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Year 9 Information Evening 2009



Year 9 and 10 Curriculum 2009

The content & learning strategies are revised annually. Reviews and changes consider the following structures:

- Victorian Essential Learning Standards (VELS), developments in VCE studies, technology & thinking skills
- Unitised – Units of one semester (like VCE)
- Vertical (some units for Year 9 and 10)
- Regular contact (6 periods per 7 day cycle: 5 x 45 minute periods & 1 x 80 minute period per cycle)



The subjects offered have been divided into Units. Each Unit lasts for 1 Semester

In Year 9 →

16 Units
8 in Semester 1
8 in Semester 2

In Year 10 →

16 Units
8 in Semester 1
8 in Semester 2

Most Units have 6 periods a cycle.

Some have 3 periods a cycle.

32 Units to be taken over 4 Semesters of Years 9 and 10.



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There are four semesters over Years 9 and 10.

Each Unit on offer lasts for one semester.

Students choose 32 Units made up of the

following requirements:



- at least 3 Units of English (6 periods per cycle)
- at least 3 Units of Science and Technology (6 periods per cycle)
- at least 3 Units of Mathematics (6 periods per cycle)
- at least 3 Units of LOTE (6 periods per cycle)
- at least 3 Units of History (6 periods per cycle)
- at least 2 Units of Geography (6 periods per cycle)
- at least 4 Units of Creative & Performing Arts (3 periods per cycle)
- at least 4 Units of Health & Physical Education (3 periods per cycle)
- at least 1 Unit of Design Technology (6 periods per cycle)
- at least 1 Unit of Philosophy & Religious Studies (3 periods per cycle in Year 9 & 3 periods per cycle in Year 10)
- at least 1 Unit of Personal Development/Leadership
(3 periods per cycle in Year 9 & 3 periods per cycle in Year 10)
- another 4 Units of FREE CHOICE (6 periods per cycle)

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Mathematics

- A Stream
 - B Stream
- } - 3 Units or 4 Units over 2 yrs

LOTE (3 Units compulsory)

- Chinese (P - 12)
- French (7 - 12)
- Latin (7 - 12)
- German (9 - 12)
- Japanese (9 - 12)

VCE Preparation

Students who think they will continue the LOTE into VCE will need to select the 'for VCE' elective that runs in Semester 2 Year 10. This selection will take place this time in 2008.

e-Learning Program

- Years 5 to 12
- Students take the computers used in Year 8 into Year 9
- Students contacted in December for re-imaging/upgrade
- Mail-out to new parents in November re: choices
- Integrated - compulsory and elective Units
email/Internet/Portal/Novell/Virus protection provided
- Portal access for students and parents
- Account and password for network access
- Computer Centre – Helpdesk
- Upgrade information for current students available from
IT Department Help Desk last week of November
- Senior School e-learning Consultant – Mr Alberto Rizzo
- Director of IT - Mr Peter Curtis



Outdoor Education

is part of
core curriculum

2 (Year 9)

End Term 1

End Term 3

2 (Year 10)

End Term 1

End Term 3

Director of Outdoor Education

Mr George Walpole



Online Assessment and Reporting Service to Parents

Interim Report
End Term 1 End Term 3



Punctuality
Homework
Attitude
Effort
VH H M L VL
Academic
A+ - E

Semester Report
(Official and printable)
Term 2 Term 4



Parent Teacher Student Interviews
(Online Bookings)
Mid Term 1

Unit Descriptor
Outcomes
S or N
Assessment Tasks
A+ - E
Effort
VH H M L VL
Comment
House Report

Co-Curricular Activities



DRAMA: Quad Play (Open to Years 10-12 levels)
Autumn Play (Year 9 only)
August Production (Open to all year levels)
Spring Production (Years 9 & 10)

MUSIC: School Choir, Chapel Choir, String Orchestra,
Concert Band, Jazz Ensemble, Symphony
Orchestra
Mr Phillip Carmody (Director of Music)

SPORT: Compulsory Programme

DEBATING

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Curriculum Support

- **Heads of House/Tutors**
- **Learning Strategies Department**
Mrs Elaine Hosie, Ms Jane Gleeson, Ms Sonia Wilson, Mrs Lucy Hamilton, Ms Claire Sexton
- **English as a Second Language**
Mr Stephen Dessants, Mrs Lynne Robertson
- **Counselling Department**
Mrs Elaine Hosie, Dr Justin McNamara
- **Talent Department**
Programmes continue into Senior School, Mr James Brown
- **Career Development**
Mr Frank Thompson



How to choose

- **Read subject summary descriptions – more detailed descriptions are on the CD**
- **As you complete the green Course Selection Form keep the Curriculum Chart (blue pages) in front of you**
- **Compulsory Units are allocated automatically (No need to write these down)**



How to choose

- Follow the instructions in italics on green Course Selection Form eg *Choose 0 or 1 Units from the History elective list.* Write your choices in the appropriate space.
- You must end up with 5 Units written down (including LOTE)
- Tip: Consider selecting a History and English elective to help complete the course requirements in these subjects



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How to choose

- In Year 10 more free choice is offered
- Choose 3 extras in Part C in case the Units chosen cannot be given to you

RETURN FORM BY 5 NOVEMBER

TO THE CURRICULUM OFFICE



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NAME &
HOUSE

YEAR 9 2008 COURSE SELECTION FORM

You should plan a course for both Years 9 and 10 at this stage but you need only make choices for Year 9

You will be automatically allocated to the Year 9 Compulsory Units which have ticks beside them on the Curriculum Chart, apart from **Earth Studies** and **LOTE** where you will need to make a choice as to which compulsory Unit/s you prefer to take.

- Step 1:** Remove the **Course Selection Form** and place it next to the blue **Curriculum Chart** (for reference).
- Step 2:** In **PART A** tick either **Spaceship Earth** or **Hazard Geography**
- Step 3:** In **PART B** select your compulsory **LOTE** units.
- Step 4:** In **PART C** follow the italicised instructions under each subject and write in your 3 chosen units.
- Step 5:** In **PART D** provide the required information.
- Step 6:** In **PART E** complete the required information.
- Step 7:** If you wish to apply for **Modifications to the Course Requirements** complete the information in **PART F**.

PART A

Which one of the compulsory **Earth Studies** Units will you take? Please tick. **Spaceship Earth** or **Hazard Geography**

PART B

Languages Other Than English (LOTE) 1

Choose 1 or 2 Units from a LOTE. Remember that you must take at least 3 Units of the same LOTE over Years 9 and 10

PART C

IN YEAR 9, I WOULD LIKE TO STUDY THESE 3 UNITS IN ADDITION TO MY LOTE STUDIES AND THE SUBJECTS AUTOMATICALLY ALLOCATED

BUSINESS STUDIES

Choose 0 or 1 Unit from the elective list

CREATIVE ARTS

Choose 0 or 1 Unit from the elective list.

EARTH STUDIES

Choose 0 or 1 Unit from the elective list.

ENGLISH

Choose 0 or 1 Unit from the elective list. You may choose more than 1 if this can be accommodated in your 3 choices. Remember that you must take at least 3 Units of English over Years 9 and 10.

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

Choose 0, 1 or 2 Units from the elective list

HISTORY

Choose 0 or 1 Units from the elective list. You may choose more than 1 if this can be accommodated in your 3 choices. Remember that you must take at least 3 Units of History over Years 9 and 10.

LANGUAGES OTHER THAN ENGLISH (LOTE) 2

Choose 0, 1 or 2 Units from a second LOTE.

LEARNING SKILLS

Choose 0, 1 or 2 Units from the Elective list if you meet the requirements in **PART F**

MATHEMATICS

Choose 0 or 1 Unit from the elective list

MUSIC

Choose 0 or 1 Unit from the elective list.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Choose 0 or 1 Unit from the elective list

SCIENCE

Choose 0 or 1 Unit from the elective list.

TECHNOLOGY

Choose 0, 1 or 2 Units from the elective list

PART D:

The School may not be able to offer you all the electives you have chosen above (due to lack of numbers or over-subscription). In case this happens, please list, in order of preference, three Units which you have not chosen above.

1. 2. 3.

PART E:

Student's Name: _____ Year: 9 (2008) House: _____ (2008)

Student's Signature

Parent/Guardian's Signature

PART F: MODIFICATION TO THE COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Please indicate which modification/s you are applying for

- Learning Strategies – classroom assistance
- Learning Strategies – undertaking Learning Skills elective Units
- ESL – undertaking an ESL Unit in place of an English Unit
- Enhancement – undertaking extension in a nominated subject area in lieu of meeting a course requirement
- Exemption from Course Requirements – new student to MGS, for example.

Please provide a signed statement giving the reasons for applying for this course modification. A school-based specialist may wish to add to this statement and is required to sign below. You may also attach other supporting documents and reports from specialists, if appropriate.

Applicant/Specialist Statement

Please give details of the reasons for your application and indicate how your academic performance has been affected by these circumstances. Write clearly in black or dark blue ink.

School-based Specialist Name: _____ Position: _____

School-based Specialist Signature: _____ Date: _____

Student signature: _____ Date: _____

Senior School Curriculum Co-ordinator signature: _____ Date: _____

Please return this Course Selection Form to the Senior School Curriculum Co-ordinator (using the reply-paid envelope) by 2 November 2007.



Booklists

- **Students will receive notice as to the Units they will study in Year 9 2009 before the end of 2008**
- **Timetable is generated over the summer holiday period**



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