Year 8-9 Transition

Subject Selection
Year 9 2016

- This is a new and exciting time, as you will be given the power to make decisions about what you want to study.

- This process of subject selection is very important at Greensborough College. That’s why we start it early.
So how does it work?

- Subject selection is completed online.

- Today, you will receive an access code to the program.

- Prior to receiving the password you can complete the initial stages of subject selection together by reading through the 2016 Year 9 Handbook and discussing preferences and possibilities.
What are the guidelines?

- At Greensborough College, our curriculum is student-driven. We structure our classes based on students’ choices.

- There are also state and national requirements that we have to follow and this means there are some rules with your subjects.
English

- English is compulsory, and you will be placed in one of three streams for the whole year:
  - Advanced (1 class)
  - Core
  - Skills (1 class)
- The online program will ask if you are interested in being considered for the Advanced class.
- You also have the option of completing additional English elective, from those offered in the handbook
Maths

- Maths is compulsory, you will be placed in one of three streams for the whole year:
  - Above Expected Level
  - At Expected Level
  - Below Expected Level

- The online program will ask if you are interested in being considered for the Above Expected Level class.
One of the first decisions you need to make is whether you will continue to study Italian in Year 9.

Think very carefully about this – studying another language is not just useful and enjoyable but is VERY beneficial in Year 11 and 12 and when you apply for University and TAFE courses.

If you enjoy studying Italian it is strongly recommended that you continue to study it in Year 9.
Semester Electives

Science

- You study at least 2 science subjects in total in Year 9 but select 3 preferences.
- You must choose 1 CORE option from: Core Science or Science 1
- You need to select 2 other Science preferences
Semester Electives

Humanities

- You complete at least 2 Humanities subjects in total in Year 9 but select 3 preferences.
- At least 1 preference must be a History-based subject.
Semester Electives

Health & Physical Education

• The H&PE electives cover a wide range of areas such as fitness, dance, sports studies and recreation.

• In Health and Physical Education you must complete at least one elective but select 2 preferences.

• All Health and Physical Education electives run for one semester.
Semester Electives

The Arts

- The art electives cover a wide range of areas such as painting and drawing, music, media, drama, dance, etc.
- In Visual and Performing arts you must complete at least one elective but select 2 preferences.
- All Visual and Performing arts electives run for one semester.
Semester Electives

Technology

- The Technology electives cover a wide range of areas such as IT, metalwork, woodwork, engineering, home economics and food technology etc.
- In Technology you must complete at least one elective but select 2 preferences.
- All Technology electives run for one semester.
Interdisciplinary Elective

3D Printing

• This subject was introduced in 2015
• 3D Printing is an Interdisciplinary Elective and can be chosen as one of your free choice electives
• It involves designing and printing of a 3D model
• Anything you imagine you can create
Summary

- English (Advanced/Core or Skills)
- Maths (Above/At/Below Expected Level)
- Science At least 2 units per year (including 1 Core unit)
- Humanities At least 2 units per year (including at least 1 History unit)
- Technology At least 1 unit per year
- Arts At least 1 unit per year
- PE/Health At least 1 unit per year
Extra elements of the subject selection program

• The opportunity to rank your preferences
• Questions about your intentions in 2016
• Questions about career paths you might have in mind
• Selected extra preferences in areas you enjoy
It’s time to start thinking about the future...

- Make sure you are picking subjects based on how they will help you learn what you need and want to learn.
- Don’t pick subjects because your friends are picking them.
- Don’t pick subjects because you think they sound ‘easy’ - you won’t end up enjoying them and it makes things more difficult when you have to select subjects in Year 10, 11 and 12.
Let’s have a look at the program...
Checklist

- I have read through all of the subject descriptions in the Year 9 Handbook.
- I can completed all the steps of the SSO program online.
- I have printed the summary page of my selections, and read through it to ensure that it is correct.
- Both me and my parents have signed the subject selection summary
- I have returned my co-signed summary to Year 8 Coordinators (P3 Office) by Monday 10th August
Deadlines...

- You must complete your subject selection, which includes handing in your signed printout from the program, by Monday 10\textsuperscript{th} August.

- **IF YOU FAIL TO DO THIS YOU WILL HAVE VERY LIMITED SUBJECT OPTIONS AND WILL FACE CONSEQUENCES FROM THE COORDINATORS.**
Any Questions?