music will really enjoy this unit! This unit is all about celebrating the joy of creating music by yourself or with others. Students who are currently studying a musical instrument, either at the College or elsewhere, will find this unit an excellent support for that study. They will have lots of opportunities to perform in ensembles and bands, under the encouragement and supervision of the subject teacher.

What activities and assessment tasks are undertaken?

Group Performances and Individual Practise

Theory and Aural Skills (*developing listening skills and understanding scales, rhythms & chord progressions*)

Analysis Skills: exercises on the structure of music

Composition Assignments

Where does this subject lead in Years 10 - 12?

This unit is open to all Year 9 students. It is also strongly encouraged for anyone studying a musical instrument, as well as those students who wish to continue studying Music at Year 10 and beyond through our VCE Music Performance programs. Students who don't wish to study music at a senior level are also encouraged to apply, as there is a strong focus in this unit on creating music with other people, while also working on individual skill levels and developing the love of music.

PSYCHED UP

What is the focus/goal of this subject?

Psychology is one of the most popular VCE subjects, and yet most students don't get the opportunity to learn about it until Year 11.

This elective will introduce you to the discipline of Psychology in an engaging way through the following topics:

- **Introduction to Psychology** (define psychology, fields of psychology such as sport psychology and forensic psychology, psychology as a science, research in psychology, and ethics by exploring famous experiments in psychology)
- **Neuropsychology** (the structure and function of the brain and nervous system, relationship between our brain and behaviour, and specific neurological disorders)
- **Sleep** (the purpose of sleep, biological changes that occur during sleep, effects of sleep deprivation, various sleep phenomena and sleep disorders)
- **Mental Wellbeing** (mental wellbeing continuum, the biopsychosocial model of mental wellbeing and its application to mental illness, and maintenance of mental wellbeing)

What activities and assessment tasks are undertaken?

You will engage in a range of classroom activities such as discussions, experiments, models, observations and case-studies. You will reflect on how you can apply psychology in your daily lives.

Assessments include topic tests, a practical report, case study and the examination.

Where does this subject lead in Years 10 – 12?

You will have the opportunity to undertake Units 1 and 2 Psychology as an extension subject in Year 10, and Units 3 and 4 in Year 11 if you are successful in applying to accelerate. Alternatively, you can complete Units 1 and 2 Psychology in Year 11 and Units 3 & 4 Psychology in Year 12.

Psychology opens up so many opportunities for tertiary study beyond school and can be applied in many aspects of our lives.

TEXTILES

What is the focus/goal of this subject?

In Textiles, students gain confidence in using fabrics to design and produce designed solutions. They will critically analyse factors including social, ethical and sustainability considerations. Students analyse the needs or opportunities to develop design briefs, communicate design ideas, work flexibly and safely to produce what they have designed. They use hand sewing techniques, sewing machines and overlockers to create their garments and products.

What activities and assessment tasks are undertaken?

- **Fabrics and Fibres** - Introduction to Sewing Machines and Fabrics
- **Fibre Art Project** - Embroidered Portraits, Artist inspired cushion
- **Design and Construction Project** - Design and construct a Hoodie based on a Design Brief

Where does this subject lead in Years 10 - 12?

Studying Textiles at Year 9 is an excellent introduction to Textiles in Year 10, which leads into Product Design and Technology (Textiles) at Year 11 and 12.

VISUAL COMMUNICATION

What is the focus/goal of this subject?

Students explore their knowledge and understanding of visual communication design practices as both designers and audiences. They discover new ways of communicating and presenting their ideas through the use of new methods and technologies.

The goal is to gain:

- confidence, curiosity, imagination and enjoyment through an engagement with visual communication design practices
- creative and innovative ways to communicate ideas and information

What activities and assessment tasks are undertaken?

Activities are focused around three major areas, and teachers will design the course based on student interest and need, but past tasks have been....

- **Communication Design** - Children's book illustration, Painted Typography, Chocolate Bar Design, Mad Money
- **Environmental Design** - Planometric Room Design, Architectural model making,
- **Industrial Design** - Character Design and Development, Designing Innovative Products

Where does this subject lead in Years 10 - 12?

Students gain confidence in using design principles and practice providing them with opportunities to enter Year 10 Visual Communication continuing through to Units 1-4 Visual Communication and Design.

E.g. Graphic Designer, Book Illustrator, Architect, Curator, Botanical or Scientific Illustrator, Art and Design Teaching, Product Designer, Industrial Designer, Web Designer, Multi Media and Film.



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