



SENIOR PATHWAYS YEAR 10 HANDBOOK 2026

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An Introduction to Senior Pathways at UHS

To our wonderful students,

Welcome to the first year of your Senior Pathways journey at University High School. The senior years are a chance for you to apply your strong foundation of skills and knowledge you have developed up to this point, think deeply, and continue to learn about what most engages and inspires you. The Year 10 Course Selection Handbook is a resource to support you and your family to better understand the Senior Pathways (year 10 and into VCE) options at UHS. Through your Senior Pathway, we want to support you to value life-long learning, and develop as curious and kind members of our community, demonstrating excellence in all senses of the word.

The Year 10 program has been carefully designed to provide increased flexibility to meet the needs of our diverse student community by providing a range of year long and semester-long electives; programs that foster curiosity and enhance agency whilst providing a highly supportive and highly challenging learning environment for all students to develop the skills and knowledge to support a successful transition into their VCE years.

Some students are considering the opportunity to accelerate into a VCE subject in Year 10, and for those who demonstrate high standards of learning habits and a breadth of academic success, this can provide the best possible challenge. Students who have demonstrated readiness through a strong foundation in their learning habits and progress will be invited to apply to accelerate into a VCE study in year 10. Similarly, students who have demonstrated maturity and shown the skills necessary to be independent in their learning can also apply to enrol in an applied learning subject known as VET (Vocational Education and Training).

All students can seek additional Careers and Pathways support and guidance, which can be accessed through our highly experienced team of Careers Counsellors, as well as your Connect Teacher, and Coordinator who are all here to support students and parents throughout the Senior Pathways years at UHS.

On behalf of the Senior Pathways Team and your teachers, we wish you all the best in this next stage of your learning..

Nadia Mizner - Assistant Principal - Senior Pathways



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Course selection timeline

Term 2

Important Dates	Program Details
Week 9 Tuesday 17th June	Senior Pathways Expo

Term 3

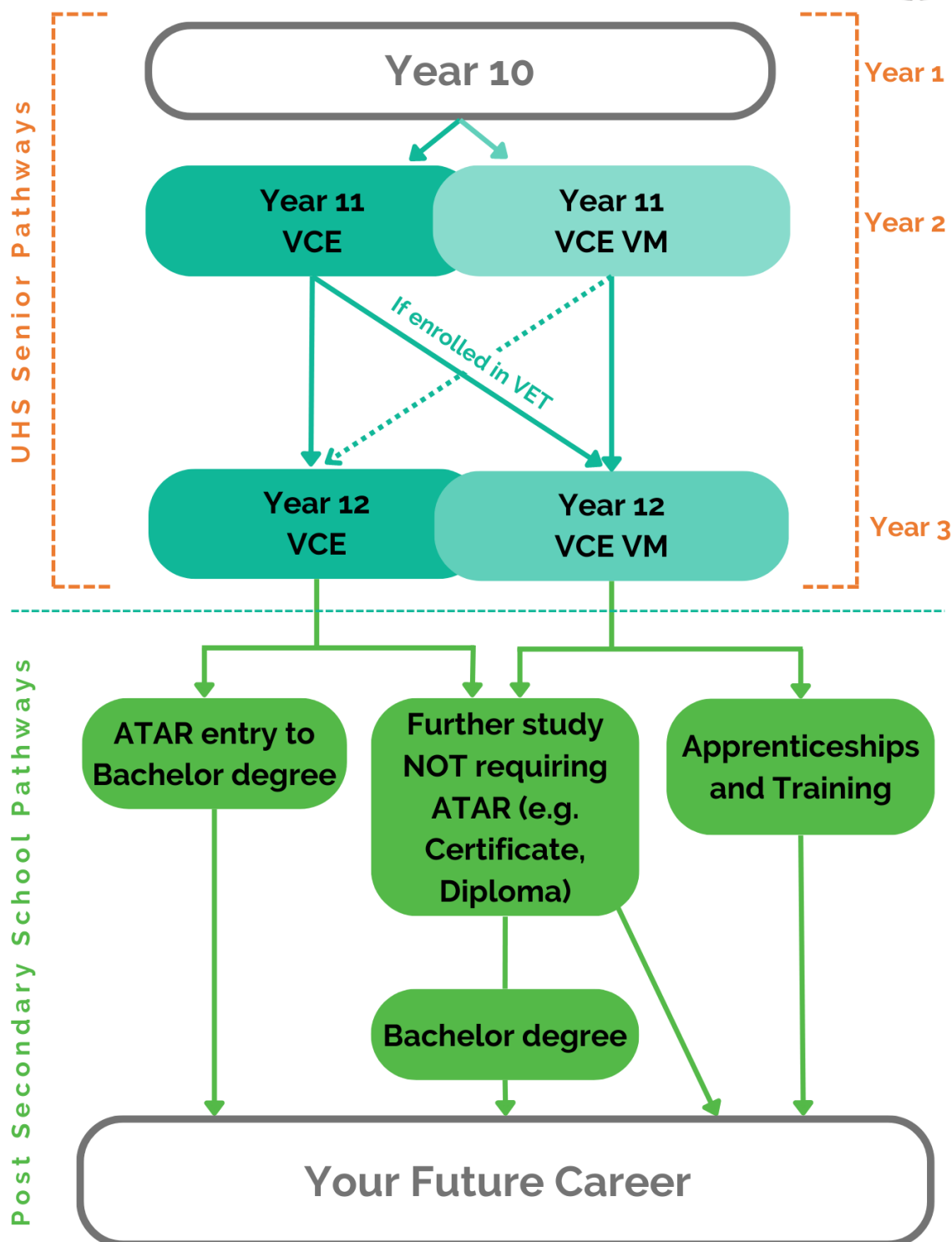
Important Dates	Program Details
Week 1 Tuesday 22nd July	2026 VCE Parent/Carer Information Night Edval to open for course preferences following the Information Night
Week 1 Friday 25th July	Students notified if they have been invited to apply for early entry into a VCE subject
Week 1 & 2 Connect Lessons	Year 9 into Year 10 Senior Pathways planning
Week 2 Friday 1st August	Deadline for students to submit course preferences via Edval
Week 3 Thursday 7th August	Course counselling interviews

Term 4

Important Dates	Program Details
Mid term	2026 Year 10 course confirmation
Weeks 8 & 9	2026 Orientation Weeks

Planning your Senior Pathways Program at UHS

University High School Senior Pathways



Planning your Year 10 program

Year 10 is the first year of your Senior Pathway. Choosing your courses to study in year 10 is an exciting opportunity to apply what you've learned in your studies to more specialised courses. It is a time to reflect on your schooling thus far, what your current interests are and a time to explore new areas of interest and learning and to start to consider what courses you will study in your VCE program.

The decision of what you apply to study next year should be informed by a number of factors, including your strengths, interests and possible pathways beyond school. In your application, you will provide a number of subject preferences which will be used to inform subject allocations.

The University High School provides information and course counselling advice to students throughout the subject selection process so that the decisions you make place you in the best possible position in the first year of your senior pathways.

When choosing your courses for Year 10, you should consider the following guiding questions:

- **Interests:**
What subjects do I like?
What subjects have I most enjoyed so far and which Year 10 subjects are the next step in deepening my learning?
What are new subjects that interest me that I have not yet tried?
- **Strengths:**
What subjects am I good at?
What new challenges am I excited about?
What are my learning goals?
- **Pathways:**
What do I think I will study in VCE?
Am I interested in accelerating my VCE to include a VCE study or a VET study?
- **Breadth:**
Does my choice of courses allow me to try a range of different things?
What information do I need to know about these subjects so I can choose the best course for me?

Semester	Semester
Core program Every student will study: • 1 x year-long English subject • 1 x year-long Maths subject • 4 x semester-long subjects: <u>one from each</u> of The Arts, The Humanities, Science and, Health & PE electives	
English (year-long): Choice of English or Literature & Creative Writing Students will be informed if they are allocated to English Essentials or English as an Additional Language	
Mathematics (year-long): Students will be informed if they are allocated to Mathematics, AP Maths or Maths Essentials	
The Arts (semester-long) You are required to complete at least one subject from a range of electives	Health & PE (semester-long) You are required to complete at least one subject from a range of electives
The Humanities (semester-long) You are required to complete at least one subject from a range of electives	Science (semester-long) You are required to complete at least one subject from a range of electives
Elective program Every student will also study: • 4 x semester-long subjects from any Domain OR • 2 x semester-long subjects from any Domain AND 1 x year-long subject OR • 2 x year-long subjects The year-long elective subjects are: • Languages - French, German or Latin • English - Literature & Creative Writing • VCE or VET (both are subject to approval)	



Course Outlines

English & EAL English

What's it all about?

You will be introduced to a range of texts that challenge and expand your worldview, developing your skills in interpreting and responding to texts in personal, creative and analytical ways. You will learn to view texts critically and to consider the construction choices authors make; applying this knowledge to the creation of your own writing pieces.

Choose this subject if you are interested in learning about:

#Reading #Writing #Analysis #CriticalThinking #Communication

What will I learn?

Semester 1	Semester 2
• Text analysis • Personal and creative writing • Exploring First Nations perspectives • Independent reading skills	• Film analysis • Exploring current issues in the media • Argument and language analysis • Persuading others

What kinds of classroom activities and assessments will I do?

Short answer questions, essays, creative writing, annotation, group work, oral presentations, critical thinking, workshops, developing empathy, self reflection, close analysis & research tasks.

Pathways

Year	Current studies that link to this course
9	English

Year	Courses
11	English, Literature, English Language, VCE-VM Literacy
12	English, Literature, English Language, VCE-VM Literacy

What can this lead to?

English group subjects will help students in all professions or pathways they choose.

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| • Writing & Creating | • Government & Politics | • Teaching & Education |
| • Customer service | • Communications | • Law |
| • Filmmaking | • Law | • Journalism |



English & EAL

English as an Additional Language (EAL)

What's it all about?

You will be introduced to a range of texts with your written work reflecting an increasing emphasis on analysis, argument and reflection. You will engage in a variety of speaking and listening activities and will continue to develop your reading and writing skills through explicit instruction.

Choose this subject if you are interested in learning about:

#Reading #Writing #Viewing #Analysis #BigIdeas

What will I learn?

Semester 1	Semester 2
• Reading comprehension • Text analysis • Personal and creative writing • Communication skills	• First Nations perspectives • Argument and language analysis • Film analysis • Persuading others

What kinds of classroom activities and assessments will I do?

Short answer questions, essays, creative writing, annotation, group work, vocabulary development, oral presentations, critical thinking, developing empathy, close analysis & research tasks.

Pathways

Year	Current studies that link to this Course
9	English as an Additional Language
10	Academic English

Year	Courses
11	English as an Additional Language, English Language, Literature, Bridging English as an Additional Language, VCE-VM Literacy
12	English as an Additional Language, English Language, Literature, VCE-VM Literacy

What can this lead to?

English group subjects will help students in all professions or pathways they choose.

- Writing & Creating
- Customer service
- Hospitality
- Government & Politics
- Communications
- Law
- Teaching & Education
- Translation & Interpretation



English & EAL

English Essentials

What's it all about?

English Essentials is a subject that focuses on developing the knowledge and skills to be successful in Years 11 and 12 and can lead to English studies in VCE or VCE-VM. You will read and view a wide range of texts and improve your ability to interpret, analyse and create texts that have purpose. Within a small classroom setting, you will develop skills to communicate with accuracy, confidence and fluency. This class is for students who would benefit from additional literacy support and placement is invitation only and based on suitability determined by consultation with sub-school, the English Faculty, a student and their family.

Choose this subject if you are interested in learning about:

#Reading #Viewing #Speaking #Writing #Analysing

What will I learn?

Semester 1	Semester 2
• Multimodal analysis • Issue analysis on a set theme • Reading comprehension • Grammar, punctuation & syntax	• Text analysis and essay writing • Creative writing • Reading comprehension • Grammar, punctuation and syntax

What kinds of classroom activities and assessments will I do?

Short answer questions, essays, creative writing, annotation, group work, oral presentations, critical thinking, workshops, developing empathy, self reflection, close analysis & research tasks.

Pathways

Year	Current studies that link to this Course
9	English

Year	Courses
11	English, Literature, English Language, VCE-VM Literacy
12	English, Literature, English Language, VCE-VM Literacy

What can this lead to?

English group subjects will help students in all professions or pathways they choose.

- Writing & Creating
- Customer service
- Hospitality
- Government & Politics
- Communications
- Fitness instructor
- Teaching & Education
- Law
- Small business owner

What else do I need to know?

Selection into English Essentials is done in consultation with Year 9 English teachers, and sub-school and is based on a number of factors including: academic achievement, reading and writing skills and attitude and effort.



English & EAL

Literature & Creative Writing

What's it all about?

In Literature and Creative Writing, you will explore a range of exciting texts, ranging from the expected to the unexpected, selected to challenge and intrigue. Through discussion, presentations, writing tasks and analysis, you will be immersed in the world of the text, zooming in to examine language and technique, and zooming out to think carefully about ideas. This course is as much about making texts as studying them, and each unit includes a creative response in the form of short stories, film, poetry and graphic novels. This course is designed to ignite passion in your reading and writing.

Choose this subject if you are interested in learning about:

#Reading #Literature #CloseAnalysis #CreativeWriting #Interpretation

What will I learn?

Semester 1	Semester 2
• Literary perspectives • Autobiographical fiction • Close analysis • Creative writing	• Poetry • Postmodern literature • Creative writing • Graphic memoir

What kinds of classroom activities and assessments will I do?

Short answer questions, essays, creative writing, annotation, group work, vocabulary development, oral presentations, critical thinking, developing empathy, close analysis & research tasks.

Pathways

Year	Current studies that link to this Course
9	English, English as an Additional Language
10	English, Australian Identity

Year	Courses
11	English, English Language, Literature
12	English, English Language, Literature

What can this lead to?

English group subjects will help students in all professions or pathways they choose.

- Writing & Creating
- Government & Politics
- Teaching & Education
- Customer Service
- Communications
- Law



English & EAL

Academic English for EAL Learners

What's it all about?

You will study the different skills and language needed to progress into the senior years of high school. This subject is designed to help you develop the academic language expertise needed for the wide variety of subjects offered in Year 10 and VCE. You will super-charge your language growth and come to understand the increasingly complex tasks required across all the learning areas; the Sciences, Humanities, The Arts, Health & PE, Mathematics, Music and EAL.

Choose this subject if you are interested in learning about:

#Vocabulary #EnglishLanguageLearning #SubjectSupport #AcademicUnderstanding #Confidence

What will I learn?

- Unpacking instructions and questions - the requirements of different tasks set in all subjects
- Supported guidance for work in other subjects
- How to read and understand different text-types
- Academic language and subject-based vocabulary

What kinds of classroom activities and assessments will I do?

Language development, annotation, group work, close analysis & research tasks, oral/aural skills development, report writing, problem solving, drafting and editing, short answer questions and revision/study skills.

Pathways

Year	Current studies that link to this Course
9	English as an Additional Language
10	English as an Additional Language

Year	Courses
11	English as an Additional Language, Bridging English as an Additional Language
12	English as an Additional Language

What can this lead to?

English group subjects will help students in all professions or pathways they choose.

- Science & Medicine
- Government & Politics
- Teaching & Education
- Customer service
- Communications
- Management

What else do I need to know?

EAL students may choose this subject or they will be recommended for this subject by their teachers. Students must also have either previously been enrolled in English as an Additional Language (EAL) or be studying it concurrently.



English & EAL

Australian Identity - Livin' the Dream?

What's it all about?

Australian identity is in a state of flux across the country as our daily lives change dramatically from what they were 10, 30, and 100 years ago. This course explores Australian identity through short, famous and emerging Australian texts including artworks, poetry, songs, advertisements, short films and speeches. It will unpack the often unspoken nuances of cultural expectations and norms in Australia from historical and cultural perspectives.

Choose this subject if you are interested in learning about:

#language #Australia #culture #identity #history

What will I learn?

- How to unpack pre-contact Australian languages.
- How the Australian identity was constructed through colonial imagery.
- The history and importance of multicultural identities and voices.
- The features and changing nature of Australian humour

What kinds of classroom activities and assessments will I do?

Logical reasoning of language problems, basic grammatical structures (morpho-syntax of Australian languages), investigation and research projects, making podcasts, close analysis of texts, creation of annotated portfolios of texts, creation of field notes and surveys.

Pathways

Year	Current studies that link to this Course
9	English, English as an Additional Language
10	English, Literature & Creative Writing, English as an Additional Language

Year	Courses
11	English, Literature, English Language, English as an Additional Language, VCE-VM Literacy
12	English, Literature, English Language, English as an Additional Language, VCE-VM Literacy

What can this lead to?

English group subjects will help students in all professions or pathways they choose.

- Cultural Studies
- Screenwriting
- Teaching & Education
- Journalism
- Linguistics
- Speech Pathology



Mathematics

Mathematics

What's it all about?

Mathematics provides you with access to important mathematical ideas, knowledge and skills that you will draw on in their personal and work lives. The curriculum also provides the basis on which further study and research in mathematics and applications in many other fields are built.

Choose this subject if you are interested in learning about:

#Quadratics #CAS #Solving #sohcahtoa

What will I learn?

Semester 1	Semester 2
• Linear relations • Measurement • Indices and surds • Probability and statistics	• Quadratic algebra, functions, and graphs • Trigonometry • Geometry • Applications and CAS

What kinds of classroom activities and assessments will I do?

Skills Practice, Guided Exploration, Quizzes, Investigations, Tests, Application Tasks, Exams

Pathways

Year	Current studies that link to this Course
9	Mathematics
10	Maths in Real Life, Algorithms and Artificial Intelligence

Year	Courses
11	Foundation Maths, General Maths, Maths Methods, Specialist Maths
12	Foundation Maths, General Maths, Maths Methods, Specialist Maths, Algorithmics

What can this lead to?

- Scientist
- Data scientist
- Engineer
- Biomedical researcher
- Business analyst
- Cybersecurity expert

What else do I need to know?

Students should have a TI-Nspire CAS calculator for this subject.



Mathematics

AP Maths

What's it all about?

Year 10 AP is the second year of a two-year Maths course for students in the acceleration program, following on from Year 9AP Mathematics. Students will revisit the core topics of Trigonometry and Quadratics.

Choose this subject if you are interested in learning about:

#MathsEnrichment #Circles #CongruenceClasses #CAS

What will I learn?

Semester 1 (Units 4 and 5) - Sequences and series - Exponentials and logarithms - Trigonometry & Quadratics - Fibonacci project	Semester 2 (Unit 6) - Deductive geometry - Locus - Variation - Modular arithmetic - Applications and CAS
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What kinds of classroom activities and assessments will I do?

Skills Practice, Guided Exploration, Enrichment Program, Tests, Application Tasks, Project, Exams

Pathways

Year	Current studies that link to this Course
9	AP Mathematics
10	Maths in Real Life, Algorithms and Artificial Intelligence

Year	Courses
11	General Maths, Maths Methods, Specialist Maths
12	General Maths, Maths Methods, Specialist Maths, Algorithms & Artificial Intelligence

What can this lead to?

- Scientist
- Data scientist
- Engineer
- Biomedical researcher
- Business analyst
- Cybersecurity expert

What else do I need to know?

Students should have a TI-Nspire CAS calculator for this subject. Students who were part of the 9AP program are encouraged to progress to Year 10 AP Maths as their Mathematics subject.



Mathematics

Maths Essentials

What's it all about?

Maths Essentials is an invitation-only subject for motivated students who would benefit from additional support to improve their foundational Numeracy and Maths skills. This subject prepares students to use Maths at work and in everyday situations.

Choose this subject if you are interested in learning about:

#numeracy #moneymaths #percentages #measurement #time

What will I learn?

Semester 1	Semester 2
• Number and time • Decimals • Measurement	• Percentages • Money • Data and statistics

What kinds of classroom activities and assessments will I do?

Learning at your own pace, Skills Practice, Quizzes, Projects

Pathways

Year	Current studies that link to this Course
9	Mathematics

Year	Courses
11	Foundation Maths
12	Foundation Maths

What can this lead to?

- Tradesperson
- Fitness instructor
- Health assistant
- Hospitality worker
- Content creator
- Retail worker

What else do I need to know?

Entry into Maths Essentials is by invitation only and is not guaranteed. Places are limited and students are selected based on evidence of need, effort, and motivation to improve. Year 10 Maths Essentials does not prepare students for VCE Mathematical Methods or Specialist Maths. The subject usually progresses into VCE Foundation Maths. Students should consult their teacher if they are interested in VCE General Mathematics. Please check the prerequisites for tertiary courses you are interested in to see if a particular Mathematics subject may be required or recommended. Students should discuss their Mathematics options with their current Maths teacher.



Mathematics

Algorithms & Artificial Intelligence

What's it all about?

Algorithms, including Artificial Intelligence models, are now an everyday part of life. Algorithms decide what we are shown on Social Media, provide safety features and navigation in our cars, and answer the questions we type or speak into our devices. In this subject you will start with traditional programming using Python and Turtle Graphics, and over the course of the semester move on to the practicalities, applications, and implications of creating AI models and Generative AI.

Choose this subject if you are interested in learning about:

#MachineLearning #ComputerScience #Coding #WrittenByAI

What will I learn?

- Algorithmic Problem Solving
- Implementing Algorithms (Programming)
- Artificial Intelligence: Principles and Methods
- Artificial Intelligence in practice

What kinds of classroom activities and assessments will I do?

Programming, design and development tasks, assignments, issues presentation, quizzes

Pathways

Year	Current studies that link to this Course
9	Mathematics
10	Mathematics, AP Maths

Year	Courses
11	Maths Methods, Specialist Maths
12	Maths Methods, Specialist Maths, Algorithmics

What can this lead to?

- Software engineer
- Business intelligence analyst
- Data scientist
- Robotics engineer
- Artificial intelligence developer
- Research scientist

What else do I need to know?

This is a Mathematics elective and would be in addition to a core Mathematics subject.



Mathematics

Maths in Real Life

What's it all about?

What use is Maths? We know it is supremely useful in science, engineering, and other technical fields, but what good is it in everyday life? This course connects the Maths you have been learning at school with your everyday lives, provides hands-on experience in the practicality of Maths, and encourages you to apply it whenever you encounter numbers. Expand your view of Mathematics and see where Maths is used in the real world!

Choose this subject if you are interested in:

#WhenAreWeGoingToUseThis? #Money #Investing #Tax #IRL

What will I learn?

- Financial mathematics (compounding interest, loan repayments, financial decision making)
- Budgeting (tax, rent, mortgage, savings, bills, shopping)
- Maths around the home and 3d modelling
- Business mathematics and data analysis

What kinds of classroom activities and assessments will I do?

Practical activities, simulations, quizzes, research, report, creating spreadsheets, spreadsheet assignment and written report and a research and design assignment.

Pathways

Year	Current studies that link to this Course
9	Mathematics
10	Mathematics, AP Maths, Algorithms & Artificial Intelligence

Year	Courses
11	VCE Maths, Economics, Accounting, Business Management
12	VCE Maths, Economics, Accounting, Business Management

What can this lead to?

- Data analyst
- Small business owner
- Tradesperson
- Accountant
- Financial modeller
- Project manager

What else do I need to know?

Students should have a TI-Nspire CAS calculator for this subject, which is also required for Year 10 Mathematics and AP Mathematics. This is a Mathematics elective and would be in addition to your core Mathematics subject.



The Arts

Visual Communication Design - Environments

What's it all about?

How do the spaces that we live, work and study in affect us? In Architecture, you will explore the design of spaces, including commercial and residential buildings, interior design, and exhibition. Exploring design styles, prominent designers and the history of design, you will use this knowledge alongside the design process to inform your own design projects.

Choose this subject if you are interested in learning about:

#CreativeThinking #ArchitecturalStyles #BuildingDesigns #LandscapeDesign #InteriorDesign

What will I learn?

- To use the design process to create, critically evaluate and present architectural designs
- Fields of design, including architecture, interior, landscape and exhibition
- Careers, conventions, styles and technical drawings associated with these fields
- History of design styles and architecture around the world and in Melbourne

What kinds of classroom activities and assessments will I do?

Theory based, including case studies, historical timelines and design analyses, and practical based, including extended project based folios, prototyping and model-making.

Pathways

Year	Current studies that link to this Course
9	Visual Communication, 2D Art, 3D Art
10	Visual Communication, Furniture Design, Fashion Design, IT, Sculpture, Media, Theatre: Lighting & Set

Year	Courses
11	Visual Communication Design, Art Making and Exhibiting, Product Design, Media , Theatre Studies
12	Visual Communication Design, Art Making and Exhibiting, Product Design, Media, Theatre Studies

What can this lead to?

- Architect
- Exhibition designer
- Interior designer
- Industrial designer
- Landscape architect/Designer
- Engineer

What else do I need to know?

Students undertaking this study must have a device compatible with downloading and running the Adobe Suite.



The Arts

Backstage Arts

What's it all about?

In this subject, you will focus on the non-performative side of theatre, exploring lighting, set and sound design through practical activities, design projects and analysis of professional designs. You will explore both the artistic aspects of creating designs, as well as the hands-on-skills required to realise your designs. Particular emphasis is placed on exploring real-world skills as we engage with industry-standard software and practices, such as scale & technical drawing and model-making.

Choose this subject if you are interested in learning about:

#LightingDesign #SetDesign #TechnicalDrawing #ModelMaking #SoundDesign

What will I learn?

- Lighting, set, audio and recording production skills
- Lighting, set and sound design projects
- Production analysis
- Technical drawing

What kinds of classroom activities and assessments will I do?

Design projects, production analysis and critique, practical exercises, script interpretation, class discussion, technical drawing, practical workshops.

Pathways

Year	Current studies that link to this Course
9	Drama, Music Technology & Performance, Media & IT, Product Design, Vis. Comm & Design
10	Theatre, Music, Music Extension, Media, Architecture

Year	Courses
11	Theatre Studies, Product Design, Media, Art Making & Exhibiting, Vis. Comm. & Design
12	Theatre Studies, Product Design, Media, Art Making & Exhibiting, Vis. Comm. & Design

What can this lead to?

- Audio technician
- Architect
- Sound designer
- Director
- Director of photography
- Production designer



The Arts

Digital Photography

What's it all about?

Capture the world through a lens in digital photography. Explore photography techniques, principles of composition, image editing skills and learn the art of visual storytelling.

Choose this subject if you are interested in learning about:

#DigitalPhotography #PhotoEditing #Composition #SLRphotography #Storytelling

What will I learn?

- Aperture, ISO and Shutter Speed - Camera operation
- Photography production folio (architecture, portrait, still life etc)
- Basic editing techniques: adjusting exposure, contrast, and colour balance
- Photography field trip

What kinds of classroom activities and assessments will I do?

Photoshoots, photography critiques, studio lighting, photo editing and retouching. Students will develop a photography portfolio, do photo framing and exhibiting, technical camera assessment, post-processing assessment.

Pathways

Year	Current studies that link to this Course
9	Media
10	Media, Visual Communication

Year	Courses
11	Media, Art Making & Exhibiting
12	Media, Art Making & Exhibiting

What can this lead to?

- Photographer
- Advertising
- Journalist
- Influencer
- Digital media
- Filmmaker

What else do I need to know?

Students must have a laptop that can download Adobe Photoshop.



The Arts

Fashion Design

What's it all about?

In Fashion Design, you will design and create new garments and accessories, or modify existing ones. This includes developing drawing folio skills and working with new materials and machines to solve problems.

Choose this subject if you are interested in learning about:

#MakingJewellery #FashionDrawing #FollowingAClothingPattern #MakingClothes #sustainability

What will I learn?

- How to alter/follow a clothing pattern
- Silver soldering, silicon moulds for resin jewellery design, 3D printing.
- Fashion drawing techniques in different Media including CAD
- How to write a design brief

What kinds of classroom activities and assessments will I do?

You will learn how to use a sewing machine to make a product/garments for a specific user. You will also create a drawing folio using a variety of different media and learn jewellery making processes.

Pathways

Year	Current studies that link to this Course
9	Product Design, 2D Art, 3D Art
10	Product Design, Visual communication, Backstage Arts, Theatre

Year	Courses
11	Product Design and Technologies, Theatre Studies
12	Product Design and Technologies, Theatre Studies

What can this lead to?

- Industrial designer
- Fashion designer
- Jewellery designer
- Visual merchandising
- Textile designer
- Costume designer

What else do I need to know?

The course assumes you have no prior knowledge. It will involve learning how to use a sewing machine, following a commercial pattern and jewellery making processes including 3D printing.



The Arts

Food

What's it all about?

In this course, you will learn to understand nutrition both beneficial and harmful, nutrients and their role in the human body, superfoods, labelling, balanced diet, multiculturalism through food, indigenous cultural awareness, methods of cookery, kitchen and personal hygiene and elements of sustainability.

Choose this subject if you are interested in learning about:

#Cooking #Nutrition #BalancedDiet #Wellbeing #Food

What will I learn?

- Nutrition
- Methods of cooking
- Personal and kitchen hygiene
- Food trends, history and sustainability

What kinds of classroom activities and assessments will I do?

Practical assessments, research tasks and tests.

Pathways

Year	Current studies that link to this Course
9	Food Technology, PE & Health
10	All About Health

Year	Courses
11	Food Studies, VET Hospitality
12	Food Studies, VET Hospitality

What can this lead to?

- Chef/Cook
- Food writer
- Hospitality
- Dietician
- Food scientist
- Events management



The Arts

Furniture Design

What's it all about?

You are going to learn to make things you didn't know you could and figure out ways to do things to get the result. The teacher isn't going to say, "here's how you make a stool! You need these materials and follow these patterns." Instead, you're going to be told, "A client has a problem, and you need to interview them to find out what their problem is. Then, you need to make the product".

Choose this subject if you are interested in learning about:

#Design #Products #Making #Creating #CNCs

What will I learn?

- How to use a CNC Router machine and a Laser cutter
- How to follow a Design Process
- How to join timber using traditional and contemporary techniques
- How to make a product using a range of techniques.

What kinds of classroom activities and assessments will I do?

Learn how to use IT machinery (CNC Router/Laser cutter) to make a product, different joining techniques and how to apply the The Designing Thinking process.

Pathways

Year	Current studies that link to this Course
9	Product Design, 3D Art
10	Fashion Design, Architecture, Visual Communication, Backstage Arts, Theatre

Year	Courses
11	Product Design, Theatre Studies
12	Product Design, Theatre Studies

What can this lead to?

- Industrial designer
- Architect
- Furniture designer
- Mechanical engineer
- Building & Construction
- Interior designer

What else do I need to know?

A CNC Router is a Computer Numerical Controlled machine that uses computer programming to control a high speed rotating cutter to perform cutting and shaping operations. Safety is a major component of Design and students need to follow safety protocols.



The Arts

Information Technology

What's it all about?

Information Technology (IT) is about exploring and using digital technology - spreadsheets and databases to produce charts and graphs; programming (Python) to produce apps and computer generated graphics; researching new technology (hardware and software).

Choose this subject if you are interested in learning about:

#Software #Apps #Hardware #DataScience #spreadsheets

What will I learn?

- Terminology (hardware and software);
- Spreadsheets and databases
- Python coding
- Research new technology

What kinds of classroom activities and assessments will I do?

Research assignment on computer hardware; assessments on data analysis using MS Excel and MS Access, coding assignments, quizzes and tests.

Pathways

Year	Current studies that link to this Course
9	Information Technology, Systems Technology
10	Media, Systems Engineering

Year	Courses
11	Applied Computing
12	Data Analytics

What can this lead to?

- Systems engineer
- Data scientist
- Data analyst
- Systems project manager
- Software developer
- Business systems analyst

What else do I need to know?

Windows laptops are recommended over Mac laptops for use in this subject. The program MS Access won't run on Mac unless configured with additional software (which may mean additional cost). iPads/Tablets or Chromebooks won't run some software, or, may run a cut-down feature set.



The Arts

Media

What's it all about?

In this unit, you will have the opportunity to learn a number of media production and analysis skills. You will undertake significant practical skills in video production and digital editing and will also view a number of media texts (TV shows, documentaries, music videos and films) and learn about the codes and conventions used in their construction. The subject encourages teamwork, curiosity, creativity, imagination and problem solving skills.

Choose this subject if you are interested in learning about:

#Filmmaking #Photography #Editing #Storytelling #Creativity

What will I learn?

- Film analysis
- Filmmaking
- Non-linear editing and post-production
- Desktop publishing

What kinds of classroom activities and assessments will I do?

Practical assignments, short answer responses to film analysis.

Pathways

Year	Current studies that link to this Course
9	Media, English
10	Digital Photography, Visual Communication

Year	Courses
11	Media Studies, Visual Communication, Art Making and Exhibiting
12	Media Studies, Visual Communication, Art Making and Exhibiting

What can this lead to?

- Filmmaker
- Game designer
- Cinematographer
- Writer/Storyteller
- Journalist
- Graphic designer



The Arts

Music

What's it all about?

You will explore the history of Western Art Music through a combination of performing, composing/arranging and analysis and will examine the development of Western music from a social and historical perspective, exploring how different musical styles reflect the culture of the time. A significant component of the subject is an extended project in which you will explore an area of your own interest in depth and present your research and analysis.

Choose this subject if you are interested in learning about:

#WesternArtMusic #InfluenceInMusic #StylesGenresContexts #Performance #Composition

What will I learn?

- Socio-historical contexts of music
- Solo and group performance
- Music theory, composition & arrangement
- Research, listening & score analysis

What kinds of classroom activities and assessments will I do?

Performance, composition folio, score analysis, listening analysis, research, multimedia and oral presentations, written tests, discussions, excursions.

Pathways

Year	Current studies that link to this Course
9	Music
10	Music: Extension, Backstage Arts

Year	Courses
11	Music
12	Music

What can this lead to?

- Performer
- Music therapist
- Arts administrator
- Music teacher
- Composer/Arranger
- Music journalist

What else do I need to know?

You must learn an instrument or voice alongside this subject. You may choose to have your instrumental lessons at school or outside of school.



The Arts

Music Extension

What's it all about?

You will explore the numerous different styles of jazz and contemporary music through a combination of performing, composing, arranging and analysis and will learn about the theory of jazz and contemporary music, culminating in the composition, arrangement and performance of an original composition.

Choose this subject if you are interested in learning about:

#JazzHarmony #InfluenceInMusic #StylesGenresContexts #Performance #Composition

What will I learn?

- Socio-historical contexts of music
- Solo and group performance
- Music theory, composition & arrangement
- Research, listening & score analysis

What kinds of classroom activities and assessments will I do?

Performance, composition, score analysis, listening analysis, multimedia and oral presentations, written tests, discussions, excursions, research and audio recordings.

Pathways

Year	Current studies that link to this Course
9	Music
10	Music, Backstage Arts

Year	Courses
11	Music
12	Music

What can this lead to?

- Performer
- Music therapist
- Arts administrator
- Music teacher
- Composer/Arranger
- Music journalist

What else do I need to know?

You must learn an instrument or voice alongside this subject. You may choose to have your instrumental lessons at school or outside of school.



The Arts

2D Art

What's it all about?

You will learn a range of different styles in painting and printmaking- such as how to stretch a canvas and create a painting in acrylics and oils. You will create prints using screen printing, lino and etching and research and write about a range of painting artists and printmakers.

Choose this subject if you are interested in learning about:

#Lino #Etching #Screenprinting #Acrylic #Oilpainting

What will I learn?

- How to stretch a canvas and paint landscapes and portraits in different styles
- How to create an edition of prints using lino, silkscreen and etching
- How different artists create paintings and prints in different styles throughout history
- How artists break the traditional rules of painting and printmaking and how you can too

What kinds of classroom activities and assessments will I do?

Researching artists and collecting ideas and inspiration, documenting ideas, concepts and progress in an Arts Journal, creating artworks ready for an exhibition.

Pathways

Year	Current studies that link to this Course
9	2D Art, 3D Art
10	Sculpture, Visual Communication Design - Environments, Digital Photography, Visual Communication

Year	Courses
11	Art Making and Exhibiting, Visual Communication
12	Art Making and Exhibiting, Visual Communication

What can this lead to?

- Artist
- Curator
- Creative
- Merchandiser
- Advertising
- Designer

The Arts

3D Art

What's it all about?

You will engage with sculpture as an art form with expressive possibilities, exploring space, volume, and surface texture and learn about how sculpture has been explored over different times and places. You will create sculptures using a variety of sculptural mediums and sculptural processes. Investigating artists and exploring their sculpture.

Choose this subject if you are interested in learning about:

#3D Forms #Mould Making #Casting #Assemblage #Installation Art #Model Making

What will I learn?

- Assemblage
- Found object sculpture
- Environmental land art
- Australian artists, Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander artists and modern and contemporary sculptors from around the world

What kinds of classroom activities and assessments will I do?

Brainstorming, investigating artists, planning, exploring creative ideas, practical hands-on use of materials and techniques. Written assessments such as research and analysis of other artists as well as self-reflection about one's own making, and practical making assessments.

Pathways

Year	Current studies that link to this Course
9	2D Art, 3D Art
10	Visual Communication, Product Design, Media, Backstage Arts, Theatre

Year	Courses
11	Art Making and Exhibiting, Product Design, Visual Communication, Theatre Studies
12	Art Making and Exhibiting, Product Design, Visual Communication, Theatre Studies

What can this lead to?

- Model-maker, 3D modeller
- Gallery/Museum curator
- Window display designer
- Museum exhibition designer
- Set designer
- Art teacher

What else do I need to know?

Regardless of what jobs you might later do, this subject is worthwhile for an experience of thinking creatively, problem solving and enjoying the process of making and creating with your hands.



The Arts

Systems Engineering

What's it all about?

Systems Engineering has two major components. The first project focuses on learning about robots, how to program them to perform specific tasks and how we can create design solutions for the world we live in. You will also learn all about centralised vs decentralised systems and how cryptocurrency such as Bitcoin work.

Choose this subject if you are interested in learning about:

#Robotics, #Programming #Construction #Cryptography #DecentralisedSystems #Bitcoin

What will I learn?

- Robotics and basic programming
- Centralised versus decentralised systems
- Understanding Cryptocurrency
- Use laser cutters and 3D Printer to build a signing device

What kinds of classroom activities and assessments will I do?

Projects involving Lego Robots, learn how centralised and decentralised systems work, construct hardware wallets, generate private keys using dice, and project-based assessment.

Pathways

Year	Current studies that link to this Course
9	Systems Technology, Information Technology
10	Information Technology

Year	Courses
11	Applied Computing, Product Design
12	Data Analytics; Product Design

What can this lead to?

- Cryptography
- Robotics engineering
- Systems engineering
- FinTech engineering
- Computing & Coding
- Security



The Arts

Theatre

What's it all about?

In this subject, you will focus on the performative side of theatre, taking on the role of actor, director, costume designer and hair & makeup designer in the interpretation of a monologue for an audience, and will contribute to group interpretations of script excerpts. You will learn about different theatre styles and conventions, and attend a live production, analysing the acting, directing, costume and hair & makeup in the interpretation of the script.

Choose this subject if you are interested in learning about:

#ActingAndDirecting #CostumeDesign #HairAndMakeupDesign #TheatreMaking #ProductionAnalysis

What will I learn?

- Monologue performance
- Production analysis
- Script interpretation
- Theatre styles and conventions

What kinds of classroom activities and assessments will I do?

Group performance, monologue performances, performance analysis and critique, drama games, excursions, script interpretation, script writing, production viewing, class discussion.

Pathways

Year	Current studies that link to this Course
9	Drama
10	Backstage Arts

Year	Courses
11	Theatre Studies
12	Theatre Studies

What can this lead to?

- Actor
- Artist
- Costume Designer
- Director
- Theatre critic
- Dramaturg



The Arts

Visual Communication Design

What's it all about?

Design is all around us. In this subject, you will explore the importance of design and how it is changing the world we live in daily. From wearable medical devices to social justice campaigns, design can save the world, and in this subject, you will be given the tools to make a difference. Undertaking this subject you will learn to use the design process, build on your drawing skills and explore different types of design.

Choose this subject if you are interested in learning about:

#ProblemSolving #CreativeThinking #DesignAndDrawing #DesignProcess #DesignFields

What will I learn?

- Using the design process to undertake extended project based folio assessments
- Experimenting with the foundations of design including aesthetic qualities
- Creating designs in response to briefs
- Exploring the different design fields, styles and history

What kinds of classroom activities and assessments will I do?

Theory based, including case studies, historical timelines and design analyses, and practical based, including extended project based folios, prototyping and model making.

Pathways

Year	Current studies that link to this Course
9	2D Art, Visual Communication Design, Media
10	Architecture, Furniture Design, Fashion Design, IT, Sculpture, Media, Digital Photography

Year	Courses
11	Visual Communication Design, Art Making and Exhibiting, Product Design, Media, Theatre Studies
12	Visual Communication Design, Art Making and Exhibiting, Product Design, Media, Theatre Studies

What can this lead to?

- Communication or graphic designer
- Industrial designer
- Architect or interior designer
- Landscape, set or stage designer
- Web/UX/UI designer
- Content creator

What else do I need to know?

Students undertaking this study must have a device compatible with downloading and running the Adobe Suite.



Health & Physical Education

All About Health

What's it all about?

This health course offers an opportunity to dive into the concepts of physical, mental, emotional, social and spiritual health of yourself and others. You will learn practical skills, knowledge and behaviours to improve your own health and explore the health of others in our local, national and global community.

Choose this subject if you are interested in learning about:

#PersonalHealth&Wellbeing #HealthofOthers #Nutrition #Sleep

What will I learn?

- Health status & health promotion
- Nutrition & Positive psychology
- Road safety
- Community health & Global health status

What kinds of classroom activities and assessments will I do?

Tests, oral presentations, incursions and excursions, student-directed projects

Pathways

Year	Current studies that link to this Course
9	PE & Health, Geography
10	Wellness & Leisure, Recreation, Global Issues & Solutions

Year	Courses
11	Health & Human Development
12	Health & Human Development

What can this lead to?

- Nursing & Medicine
- Aged care
- Allied health
- Community health
- Youth worker
- Dietician

What else do I need to know?

Students will be participating in a Road Safety/Driving Excursion (cost approx \$180).



Health & Physical Education

Fitness & Training

What's it all about?

Fitness & Training is all about maintaining and improving your fitness. It involves participation in a variety of activities and training methods, including running, fitness games and drills, strength training and H.I.I.T. (High Intensity Interval Training). You may undertake excursions to classes such as Body Pump, F45, yoga or spin. In theory classes you will learn about fitness components & testing, training methods and principles and proper exercise technique.

Choose this subject if you are interested in learning about:

#Fitness #Training #PushingYourself #FitnessTesting

What will I learn?

- Fitness components and testing
- Training programs
- Proper exercise techniques
- Role of rest, recovery, nutrition and hydration

What kinds of classroom activities and assessments will I do?

Active participation in strength, cardio, flexibility and agility training. Undergo a variety of fitness tests. Analyse how rest and nutrition impact recovery and progress. Developing a training plan for individuals with specific requirements. Assessments will also rely on discussions, questions, tests and presentations.

Pathways

Year	Current studies that link to this Course
9	PE & Health
10	Sport Science, Sport & Coaching

Year	Courses
11	Physical Education
12	Physical Education

What can this lead to?

- Personal trainer
- Strength & conditioning coach
- Exercise scientist
- Physiotherapist
- Performance analyst
- Kinesiologist

What else do I need to know?

This is a practical subject and involves participation in intense physical exercise for the majority of the classes.



Health & Physical Education Outdoor Recreation

What's it all about?

In this course you will learn leadership, practical and safety skills to plan your outdoor adventures. Theoretical studies include first aid, teamwork, problem solving, planning safe outdoor recreational activities. Practical activities will utilise our local parks and gardens to gain a further insight into the local environment. Students will also have the opportunity to participate in a range of games which focus on team and leadership skills. There will be opportunities for excursions to gain further knowledge and experience in outdoor activities.

Choose this subject if you are interested in learning about:

#OutdoorEnvironments #ParticipationInOutdoors #Leadership #RecreationalActivities

What will I learn?

- Leadership styles and teamwork activities
- Planning safe and sustainable outdoor recreation activities -
- First aid in the outdoors
- Human Impacts and threats to outdoor environments
- Indigenous peoples' and non-Indigenous peoples' ways of knowing outdoor environments

What kinds of classroom activities and assessments will I do?

Safe participation in excursion-, planning for camps, -written reports, media analysis, visual presentations, group work, creating games, first aid report

Pathways

Year	Current studies that link to this Course
9	PE & Health
10	Environmental Science, Wellness & Leisure

Year	Courses
11	Outdoor and Environmental Studies, Environmental Science
12	Outdoor and Environmental Studies, Environmental Science

What can this lead to?

- Education
- Environmental research
- Nature & adventure tourism
- Natural resource management
- Outdoor leading & guiding
- Land management

What else do I need to know?

There will be a cost involved for any excursions- (approx \$50).



Health & Physical Education

Sport & Coaching

What's it all about?

In theory classes you will learn about sportsmanship, coaching strategies and leadership. You will also explore sport psychology and skill learning. As part of this unit students will coach, umpire and help organise sports days as part of their assessment. You will participate in a range of sports ie. tennis, cricket, softball/baseball, basketball, netball, badminton, table tennis, AFL, soccer, futsal and hockey. In each of these activities, you get to improve your skills, game sense, tactics, teamwork and knowledge of rules.

Choose this subject if you are interested in learning about:

Coaching #Umpiring #All sports #Being physically active

What will I learn?

- Sports coaching: planning a lesson, different styles of coaching
- Skill acquisition (learning and teaching skills)
- Peer coaching (learning about & practising coaching others)
- How to manage and coach an interschool sport team
- Sports Psychology

What kinds of classroom activities and assessments will I do?

Active Participation in sports, games and other activities, assignments, presentations, quizzes, group peer teaching of a skill/sport, running coaching/drill sessions, identifying what makes a good coach vs bad coach and positive psychology techniques.

Pathways

Year	Current studies that link to this Course
9	PE & Health
10	Fitness & Training, Sport Science

Year	Courses
11	Physical Education
12	Physical Education

What can this lead to?

- Personal trainer
- Sport psychology
- PE teacher
- Sports coach
- Umpire
- Fitness instructor

What else do I need to know?

This is a practical course. You will be participating in physical activity and teaching/coaching others.



Health & Physical Education

Sport Science

What's it all about?

In Sport Science, you will enjoy active participation in games, activities and laboratory sessions where you will collect data, analyse and link practical application to theory. You will learn about the systems of the human body in relation to exercise and sport, as well analysing movement and performance with reference to energy systems, biomechanics and performance enhancement.

Choose this subject if you are interested in learning about:

#Sport Science #HumanAnatomy #EnergySystems #PerformanceEnhancement #Biomechanics

What will I learn?

- Skeletal, muscular, cardiovascular, respiratory and energy systems
- Performance enhancement
- Biomechanics

What kinds of classroom activities and assessments will I do?

Video analysis, leadership and game sense, application of movement skills and movement performances, completion of set learning activities and practical report work, class discussions, analysis, topic tests.

Pathways

Year	Current studies that link to this Course
9	PE & Health
10	Fitness & Training, Sport & Coaching

Year	Courses
11	Physical Education
12	Physical Education

What can this lead to?

- Nursing & Medicine
- Coaching & Personal Training
- PE Teacher
- Physiotherapy
- Osteopathy
- Exercise Scientist

What else do I need to know?

As well as participating in practical lessons, there is a large component of theory in this course.



Health & Physical Education Wellness & Leisure

What's it all about?

The aim of this course is to maintain and improve health & wellbeing, as well as experience and learn a variety of activities that you can enjoy in your own time. You will participate in less strenuous and less competitive activities than in years 7-9 Physical Education, such as walks, yoga, pilates, self defence, circuits and lawn bowls. Class work will include theoretical approaches to wellbeing, meditation, mindfulness, and other approaches to health and wellbeing.

Choose this subject if you are interested in learning about:

#HealthandWellbeing #Leisure #MindBodyHealth

What will I learn?

- Wellbeing
- Mindfulness & meditation
- Dimensions of health
- How to improve mental health
- Benefits of regular physical activity
- Leisure activities to improve and maintain health

What kinds of classroom activities and assessments will I do?

Participation in gentle physical activity, discussions, group work, presentations, assignments, inquiries, recording a diary;

Pathways

Year	Current studies that link to this Course
9	PE & Health
10	All About Health, Recreation

Year	Courses
11	Health & Human Development, Psychology
12	Health & Human Development, Psychology

What can this lead to?

- Yoga/Pilates instructor
- Counsellor
- Psychologist
- Recreation officer
- Leisure coordinator
- Health educator

What else do I need to know?

You will participate in physical activities as well as learning about health and wellbeing.



The Humanities

Business, Economics & Entrepreneurship

What's it all about?

Business, Entrepreneurship and Economics (BEE) gives you the opportunity to learn skills needed to start and run your own business, and gives you an understanding of how our economy and world works.

Choose this subject if you are interested in learning about:

#business #money #economy #working #entrepreneurs

What will I learn?

- Teamwork skills, problem solving, design thinking
- Business marketing, accounting, and presenting
- How our economy and our world works.

What kinds of classroom activities and assessments will I do?

You'll work in a team to design, source, pitch, market and sell a product in the school's vending machine. You'll create a personalised list of skills, CV, cover letter and undertake a mock-interview before applying for jobs in the real world!

Pathways

Year	Studies that link to this Course
9	Curiosity: Economic Explorers
10	Global Issues & Solutions, Democracy and Justice

Year	Courses
11	Economics, Business Management, Accounting, Legal Studies
12	Economics, Business Management, Accounting, Legal Studies

What can this lead to?

- Business owner
- Entrepreneur
- Accountant
- Economist
- Policy advisor
- Finance

What else do I need to know?

This is a project based, hands-on learning subject. It will suit students who enjoy working in teams to solve a problem. Significant student choice is involved in this subject.



The Humanities

Democracy & Justice

What's it all about?

In this subject you will learn about the touchstones of our Australian democracy and the function of parliament and the courts. You'll learn about the process of electing MPs into parliament, and how those MPs represent our views by passing laws. You'll consider social, political and legal justice, applying your understanding to current news events, and lastly undertake a Civic Action Plan in groups to create change in your local community.

Choose this subject if you are interested in learning about:

#crime #government #activism #citizenship #hottopics

What will I learn?

- The structure of parliament, how bills become laws and how parties form government
- Different forms of social justice and injustice
- Legal justice and current problems
- In groups, undertake a Civic Action Plan on an issue of your choice

What kinds of classroom activities and assessments will I do?

Learn key concepts and apply understanding to case studies and current news events, develop a point of view in relation to the topics; topic tests and research tasks.

Pathways

Year	Current studies that link to this Course
9	History, Curiosity: Changing Australian Identities
10	Philosophy, Global Issues & Solutions, The World Wars, Modern Asian History

Year	Courses
11	Legal Studies, Modern History, Politics, Philosophy
12	Legal Studies, Global Politics, Philosophy

What can this lead to?

- Journalist
- Activist
- Lawyer
- Government or council employee
- Politician
- Police officer



The Humanities

Global Issues & Solutions

What's it all about?

Global Issues will let you investigate some of the big issues challenging our world. From engaging with the journeys and stories of refugees to exploring the science of climate change, Global Issues students will explore the impacts and consequences of human activities and natural processes on communities throughout the world. Geographers have a sense of wonder, curiosity and empathy that helps them to question and solve the world's problems.

Choose this subject if you are interested in learning about:

#mapping #fieldwork #globalinequality #noplanetB #humanrights

What will I learn?

- Ecological worldviews and environmental problem solving
- Impacts of climate change and responding to desertification
- Patterns of human migration and refugee displacement
- Making poverty history and responding to the challenges of local homelessness

What kinds of classroom activities and assessments will I do?

Problem solving activities, mapping, short answer responses, case studies, seminars with working professionals in geographic fields, data analysis, practical classes, fieldwork, and excursions.

Pathways

Year	Current studies that link to this Course
9	Geography, Curiosity: The Pacific
10	Democracy & Justice, Environmental Science, All About Health

Year	Courses
11	Geography, Politics, Economics, Environmental Science
12	Geography, Global Politics

What can this lead to?

- Disaster management
- Environmental engineer
- Urban planner
- International development officer
- Ecologist
- Foreign aid



The Humanities

Modern Asian History

What's it all about?

Year 10 Modern Asian History studies the recent histories (20th and 21st Century) of China and India. The first unit examines Republican China and the victory of the Chinese Communists Party (CCP) in 1949. It then explores the type of society the CCP created in China through the study of key events, such as the Great Leap Forward and the Cultural Revolution. The second unit focuses on the role played by Gandhi in achieving Indian independence from British colonial rule in 1947, the partition of India and Pakistan and the current leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Choose this subject if you are interested in learning about:

#Asia #China #India #Mao Zedong #Gandhi

What will I learn?

- China - Republican China, the Long March, the Civil War, Great Leap Forward, the Cultural Revolution, Mao Zedong's leadership, the rise of China as an economic superpower.
- India - Early Indian History (including religion and culture), the British East India Company, British colonial rule, the role of Gandhi and the independence movement, Narendra Modi.

What kinds of classroom activities and assessments will I do?

Essays, source analysis, film analysis, discussions, short-answer responses.

Pathways

Year	Current studies that link to this Course
9	History
10	The World Wars, Democracy & Justice, Philosophy

Year	Courses
11	Modern History, Philosophy, Politics, Legal Studies
12	Revolutions, Philosophy, Global Politics, Legal Studies

What can this lead to?

- Historian
- Lawyer
- Teacher
- International relations
- Analyst
- Department of Foreign Affairs & Trade



The Humanities

Philosophy

What's it all about?

With class discussions, engaging debates, and deep questions, you will examine the big questions in your lives and gain invaluable insight about life, universe and everything. Whether you come out with more questions than answers, one thing is certain: this course will challenge you to think outside of the box!

Choose this subject if you are interested in learning about:

#TheBIGquestions #CriticalThinking #PhilosophyOfScience #Ethics #Happiness

What will I learn?

- Introduction to Philosophy: How to activate your critical thinking skills
- Philosophy of Science: What is the nature of Science and how can it change over time?
- Ethics and Power: What is right and wrong, how do we know the difference and what does this mean for power?
- The Good Life: What does it mean to live a happy fulfilling life?

What kinds of classroom activities and assessments will I do?

Class discussions and debates, research tasks, student presentation, and reflective journaling.

Pathways

Year	Current studies that link to this Course
9	History, Curiosity
10	Democracy and Justice, Science, Critical Thinking and Research, English & Literature

Year	Courses
11	Politics, Legal Studies, Classics, Physics, Biology, Chemistry, Extended Investigation, English & Literature
12	Politics, Legal Studies, Classics, Physics, Biology, Chemistry, Extended Investigation English & Literature

What can this lead to?

- Analyst
- Researcher or scientist
- Law & Politics
- Diplomat
- Public relations
- Academic



The Humanities

The World Wars

What's it all about?

World War One and Two. These epochal events of the 20th century led to the creation of new nations and new organisations while including some of the most fascinating characters in history. We will explore Australia's contribution to these wars and how they shaped national policies both at home and abroad. Learn about the amazing battles as well as the cultural reaction to the wars through art, film and writing.

Choose this subject if you are interested in learning about:

#Warfare #Homefront #Global #HumanRights #Morality

What will I learn?

- The Axis and Allied powers in both wars and the causes of the wars
- The fierce fighting in trenches, on islands, at sea and in the air
- The political impacts of the wars both in Australia and abroad
- Artistic & cultural reactions to the devastation of the World Wars

What kinds of classroom activities and assessments will I do?

Visual and written source analysis, investigation into morality and human rights, extended writing, presentations, group work, gallery walks, excursions.

Pathways

Year	Current studies that link to this Course
9	History, Curiosity: Changing Australian Identities
10	Modern Asian History, Democracy & Justice, Literature, Philosophy

Year	Courses
11	Modern History, Philosophy, Legal Studies, Politics, Literature
12	Revolutions, Philosophy, Legal Studies, Global Politics, Literature

What can this lead to?

- Military historian
- Writer
- Video game developer
- Teacher
- Travel guide
- Screenwriting & set design



Cross Curriculum

Critical Thinking & Research

What's it all about?

In Critical Thinking and Research, you will uncover the role of bias and learn how to apply a critical lens to the world around you. You will explore the rise of conspiracy theories and fake news and identify why people are drawn to them in order to make sense of a chaotic and complex world. We utilise our critical thinking skills to understand effective research, applying our knowledge of research methods to complete our own research proposal.

Choose this subject if you are interested in learning about:

#conspiracytheories #investigation #projectbasedlearning #metacognition

What will I learn?

- Constructing arguments and reasoning
- Analysing the power of conspiracy theories
- Understanding different research methods
- Metacognition (*learning how to learn*)

What kinds of classroom activities and assessments will I do?

Class discussions, research proposals, presentations, infographics, writing conspiracies.

Pathways

Year	Current studies that link to this Course
9	Curiosity, English, History
10	English, Science, Democracy & Justice, Philosophy

Year	Courses
11	Politics, Modern History, Extended Investigation, English, Philosophy
12	Global Politics, Revolutions, Extended Investigation, English, Philosophy

What can this lead to?

- Academic
- Consultant
- Researcher
- Scientist
- Sociologist
- Psychologist



Languages

French

What's it all about?

In French, you will extend your knowledge of French using the five skills: listening, speaking, viewing, reading and writing. You will learn to communicate and have conversations about housework, shopping, health, childhood, the past and ambitions for the future, in French!

Choose this subject if you are interested in learning about:

#communicatinginFrench #Frenchculture #grammar #Frenchlife

What will I learn?

Semester 1	Semester 2
• Revisit passé composé and learning about housework • Talk about grocery shopping/food and how to have a conversation with a vendor • Discuss health and injuries	• How life used to be and talking about our childhoods • Narrating events in the past • Expressing desires and ambitions for the future

What kinds of classroom activities and assessments will I do?

Reading, listening, dictations, notes taking, writing, summarising, speaking, convincing, role play, general conversations, asking questions, comparing.

Pathways

Year	Current studies that link to this Course
9	French

Year	Courses
11	French
12	French

What can this lead to?

- Translator/Interpreter
- International development
- Tourism & Travel
- Journalist
- Marketing for French luxe brands
- Sommelier

What else do I need to know?

A language is something that you are continuously building upon. It will require work but the reward is amazing and it's something that can take you anywhere in the world!



Languages

German

What's it all about?

In year 10 German we continue our language journey, developing your speaking, listening, reading and writing skills. We will work on lots of new grammar topics, We will keep a personal diary. We'll learn about life in Berlin before the fall of the Berlin Wall. We will continue using ZOOM 2 from year 9 and also have a dedicated grammar book for extra practice. We will have lots of fun along the way!

Choose this subject if you are interested in learning about:

#LifeInGermany #AustraliaVsGermany #GermanHistory #Climate #Jobs #Berlin #Tourism

What will I learn?

Semester 1 • Year 7-9 Revision • Comparison of education between Australia and Germany • Tourism and Berlin focus • The environment	Semester 2 • German film study • Teenage life in Germany • Finding a job
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What kinds of classroom activities and assessments will I do?

Lots of speaking activities, Diary writing, role plays, singing songs, making videos, and text analyses.

Pathways

Year	Current studies that link to this Course
9	German

Year	Courses
11	German
12	German

What can this lead to?

- Teacher
- Interpreter
- Musician
- Business administration
- Sports
- Travel & Tourism



Languages

Latin

What's it all about?

In Latin, you will continue to develop your ability to read & write Latin. We will learn vocabulary, grammar and all about the history and cultural context of the Latin Language.

Choose this subject if you are interested in learning about:

#Latin #vocab #grammar #English language conventions #AncientHistory

What will I learn?

Semester 1	Semester 2
• Vocab - Oxford Latin Course Chapters 14-24 • Grammar -special adjectives, past tenses, 4th & 5th declension nouns, expressions of time & place • Historical & cultural context of the Latin language • Virgil's Aeneid: basic info	• Vocab - Oxford Latin Course Chapters 25-46 • Grammar - future tenses, participles, passive & subjunctive verbs, indirect speech • Further historical & cultural context of the Latin language • Virgil's Aeneid: further basic info

What kinds of classroom activities and assessments will I do?

Seen, original texts & unseen translations, language analysis, literary techniques, accidence & syntax.

Pathways

Year	Current studies that link to this Course
9	Latin (not gAP Latin - see note below)

Year	Courses
11	Latin
12	Latin

What can this lead to?

- Latin teacher
- Translator
- Palaeontologist
- Botanist
- Historian
- Etymologist

What else do I need to know?

Students currently enrolled in year 9 Latin may take this course. Students who have completed years 7-9 Latin in the AP program can instead consider accelerating their VCE into Unit 1 and 2 Latin (see VCE Handbook for more information).



Science

Core Science

What's it all about?

You will expand your knowledge of Biology, Chemistry, and Physics, and gain a broader understanding of how Science intersects with the world around us. Science is explored in various real-life scenarios, examining how scientific knowledge is relevant in different contexts. You will engage in both theoretical and practical work, and be provided foundational understanding for VCE Biology, Chemistry & Physics.

Choose this subject if you are interested in learning about:

#Genetics #Evolution #ChemicalFormula #ChemicalReactions #Motion&Speed

What will I learn?

- Genetics and mechanisms of evolution, including mutation and natural selection
- Periodic table, chemical bonding, types of chemical reactions and balancing chemical equations
- Forces, motion (distance, speed and acceleration) and energy transfer

What kinds of classroom activities and assessments will I do?

Experiments, modelling, problem solving, report writing, scientific investigations and tests

Pathways

Year	Current studies that link to this Course
9	Science
10	Environmental Science, Forensic Science and Space Science

Year	Courses
11	Biology, Chemistry, Physics
12	Biology, Chemistry, Physics

What can this lead to?

- Biologist
- Medical professional
- Chemist
- Researcher
- Physicist
- Engineer



Science

Environmental Science

What's it all about?

Environmental Science explores the interactions and interconnectedness between humans and their environments, and analyses the functions of both living and non-living elements that sustain Earth systems through the lenses of Biology, Chemistry and Physics.

Choose this subject if you are interested in learning about:

#Environment #ClimateChange #Sustainability #Biodiversity #RenewableResources

What will I learn?

- Ecology and earth systems
- Renewable and non-renewable energy resources
- Climate change and biodiversity
- Monitoring pollutants

What kinds of classroom activities and assessments will I do?

Experiments, modelling, field trips, problem solving, report writing and scientific investigations

Pathways

Year	Current studies that link to this Course
9	Science
10	Core Science, Space, Recreation

Year	Courses
11	Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Outdoor and Environmental Studies
12	Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Outdoor and Environmental Studies

What can this lead to?

- Environmental scientist
- Biologist
- Natural resource manager
- Chemist
- Sustainability specialist
- Environmental planner



Science

Forensic Science

What's it all about?

Your knowledge of Biology, Chemistry, Physics and Psychology will be applied to uncover evidence, identify patterns and construct arguments, enabling you to solve crimes and make new discoveries. The subject also promotes critical thinking and fosters ethical capabilities through a criminal investigation.

Choose this subject if you are interested in learning about:

#CriminalInvestigation #DNA #ChemicalReactions #PsychologicalAssessment #ForensicPhysics

What will I learn?

- Understanding criminal motives.
- Significance of DNA in Forensic Science and techniques of DNA analysis
- Chemical reactions used in the analyses of crime scenes
- Investigating the Physics of car crashes.

What kinds of classroom activities and assessments will I do?

Practical tasks, research assignments, case studies and student presentations.

Pathways

Year	Current studies that link to this Course
9	Science
10	Core Science, Space

Year	Courses
11	Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Psychology
12	Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Psychology

What can this lead to?

- Analytical chemist
- Laboratory technician
- Biomedical scientist
- Forensic scientist
- Toxicologist
- Crime scene investigator



Science

Space Science

What's it all about?

Space Science is an interdisciplinary Science subject that focuses on our place in the universe. You will learn about the universe and space exploration through the lenses of Biology, Chemistry, Physics and Earth and Space Sciences.

Choose this subject if you are interested in learning about:

#OriginsOfLife #BigBang #SpaceChemistry #Astrobiology #RocketScience

What will I learn?

- Origins of the universe to the beginnings of life
- Chemical reactions in space
- Life in extreme environments and human conditions during space travel
- Physics of space travel

What kinds of classroom activities and assessments will I do?

Practical investigations, telescope viewing, launching a mini rocket, class discussions, research projects and tests.

Pathways

Year	Current studies that link to this Course
9	Science
10	Core Science, Forensic Science and Environmental Science

Year	Courses
11	Biology, Chemistry, Physics
12	Biology, Chemistry, Physics

What can this lead to?

- Physicist
- Engineer
- Astronaut
- Pilot
- Astrobiologist & Astronomer
- Environmental scientist

VCE Acceleration

Accelerated VCE Program

Current Year 9 students will be invited, based on the criteria below, to express interest in completing a VCE Unit 1 and 2 subject or a VET Certificate II or VET Certificate III as part of their Year 10 program. Relevant students will be informed before subject preferences need to be submitted. There are a number of criteria that current Year 9 students will need to meet for early access to a VCE or VET subject. This process should help students achieve their goals whilst ensuring they are making subject choices that support a strong foundation.

These criteria include:

- high level of in-class attendance and punctuality
- sustained academic excellence over a range of subjects
- demonstration of a commitment to learning and a positive learning culture as outlined in the UHS Attitude & Effort Reporting Rubric
- program space availability

Eligible students can select from the following VCE subject options for acceleration:

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| • Accounting | • Media Studies |
| • Applied Computing | • Modern History |
| • Art Creative Practice | • Outdoor and Environmental Studies |
| • Biology | • Philosophy |
| • Business Management | • Physical Education |
| • Classical Societies and Cultures | • Politics |
| • Economics | • Product Design & Technology |
| • Geography | • Psychology |
| • Health & Human Development | • Theatre Studies |
| • Legal Studies | • Visual Communications & Design |

VCE course outlines can be found in the [UHS Senior Pathways VCE Handbook](#).

In addition to VCE Unit 1 and 2 Latin, Year 9AP students who are interested in accelerating their VCE program may be eligible to include one other VCE Unit 1 and 2 subject from the full selection of VCE subjects offered at UHS excluding Maths and English. Students who accelerate in VCE studies are still expected to complete a regular course load in Year 11 and Year 12. Acceleration in VCE studies is an opportunity to add breadth to a senior pathways program.

Vocational Education and Training (VET)

VET enables students to gain qualifications for all types of employment, and specific skills to help them in the workplace. Undertaking VET while at UHS allows students to mix general and vocational education and to make a start on training for a career before they leave school.

VET studies allow secondary students to gain practical skills in a specific industry while contributing towards the completion of the Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE), including the VCE Vocational Major (VCE VM).

These Vocational courses form part of the Australian Qualifications Framework. This is the national standard of training and means that a qualification students receive here is recognised anywhere in Australia. The courses are also "Competency Based" - this means that students move through the course and achieve the relevant qualification by demonstrating that they have the knowledge and can perform the skills required for that qualification. So, the faster a student can learn and demonstrate these, the quicker they can complete the qualification.

Further information on VET is available by accessing the University High School careers website: <https://www.unihighcareers.com/>

Senior Pathways Passport (Part 1 - Completed on Expo Day)

Question	Notes
English & EAL: Which English subject is the best choice for me? Why?	
Maths: What are the Maths electives and why might I want to choose one in addition to the year-long Maths subject?	
The Arts: What are some examples of the practical & theoretical components of these subjects?	
The Humanities: There are lots of different humanities subjects, how do they differ?	
Languages: What are two possible benefits of learning another language?	
Health & PE: What are some examples of the practical & theoretical components of these subjects?	

Question	Notes
Science: What are the possible benefits of studying science?	
Interdisciplinary: How could I apply the Critical Thinking and Research subject to life outside of school?	
VET: What is vocational education and training? What are some examples of VET subjects?	
Additional Notes:	

UHS Senior Pathways Planning Template

(Part 2 - to be completed in Term 3)

Year 1 - Year 10 course selection	
Core program	
English/EAL (year long):	
Mathematics (year long):	
The Arts core-elective (semester-long):	The Humanities core-elective (semester-long):
Science core-elective (semester-long):	Health/PE core-elective (semester-long):
The Arts back-up elective:	The Humanities back-up elective:
Science back-up elective:	Health & PE back-up elective:
Electives • 4 x semester-long subjects from any Domain OR • 2 x semester-long subjects from any Domain AND 1 x year-long subject OR • 2 x year-long subjects	
Semester-long subject choice 1:	Semester-long subject choice 2:
Semester-long subject choice 3:	Semester-long subject choice 4:
Year-long subject choice 1:	
Year-long subject choice 2:	

*Students must apply to commence an accelerated VCE program

Year 2 - Year 11 course selection	Year 3 - Year 12 course selection
English subject (Units 1-4 over two years):	
After school And beyond!	
What careers are you interested in?	
What courses or training will help you reach your career goals?	
Are there any VCE subjects that are prerequisites for the courses or training you may wish to complete after school?	