# **STAGE 6 COURSE GUIDE 2024-2025**





#### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear students,

Selecting courses and patterns of study for the final two years of school is an important process that has the potential to shape future pathways and careers. We have a broad and exciting Stage 6 curricula that provide diverse opportunities so that each student can explore their potential, interests and abilities.

The Higher School Certificate (HSC) is an internationally recognised credential that provides a strong foundation for post school opportunities. Whether you pursue tertiary qualifications, vocational training or move directly into the workforce, attaining the HSC qualification has a marked impact on your life outcomes and will equip you with the necessary skills and knowledge to make meaningful contributions to the world beyond school.

This guide is designed to help you choose the appropriate pathway and the most suitable subjects for study in Years 11 and 12.

To ensure that your decisions are appropriate, I strongly advise you to:

- · carefully read the information provided;
- investigate the requirements/prerequisites for your possible career interests with the Careers Adviser;
- check with your teachers about your ability level in relation to the specific courses/subjects you may be considering, and the workload that you will be expected to manage;
- read your Academic Report carefully as current performance is a strong indicator of future performance;
- be realistic about your selections.

It is important to remember that by making these selections, you are also choosing to continue to learn at school and therefore make a serious commitment to your education. Stage 6 requires a high level of performance, diligence and engagement. The level of commitment you sustain will ultimately influence and determine the degree of success over the next two years.

Understand the expectations. Make informed decisions. Commit to high performance.

Kind regards,

Mrs Renée Holz

Principal

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# STUDYING FOR THE HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATE

The Higher School Certificate (HSC) recognises 13 years of education. In the interests of greater career choices and increased opportunities, at university and TAFE NSW, it offers you a full range of study areas matching individual abilities, interests and goals.

The HSC is the highest educational award you can gain in New South Wales schools. It is an internationally recognised credential that provides a strong foundation for the future, whether you wish to pursue tertiary qualifications, vocational training or employment.

#### GENERAL HSC INFORMATION

This is your introduction to the HSC and the many options now available. More information is contained in the following NESA (NSW Education Standards Authority) <u>Advice for Students</u> Choosing HSC Subjects.

HSC IN 2024-2025

All courses incorporate the learning outcomes as prescribed in the syllabus documentation.

Courses are linked to further education and training.

Extension courses (including undergraduate university courses) will enable students to undertake more in-depth study in areas of special interest.

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The HSC may include Life Skills courses for students with special education needs.

The HSC fairly assesses each student's knowledge and skills.

If you meet the minimum standard expected in a course you will receive a mark of 50. If you have a higher standard of performance you will receive a higher mark.

For each course, you will receive easy-to-understand reports, which contain detailed information. These reports provide clear indications of what you have demonstrated you know, understand and can do in each course. The Year 11 Preliminary report will be issued at the completion of Year 11. Whilst Year 12 has a mid-course report and a final report.

# ELIGIBILITY FOR THE HSC

To be eligible for the HSC, you must:

- satisfactorily complete Years 9 and 10 or gain other qualifications that satisfy NESA
- attend a government school, an accredited non-government school, a NSW Education Standards Authority recognised school outside NSW, or a TAFE college
- complete HSC: All My Own Work (or its equivalent) before you submit any work for Preliminary or HSC courses, unless you are only entered for Year 11 and Year 12 Life Skills courses
- satisfactorily complete courses in the patterns of study detailed below
- sit for and make a serious attempt at the required HSC exams

 meet the HSC minimum standard of literacy and numeracy within five years of starting your HSC course

#### THE HSC CURRICULUM

As you begin considering your course preference list it is important that you familiarise yourself with the names used to describe courses on offer as this can potentially have a considerable impact on your eligibility for an Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) which is a prerequisite for university entry.

A subject is the general name given to an area of study, for example English, and a subject may offer one or more courses (Advanced English, Standard English, etc.).

English, Mathematics, Science, History, Music and some Languages are subjects which offer more than one course. The other subjects each offer one 2 unit course.

TYPES OF COURSES

#### **Board Developed Courses**

These are courses for which NESA develops a syllabus setting out the aims, objectives, outcomes, structure and content. Most Board Developed HSC courses, including the VET framework courses, may contribute to the calculation of the ATAR.

#### **Board Developed Life Skills Courses**

Life Skills courses are Board Developed courses that provide an alternative HSC for students with special learning needs. They are not examined externally and do not contribute to an ATAR.

#### **Board Endorsed HSC Courses**

These courses count towards the HSC and are listed on your Record of Achievement. However, they do not count towards the calculation of the ATAR.

Board Endorsed Courses are divided into two categories:

- School-designed Courses these are developed by individual schools in response to local interest or need and endorsed by the NESA.
- Content Endorsed Courses these fall into two categories: general CECs and TAFE-delivered CECs. They have syllabuses endorsed by the Board of Studies to cater for areas of special interest not covered in the Board Developed Courses.

There is no external examination for any Content Endorsed Course or School Designed Course, but all Board Endorsed Courses count towards the HSC and appear on your Record of Student Achievement (RoSA).

#### **Board Developed Vocational Education and Training (VET) Courses**

There are Board Developed and/or Board Endorsed courses in VET. These VET courses are offered as part of the HSC. They teach skills that are relevant to future study and employment. They allow for both HSC qualifications and Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) accreditation.

The AQF qualifications are recognised by industry and employers throughout Australia and give students advanced standing in related study at TAFE NSW and private registered providers. You receive documents that report the competencies you have achieved and an AQF Certificate or Statement of Attainment.

Course Type	Board Developed	Life Skills	Board Endorsed	VET
Example	Mathematics Advanced	Life Skills - Geography	Sport Lifestyle and Recreation	Hospitality
HSC eligible	✓	✓	✓	✓
ATAR eligible	✓	×	×	✓ IF course has a formal HSC Examination

If you are interested in other VET / TAFE or additional courses, see External Course Information

#### UNITS OF STUDY

Most courses offered for the HSC have a value of two units (2 unit) in Year 11 and two units in Year 12. Each unit requires approximately 60 hours of study per year. Each one unit has a mark value of 50. A two unit course over two years requires approximately 240 hours of study. Most courses have a value of two units with a mark value of 100.

# Some exceptions are:

- Content Endorsed Courses
- Extension Courses.

Extension study at Sylvania High School is available in English, Mathematics, History and Music. Extension courses allow students to study at a more intensive level in diverse but specific areas. Extension courses have an additional 1 unit (50 marks) value.

English Extension 1 and Mathematics Extension 1 begin in Year 11 and continue into Year 12. Students wishing to further their study in those subjects may choose to study the Extension 2 course in Year 12. Extension 2 requires students to work beyond Extension 1 standard.

Extension History, Extension Music and Extension Science are courses that begin in Year 12.

# MANDATORY STUDY REQUIREMENTS

English is the only compulsory HSC subject.

To be eligible for the award of the HSC you must satisfactorily complete at least:

- 12 units in your Year 11 study pattern (Year 11 = 3 terms)
- 10 units in your Year 12 pattern. (Year 12 = 4 terms starting Term 4 Year 11)

#### Both study patterns must include:

- At least two units of a Board Developed course in English
- At least six units of Board Developed Courses
- At least three courses of 2 unit value or greater
- At least four subjects (including English)
- No more than six units of Science can be studied in Year 11 and no more than seven units of Science can be studied in Year 12.

To be eligible for an HSC all students must complete the *HSC: All My Own Work* program or its equivalent. The program is designed to help HSC students to follow the principles and practices of good scholarship. This includes understanding and valuing ethical practices when locating and using information as part of their HSC studies.

If students are concerned about their abilities to meet the ethical and good scholarship requirements of a Stage 6 course then they should discuss this with a Year Adviser.

See also: All My Own Work

# HSC MINIMUM STANDARDS - LITERACY AND NUMERACY

To be eligible for a HSC students need to demonstrate they have met a minimum standard in literacy and numeracy.

Students will show they meet the HSC minimum standard by passing online tests of basic literacy and numeracy skills, which are available for them to sit when they are ready in Year 10, 11 and 12 and after the HSC.

Students get up to four times per year to sit each minimum standard reading, writing or numeracy test.

About the tests:

- o Reading: 45 multiple choice computer adaptive questions
- o Numeracy: 45 multiple choice computer adaptive questions
- o Writing: One question based on a visual or text prompt.

Refer to the <u>NESA website</u> for more information and resources for parents, students and schools

# HSC PATHWAYS

Most students follow a two year program of study in Years 11 and 12 leading to the award of the HSC. NESA also provides access for those people who wish to combine their studies with employment or other responsibilities, such as family care.

Students must satisfactorily complete a Year 11 course before commencing the corresponding Year 12 course.

The Pathways provisions listed allow flexibility in obtaining the HSC.

#### ACCUMULATION OF THE HSC

Students may accumulate an HSC over a five year period. The five year period will commence in the first year a student completes an HSC course.

Students who are accumulating courses may access a Student eRecord showing each calendar year of study. The cumulative Student eRecord will record all Year 11 and Year 12 courses satisfactorily completed, including repeat attempts. The mark of the final attempt in a particular course is the mark used for the calculation of the ATAR. By the end of the period of accumulation, all Year 11 and Year 12 pattern of study requirements need to be met. In subjects that include extension courses, you may accumulate by presenting the 2 unit course in one year and the extension course in a later year.

# REPEATING A COURSE

You may repeat one or more HSC courses, but you must do so within the five year accumulation period. In the calculation of the Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank (ATAR), the most recent mark in a course will be used.

# SCHOOL BASED TRAINEESHIPS AND APPRENTICESHIPS

In some cases HSC Studies can be undertaken at the same time as a part time traineeship or apprenticeship. Both combine paid work and training that leads to a recognised Australian Qualifications (AQF) VET qualification.

This is a difficult program with dedication to both school and work required. For further information, see the school Careers Adviser.

# AUSTRALIAN TERTIARY ADMISSION RANK (ATAR)

The Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) is a number between 0 and 99.95 with increments of 0.05. It provides a measure of a student's overall academic achievement in the NSW HSC in relation to that of other students and assists institutions to rank applicants for tertiary selection. It is calculated by the institutions and released by UAC. The ATAR is a rank not a mark.

Further details on the ATAR can be obtained from the Universities Admission Centre (UAC) www.uac.edu.au

To be eligible for an ATAR you must satisfactorily complete at least 10 units of ATAR eligible courses including at least 2 units of English.

The ATAR is calculated using an aggregate of scaled marks (average of examination and assessment marks) in 10 units comprising the best 2 units of English; plus 8 units from eligible courses.

Where Category B courses are to be used in the calculation of an ATAR, the student MUST sit the formal HSC examination. From 2024, students are no longer restricted in the number of Category B courses that can contribute to an ATAR

#### SELECTION RANK ADJUSTMENTS

While the ATAR may be the best single predictor of academic success, institutions acknowledge that there are other selection criteria that are relevant to certain courses. Institutions may base their selection of students on an interview, audition, portfolio, questionnaire or test.

Sometimes these selection criteria are used on their own and sometimes in conjunction with the ATAR. The selection rank for a course (previously known as a cut-off) does not necessarily represent the minimum ATAR required for entry into the course. Selection ranks include adjustment factors (previously known as bonus points), and may students with ATARs below the selection rank get offers.

#### ASSESSMENT AND REPORTING

The HSC is based on a standards referenced framework. Student performance is assessed and reported against standards of achievement established for each course.

School-based assessment tasks constitute 50% of the HSC mark. The other 50% comes from the HSC examination.

The HSC mark for 2 unit courses is reported on a scale of 0 - 100. A mark of 50 represents the minimum standard expected. There are 5 performance bands above 50 that correspond to different levels of achievement in knowledge, skills and understanding. Band 6 corresponds to the highest level of achievement, indicating a range of marks between 90 and 100.

HSC results for VET courses are delivered at two levels. Assessment is competency based, with students receiving a competency log. An external exam is optional and will represent 100% of their mark in this course for the HSC.

Complete school-based assessment tasks for each Board Developed HSC Course, other than VET courses, is required. For VET courses a competency based assessment program will apply.

School-based assessment tasks are designed to measure performance in a wider range of objectives than may be tested in an examination. Assessment tasks may include tests, written or oral assignments, practical activities, fieldwork and projects. The assessment requirements for each Board Developed Course are set out in each syllabus.

On satisfactory completion of the HSC students receive the following:

- The HSC Testamur
- The HSC Record of Achievement (RoSA to be downloaded from the NESA website). This
  includes the HSC examination mark, assessment mark, HSC mark and Performance Band
  for each HSC course satisfactorily completed (except VET courses)
- AQF Certificate in VET if undertaken

#### STUDENTS ONLINE

Students Online is your source for information about your study from Year 10 to the HSC. To access this worthwhile information, you will need to activate your Students Online account via the link below.

https://studentsonline.nesa.nsw.edu.au/

#### **EXTERNAL STUDY**

Some students will undertake patterns of study involving an external institution.

External Institutions Include:

- TAFE
- Secondary School of Languages
- NSW School of Languages

Additional information on specific courses is available at the <u>External Course Information</u> section of this guide.

To ensure students undertake a successful pattern of study, Sylvania High School requires that students who take courses in these institutions must also ensure that they have 12 units of study at Sylvania High School until the end of Term 1, after which time they may apply to their Deputy Principal to terminate a course to reach their minimum unit requirement (12 units). Students will need to supply proof of successful progress in their external course before permission will be given to terminate any course.

Students entering Year 11 who wish to undertake external study must complete the External Studies Application Form and bring this with them to the interview that takes place with the Careers Adviser. The Principal will make a final determination if students are permitted to undertake external studies. If initial approval to take an external course is given at the interview, students must complete the forms appropriate to each institution.

# COURSE SELECTION PROCESS

Students will be making their subject selections online via the program *Edval Webchoice*. A link with a unique code and information on how to do this will be sent to their school email address. It is a requirement of this program that students use their Department of Education email address (firstname.surname@education.nsw.gov.au)

Subject selection preferences can be changed as often as the student likes until WebChoice closes.

- 1. Ensure your education email is working and check it regularly for the invitation email with the link and your unique web-code
- 2. Go to <a href="https://web.edval.com.au/">https://web.edval.com.au/</a> and enter your unique code
- 3. Enter your first preference as your English course
- 4. Enter your second preference as your Mathematics course mathematics is NOT compulsory, so if you are not including a mathematics course in your selections skip to step 5
- 5. Select the subjects you want, in order of PREFERENCE (this means the subject you list at the top is the one you want the most)
- 6. Click submit
- 7. You will be given a sheet to print out for your parents to sign.

  This needs to be returned to the Front Office.

  If you do not have access to a printer, you may hand write this information out to complete the parent acknowledgement

# DETERMINING FINAL CURRICULUM AND CLASS STRUCTURE

Once the preference portal has closed, the data will be downloaded and reviewed by the Principal and Executive who will determine which courses run based on student choice, staffing expertise and facilities availability. Students who are not able to have a full complement of courses from their identified preferences will be asked to discuss their options with the Deputy Principal and the Timetable Team and reselect their preferences.

Once the determination of courses and classes running is made, the courses are then arranged into a curriculum structure featuring 6 lines. A line represents the collection of classes that occur at the same time. The Year 10 electives are 3 lines – you have done one elective per line.

In years 11 and 12 English forms it's own line (English Advance classes run at the same time as English Standard or English Studies classes).

The organisation of classes into lines and your allocation of classes/courses within that structure refers to your preference data. Thus, it is essential that your preference data best reflects what you want from your Stage 6 pattern of study.

# YEAR 11 COURSE CHOICES

# SUMMARY TABLE

	ANTIABLE		UNIT	Avail	able	ATAR
	YEAR 11 AND YEAR 12 COURSES (alphabetical)		VALUE	Yr 11	Yr 12	ELIGIBLE
	Ancient History		2	✓	<b>√</b>	✓
	Biology		2	✓	<b>✓</b>	✓
	Business Studies		2	✓	<b>√</b>	✓
	Community and Family Studies		2	✓	✓	✓
	Chemistry		2	✓	<b>✓</b>	✓
	Dance		2	✓	<b>✓</b>	✓
	Design and Technology		2	✓	✓	✓
	Drama		2	✓	✓	✓
	Earth and Environmental Science		2	✓	✓	✓
	Economics		2	✓	✓	✓
	Engineering Studies		2	✓	✓	✓
	English Advanced		2	✓	✓	✓
	English Standard		2	✓	✓	✓
	English Studies		2	✓	✓	✓
	English Extension 1 <sup>1</sup>		1	✓	✓	✓
es	English Extension 2		1		✓	✓
urs	Enterprise Computing		2	✓	✓	✓
Board Developed Courses	Food Technology		2	✓	✓	✓
bec	French Continuers		2	✓	✓	✓
<u> </u>	Geography		2	✓	✓	✓
Oe⁄	History Extension <sup>2</sup>		1		✓	✓
ırd	Industrial Technology – Timber and Furnishings <sup>3</sup>		2	✓	✓	✓
Вое	Japanese (Beginners)		2	✓	✓	✓
	Legal Studies		2	✓	✓	✓
	Mathematics Standard 1		2		✓	✓
	Mathematics Standard 2		2	✓	✓	✓
	Mathematics Advanced		2	✓	<b>√</b>	✓
	Mathematics Extension 1,		1	✓	✓	✓
	Mathematics Extension 2 <sup>1</sup>		1		✓	✓
	Modern History		2	✓	<b>✓</b>	✓
	Music 1		2	✓	<b>✓</b>	✓
	Music 2		2	✓	✓	✓
	Music Extension <sup>2</sup>		1		<b>✓</b>	✓
	PDHPE		2	✓	✓	✓
	Physics		2	✓	✓	✓
	Science Extension <sup>2</sup>		1		<b>✓</b>	✓
	Society and Culture		2	✓	✓	✓
	Textiles and Design		2	✓	✓	✓
	Visual Arts		2	✓	✓	✓
	Sport, Lifestyle and Recreation		2	✓	✓	NO
ion ion	VET YEAR 11 AND YEAR 12 COURSE  NOTE: For VET courses to be counted towards an ATAR, st	udents mu		Formal	HSC Exa	mination.
Vocational Education		HOURS	UNIT VALUE			
Voc	Construction	240	2	<b>√</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>√</b>
	Hospitality	240	2	✓	<b>✓</b>	✓
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 $<sup>^1</sup>$  Extension 2 is available only in Year 12. Extension 1 is a prerequisite for Extension 2.  $^2$  History Extension, Music Extension and Science Extension are only available in Yr 12.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Excludes any other external Industrial Technology study, eg: Industrial Technology - Multimedia

# COURSE FEES SUMMARY TABLE

Please note that some courses require students to pay compulsory fees. Should this prove difficult, please advise the school Principal in writing. Fees below are only indicative and will possibly change.

Biology	Y11 & Y12	\$30 per year (plus \$40 coursebook + additional excursion expenses)
Chemistry	Y11 & Y12	\$35 per year (plus additional excursion expenses)
Community & Family Studies	Y11 Y12	\$10.00 \$20.00
Construction	Y11 & Y12	\$95.00 per year
Dance	Y11 & Y12	\$30.00 per year
Design & Technology	Y11 Y12	\$70.00 \$70.00 + Major project costs
Drama	Y11 & Y12	\$30.00 per year
Earth and Environmental Science	Y11 & Y12	\$35.00 (plus additional excursion expenses)
Engineering Studies	Y11 & Y12	\$15.00 \$15.00
Enterprise Computing	Y11 & Y12	\$30.00 per year
Food Technology	Y11 Y12	\$90.00 \$100.00
French Continuers	Y11 & Y12	\$35.00 per year
Hospitality (Kitchen Operations)	Y11 Y12	\$220.00 + Uniform \$220.00
Industrial Technology – Timber	Y11 Y12	\$100.00 + cost of PPE \$100.00 + Major project costs
Japanese Beginners	Y11 & Y12	\$35 per year
Mathematics Standard	Y11 & Y12	\$20 per year
Modern Greek Beginners	Y11 & Y12	\$35 per year
Music	Y11 Y12	\$30.00 \$30.00
Physics	Y11 & Y12	\$35 per year (plus additional excursion expenses)
Textiles & Design	Y11 & Y12	\$50.00 + Major project costs
Visual Arts	Y11 Y12	\$100.00 \$100.00 (HSC Body of Work has extra cost)

# COURSE SELECTION ADVICE CHECKLIST

Stude	ents and parents are encouraged to read the following points carefully:
	Students are most likely to succeed when they choose courses which align with their interests and abilities. Choosing a course that does not match your interests and abilities will not usually equate to high achievement in that course.
	Is there a good balance to the subjects selected? Are you ok across your junior subjects or do you perform better in classes that involve more (or less) writing?  o Do your subjects complement one another? Do the skills or concepts covered in one course relate to content in another course?
	Friends can be a good sounding board for your thoughts about your pattern of study. However, picking a course because a friend is doing it is not a guarantee that you will be in the same class, nor does it have a direct bearing on your academic success.
	Be aware of any potential issues with your specific course combination, including eligibility for ATAR or the consequences if you want/need to drop a course moving into Year 12.
	<ul> <li>Not every student is seeking an ATAR – that is OK</li> <li>You must complete the formal HSC Examination for a course to contribute towards your ATAR</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Consider any additional course requirements listed. These requirements often take notable time away from other courses and students will need to be well-planned, motivated and organised to balance these requirements successfully</li> <li>Does the course have a major work? Most teachers advise against undertaking two major work courses without careful consideration.</li> <li>Does the course involve work placement or is it an external course that may take you away from your timetabled lessons? You are expected to complete any and all outstanding work during these times.</li> </ul>
	Consider potential requirements for any areas of tertiary study you may be interested in. The Careers Adviser is an excellent source of advice and support on tertiary
	prerequisites.  o If there are no prerequisites, then choosing courses that allow you to maximise your ATAR will give you as many options as possible!
	Ask, <u>Ask</u> , <u>Ask</u> ! Everyone wants you to make the best choice for you and your education. There are a range of places you can get more specific information to support your preference listing:  o Information sessions provided by the Head Teachers
	<ul> <li>Information sessions provided by the Head Teachers</li> <li>The Parent Information Evening</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Your teachers, Head Teachers, teachers of that subject.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Ask for copies of the textbook or similar information sources</li> </ul>
	Look up the <u>NESA syllabus</u> online
	o Students currently doing the course
	<ul> <li>Careers Adviser for advice on careers, tertiary institution requirements, TAFE NSW</li> </ul>

courses and VET courses.

o University Entry Requirements Year 10 Booklet produced by University

Admissions Centre (UAC) at <a href="http://www.uac.edu.au">http://www.uac.edu.au</a>

o Deputy Principals regarding curriculum requirements and subject combinations.

#### BOARD DEVELOPED COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

ANCIENT HISTORY		Unit Value	ATAR
Board Developed Course		2	Yes
Prerequisites: Nil	Exclusions: Nil		
Cost: Nil (excursions as they arise)			

# **Course Description:**

In this course, students are introduced to the ancient world through the study of ancient societies, personalities and different periods of Ancient History. The study of Ancient History has a strong focus on using archaeological and written sources to gain a deep understanding of the ancient past.

Students have the opportunity to explore their own areas of interest through the completion of a Historical Investigation and are able to use a wide range of media to present their findings. The new HSC encourages a variety of assessments to allow all students to follow their own interests in this course.

This course is particularly valuable to students who wish to develop their skills in analysis and writing. It also develops skills which will help them in many subjects (e.g. English, Legal Studies, Economics) in the HSC and at University. If you have any questions, please see Ms Taleb or Ms Brown.

# **Topics covered may include:**

#### Year 11 Course:

- Nature of Ancient History
- Case Studies: Troy and Persepolis
- Features of Ancient Societies, e.g. Weapons and Warfare or Women
- The Historical Investigation

#### Year 12 Course:

- Core Study: Pompeii and Herculaneum
- 1 Ancient Society, e.g. Sparta
- 1 Personality, e.g. Xerxes or Agrippina
- 1 Historical Period, e.g. The Greek World 500-440 BC

#### Particular Course Requirements: Nil

#### **External Assessment:**

HSC – 3 hour examination

# STUDENTS ALSO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO STUDY EXTENSION HISTORY IN YEAR 12 IF THEY STUDY EITHER MODERN OR ANCIENT HISTORY

# **Employment / University Opportunities:**

The writing and analysis skills developed in this course are particularly useful to students intending to study Law, Arts, Archaeology, Education, Business management/marketing or any media related courses.

Ancient History Stage 6 also provides a valuable foundation for a range of courses at University and other tertiary institutions. All courses at University require a high degree of communication skills and Ancient History provides an ideal foundation for this.

Other career links include: journalism, Psychology, Sociology, Human Resources, public relations, politics, foreign affairs officer, conservator, anthropologist, research officer, secondary teacher, museum curator, library work or any field where employers want applicants with a sound general knowledge who can think critically and flexibly and communicate effectively.

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BIOLOGY		Unit Value	ATAR
Board Developed Course		2	Yes
Prerequisites: Satisfactory completion of Stage 5 Science  Exclusions: Maximum of 6 units of Science			
Cost: \$30 per year (plus \$40 coursebook + additional excursion expenses)			

Biology is the most popular science with over 15,000 candidates each year. It is suitable for students aiming for a high ATAR and wishing to study any science-related course in the future at University, TAFE etc, for example Science, Biotechnology, Food Technology, Medicine, and Nursing.

Biology involves the study of the history, nature and practices in biology, applications and current developments in related fields and an analysis of the implications for society and the environment of emerging new technologies, e.g. genetic engineering.

Students will develop skills in planning and conducting investigations, effective communication, development of scientific thinking and problem-solving techniques and abilities needed to work individually and in teams.

# **Main Topics Covered:**

# Year 11 Course

- Cells as the Basis of Life
- Organisation of Living Things
- Biological Diversity
- Ecosystem Dynamics

#### Year 12 Course:

- Heredity
- Genetic Change
- Infectious Disease
- Non-infectious Disease and Disorders

# **Particular Course Requirements:**

Scientific investigations include both practical investigations and secondary-sourced investigations. Practical investigations are an essential part of the Year 11 course and 12 course and must occupy a minimum of 70 hours of course time, including time allocated to practical investigations in depth studies.(15 hours)

Practical investigations include:

- undertaking laboratory experiments, including the use of appropriate digital technologies
- fieldwork.

Secondary-sourced investigations include:

- locating and accessing a wide range of secondary data and/or information
- using and reorganising secondary data and/or information.

One fieldwork exercise must be completed in Year 11.

#### **External Assessment:**

The Year 11 Preliminary course will contain three assessment tasks and the Year 12 HSC course will contain four assessment tasks.

External assessment is a written examination.

# **Employment / University Opportunities:**

Biology, Medicine, Veterinary Science, Nursing, Environmental Science, National Parks and Wildlife Services

Cost: Nil (evalursions as they arise	1		
Prerequisites: Nil	Exclusions: Nil		
Board Developed Course		2	Yes
BUSINESS STUDIES		Unit Value	ATAR
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Cost: Nil (excursions as they arise)

## **Course Description:**

Business Studies is a subject that provides students with insight, knowledge and experience into the functioning of business from both a management perspective as well as a consideration of the role business plays in wider society.

Course content is contextualised with a focus on current case studies: Why do retail chain stores go into administration? What drives the growth of leading businesses? What makes Australia's most profitable company? How does Qantas maintain its market share in an increasingly competitive global tourism market? Students who have a good general knowledge of local, national and international businesses will be able to apply the ideas and terms used in Business Studies to great effect.

Business Studies concepts also relate to content covered in Economics, Legal Studies, and Business Services and so is a useful complement to these subjects. The focus on written work also complements work in English and History.

The literacy and analytical demands of this course are slightly less than other Social Science courses; however, the breadth of the course is considerable. It is well suited to students who will work hard in class, ask questions and engage in regular revision to ensure they are up to date with coursework. Students who utilise the news to stay informed will have an advantage in this course.

For more detail on the course, please review the <u>NSW Business Studies Stage 6 Syllabus</u>. If you have any questions, please see Mrs Taleb or Mr Moreland.

#### **Topics covered may include:**

Year 11 Course:

Nature of BusinessBusiness Management

- Business Planning

#### Year 12 Course:

- Operations
- Marketing
- Finance
- Human Resources

#### Particular Course Requirements: Nil

#### **Assessment:**

Current modes of assessment include in class tests, research reports and examinations. Students are required to respond and incorporate stimulus material into their responses

The external HSC examination consists of a 3 hour paper.

#### **Employment / University Opportunities:**

An interest and enthusiasm in Business Studies will contribute to maximising an ATAR result and will also provide the basis for continuing the study of Business, Marketing, Commerce, Economics or Law at university.

Further, students wishing to enter the business work directly or run their own business will find the HSC component very useful in the practise of business management, including the accounting and legal frameworks.

CHEMISTRY		Unit Value	ATAR
Board Developed Course		2	Yes
<b>Prerequisites:</b> Satisfactory completion of Stage 5 Science	<b>Exclusions:</b> Maximum of 6 units of Science		cience

Cost: \$35 per year (plus additional excursion expenses)

**Recommendation:** successful study of Chemistry requires a good understanding of Mathematics, therefore students should be capable of at least the Mathematics Advanced course

#### **Course Description:**

The study of Chemistry provides students with the knowledge, understanding and skills that form a valuable foundation for a range of courses at university and other tertiary institutions. The choice of Chemistry with Biology or Physics and Mathematics is recommended for students interested in careers in the Health Services, Engineering and Sciences. In addition, the study of Chemistry assists students to prepare for a range of employment opportunities due to the skills developed in investigation, problem solving and communication concepts.

Chemistry focuses on investigation of the physical and chemical properties of substances, chemical reactions and processes, and the interaction of energy and matter. It involves the study of manmade and natural substances, their structure and environmental importance and the history and philosophy of science related to Chemistry and its applications in the context of technology, society and the environment.

# **Main Topics Covered:**

#### Year 11 Course

- Properties and Structure of Matter
- Introduction to Quantitative Chemistry
- Reactive Chemistry
- Drivers of reactions

15 hours of a Depth Study across the Year 11 Preliminary Course

#### Year 12 Course:

- Equilibrium and Acid Reactions
- Acid/base reactions
- Organic Chemistry
- Applying Chemical Ideas
   15 hours of a Depth Study across
   the Year 12 HSC Course

#### **Particular Course Requirements:**

Scientific investigations include both practical investigations and secondary-sourced investigations. Practical investigations are an essential part of the Year 11 course and 12 course and must occupy a minimum of 70 hours of course time, including time allocated to practical investigations in depth studies. (15 hours)

Practical investigations include:

- undertaking laboratory experiments, including the use of appropriate digital technologies
- fieldwork.

Secondary-sourced investigations include:

- locating and accessing a wide range of secondary data and/or information
- using and reorganising secondary data and/or information.

#### **External Assessment:**

The Year 11 Preliminary course will contain three assessment tasks and the Year 12 HSC course will contain four assessment tasks.

External assessment is a written examination.

#### **Employment / University Opportunities:**

Chemistry, Medicine, Engineering, Nursing, Environmental Science, Metallurgy, Quality control and Laboratory technician, Pharmacy, Nuclear Chemist, Law.

COMMUNITY AND FAMILY STUDIES		Unit Value	ATAR
Board Developed Course		2	Yes
Prerequisites: nil	Exclusions: nil		
Cost Yr 11: \$10	Cost Yr 12: \$20		

Community and Family Studies is designed to develop in each student an understanding of the diverse nature and interdependence of families and communities, within Australian society. The course enables students to plan and manage resources effectively to address contemporary issues facing families and communities.

Community and Family Studies explores life issues that are important to all young people and of equal relevance to female and male students. The topics investigated and the emphasis on research ensures a course that is attractive to many students, with the capacity to challenge and extend all students' ability levels.

#### **Main Topics Covered:**

#### Year 11 Course:

- Resource Management
- Individuals and Groups
- Families and Communities

#### Year 12 Course:

- Research Methodology
- Groups in Context
- Parenting and Caring

HSC Option Modules: Select one of the following:

- Family and Societal Interactions
- Social Impact of Technology
- o Individuals and Work

#### **Particular Course Requirements:**

Students are required to complete an Independent Research Project as part of the HSC internal assessment. The focus of the Independent Research Project should be related to the course content of one or more of the following areas: individuals, groups, families, communities, resource management. This will be done in groups, not individually.

#### **External Assessment:**

The Year 11 Preliminary course will contain three assessment tasks and the Year 12 HSC course will contain four assessment tasks.

External assessment is a written examination.

#### **Employment / University Opportunities:**

The study of Community and Family Studies Stage 6 provides students with knowledge, understanding and skills that form a valuable foundation for a range of courses at university and other tertiary institutions. Students often pursue careers in teaching, nursing, the Police force, psychology, social work, law, health services and early childhood education.

Board Developed Course		Value 2	Yes
Prerequisites: nil	Exclusions: nil		
Cost Yr 11: \$30	Cost Yr 12: \$30		

The Dance course provides students with the opportunity to explore dance as an artform. The very nature of the Dance course will develop students' skills including communication skills, both verbal and non-verbal, teamwork, problem solving skills as well as the development of emotional intelligence and self-confidence skills through performance. Dancers learn to be organised, detail-oriented and highly disciplined, as these skills are demanded in this field. Additionally, Dance is a learning platform for academic, ethical, and social development. Students will gain theoretical and practical knowledge and skills in a challenging, yet supportive, well-resourced learning environment.

Within the Dance course, students are given the opportunity to study the creative, historical, and cultural aspects of dance through 3 interrelated components - performance, composition, and appreciation.

#### **Main Topics Covered:**

Students undertake a study of dance as an art form. There is an equal emphasis on the components of Performance, Composition and Appreciation in the study of Dance. Students studying Dance bring with them a wide range of previous dance experience. Physical training and preparation of the body is fundamental and of paramount importance to the course and informs all three components of the course.

#### Components to be completed:

Performance 40%, Composition 20%, Appreciation 20% and an additional 20% to be allocated by the teacher to suit the specific circumstances/context of the class.

In Year 12, students continue common study in the three course components of Performance, Composition and Appreciation and take an in-depth study of dance in one of the Major Study components: either Performance, Composition, Appreciation or Dance and Technology.

# **Particular Course Requirements:**

The interrelation of the course components is a major feature in the study of dance as an artform and is emphasised throughout both courses.

#### **External Assessment:**

Core Performance: Solo dance and interview

Core Composition: Solo composition and elaboration performed by another student

Core Appreciation: A written 1 hour examination

Major Study Performance One solo dance and interview OR

Major Study Composition One dance composition: new solo, group dance and elaboration OR

Major Study Appreciation Written 1

1/4 hour examination OR

Major Study Dance & Technology Option 1: Choreographing the Virtual Body Presentation of a composition via 3D animation software and elaboration & Process Diary OR Major Study Dance & Technology Option 2: Film and Video Presentation of a

composition via film/video and Manifesto & Process Diary

#### **Employment / University Opportunities:**

Dance education can lead to a variety of job opportunities beyond the dance industry. The skills you learn in this course are transferable to fields like physiotherapy, sports medicine, film and directing, stage management, TV presenting/hosting, lighting technician, and touring therapist for ballet companies worldwide.

DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY		Unit Value	ATAR	
Board Developed Course		2	Yes	
Prerequisites: Exclusions: Nil				
Cost Yr 11: \$70	Cost Yr 12: \$70 plus major project costs			

Students study design processes, design theory and factors in relation to design projects. In the Year 11 course, students study designing and producing, which includes the completion of at least two design projects.

In the HSC course, students undertake a study of innovation and emerging technologies, which includes a case study of an innovation. They also study designing and producing, which includes the completion of a Major Design Project.

## **Main Topics Covered:**

#### Year 11 Course:

Designing and Producing, including the study of design theory, design processes, creativity, collaborative design research, management, using resources, communication, manufacturing and production, computer-based technologies, safety, evaluation, environmental issues, analysis, marketing and manipulation of materials, tools and techniques.

#### **HSC Course:**

Innovation and Emerging Technologies, including a case study of innovation.
The study of designing and producing includes a Major Design Project.
The project folio includes a project proposal and management, project development and realisation, and project evaluation.

## **Particular Course Requirements:**

In the Year 11 course, students must participate in hands-on practical activities and undertake a minimum of two design projects.

In the HSC course the comprehensive study of designing and producing that were studied in the Year 11 course are synthesised and applied. This culminates in the development and realisation of a Major Design Project and the presentation of a case study.

#### **External Assessment:**

Section I: The examination consists of: A 90 minute written Paper. Questions based on Innovation & Emerging Technologies, Designing and Producing. These will provide opportunities for students to make reference to the Major Design Project and the Case Study.

Section II: Major Design Project – Project proposal, Folio, Product, system or environment Major Design Project: This will include submission of:

A folio documenting the project proposal and project management, project development and realisation and project evaluation.

#### **Employment / University Opportunities:**

The study of Design and Technology Stage 6 provides students with knowledge, understanding and skills that form a valuable foundation for a range of courses at university and other tertiary institutions.

DRAMA		Unit Value	ATAR
Board Developed Course		2	Yes
Prerequisites: Nil	Exclusions: Nil		
Cost: ¢70	•		

**Cost**: \$30

## **Course Description:**

Students study the practices of Making, Performing and Critically Studying in Drama. Students engage with these components through collaborative and individual experiences.

**Year 11 Preliminary Course** content comprises an interaction between the components of Improvisation, Playbuilding and Acting, Elements of Production in Performance and Theatrical Traditions and Performance Styles. Learning is experiential in these areas.

#### **Year 12 HSC Course content**

Australian Drama and Theatre and Studies in Drama and Theatre involves the theoretical study through practical exploration of themes, issues, styles and movements of traditions of theatre exploring relevant acting techniques, performance styles and spaces.

The Group Performance of between 3 and 6 students involves creating a piece of original theatre (8 to 12 minutes duration). It provides an opportunity for each student to demonstrate his or her performance skills.

For the Individual Project students demonstrate their expertise in a particular area. They choose one project from Critical Analysis, Design, Performance, Script-writing or Video Drama.

#### **Main Topics Covered:**

#### Year 11 Course:

- Improvisation, Playbuilding, Acting
- Elements of Production in Performance
- Theatrical Traditions and Performance Styles

#### Year 12 Course:

- Australian Drama and Theatre (Core content)
- Studies in Drama and Theatre
- Group Performance (Core content)
- Individual Project

#### **Particular Course Requirements:**

Students must satisfactorily complete all course, assessment and examination requirements, including acting in front of an audience.

#### External Assessment:

HSC Written examination of 1 hour and 30 minutes (40%)

Group Performance (30%)

Individual Project (30%)

#### **Employment / University Opportunities:**

Drama students combine creative talent with practical aspects of self-promotion and arts management. This mix of disciplines is a good preparation for the world of artistic performance. Employment opportunities related to this course include: actor, theatre director, stage production management including design, broadcasting, film industry roles, drama therapist and school teacher.

Furthermore, the skills you gain while studying drama are valued by all types of employers, for example, confidence, presentation, teamwork and collaboration, time management and organisational skills, self-awareness, self-discipline, communication skills, stamina, as well as the ability to cope with criticism and learn from it.

EARTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE		Unit Value	ATAR
Board Developed Course		2	Yes
Prerequisites: Nil	Exclusions: Nil		

**Cost:** \$35 per year (+ additional excursion expenses)

#### **Course Description:**

The Earth and Environmental Science explores the Earth's renewable and non-renewable resources and also environmental issues. An understanding of the Earth's resources and the ability to live sustainably on the planet is a central purpose of the study of Earth and Environmental Science.

The course provides the foundation knowledge and skills required to study earth and environmental science after completing school, and supports participation in careers in a range of related industries. The application of earth and environmental science is essential in addressing current and future environmental issues and challenges. It is also necessary for the use and management of geological resources that are important to Australia's sustainable future. Career options may include engineering geologist and Geochemist

# **Main Topics Covered:**

#### Year 11 Course:

- Module 1 Earth's Resources
- Module 2 Plate Tectonics
- Module 3 Energy Transformations
- Module 4 Human Impacts

# Year 12 Course:

- Module 5 Earth Processes
- Module 6 Hazards
- Module 7 Climate Science
- Module 8 Resource Management

# **Particular Course Requirements:**

Scientific investigations include both practical investigations and secondary-sourced investigations. Practical investigations are an essential part of the Year 11 and 12 course and must occupy a minimum of 70 hours of course time, including time allocated to practical investigations in depth studies.

Practical investigations include:

- undertaking laboratory experiments, including the use of appropriate digital technologies
- fieldwork.

#### Secondary-sourced investigations include:

- locating and accessing a wide range of secondary data and/or information
- using and reorganising secondary data and/or information.

One fieldwork exercise must be included in Year 11 and 12.

#### External Assessment:

The Year 11 Preliminary course will contain three assessment tasks and the Year 12 HSC course will contain four assessment tasks. External assessment is a written examination.

ECONOMICS		Unit Value	ATAR
Board Developed Course		2	Yes
Prerequisites: Nil	Exclusions: Nil		
Cost: Nil (excursions as they arise)			

In Economics students learn to appreciate how financial flows, market operations, government and industry decisions shape the world around us. The course will look at economic theory through to the practical application to current issues in the Australian economy as well as economic problems in the global economy.

A high level of contemporary economic appreciation is essential for success in this course and students seeking top results will need to investigate and interrogate current media and government reports.

Economic concepts also relate to content covered in Business Studies, Legal Studies, and Geography and so is a useful complement to these subjects. The focus on written work also complements work in English and History.

The literacy and analytical demands of this course are high compared to other Social Sciences courses. It is well suited to students who will work hard in class, ask questions and engage in regular revision to ensure they are up to date with coursework. Students who have a good ability to integrate data and statistics into written analysis will have an advantage in this course

For more detail on the course, please review the <u>NSW Economics Syllabus</u>. For additional questions students are encouraged to speak with Mrs Taleb.

#### Topics covered may include:

# Year 11 Course:

- Introduction to Economics
- Consumers and Business
- Markets
- Labour Markets
- Financial Markets
- Government in the Economy

#### Year 12 Course:

- The Global Economy
- Australia's Place in the Global Economy
- Economic Issues
- Economic Policies and Management

# Particular Course Requirements: Nil

#### Assessment:

Current modes of assessment include in class tests, research reports and examinations. Students are required to respond and incorporate stimulus material into their responses.

The external HSC examination consists of a 3 hour paper.

# **Employment / University Opportunities:**

Interest and enthusiasm in Economics will contribute to maximising an ATAR result and will also provide the basis for continuing the study of Economics, Business, Government Policy, Commerce, or Law at university. Furthermore, students wishing to work in financial regulation, global politics or diplomacy will find the grounding in economic theory essential to tertiary success.

ENGINEERING STUDIES		Unit Value	ATAR
Board Developed Course		2	Yes
Prerequisites: Nil	Exclusions: Nil		
Cost: \$15 per year			

Both Year 11 and HSC courses offer student' knowledge, understanding and skills in aspects of engineering that include communication, engineering mechanics/hydraulics, engineering materials, historical/societal influences, engineering electricity/electronics, and the scope of the profession. Students study engineering by investigating a range of applications and fields of engineering.

**Recommendations:** Successful study of Engineering Studies requires a good understanding of Mathematics, therefore, students should be capable of studying at least Advanced mathematics.

# **Main Topics Covered:**

#### Year 11 Course:

Students undertake the study and develop an engineering report for each of 4 modules:

Three application modules (based on engineered products).

At least one product is studied from each of the following categories: engineering fundamentals; engineered products; and braking systems
One focus module relating to the field of Bio Engineering

#### HSC Course:

Students undertake the study and develop an engineering report for each of 4 modules: Two application modules (based on engineered products). At least one product is studied from each of the following categories: civil structures; personal and public transport.

Two focus modules relating to the fields of Aeronautical Engineering and Telecommunications Engineering

#### Particular Course Requirements: Engineering Report. Year 11 Course

Students are required to produce a component of an engineering report in Engineering application module 3, Braking systems, and then a complete engineering report in Engineering focus module 4, Biomedical engineering.

#### **HSC Course**

Students are required to produce one engineering report from either of the two engineering application modules, and one from either of the two engineering focus modules. One engineering report from the Year 11 course and one engineering report from the HSC course must be the result of collaborative work, reflecting the importance of teamwork for successful engineering projects.

#### **External Assessment:**

HSC-3 hour written examination.

#### **Employment / University Opportunities:**

Students undertaking Engineering Studies Stage 6 will have the opportunity to follow a number of pathways. These include tertiary study, vocational education and training, and the world of work. For those following a pathway of further study, the insight and experience associated with a study of engineering will be beneficial in their presumed knowledge of the area of study.

ENGLISH: ADVANCED	Unit Value	ATAR
Board Developed Course	2	Yes
Prerequisites: A written application and writing portfolio must be submitted to the English HT.	_	Standard;
Students will need to have demonstrated the ability, necessary skills and application to cope with the demands of this course through their exam results and classwork.	English EAL/D; English Studies.	

## **Course Description:**

In the English Advanced Year 11 course, students explore, examine and analyse a range of texts which include prose fiction, Shakespearean drama, poetry, nonfiction, film, digital and media, as well as Australian texts. They explore the ways events, experiences, ideas, values and processes are represented in and through texts and analyse the ways texts reflect different attitudes and values. Students undertake additional research and reading at home in order to develop their depth of knowledge and understanding about texts, values and contexts.

In the English Advanced Year 12 course, students further strengthen their knowledge and understanding of language and literature by analysing and evaluating texts and the ways they are valued in their contexts. Students study at least four prescribed texts drawn from: Shakespearean drama; prose fiction; poetry or drama; film or media or nonfiction.

In this course, students develop their higher-order thinking skills to enhance their personal, social, educational, and vocational lives. Students undertake additional research, reading and writing at home in order to consolidate their understanding about (and ability to evaluate) texts, values and contexts.

#### **Main Topics Covered:**

<u>Year 11 Course:</u> <u>Year 12 Course:</u>

The course has three modules:

The course has four modules:

Common module: Reading to Write: Common module: Texts and Human Experiences.

All four modules are mandatory.

Transition to Senior English. Module A: Textual Conversations; Module A: Narratives that Shape our Module B: Critical Study of Literature;

World; Module C: The Craft of Writing.

Module B: Critical Study of Literature.

#### **Particular Course Requirements:**

Students are required to closely study four prescribed texts (which are widely regarded as quality literature), one drawn from each of the following categories: Shakespearean drama, prose fiction, poetry OR drama. The remaining text may be film, media or nonfiction text or may be selected from one of the categories above.

#### **External Assessment:**

Students undertake two external examinations. HSC – NESA has released Examination Specifications and sample examination questions accessible on their website.

ENGLISH: STANDARD		Unit Value	ATAR
Board Developed Course		2	YES
Prerequisites: Nil	<b>Exclusions:</b> English Advanced; English FAL/D: English Studies		xtension,

## **Course Description:**

In the English Standard Year 11 course, students learn about language and literature by exploring and experimenting with the ways events, experiences, ideas and processes are represented in and through texts. Students study a range of texts which include prose fiction, drama, poetry, nonfiction, film, digital and media, as well as Australian texts.

In the English Standard Year 12 course, students further strengthen their knowledge and understanding of language and literature by reflecting on and demonstrating the effectiveness of texts, including their own, for different audiences and purposes. Students study at least three types of prescribed texts drawn from: prose fiction; poetry or drama; film or media or nonfiction texts.

In this course, students will consolidate their English literacy skills in order to enhance their personal, social, educational and vocational lives.

## **Main Topics Covered:**

Year 11 Course: Year 12 Course:

The course has three modules: The HSC course has four modules:

Common module: Reading to Write: Common Module: Texts and Human Experiences;

Transition to Senior English. Module A: Language, Identity and Culture;

Module A: Contemporary Possibilities; Module B: Close Study of Literature: Module B: Close Study of Literature. Module C: The Craft of Writing.

All four modules are mandatory.

#### **Particular Course Requirements:**

In Year 11, students are required to study ONE complex multimodal or digital text in Module A (This may include the study of film.) Students are required to study ONE substantial literary print text in Module B.

In Year 12, students are required to closely study three types of prescribed texts, one drawn from each of the following categories: prose fiction, poetry OR drama, film OR media OR nonfiction.

#### **External Assessment:**

Students undertake two external examinations. HSC – NESA has released Examination Specifications and sample examination questions accessible on their website.

ENGLISH: EXTENSION 1 (AND 2)		ATAR
Board Developed Course	1	YES
<ul> <li>Prerequisites: <ul> <li>(a) English Advanced course and approval from the English HT</li> <li>(b) Year 11 Preliminary English Extension Course is prerequisite for Extension Course 1.</li> <li>(c) Extension Course 1 is prerequisite for Extension Course 2.</li> <li>For a student to be eligible to study the Extension One English course, they will need to be enrolled in the Advanced English course.</li> </ul> </li> <li>In Year 12, for a student to be eligible to study the Extension Two English course, they will need to be enrolled in the Advanced English course and the Extension One English course. They will also need to have demonstrated a strong aptitude for writing, researching and be highly organised.</li> </ul>	Exclusion English S English E English S	tandard; AL/D;

# **Course Description:**

In the English Extension Year 11 course, students explore the ways in which aspects and concerns of texts from the past have been carried forward, borrowed from and/or appropriated into more recent culture. They consider how and why cultural values are maintained and changed.

In the English Extension 1 Year 12 course, students explore, investigate, experiment with and evaluate the ways texts represent and illuminate the complexity of individual and collective lives in literary worlds.

In the English Extension 2 Year 12 course, students develop a sustained composition (a Major Work) and document their reflection on this process (a reflection statement) In studying these courses, students will develop skills to work independently to experiment with language forms, features and structures and to engage with complex levels of conceptualisation.

#### **Main Topics Covered:**

Year 11 Course:

Texts, Culture and Value as well as an independent research project.

#### Year 12 Course:

The course has one mandatory module: English Extension 1 course – The course has one common module, *Literary Worlds*, with five associated electives. Students must complete one elective chosen from one of the five electives offered for study.

#### **Particular Course Requirements:**

In Year 11, students are required to examine a key text from the past and its manifestations in one or more recent cultures, explore, analyse and critically evaluate different examples of such texts in a range of contexts and media and undertake a related research project. In Year 12, In the English Extension 1 course students are required to study at least three prescribed texts for the elective study which must include two extended print texts and at least TWO related texts.

In Year 12, the English Extension 2 course students are required to complete a Major Work which involves students undertaking extensive independent investigation involving a range of complex texts during the composition process and document this in their Major Work Journal and Reflection Statement.

#### **External Assessment:**

HSC - NESA has released Examination Specifications and sample examination questions accessible on their website. Extension 2 Major Work and Reflection Statement is submitted in August and externally assessed.

ENGLISH: ENGLISH STUDIES		ATAR
Board Developed Course	2	Exam
Course Entry Guidelines: English Studies is a Board Developed Course. It is for students who wish to refine their skills and knowledge in English and consolidate their literacy skills. It is a course for students seeking an alternative to the English Standard course, and who intend to proceed from school directly into employment or vocational training. Students of this course who wish to obtain an ATAR are required by the Universities Admission Centre (UAC) to sit the optional HSC examination Students choosing not to sit for the English Studies HSC examination will still be eligible for the HSC if they have satisfactorily completed courses that comprise the pattern of study required by NESA.	Exclusion English Advance English Standar English Extension English	ed; rd; EAL/D; on

## **Course Description:**

This course is designed to meet the specific needs of students who wish to refine their skills and knowledge in English and consolidate their literacy skills. It is a course for students who are seeking an alternative to the English Standard course and who intend to proceed from school directly into employment or vocational training.

Students explore the ideas, values, language forms, features and structures of texts in a range of personal, social, cultural and workplace contexts. They respond to and compose texts to extend experience and understanding, access information and assess its reliability, and synthesise the knowledge gained from a range of sources for a variety of purposes. In this course, students will consolidate their English literacy skills to enhance their personal, social, educational and vocational lives.

#### **Main Topics Covered:**

Year 11 Course:

Students study 3-4 modules:

Mandatory module: Achieving through English: English in education, work and community;

Students study 2–4 additional syllabus Students may also smodules (selected based on their needs developed module. and interests).

Students may also study an optional

teacher-developed module.

#### Year 12 Course:

Students study 3-4 modules:

Common module: Texts and Human Experiences Students study 2–4 additional syllabus modules (selected based on their needs and interests). Students may also study an optional teacherdeveloped module.

#### **Particular Course Requirements:**

In Year 12, the Common Content consists of one module *Texts and Human Experiences* which is also common to the HSC Standard and the HSC Advanced courses where students study ONE text from the prescribed text list and one related text. Students analyse and explore texts and apply skills in synthesis.

# **External Assessment:**

HSC – NESA has released Examination Specifications and sample examination questions accessible on their website.

ENTERPRISE COMPUTING		Unit Value	ATAR
Board Developed Course		2	YES
Prerequisites: Nil	Exclusions: Nil	•	
Cost: \$30 course fee per year			

The study of Enterprise Computing 11–12 enables students to develop an understanding of the function and purpose of digital tools and processes, and the importance of data in enterprise information systems. This allows students to effectively use and manage digital tools and technologies in commercial and other settings.

Students are encouraged to develop an entrepreneurial mindset by working collaboratively, growing specialised communication skills, and applying system, design and computational thinking skills. The knowledge and skills developed in this course ensure students can contribute to a world increasingly reliant on the manipulation and use of digital systems.

Students develop an understanding of how computing technologies can be harnessed to provide effective user interaction and efficient access to information that supports commercial, industrial, social and environmental initiatives. Students perform project work and apply their knowledge and skills in: interactive media and the user experience, networking systems and social connections, principles of cybersecurity, data science, data visualisations, and intelligent systems. Students use their acquired knowledge and skills to develop an enterprise project. Project work encourages students to collaborate on problems and develop team and communication skills that are highly valued in the industry.

Enterprise Computing encourages the understanding of the implications of responsible and ethical application of digital systems, and the application of appropriate standards in the development of solutions. Students learn about the technologies that support enterprise-based information systems. As they develop digital solutions, students investigate social and safety issues relating to cyber safety, cybersecurity and digital footprints. They engage with technologies that improve access to, and participation in, computing technologies across a range of enterprises.

#### Main Topics Covered:

#### Year 11 Course:

- Interactive Media and the User Experience
- Networking Systems and Social Computing
- Principles of Cybersecurity

#### Year 12 Course:

- Data Science
- Data Visualisation
- Intelligent Systems
- Enterprise Project

#### Particular Course Requirements:

The aim of Enterprise Computing is to develop each student's capacity to:

- think creatively, devise solutions and communicate information to a range of audiences using a variety of computing resources
- apply computing technologies and systems thinking to data analysis
- solve (or improve) enterprise challenges, such as those relating to social, commercial or industrial issues.

There is an emphasis on learning through practical project based learning.

#### External Assessment:

3 hour HSC examination

#### **Employment / University Opportunities:**

Further University and TAFE study, business, computer technicians, any IT related field, Professional careers using IT, IT Management, Systems analysis.

Some careers directly related to computer sciences and IT are: Database administrator, Game Developer, Information systems manager, IT consultant, Multimedia programmer, SEO Specialist, Systems Develop or Analyst, Web Developer or Designer.

FOOD TECHNOLOGY		Unit Value	ATAR	
Board Developed Course		2	Yes	
Prerequisites: Nil Exclusions: Nil				
Cost: Year 11: \$90		<b>Year 12</b> : \$100		

The Year 11 Preliminary course will develop knowledge and understanding about food nutrients and diets for optimum nutrition, the functional properties of food, safe preparation, presentation and storage of food, sensory characteristics of food, the influences on food availability and factors affecting food selection. Practical skills in planning, preparing and presenting food are integrated throughout the content areas.

The Year 12 HSC involves the study of: sectors, aspects, policies and legislations of the Australian Food Industry; production, processing, preserving, packaging, storage and distribution of food; factors impacting, reasons, types, steps and marketing of food product development; nutrition incorporating diet and health in Australia and influences on nutritional status. Practical experiences in developing,

preparing, experimenting and presenting food are integrated throughout the course.

# **Main Topics Covered:**

#### Year 11 Course:

- Food Availability and Selection (30%) -
- Food Quality (40%)
- Nutrition (30%0

#### Year 12 Course:

- The Australian Food Industry (25%)
- Food Manufacture (25%)
- Food Product Development (25%)
- Contemporary Nutrition Issues (25%)

## **Particular Course Requirements:**

It is mandatory that students undertake practical activities. Such experiential learning activities are specified in the 'learn to' section of each strand.

#### **External Assessment:**

For the HSC students will sit a 3 hour examination which consist of multiple choice, short and extended answer questions.

#### **Employment Opportunities:**

The study of Food Technology Stage 6 provides students with knowledge, understanding and skills that form a valuable foundation for a range of courses at university and other tertiary institutions.

In addition, the study of Food Technology Stage 6 assists students to prepare for employment and full and active participation as citizens. In particular, there are opportunities for students to gain recognition in vocational education and training.

FRENCH CONTINUERS		Unit Value	ATAR
Board Developed Course		2	Yes
Prerequisites: The French Continuers Stage 6 Syllabus is designed for the student who, typically, will have studied French for 400–500 hours by completion of Stage 6. Some students with less formal experience will also be able to meet the requirements of the syllabus successfully.			

**Cost:** \$40 c

## **Course Description:**

The aims of the syllabus are to develop students':

- · ability to use French to communicate with others
- · understanding and appreciation of the cultural contexts in which French is used
- $\cdot$  ability to reflect on their own culture(s) through the study of other cultures
- · understanding of language as a system
- · ability to make connections between French and English and/or other languages
- · cognitive, learning and social skills
- potential to apply French to work, further study, training or leisure.

# **Main Topics Covered:**

There are three prescribed themes:

#### The individual

The theme, the individual, enables students to explore aspects of their personal world, for example, sense of self, aspirations for the future, personal values, opinions, ideas, and relationships with others. At the same time, this theme also enables the student to study topics from the perspective of other individuals.

#### The French-speaking communities

The theme, the French-speaking communities, explores topics from the perspective of groups within those communities or the communities as a whole and encourages students to reflect on their own and other cultures.

#### The changing world

The theme, the changing world, enables students to explore change as it affects aspects of the world of work and other topics such as travel and tourism, current issues and the young person's world.

#### Particular Course Requirements: Nil

#### **External Assessment:**

- A three-hour (including 10 minutes reading time) written HSC external examination, including listening, reading and writing skills.
- A ten-minute oral examination.

#### **Employment / University Opportunities:**

The study of French provides students with opportunities for continued learning and for future employment and experience, both domestically and internationally, in areas such as public relations.

Board Developed Course  Prerequisites: Nil	Exclusions: Nil	2	Yes
GEOGRAPHY	Υ		ATAR

**Cost:** Nil (excursions as they arise)

## **Course Description:**

Questioning the world around you is the cornerstone of geographical inquiry and underpins success in HSC Geography. Students are encouraged to explore contemporary issues in human geography through research and practical field work. By encouraging hands on learning students in Geography don't revise the textbook – they remember their experiences!

The HSC Geography course is a more contemporary and less rigid course than what many experienced in junior Geography, although some key areas, including environmental function and urban development are developed throughout Years 11 and 12. Students who have enjoyed junior Science and/or Geography (of course!) will enjoy the HSC Geography course.

Geography course content also relates to content covered in Business Studies, Economics, Society & Culture, Legal Studies, Biology, Chemistry and Earth & Environmental Science and so it is a useful complement to these subjects.

While extended response writing is required in the HSC, the demands of this course are lower and, in turn, it is a good option for students who favour maths and sciences as an additional course to make up their unit total. 20 marks in the HSC examination are for the application of geographic skills (eg: gradient, bearing). A comparatively low state cohort means that students who perform highly, are at a considerable advantage.

The literacy and analytical demands of this course are relatively lower compared to other HSIE courses. It is well suited to students who learn best through experience, use a glossary to learn new terms and have an interest in how the world is changing.

For more detail on the course, please review the <u>NSW Geography Stage 6 Syllabus</u>. Students are encouraged to discuss the course in greater detail with Mrs Quick for additional questions.

#### **Topics covered may include:**

#### Year 11 Course:

- Earth's Natural Systems
- People, Patterns and Processes
- Human-Environment Interactions
- Geographical Investigation

#### Year 12 Course:

- Global Sustainability
- Rural and Urban Places
- Ecosystems and global biodiversity

#### **Particular Course Requirements:**

A minimum of 12 hours of field work is required in both Years 11 and 12. Students are required to complete a geographical inquiry project of their own choosing in Year 11

# Assessment:

Current modes of assessment include in class tests, research reports, presentations and examinations. The external HSC examination consists of a 3 hour paper.

#### **Employment / University Opportunities:**

Attainment in Geography will contribute to maximising an ATAR result and will also provide the foundation for continuing study and employment in key employment sectors including: urban planning, spatial technologies, tourism, demography and public policy.

INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY: TIMBER PRODUCTS & FURNITURE TECHNOLOGIES		Unit Value	ATAR
Board Developed Course		2	YES
Prerequisites: Nil	Exclusions: Other Industrial Technologies		
Cost: Year 11: \$100	<b>Year 12</b> : \$100 + cost of Major Project materials		

## **Course Description:**

Industrial Technology Stage 6 consists of project work and an Industry Study that develops a broad range of skills and knowledge related to the Timber Products and Furniture Industries. Students will also study the industrial processes and practices applied in this industry.

# **Main Topics Covered:**

#### Year 11 Course:

The following sections are taught in relation to the relevant focus area:

- Industry Study structural, technical, environmental and sociological, personnel, Occupational Health and Safety
- Design and Management and communication – designing, drawing, computer applications, project management, literacy, calculations, graphics
- Production display a range of through the construction of a major project
- Industry Related Manufacturing Technology – understanding a range of materials, processes, tools and equipment, machinery and technologies

#### Year 12 Course:

The following sections are taught in relation to the Timber Products and Furniture Industries through the development of a Major Project and a study of the relevant industry:

- Industry Study
- Design, Management and communication
- Production
- Industry related manufacturing technology

#### **Particular Course Requirements:**

In the Year 11\_course, students must design, develop and construct a number of projects (at least one group project). Each project must include a management folio. Students also undertake the study of an individual business within the industry.

In the HSC course, students must design, develop and construct a major project with a management folio. They also undertake a study of the overall industry related to the specific focus area.

#### **External Assessment:**

The external examination will consist of a 90 minute written paper worth 40 marks and a Major Project worth 60 marks.

#### **Employment Opportunities:**

The study of Industrial Technology Stage 6 provides students with knowledge, understanding and skills that form a valuable foundation for a range of courses at university and other tertiary institutions.

JAPANESE BEGINNERS	Unit Value	ATAR
Board Developed Course	2	YES

**Prerequisites:** The Japanese Beginners Stage 6 course is a two-year course, which has been designed for students who wish to begin their study of Japanese at senior secondary level. **Exclusions:** Students with prior knowledge or experience of the Japanese language, either spoken or written OR whose experience is derived from/equivalent to, 100 hours or more of study from Stages 4 or 5

Cost: 35 course fee per year

#### **Course Description:**

In the Stage 6 Year 11 Preliminary and Year HSC courses, students will develop their linguistic abilities, intercultural awareness, and knowledge of the Japanese-speaking community. Language is the basis of all communication and human interaction. By learning a second or subsequent language, students develop knowledge, understanding and skills for successful participation in the dynamic world of the 21st century. Communicating in another language expands students' horizons as both national and global citizens.

Content is presented through two interdependent perspectives: the Personal World and the Japanese-speaking Communities. These provide contexts in which students develop their communication skills in Japanese, but also aids the development of other higher order skills required to be well rounded active members of society. Students will:

- 1. develop the linguistic and intercultural knowledge, understanding and skills to communicate actively in Japanese in interpersonal situations.
- 2. interpret and respond to texts, applying their knowledge and understanding of language and culture.
- 3. create and present texts in Japanese for specific audiences, purposes, and contexts, incorporating their linguistic and intercultural knowledge, understanding and skills.

#### Main topics covered during the Stage 6 courses:

- Family life, home and neighborhood
- People, places and communities
- Education and work
- Friends, recreation and pastimes
- Holidays, travel and tourism
- Future plans and aspirations

#### **Particular Course Requirements:**

Nil

#### External Assessment:

A two hour 40 minute written HSC external examination, including listening, reading and writing skills. A five minute oral examination.

#### **Employment / University Opportunities:**

The study of Japanese provides students with opportunities for continued learning and for future employment and experience, both domestically and internationally, in areas such as public relations.

LEGAL STUDIES		Unit Value	ATAR
Board Developed Course		2	Yes
Prerequisites: Nil	Exclusions: Nil		
Cost: Nil (excursions as they arise)			

#### **Course Description:**

Legal Studies is a subject that fosters an appreciation of the role law plays in society in Australia and around the world. While advantageous, students are not required to have studied Commerce in Years 9-10.

By reviewing laws, cases and media articles students are required to examine how our society is regulated with a view to analysing what else could be done to make things better. Students also examine key institutions of the law in Australia – parliament, the courts and other quasilegal organisations; as well as the international framework for cooperation between nation states and the concept of human rights.

Legal Studies concepts also relate to content covered in Modern History, Economics and Business Studies; and so is a useful complement to these subjects.

Students are required to understand a legal issue from a range of perspectives and to formulate their own perspective on the best legal response. The course, in turn, requires students to quickly build factual knowledge and then apply a framework to evaluate. Top students are required to integrate significant and varied legal details to their responses and so students who utilise the news to stay informed will have an advantage in this course.

For more detailed information, students are encouraged to review the <u>NSW Legal Studies</u> <u>Syllabus</u> or discuss the course with Ms Zammit or Mrs Taleb.

#### Topics covered may include:

#### Year 11 Course:

- The Legal System
- The Individual and the Law
- Law in Practice

#### Year 12 Course:

- Crime
- Human Rights
- Consumers
- Family
- Workplace

#### Particular Course Requirements: Nil

#### Assessment:

Current modes of assessment include in class tests, media tasks, presentations, research reports and examinations. Students are required to incorporate specific legal details (such as laws, cases and media articles) into their responses

The external HSC examination consists of a 3 hour paper.

#### **Employment / University Opportunities:**

An interest and enthusiasm in Legal Studies will contribute to maximising an ATAR result and will also provide the basis for continuing the study of Business, Marketing, Commerce, Economics or Laws at university.

The skills required in legal analysis are highly transferable and adaptable to all tertiary study or for those seeking employment immediately after Year 12.

Board Developed Course Year 11  Prerequisites: The Mathematics Standard course is Exclusive Exclusive Preserved Pres		2	Yes
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Prerequisites: The Mathematics Standard course is developed on the assumption that students have achieved up to and including the content and outcomes of all substrands of Stage 5.1 and most substrands of Stage 5.2.		, Mathe	matics

#### **Course Description:**

Mathematics Standard provides opportunities for students to consider various applications of mathematics in a broad range of contemporary contexts through the use of mathematical modelling to solve problems related to their present and future needs. It provides an appropriate mathematics background for students entering the workforce or undertaking further tertiary training.

This course can be followed as Mathematics Standard 1 or Mathematics Standard 2 in Year 12 with the following category and descriptions.

#### **Main Topics Covered:**

#### Year 11

#### Topics:

- Formulae and Equations
- Linear Relationships
- Applications of Measurement
- Working with Time
- Money Matters
- Data Analysis
- Relative Frequency and Probability

#### **Particular Course Requirements:**

https://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/11-12/stage-6-learning-areas/stage-6-mathematics/mathematics-standard-2017/course-structure-and-requirements

MATHEMATICS: STANDARD 1	Unit Value	ATAR
Board Developed Course Year 12 Only	2	Exam
<b>Prerequisites:</b> The Mathematics Standard course is developed on the assumption that students have achieved up to and including the content and outcomes of all substrands of Stage 5.1 and most substrands of Stage 5.2.	Exclus Mather Mather Extens	matics, matics

#### **Course Description:**

Mathematics Standard 1 provides opportunities for students to consider various applications of mathematics in a broad range of contemporary contexts through the use of mathematical modelling to solve problems related to their present and future needs. It provides an appropriate mathematics background for students entering the workforce or undertaking further tertiary training. All students studying this course will sit for an HSC examination.

#### **Main Topics Covered:**

Year 12

#### Topics:

- Types of Relationships
- Right-angled Triangles
- Rates
- Scale Drawings
- Investment
- Depreciation and Loans
- Further Statistical Analysis
- Network and Paths

#### **Particular Course Requirements:**

https://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/11-12/stage-6-learning-areas/stage-6-mathematics/mathematics-standard-2017/course-structure-and-requirements

#### **External Assessment:**

The examination will consist of a written paper worth 80 marks.

The time allowed is 2 hours plus 10 minutes reading time.

A reference sheet including appropriate formulae will be provided.

NESA approved calculators, a pair of compasses and a protractor may be used.

MATHEMATICS: STANDARD 2		ATAR
Board Developed Course Year 12 Only	2	Yes
<b>Prerequisites:</b> The Mathematics Standard course is developed on the assumption that students have achieved up to and including the content and outcomes of all substrands of Stage 5.1 and most substrands of Stage 5.2.	Exclusion  Mathem  Mathem  Extension	natics, natics

#### **Course Description:**

Mathematics Standard 2 provides opportunities for students to consider various applications of mathematics in a broad range of contemporary contexts through the use of mathematical modelling to solve problems related to their present and future needs. It provides an appropriate mathematics background for students entering the workforce or undertaking further tertiary training. All students studying this course will sit for an HSC examination.

For students who intend to study the Year 12 Mathematics Standard 2 Course, it is recommended that they have studied for following 5.2 substrands: Area and surface area, financial mathematics, linear relationships, non-linear relationships, right-angled triangles(trigonometry), singles variable data analysis, volume, some content from equations and probability.

#### **Main Topics Covered:**

#### Topics:

- Types of Relationships
- Non-right-angled Triangles
- Rates and Ratios
- Investments and Loans
- Annuities
- Bivariate Data Analysis
- The Normal Distribution
- Network Concepts
- Critical Path Analysis

#### **Particular Course Requirements:**

https://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/11-12/stage-6-learning-areas/stage-6-mathematics/mathematics-standard-2017/course-structure-and-requirements

#### **External Assessment:**

The examination will consist of a written paper worth 100 marks.

The time allowed is 2 hours and 30 minutes plus 10 minutes reading time.

A reference sheet will be provided.

NESA approved calculators, a pair of compasses and a protractor may be used.

MATHEMATICS ADVANCED	Unit Value	ATAR
Board Developed Course	2	Yes
Prerequisites: The course is developed on the assumption that students have achieved outcomes of all substrands of Stage 5.1, 5.2 and most substrands of 5.3. They will need to have demonstrated the ability, necessary skills and application to cope with the demands of this course through their exam results, classwork and rank. Students need to meet a benchmark criteria of 75% and be ranked in the top 48 in Stage 5.3. The Head Teacher reserves the right to endorse student enrolment in this course based upon the above criteria. Students must demonstrate their ability to achieve success in the first assessment task in Year 11. Student performance will be reviewed regularly during the first term of the Year 11 course. (ie: Term 1 2024) and parents will be notified of any concerns.	<b>Exclusio</b> Mathem Standar	natics

#### **Course Description:**

The Mathematics Advanced course is a calculus based course focused on developing student awareness of mathematics as a unique and powerful way of view the world to investigate order, relation, pattern, uncertainty and generality.

The study of Mathematics Advanced in Stage 6:

- provides opportunities for students to consider various applications of mathematics in a broad range of contemporary contexts through the use of mathematical modelling and use these models to solve problems related to their present and future needs
- provides a basis for further studies in disciplines in which mathematics and the skills that constitute thinking mathematically have an important role
- provides an appropriate mathematical background for students whose future pathways may involve mathematics and its applications in a range of disciplines at the tertiary level.

#### **Main Topics Covered:**

Year 11

#### Topics:

- Working with Functions
- Trigonometric and Measure of Angles
- Trigonometric Functions and Identities
- Introduction to Differentiation
- Logarithms and Exponentials
- Probability and Discrete Probability Distributions

Year 12 Topics:

- Graphing Techniques
  - Trigonometric Functions and Graphs
  - Differential Calculus
  - The Second Derivative
  - Integral Calculus
  - Modelling Financial Situations
  - Descriptive Statistics and Bivariate Data Analysis
  - Random Variables

#### **Particular Course Requirements:**

https://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/11-12/stage-6-learning-areas/stage-6-mathematics/mathematics-advanced-2017/course-structure-and-requirements

#### **External Assessment:**

HSC Year 12 - The examination will consist of a written paper worth 100 marks.

The time allowed is 3 hours plus 10 minutes reading time.

A reference sheet is provided for examinations.

NESA approved calculators, geometrical instruments may be used.

MATHEMATICS EXTENSION 1	Unit Value	ATAR
Board Developed Course	1	Yes
<b>Prerequisites:</b> The course is developed on the assumption that	Exclusion	ns:
students have achieved outcomes of all substrands of Stages 5.1, 5.2	Mathematics	
and 5.3. They will need to have demonstrated the ability, necessary	Standar	d
skills and application to cope with the demands of this course through		
their exam results, classwork and rank. <b>Students need to meet</b>		
benchmark criteria of 85% and be ranked in the top 24 in Stage 5.3.		
The Head Teacher reserves the right to endorse student enrolment in		
this course based upon the above criteria. Students must demonstrate		
their ability to achieve success in the first common assessment task in		
both Mathematics Advanced and Mathematics Extension 1 in Year 11.		
Student performance will be reviewed regularly during the first term of		
the Year 11 course. (ie: Term 1 2024) and parents will be notified of any		
concerns.		
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#### **Course Description:**

The content of this course will provide opportunities for students to develop rigorous mathematical arguments and proofs, and to use mathematical models extensively including many which are applicable to the real world.

The course provides a basis for progression to further study in mathematics or related disciplines and where mathematics has a vital role at a tertiary level. These pathways may include science, engineering, finance and economics. Although the Extension 1 course is sufficient for these purposes, students of outstanding mathematical ability should consider undertaking the Extension 2 course at HSC level.

Students must complete all Mathematics Advanced and Extension 1 assessment tasks.

#### **Main Topics Covered:**

Year 11

Topics:

- Functions
- Trigonometric Functions
- Calculus
- Combinatorics

Year 12

Topics:

- Proof
- Vectors
- Trigonometric Functions
- Calculus
- Statistical Analysis

#### **Particular Course Requirements:**

https://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/11-12/stage-6-learning-areas/stage-6-mathematics/mathematics-extension-1-2017/course-structure-and-requirements

#### **External Assessment:**

HSC Year 12 – The examination will consist of a written paper worth 70 marks. The time allowed is 2 hours plus 10 minutes reading time.

A reference sheet is provided for examinations.

NESA approved calculators, geometrical instruments may be used.

MATHEMATICS EXTENSION 2	Unit Value	ATAR
Board Developed Course - <b>Year 12 Only</b>	1	Yes
Prerequisites: The Mathematics Extension 2 Year 12 course has been developed on the assumption that students have studied the content and achieved the outcomes of the Mathematics Advanced course and the Mathematics Extension 1 Year 11 course. Students need to exceed benchmark criteria for entrance into this course. Prospective candidates must have at least 11 units of study. They will need to have demonstrated the ability, necessary skills and application to cope with the demands of this course through their exam results, classwork and rank. Students need to attain 85% in Mathematics Extension 1, 90% in Mathematics Advanced and should be ranked in the top 10 Year 11 Extension 1 students. The Head Teacher Mathematics reserves the right to endorse student enrolment in this course based upon the above criteria. Students must demonstrate their ability to achieve success in the first common assessment task in both Extension 1 and Extension 2 in Year 12. Student performance will be reviewed regularly during the first term of the Year 12 course. (ie: Term 4 2019) and parents will be notified of any concerns.	Exclus Mathe Standa	matics

#### **Course Description:**

The course provides opportunities to develop strong mathematics manipulative skills and a deep understanding of the fundamental ideas of algebra and calculus, as well as an awareness of mathematics as an activity with its own intrinsic value, involving invention, intuition and exploration.

The course provides a basis for progression to further study in mathematics or related disciplines and where mathematics has a vital role at a tertiary level. These pathways may include science, engineering, finance and economics.

#### **Main Topics Covered:**

Year 12 Topics:

- The Nature of Proof
- Further Proof by Mathematical Induction
- Further Work with Vectors
- Introduction to Complex Numbers
- Using Complex Numbers
- Further Integration
- Applications of Calculus to Mechanics

#### **Particular Course Requirements:**

https://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/11-12/stage-6-learning-areas/stage-6-mathematics/mathematics-extension-2-2017/course-structure-and-requirements

#### **External Assessment:**

HSC Year 12 - The examination will consist of a written paper worth 100 marks.

The time allowed is 3 hours plus 10 minutes reading time.

A reference sheet is provided for examinations.

NESA approved calculators, geometrical instruments may be used.

MODERN GREEK BEGINNERS		Unit Value	ATAR
Board Developed Course		2	YES
Prerequisites: The Modern Greek	reek <b>Exclusions:</b> Students with prior knowledge or		
Beginners Stage 6 course is a two-year	ear experience of the Modern Greek language, either		
course, which has been designed for spoken or written OR whose experience is derived		is derived	

students who wish to begin their study offrom/equivalent to, 100 hours or more of study from

Cost: \$35 per year

#### Course Description:

In the Stage 6 Year 11 Preliminary and Year HSC courses, students will develop their linguistic abilities, intercultural awareness, and knowledge of the Greek-speaking community. Language is the basis of all communication and human interaction. By learning a second or subsequent language, students develop knowledge, understanding and skills for successful participation in the dynamic world of the 21st century. Communicating in another language expands students' horizons as both national and global citizens.

Content is presented through two interdependent perspectives: the Personal World and the Greek-speaking Communities. These provide contexts in which students develop their communication skills in Modern Greek, but also aids the development of other higher order skills required to be well rounded active members of society. Students will:

- 1. develop the linguistic and intercultural knowledge, understanding and skills to communicate actively in Modern Greek in interpersonal situations.
- 2. interpret and respond to texts, applying their knowledge and understanding of language and culture.
- 3. create and present texts in Modern Greek for specific audiences, purposes, and contexts, incorporating their linguistic and intercultural knowledge, understanding and skills.

#### Main topics covered during the Stage 6 courses:

Modern Greek at senior secondary level. Stages 4 or 5.

- · Family life, home and neighbourhood
- People, places and communities
- Education and work
- Friends, recreation and pastimes
- Holidays, travel and tourism
  - Future plans and aspirations

#### Particular Course Requirements: Nil

#### External Assessment:

A two hour 40 minute written HSC external examination, including listening, reading and writing skills. A five minute oral examination.

#### **Employment / University Opportunities:**

The study of Modern Greek provides students with opportunities for continued learning and for future employment and experience, both domestically and internationally, in areas such as public relations.

MODERN HISTORY		Unit Value	ATAR
Board Developed Course		2	Yes
Prerequisites: Nil	Exclusions: Nil		
Cost: Nil			

#### **Course Description:**

In this course, students are introduced to the history of the modern world through the study of a broad range of major events that have helped to shape our world today. Students of Modern History look at a range of case studies and events from 1789 to the present day. The course examines modern history through a wide range of media including documentary, film, web and print sources.

Students have the opportunity to explore their own areas of interest through the completion of a Historical Investigation and are able to use a wide range of media to present their findings. The new HSC encourages a variety of assessments to allow all students to follow their own interests in this course.

This course is particularly valuable to students who wish to develop their skills in writing, which is essential to nearly all HSC and University courses. It also develops critical thinking and analysis skills, which will complement and assist them in many subjects (e.g. English, Legal Studies and Economics) in the HSC. The study of Modern History gives an understanding of major events of the twentieth century, which provides an essential background for many other subjects studied at school and university. For additional questions, students are encouraged to speak with Mr Kelly.

#### **Topics covered may include:**

#### Year 11 Course:

- The Downfall of the Romanov Dynasty
- The Making of Modern South Africa
- World War 1
- Historical Investigation

HSC - 3 hour examination

#### Year 12 Course:

- Core Study: Power & Authority, including the Nazi Regime to 1939
- Russia and the Soviet Union
- Conflict in Europe from 1935-1945
- Apartheid in South Africa

## Particular Course Requirements: Nil External Assessment:

### STUDENTS ALSO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO STUDY EXTENSION HISTORY IN YEAR 12 IF THEY STUDY EITHER MODERN OR ANCIENT HISTORY

#### **Employment / University Opportunities:**

The writing and analysis skills developed in this course are particularly useful to students intending to study Law, Arts, Communications, International Studies, Media, Education, business management/marketing or any field where employers want applicants with a sound general knowledge who can think critically and flexibly and communicate effectively.

Modern History Stage 6 also provides a valuable foundation for a range of courses at University and other tertiary institutions and past students often relate how their study of Modern History prepared them well for their studies at University.

MUSIC 1	Unit Value	ATAR
Board Developed Course	2	Yes
<b>Prerequisites:</b> Completion of yrs. 9 and 10 Music or interview to determine suitability.	Exclusions: Nil	

It is recommended that Music students attend private lessons for their chosen Instrument/Voice.

#### **Course Description:**

Students in Music 1 range from those with beginner instrumental and/or vocal skills to those with highly developed performance skills in a variety of musical styles including contemporary/popular and classical music. Many of the students have highly developed aural skills that have been nurtured through performance, listening and composition. process.

Music 1 assumes no prior knowledge of musical notation beyond the basic introduction in the Years 7–10 Mandatory course.

#### **Main Topics Covered:**

The course provides students with opportunities to engage in a range of musical styles, including contemporary popular music, and for many, it will serve as a pathway for further training and employment in the music industry or in contemporary music fields. In Music 1, students will study:

the concepts of music; through the learning experiences of performance, composition, musicology and aural within the context of a range of styles, periods and genres.

#### Year 11 Course:

Students will study at least THREE topics from a broad list of music styles, periods and genres including: Rock; Music for Radio, Film, Television and Multimedia; Jazz; Medieval Music, Popular Music.

#### Year 12 Course:

Students will study at least THREE topics from the syllabus.

The topics must be:

Either THREE topics which are different from those studied in the Year 11 course

or

TWO topics which are different from those studied in the Year 11 course and ONE topic from the Year 11 course which shows greater depth of understanding, explores new repertoire and includes a comparative study.

#### Particular Course Requirements: Music aptitude

#### Assessment:

Core Assessment covers all areas of this course. Performance; Composition; Aural and Musicology and are weighted equally.

HSC Assessment Tasks are set in each core component 55% and also in 3 Electives 45% chosen from Performance, Composition and Musicology.

#### **Employment / University Opportunities:**

Students can progress to tertiary institutions on an audition basis. They may enter the music industry as performers. They may continue Composition or progress into Audio/Sound field. Some of the music careers available include: Performers and writers, Recording, Record industry, Industry touring, Music education, Radio and television, Symphony orchestra, Music health, and Instrument work and development.

MUSIC 2	Unit Value	ATAR
Board Developed Course	2	Yes
<b>Prerequisites:</b> This demanding course requires students to have a broad music background such as Elective Music in Stage Five and/or a study of an instrument supported by musicianship. Students are expected to be familiar with standard form of music notation.	Exclusion	ns: Music 1

It is recommended that Music students attend private lessons on their chosen Instrument/Voice and may require professional accompaniment for performance examinations.

#### **Course Description:**

Students develop skills in performance, composition, aural and musicology through the study of the concepts of music. The Mandatory Topic in the Year 11 Course is the study of Music 1600-1900. In the Year 12 course students study Music composed in the last 25 years with a focus on Australian Music. In both years students research an additional topic.

#### **Main Topics Covered:**

#### Year 11 Course:

- Performance
- Composition
- Aural
- Musicology
- Music 1600-1900

#### Year 12 Course:

- Performance
- Composition
- Aural
- Musicology
- Music composed in the last 25 year.
- Australian music and composers

#### **Particular Course Requirements:**

Aptitude and a broad understanding of Music

#### Assessment:

Core Assessment covers all areas of this course totalling 70%:

Performance 20%

Composition 15%

Musicology and Aural 35%

Elective 30%:

Students choose one area as an elective from Performance, Composition or Musicology.

#### **Employment / University Opportunities:**

This course can lead to music studies at tertiary Institutions such as Universities and Conservatoriums leading to careers in performance, composition, music education, music therapy, instrumental teaching or conducting.

Prerequisites: Nil Exclusions: Nil		ı	
Board Developed Course		2	Yes
PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT, HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION		Unit Value	ATAR

#### **Course Description:**

The aim of PDHPE at Stage 6 is to develop in each student a capacity to think critically about key issues related to health and physical activity in order to make informed decisions that support and contribute to healthy, active lifestyles and communities.

The Year II course examines a range of areas that underpin health and physical activity. This includes how people think about health and physical activity, the management of personal health and the basis for how the body moves. Students have the opportunity to select from a range of practical options in areas such as first aid, outdoor recreation, composing and performing, and fitness choices.

In the HSC course, students focus on major issues related to Australia's health status. They also look at factors that affect physical performance. They undertake optional study from a range of choices. This includes investigating the health of young people or of groups experiencing health inequities. In other options, students focus on improved performance and safe participation by learning about advanced approaches to training or sports medicine concepts. There is also an opportunity to think critically about the factors that impact on sport and physical activity in Australian society.

#### **Main Topics Covered:**

#### Year 11 Course:

- Core 1 Better Health for Individuals (30%)
- Core 2 Body In Motion (30%)
- 2 Options (choice made from) First Aid, Fitness Choices, Outdoor Education and Composition and Performance (40%)

#### Year 12 Course:

- Core 1 Health Priorities in Australia (30%)
- Core 2 Factors Affecting Performance (30%)
- 2 Options (choice from) Sports Medicine, Improving Performance, Equity and Health and Health of Young People (40%)

Particular Course Requirements: Nil

#### **External Assessment:**

HSC Examination - 3 hours

20 Multiple Choice (20 marks core 1 and 2 only), short answer responses based on Core 1 and 2 (40 marks), short answer and extended response based on the two options studied (40 marks).

#### **Employment / University Opportunities:**

There are a multitude of employment opportunities that fall within the realm of health and physical education including but not limited to; health sciences (physiotherapy/occupational therapy), physical education, health promotion, sport medicine/administration and health care work.

Board Developed Course		YES
Prerequisites: Satisfactory completion of Stage 5 Science course.		ions:

Cost: \$35 per year (plus additional excursion expenses)

**Recommendation:** successful study requires a good understanding of Mathematics, therefore students should be capable of at least the Mathematics Advanced course

#### **Course Description:**

The Physics course involves the study of matter and its motion through space and time, along with related concepts that include energy and force. Physics deals with the study of phenomena on scales of space and time – from nuclear particles and their interactions up to the size and age of the Universe. This allows students to better understand the physical world and how it works, appreciate the uniqueness of the Universe, and participate in navigating and influencing the future.

The problem-solving nature of Physics further develops students' Working Scientifically skills by focusing on the exploration of models and the analysis of theories and laws, which promotes an understanding of the connectedness of seemingly dissimilar phenomena. Students who study Physics are encouraged to use observations to develop quantitative models of real world problems and derive relationships between variables. They are required to engage in solving equations based on these models, make predictions, and analyse the interconnectedness of physical entities.

The Physics course builds on students' knowledge and skills developed in the Science Stage 5 course and help them develop a greater understanding of physics as a foundation for undertaking post-school studies in a wide range of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) fields. A knowledge and understanding of Physics often provides the unifying link between interdisciplinary studies.

#### **Main Topics Covered:**

#### Year 11 Course:

- Kinematics
- Dynamics
- Waves and Thermodynamics
- Electricity and Magnetism

#### Year 12 Course:

- Advanced Mechanics
- Electromagnetism
- The Nature of Light
- From the Universe to the Atom

#### **Particular Course Requirements:**

Scientific investigations include both practical investigations and secondary-sourced investigations.

Practical investigations are an essential part of the Year 11 course and 12 course and must occupy a minimum of 70 hours of course time, including time allocated to practical investigations in depth studies.

Practical investigations include:

- undertaking laboratory experiments, including the use of appropriate digital technologies
- fieldwork.

Secondary-sourced investigations include:

- locating and accessing a wide range of secondary data and/or information
- using and reorganising secondary data and/or information.

#### **External Assessment:**

HSC Examination – specimen paper available on NESA website

#### **Employment / University Opportunities:**

Physics, Medicine, Engineering, Pilot, Architecture, Metallurgy, Optometry, Radiography, Meteorology, Astronomy, Nuclear Physicist and Law.

SOCIETY AND CULTURE		Unit Value	ATAR
Board Developed Course		2	Yes
Prerequisites: Nil Exclusions: Nil			

**Cost:** Nil (excursions as they arise)

#### **Course Description:**

Society and Culture is a specialist course for students who are interested in exploring the interactions between individuals, the cultures in which we operate and the forces shaping communities over time. If you are interested in how your identity has been shaped and how collective experience forms social identity and customs then you will find this course interesting.

More like a university course, Society and Culture borrows heavily from sociology, psychology, anthropology and political science. It is a course requirement that students develop, apply, analyse and evaluate their own research. Using examples and issues to provide context, the course examines aspects of societies and cultures including: power, authority, gender and technology. It requires and seeks to develop high levels of cultural literacy and an ability to examine source bias and ethical research.

Unlike most other HSC courses, there are few content parallels. However, students who have a breadth of cultural experiences both in Australia and abroad tend to find it easier to adapt course concepts to their own experience sets. Students of history and social sciences will find the style of writing and analysis complementary.

Students should familiarise themselves with the Personal Interest Project, a major work project which constitutes 40% of the external mark for the HSC.

For greater details, students are encouraged to review the <u>NSW Society and Culture Syllabus</u> or to discuss this course with Mrs Taleb.

#### **Topics covered may include:**

#### Year 11 Course:

- The Social and Cultural World
- Personal and Social Identity
- Intercultural Communication

#### **HSC Course:**

- Social and Cultural Continuity and Change
- Conformity and Non Conformity
- Social Inclusion and Exclusion
- Personal Interest Project

#### Particular Course Requirements: nil

#### Assessment:

Current modes of assessment include in class tests, presentations, research reports and examinations.

The external HSC examination consists of a 2 hour paper (60%) as well as submission of the Personal Interest Project (PIP) – a 6000 word research paper of a students' own choosing.

#### **Employment / University Opportunities:**

The intellectual and research requirements of Society and Culture are far more like a University Course than a HSC one. In turn, it is excellent preparation for the demands of tertiary study in all forms but is especially useful for studies within: The Arts, Global Studies, Urban Planning, Government & Policy, International Relations, Law, Business and Psychology.

TEXTILES AND DESIGN		Unit Value	ATAR
Board Developed Course		2	Yes
Prerequisites: Nil Exclusions: Nil			

Cost: \$50 course fee per year (plus project materials)

#### **Course Description:**

Textiles and Design is a predominately practical course. The theoretical component supports the students understanding of the textile medium and textiles in society. Students explore their creative abilities and skills in designing, manipulating, experimenting and selecting textiles for various end uses.

Textiles and Design develops a body of knowledge, skills and values that contribute to the overall education of students and which can provide opportunities for small business and leisure activities useful throughout life. It develops student creativity and project management skills that promote self-esteem and satisfaction. Students develop an understanding that textiles in industry, small business and in leisure activities has an emphasis on project work and students emulate this through the designing, planning and manufacturing of a Major Textiles Project.

Students select one focus area through which they develop a project, which includes supporting documentation and textile item/s:

- apparel
- furnishings
- costume
- textile arts
- non-apparel.

#### **Main Topics Covered:**

Year 11 Course:

- Design (40%)
- Properties and Performance of Textiles (50%)
- The Australian Textile, Clothing, Footwear and Allied Industries (10%)

Year 12 Course:

- Design (20%)
- Properties and Performance of Textiles (20%)
- The Australian Textile, Clothing, Footwear and Allied Industries (10%)
- Major Textiles Project (50%)

#### **Particular Course Requirements:**

Students must possess an interest in creativity and practical work. In the Year 11 course students are required to complete two practical projects and supporting documentation. For the Year 12 course the students are required to complete one practical project and supporting documentation which is externally marked. Students must be able to plan and manage the completion of this project by the due date.

#### **External Assessment:**

For the HSC students will sit a  $1\frac{1}{2}$  hour examination which consist of multiple choice and short answer questions. (50%)

Major Textiles Project and supporting documentation. (50%) This is packaged and posted to the marking centre.

#### **Employment Opportunities:**

The study of Textiles and Design Stage 6 provides students with knowledge, understanding and skills that form a valuable foundation for a range of courses at university and other tertiary institutions.

In addition, the study of Textiles and Design Stage 6 assists students to prepare for employment and full and active participation as citizens. In particular, there are opportunities for students to gain recognition in vocational education and training.

VISUAL ARTS	Unit Value	ATAR
Board Developed Course	2	Yes

Prerequisites: Nil Exclusions: Nil

**Cost:** \$100 per year with possible additional expenses for the production of the body of work.

#### **Course Description:**

Visual Arts involves students in the practices of artmaking, art criticism and art history. Students develop their own artworks culminating in a 'body of work' in the HSC course that demonstrates their ability to resolve a conceptually strong work. Students critically investigate works, critics, historians and artists from Australia as well as other cultures, traditions and times. The Year 11 Course is broad, while the HSC Course provides for deeper, increasingly more independent investigations.

The literacy and analytical demands of this course are high. It is well suited to students who will work hard in class, ask questions and engage in regular revision to ensure they are up to date with coursework. Students who enjoy working autonomously are creative and have competent time-management skills would suit this course.

#### **Main Topics Covered:**

#### Year 11 Course:

- The nature of practice in artmaking, art criticism and art history through different investigation
- The role and function of artists' artwork, the world and audiences in the artworld
- The frames and how students might develop their own informed points of view
- How students may develop meaning and focus and interest in their work
- Building understandings over time through various investigations and working in different expressive forms.

#### Year 12 Course:

- How students may develop their own informed points of view in increasingly more independent ways using the frames
- How students may develop their own practice of artmaking, art criticism and art history applied to selected areas of interest
- How students may learn about the relationships between artist, artwork, world and audience within the artworld
- How students may further develop meaning and focus in their work.

#### **Particular Course Requirements:**

Year 12: students must submit a body of work, worth 50 marks, and sit for a written examination, worth 50 marks, at the Higher School Certificate.

#### **External Assessment:**

**HSC Course:** 

Practical Body of Work 50%

Theory Final Examination 50%

#### **Employment / University Opportunities:**

Visual Arts students develop their skills in communication, creative thinking, problem solving, writing and analysis. They are given opportunities to work autonomously and in collaboration. These skills are valuable and build a solid foundation for students moving into the work force or into higher education. Specific links can be made between Visual Arts and the following career paths: Art Critic, Art historian, Gallery Curator, Practicing Artist, Architecture, Advertising, Design, Art Directing, Graphics and Media Studies, Animation, Film Making, Game Design, Photography, Printing, Teaching, Town Planning and many more.

#### CONTENT ENDORSED HSC COURSES

SPORT LEISURE AND RECREATION		Unit Value	ATAR
Board Endorsed Course		2	NO
Prerequisites: Nil Exclusions: Nil			
<b>Cost:</b> \$45			

#### **Course Description:**

The Sport, Lifestyle and recreation content endorsed course develops in each student the knowledge, understanding and skills needed to adopt active and health – promoting lifestyles.

The course features a highly practical focus: physical activity being both an area of study and a medium for learning. Students are given significant opportunities to apply theoretical understanding to practical situations that are socially and culturally relevant and gender inclusive. This course provides a sound platform for further study in coaching or in the fitness industry.

This course caters for a wide range of student needs. It can assist students in developing:

- the qualities of a discerning consumer and an intelligent critic of physical activity and sport
- high levels of performance skill in particular sports
- the capacity to adopt administrative roles in community sport and recreation
- the skills of coach, trainer, first aid officer, referee and fitness leader. In the context of this course it may be possible for students to acquire recognised qualifications in these areas.

It builds upon the learning of PDHPE in years 7 to 10 and suits students who have an interest in sport and physical activity. Note that it does not contribute to an ATAR and is not as academically challenging as Stage 6 PDHPE.

#### **Main Topics Covered:**

- Fitness and Resistance Training
- Games and Sport Application
- Outdoor Recreation
- Sports Injuries

#### Particular Course Requirements: NIL

#### Assessment:

External Assessment:

50% - knowledge and understanding, tests, exams and assignments

50% - Practical Skills Work

#### **Employment / University Opportunities:**

Fitness Industry, Outdoor Recreation, First Aid and Coaching opportunities.

#### BOARD DEVELOPED - LIFE SKILLS COURSES

Life Skills courses provide an alternative HSC for students with special learning needs. They are not examined externally and do not contribute to an ATAR.

Each course is studied at 2 unit level in Year 11 and in Year 12. Students, in consultation with the Head Teacher Special Education, will be able to undertake the following program of study for the awarding of a Life Skills HSC. NESA has developed Life Skills courses for a range of subjects.

Life Skills HSC subjects offered at Sylvania High School are:

- English Life Skills
- Mathematics Life Skills
- Science Life Skills
- Personal Development Health and Physical Education Life Skills
- Human Society and its Environment Life Skills.
  - This includes aspects of Aboriginal Studies, Citizenship and Society Studies, Geography, History and Legal Studies.
- Creative Arts Life Skills
  - o This includes Music and Visual Arts.
- Technology Life Skills
  - o This includes aspects of Food technology and Industrial Technology.

Courses focus on generalising knowledge, understanding, skills, values and attitudes across a range of post school destinations. The structure of each course is designed to provide a broad and balanced approach to meet individual student needs in preparation for participation into community life.

At Sylvania High School it is possible for students to make up their units with a combination of life skills and mainstream subjects.

Life Skills courses are developed on an individual basis. Planning is a collaborative process where an Individual Transition Plan is developed by parents, student, and the school's Learning Support Team.

#### **Post-School Options**

These may involve employment, community involvement, further study or, a combination of all three. Prior to leaving school, relationships are established with post-school service providers and assessments are offered through the NDIS School Leaver Employment Support (SLES) Functional Assessment for School Leavers, to determine appropriate levels of support for individual students.

#### VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING (VET) COURSES



## PUBLIC SCHOOLS NSW RTOS VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING

#### **School Delivered Vocational Education and Training (VET) Courses**

Vocational Education and Training (VET) courses are offered as part of the Higher School Certificate (HSC) or Record of School Achievement (RoSA). VET courses are designed to deliver workplace specific skills and knowledge and cover a wide range of careers and industries. VET courses for secondary students are developed by NSW Educational Standards Authority (NESA) and are based on national training packages.

VET courses allow students to gain an HSC or RoSA and a national qualification or statement of attainment as part of the Australian Qualification Framework (AQF). These qualifications are widely recognised by industry, employers, tertiary training providers and universities and will assist students to progress to various education and training sectors and employment.

Public Schools NSW RTOs are accredited to deliver and assess VET qualifications to secondary students. It is mandatory for all students studying a VET course to create a Unique Student Identifier (USI) upon enrolment. Students will require a form of identification for the creation of the USI. Examples include a Medicare Card, Australian Birth Certificate, Driver's License or a valid Passport.

Assessment in all VET courses is competency based. The student is assessed on what they can do (skills) and what they know (knowledge) to equip them in the workplace. Students are either deemed "competent" or "not yet competent" by the teacher. Students who have successfully achieved competency will have the skills and knowledge to complete workplace activities in a range of different situations and environments, to an industry standard expected in the workplace.

Assessment materials are designed to ensure each learner has the opportunity to achieve outcomes to the level of the qualification. Students will receive documentation showing all competencies achieved for the VET course undertaken.

**Board Developed Industry Curriculum Framework (ICF)** courses usually count for 4 units of HSC credit, include 70 hours of mandatory work placement, and have an optional HSC examination. For a VET course to be included in the calculation for the ATAR, students must sit the HSC Examination.

**Board Endorsed Courses (BECs)** are courses based on national industry Training Packages endorsed by NESA. They do not count towards the ATAR and there is no HSC examination.

#### **Work Placement**

Many VET courses have a mandatory work placement requirement set by NESA. Hospitality and Construction require students to undertake 70 hours of work placement. Students will:

- · gain insights into the kind of career they would like to have.
- · make informed decisions about further training and study.
- · become more employable.
- · be better equipped for business and employment opportunities.

#### There are other VET opportunities including:

#### **Externally delivered Vocational Education and Training (EVET)**

Information and courses available are listed here: <a href="https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/career-and-study-pathways/skills-at-school/external-vet-courses">https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/career-and-study-pathways/skills-at-school/external-vet-courses</a> Talk to your school Careers Adviser about how to access EVET.

#### **School Based Apprenticeships and Traineeships (SBAT)**

Information about SBATs is available here: <a href="https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/career-and-study-pathways/school-based-apprenticeships-and-traineeships">https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/career-and-study-pathways/school-based-apprenticeships-and-traineeships</a> For further information about how to access an SBAT opportunity please speak with your Careers Adviser.

Due to the specific requirements of a VET course it is recommended students speak to the VET Coordinator or Careers Adviser before choosing the course to ensure they are fully aware of the requirements and the course is suitable for their individual needs, knowledge and skills.

Sylvania High School offers the following Vocational Education and Training subjects:

- Construction
- Hospitality

Vocational Education and Training courses provide students with the opportunity to gain:

- an industry-recognised national vocational qualifications under the Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF)
- a NSW Higher School Certificate (HSC)
- an ATAR.The examination mark from **one** Industry Curriculum Framework VET course may be included in the calculation of a student's ATAR.
- a range of technical, personal and organisational skills highly valued by employers.

#### School based assessment

VET courses are competency based. This requires students to develop skills and knowledge and then demonstrate these to a qualified assessor. When demonstrated to an industry standard, the student is then deemed 'competent'.

Students complete assessment tasks known as cluster tasks, to assess their level of competence. Cluster tasks contain both written and practical work.

#### **HSC examination (optional)**

The HSC examination for a VET course will involve a written examination made up of multiple choice, short answers and extended responses. This written examination is optional, but must be undertaken by any student wishing to achieve an ATAR.

This examination is independent of the competency-based assessment and has no impact on a student receiving AQF qualifications.

#### Work placement

To be eligible for an HSC in a VET course, students must complete a mandatory work placement in both the Year 11 and Year 12 courses. A total of 70 hours for a 240 hour 2 unit course must be completed in the industry relevant to their VET course by the conclusion of Term 3 of their HSC year.

Students who can provide evidence of recent or relevant experience in the industry relevant to their course can apply for Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL). These students should seek the advice of their VET teacher or VET Coordinator.

Students who do not attend work placement due to illness or misadventure must notify the school and produce appropriate evidence on return to school. Non-completion of work placement is grounds for withholding the course and students may be issued an 'N' determination.

#### REFUND POLICY

If a student decides to leave the course, they must contact the School Office for details of the refund policy.

The school VET coordinator has more information on VET courses.

#### 2024 VET STATEMENTS



2024 Construction Course Descriptor
CPC20220 Certificate II in Construction Pathways (Release 6) & CPC20120 Statement of
Attainment towards Certificate in II Construction (Release 3)
RTO - Department of Education - 90333, 90222, 90072, 90162

This information may change due to Training Package and NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) updates. Notification of variations will be made in due time with minimal disruption or disadvantage.

Course: **Construction**Board Developed Course (240 hour)

2 or 4 Preliminary and/or HSC units in total Industry Curriculum Framework (ICF) -

Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) eligible course

By enrolling in this VET qualification with Public Schools NSW RTOs, you are choosing to participate in a program of study which will provide you a pathway towards HSC accreditation and a nationally recognised qualification (dual accreditation). To receive this VET qualification, you must meet the assessment requirements of CPC20220 Certificate II in Construction Pathways (Release 6) & CPC20120 Statement of Attainment towards Certificate in II Construction (Release 3) <a href="https://training.gov.au/Training/Details/CPC20220">https://training.gov.au/Training/Details/CPC20220</a> & <a href="https://training.gov.au/Training/Details/CPC20120">https://training.gov.au/Training/Details/CPC20120</a>. You will be expected to complete all requirements relevant to the HSC and adhere to the requirements of NESA. To gain the full qualification in the CPC20220 Certificate II in Construction Pathways, you must achieve 5 core and 5 elective units of competency. A statement of attainment towards either of the qualifications listed is possible, if at least one unit of competency is achieved.

#### **Entry Requirements**

You must complete the VET enrolment process, supplying your USI and be assessed for learning support (eg LLN Robot) before the commencement of any training and assessment. HSC: All My Own Work must be completed before enrolling in this qualification. When selecting this course you should be interested in working in a construction environment and be able to use a personal digital device including a personal computer or laptop.

#### Construction, Plumbing and Services Training Package (CPC 8.0) Units of Competency

**Core Units Elective Units** CPCCWHS2001 Apply WHS requirements, policies and procedures in the CPCCCM1011 Undertake basic estimation and costing Construction Industry CPCCOM2001 Read and interpret plans and specifications CPCCOM1012 Work effectively and sustainably in the Construction Industry CPCCCA2002 Use carpentry tools and equipment Plan and organise work CPCCOM1013 CPCCCA2011 Handle carpentry materials CPCCVE1011 Undertake a basic construction project CPCCCM2005 Use construction tools and equipment CPCCOM1015 Carry out measurement and calculations CPCWHS1001 Prepare to work safely in the construction industr

 Option
 CPCCWF2002
 Use wall and floor tilling equipment

 CPCCM2013
 Undertake basic installation of wall tiles

White Card

CPCWHS1001 - Prepare to work safely in the construction industry. The General Construction Induction Training (White Card) will be delivered as part of this course. Successful completion of this unit will lead to a General Construction Induction Card (White Card) from SafeWork NSW. This will allow student access to construction sites across Australia for work purposes.

A recognised SafeWork NSW GIT card is mandatory before undertaking any Work Placement. Online courses are NOT recognised by the Department of Education.

Students may apply for Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) and /or credit transfer before delivery, provided suitable evidence is submitted.

#### Pathways to Industry - Skills gained in this course transfer to other occupations

This qualification provides a pathway to the primary trades in the construction industry with the exception of plumbing.

This allows for inclusion of skills suited for entry to off-site occupations, such as joinery as well as carpentry, bricklaying and other occupations in general construction.

Examples of occupations in the construction industry:

This qualification provides an occupational outcome and a range of support tasks applicable to the majority of construction work sites: carpentry, joinery, bricklaying, labourer

#### **Mandatory HSC Course Requirements**

Students must complete 240 indicative hours of course work and a minimum of 70 hours work placement. Students who do not meet these requirements will be `N` determined as required by NESA. You should be work ready before work placement.

#### External Assessment

The Higher School Certificate examination for Construction is only available after completion of 240 indicative hours and will involve a written examination consisting of multiple-choice, short answers and extended response items. The examination is independent of the competency-based assessment undertaken during the course and has no impact on the eligibility of a student to receive a vocational qualification.

#### Competency-Based Assessment

In this course you will work to develop the competencies, skills and knowledge described by each unit of competency listed above. To be assessed as competent you must demonstrate to a qualified assessor the competency requirements for performance and knowledge of the unit of competency.

#### **Appeals and Complaints**

You may lodge a complaint or an appeal about a decision (including assessment decisions) by following the Appeals and Complaints Guidelines.

Course Cost: Preliminary - \$95 HSC - \$95

Other: (eg: White Card) approx. \$90

High-vis work shirt, safety glasses, steel cap boots.

Please see your VET teacher to enquire about financial assistance.

**Refunds-** Refund arrangements are on a pro-rata basis. Please refer to your school refund policy

A school-based traineeship is available in this course. For more information: <a href="https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/career-and-study-pathways/school-based-apprenticeships-and-traineeships">https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/career-and-study-pathways/school-based-apprenticeships-and-traineeships</a>

Exclusions: VET course exclusions can be checked on the NESA website at <a href="https://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/11-12/stage-6-learning-areas/vet/course-exclusions">https://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/11-12/stage-6-learning-areas/vet/course-exclusions</a>

2024 Course Descriptor CPC20220 Certificate II in Construction Pathways + Statement of Attainment towards CPC20120 Certificate II in Construction RTO - Department of Education - 90333, 90222, 90072, 90162

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#### 2024 Cookery Course Descriptor SIT20421 Certificate II in Cookery – Release 1 RTO - Department of Education - 90333, 90222, 90072, 90162

This information may change due to Training Package and NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) updates. Notification of variations will be made in due time with minimal disruption or disadvantage.

Course: Hospitality

Board Developed Course (240 hour)

2 or 4 Preliminary and/or HSC units in total Industry Curriculum Framework (ICF)

Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) eligible course

By enrolling in this VET qualification with Public Schools NSW RTOs, you are choosing to participate in a program of study which will provide you a pathway towards HSC accreditation and a nationally recognised qualification (dual accreditation). To receive this VET qualification, you must meet the assessment requirements of SIT20421 Certificate II in Cookery – Release 1 (Release 1) <a href="https://training.gov.au/Training/Details/SIT20421">https://training.gov.au/Training/Details/SIT20421</a>. You will be expected to complete all requirements relevant to the HSC and adhere to the requirements of NESA. To gain this full qualification, you must achieve 13 units of competency. A statement of attainment towards the qualification is possible if at least one unit of competency is achieved.

#### **Entry Requirements**

You must complete the VET enrolment process, supplying your USI and be assessed for learning support (eg LLN Robot) before the commencement of any training and assessment. HSC: All My Own Work must be completed before enrolling in this qualification. When selecting this course you should be interested in working in a kitchen environment and be able to use a personal digital device including a personal computer or laptop.

#### Tourism, Travel and Hospitality Training Package (SIT 2.1) Units of Competency

Core	<u>Elective</u>	
SITXFSA005 SITXWHS005 SITHCCC023 SITHCCC027 SITHCCC034 SITHKOP009 SITXINV006 Use hygienic practices for food safety Participate in safe work practices Use food preparation equipment Prepare dishes using basic methods of commercial kitchen Clean kitchen premises and equipment Receive, store and maintain stock		

Students may apply for Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) and /or credit transfer before delivery, provided suitable evidence is submitted.

#### Pathways to Industry - Skills gained in this course transfer to other occupations

Working within the hospitality industry involves

- organising information and records in both paper and electronic forms
- customer (client) service

- teamwork
- using technologies
- creating documents

Examples of occupations in the hospitality (kitchen operations) industry:

breakfast cook

catering assistant

fast food cook

take-away cook

sandwich hand

function cook

#### **Mandatory HSC Course Requirements**

Students must complete 240 indicative hours of course work and a minimum of 70 hours work placement. Students who do not meet these requirements will be 'N' determined as required by NESA. You should be work ready before work placement.

#### External Assessment (optional HSC examination for ATAR purposes)

The Higher School Certificate examination for hospitality is only available after completion of 240 indicative hours and will involve a written examination consisting of multiple-choice, short answers and extended response items. The examination is independent of the competency-based assessment undertaken during the course and has no impact on the eligibility of a student to receive a vocational qualification.

#### **Competency-Based Assessment**

In this course you will work to develop the competencies, skills and knowledge described by each unit of competency listed above. To be assessed as competent you must demonstrate to a qualified assessor the competency requirements for performance and knowledge of the unit of competency.

#### **Appeals and Complaints**

You may lodge a complaint or an appeal about a decision (including assessment decisions) by following the Appeals and Complaints Guidelines.

Course Cost: Preliminary - \$220

HSC - \$220

Students are responsible for purchasing their own full chef's uniform.

Refunds

Refund Arrangements on a pro-rata basis. Please refer to your school refund policy

A school-based traineeship is available in this course, for more information: <a href="https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/career-and-study-pathways/school-based-apprenticeships-and-traineeships">https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/career-and-study-pathways/school-based-apprenticeships-and-traineeships</a>

**Exclusions:** VET course exclusions can be checked on the NESA website at <a href="http://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/11-12/stage-6-learning-areas/vet/course-exclusions">http://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/11-12/stage-6-learning-areas/vet/course-exclusions</a>

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Disclaimer: If you require accessible documents, please contact your VET Coordinator for support

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#### **EXTERNAL COURSE INFORMATION**

Students interested in completing a Year 11 and Year 12 course through an external course provider will need to attend TVET information meetings with Ms Stanton and complete the External Studies Application Form.

Students should be aware of the following:

- 1. they will be required to complete 12 units at SHS until satisfactory progress is made across Term 1
- 2. completing an external course may require a student to miss timetabled SHS lessons, and it is the responsibility of the individual student to identify worked missed and complete all that is required to maintain currency.

#### TAFE BASED VET COURSES (TVET)

Consider carefully any TVET selection you make. If you select a TVET course for the wrong reason you may not be successful in completing the course. This may then put the successful completion of Year 11 in danger. All students are required to consult the Careers Adviser prior to making your application.

The majority of TVET classes are held on TUESDAY afternoons each week. Classes usually start from 1pm onwards and finish by 5pm. Occasionally other days and/or times are organised by TAFE. As courses run in and out of school time, some students will miss some classes at school and this will be required to be completed in student's own time. Be aware of this and consider whether you are willing to miss these classes.

If students miss a TAFE lesson for any reason, explanation and documentation needs to be given to the Careers Adviser at Sylvania High School on return to school. Students attending TVET are responsible for payment of bus or train fares to and from the TAFE college. School transport passes may not be used. *It is important to note that if a student withdraws from a course after acceptance, a fee may apply.* 

#### APPLICATION PROCEDURE FOR TVET COURSES:

- 1. TVET application form must be picked up, completed and returned to Ms Stanton by the due date. Application forms will be available during Term 4. NB Late applications will not be considered
- 2. Students will be interviewed by Ms Stanton and a member of the school's senior executive to determine their suitability.
- 3. Suitable students will have their TVET application forms forwarded to the appropriate TAFE College by the school.
- 4. Students will be informed, through the school, if their application with TAFE have been successful.

#### Criteria for Consideration for TVET Courses:

- Demonstrated post school career path which requires their chosen TVET Course.
- Proven application to studies and regular attendance at school.
- The number of TVET positions for Year 12 HSC students is limited. This number is
  determined on the curriculum pattern established when this cohort is in Year 11
  Preliminary. Year 12 HSC students may be placed on a priority waiting list for TVET if the
  number of applicants exceeds the number established in the curriculum pattern from
  Year 11 Preliminary.

TAFE is an adult learning environment in which all TAFE attendance and assessment requirements must be met. Before accepting an application TAFE requires the school to make a recommendation as to the student's suitability. This recommendation is based on the student's work effort, behaviour and attendance.

Remember, if you select a TVET course which you do not wish to continue in Year 12, and you wish to drop a school based course, you may be limiting your options for an ATAR or in some cases your HSC.

Entry to most courses is competitive. There are no TAFE fees (unless a student withdraws after the commencement date); however, students must provide their own materials. Course availability is subject to demand. There are 2 types of courses, ATAR and non-ATAR. School based Traineeships and Apprenticeships may be available for some courses.

#### For a full list of courses and their locations, see the Careers Adviser.

#### VIRTUAL VET COURSES

Students may also be interested in the learning opportunities created through the Virtual VET program. A range of courses are on offer, however, students must be mindful of the additional requirements for these courses. Specifically:

- Access to a personal device to support learning in a virtual environment
- Willingness to also participate in face to face workshops organised as part of the course (which may occur in term breaks)
- Commitment to participate in online learning hours, timeframes and assessments

Students will use the same application process as per standard TVET courses. The infographic below may be of use in initially considering a Virtual VET course.

A list of available courses can be found at: <a href="https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/career-and-study-pathways/skills-at-school/virtual-vet-courses">https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/career-and-study-pathways/skills-at-school/virtual-vet-courses</a>







#### SECONDARY COLLEGE OF LANGUAGES

The Secondary College of Languages is a Department of Education and Communities secondary school that offers language courses to students wishing to study their background community language if it is not available for study at their day school. Classes at the Secondary College of Languages are held every Saturday morning during the school term.

Students at the Secondary College of Languages (SCL) follow NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) syllabuses. Courses are credentialed on the Record of School Achievement (RoSA) and Higher School Certificate (HSC). All Stage 6 courses are Board Developed Courses or Board Endorsed Courses which contribute to the achievement of an Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank (ATAR).

The Secondary College of Languages operates at 13 Campuses located at high schools in Sydney, Newcastle and Wollongong. Each Campus offers a different selection of courses, and class formations at Campuses are subject to enrolment numbers. Campuses are contactable between 8am and 1pm on Saturdays.

For courses, eligibility and enrolment information please visit the Secondary College of Languages website - https://sclanguages.schools.nsw.gov.au/

If you wish to study your background community language, please obtain initial advice from your school Teacher Librarian.

Language	Course	Campus offered
Arabic	Years 7-12	Arthur Phillip HS, Bankstown Girls HS, Liverpool Boys HS, Merewether HS, Smith's Hill HS
	Year 12 Extension	Arthur Phillip HS, Bankstown Girls HS, Liverpool Boys HS, Smith's Hill HS
Armenian	Years 7-12	Chatswood HS
Bosnian	Years 7-10	Liverpool Girls HS
Chinese	Years 7-10	Ashfield Boys HS, Birrong Girls HS, Chatswood HS, Kogarah HS, Merewether HS, Smith's Hill HS, The Hills Sports HS
	Year 11 Continuers	Chatswood HS, Strathfield Girls HS
	Year 11-12 in Context	Birrong Girls HS, Chatswood HS, Merewether HS, Smith's Hill HS, Strathfield Girls HS
	Years 11-12 Literature	Birrong Girls HS, Chatswood HS, Kogarah HS, Strathfield Girls HS, The Hills Sports HS
Croatian	Years 7-12	Liverpool Boys HS
Filipino	Years 11-12	Bankstown Girls HS
Hindi	Years 7-12	The Hills Sports HS
Italian	Years 7-12	Strathfield Girls HS
	Year 12 Extension	Strathfield Girls HS
Japanese	Years 7-10	Chatswood HS
	Year 11 Continuers	Chatswood HS
	Years 11-12 in Context	Chatswood HS
Khmer	Years 7-12	Liverpool Girls HS
Korean	Years 7-10	Strathfield Girls HS, The Hills Sports HS
	Year 11 Continuers	Strathfield Girls HS
	Years 11-12 in Context	Chatswood HS, Strathfield Girls HS
	Years 11-12 Literature	Strathfield Girls HS
Macedonian	Years 7-12	Bankstown Girls HS, Kogarah HS, Smith's Hills HS
Modern Greek	Years 7-10	Ashfield Boys HS, Kogarah HS, Smith's Hill HS, The Hills Sports HS

	Years 11-12	Ashfield Boys HS, Kogarah HS, The Hills Sports HS
	Year 12 Extension	Ashfield Boys HS, Kogarah HS
Persian	Year 11-12	Arthur Philip HS
Polish	Years 7-12	Ashfield Boys HS, Chatswood HS, Liverpool Girls HS
Portuguese	Years 7-12	Petersham (NSW School of Languages)
Punjabi	Years 7-12	The Hills Sports HS
Russian	Years 11-12	Chatswood HS
Serbian	Years 7-12	Liverpool Girls HS, Smith's Hill HS
Spanish	Years 7-12	Ashfield Boys HS, Chatswood HS, Kogarah HS, Liverpool Girls HS, The Hills Sports HS
	Year 12 Extension	Ashfield Boys HS, Chatswood HS, Liverpool Girls HS, The Hills Sports HS
Turkish	Years 7-12	Arthur Phillip HS, Petersham (NSW School of Languages)
Vietnamese	Years 7-10	Birrong Girls HS
	Years 11-12	Birrong Girls HS, Liverpool Boys HS, Petersham (NSW School of Languages)

# NSW SCHOOL

#### NSW SCHOOL OF LANGUAGES

NSW School of Languages is a distance education school run by the Department of Education that offers 12 languages for study from Years 9 to 12. The courses are taught in a blended model that includes online coursework (completed at home school) and a weekly speaking lesson (delivered online). All courses are accredited with NESA (NSW Education Standards Authority) and in Years 11 and 12 count towards the ATAR.

If a student wishes to continue a language that is no longer available at their home school, or they wish to start a new language that is not offered, study through NSW School of Languages may be an option. To be eligible for a course, students are required to meet all of the criteria at the entry point to that course.

It is self-evident that any course of study requires effort on the part of the learner. Students are expected to attend phone lessons, send in work on a weekly basis and/or complete the units in their online Moodle/Canvas course, as advised by their teacher. They are also required to attend NSW School of Languages in Petersham for designated Lesson Days and for formal assessments

More information can be found on the website <a href="https://nswschoollang.schools.nsw.gov.au/">https://nswschoollang.schools.nsw.gov.au/</a>

The Teacher-Librarian is Sylvania High School's supervisor of Distance Education and can be contacted at school for further information.

#### POLICIES

#### COURSE SELECTION POLICY AND PROCEDURES

#### Preamble:

The selection of subjects appropriate to a student's interests, skills and abilities is fundamental to success at school. At Sylvania High School, students in Year 10 make choices regarding the subjects they will study for the HSC. The process of selection is aided by a variety of key school personnel including:

- the Year Adviser
- the Careers Adviser
- Curriculum Head Teachers
- The relevant Deputy Principal

#### **Procedures:**

Subject selection for Year 10 will take place following the Parent Information Evening and school-based presentations..

They then submit their course preferences through the Edval Course Preference Portal.

There is also an External Studies application form for study of a TAFE course, a School of Community Languages course or a NSW School of Languages course. This form should be handed in at the time of the subject choice interview. If it is agreed that this is a suitable option, students need to obtain the appropriate application form from the following:

TAFE Careers Adviser

School of Community Languages Librarian NSW School of Languages Librarian

The Principal must approve or endorse the application for external studies. It is not an automatic entry and an application may be declined.

#### **Establishment of Classes**

Once student preferences have been entered by students, the Principal will determine which classes will operate and which will not. Except in unusual circumstances, decisions not to run a course will not be reversed.

Students will be interviewed if a particular course does not run and they will be required to make another selection. The Careers Adviser may again be involved with students at this point. Students will already have indicated some reserve preferences on their subject selection submissions.

Whilst every effort will be made to ensure a minimum of issues for students, it is not possible to give all students their preferences. Any students who have a clash of courses will be interviewed, the clashes resolved and appropriate alternative choices made.

At this point, subject selections are firm. Students will not be permitted to change classes, except under exceptional circumstances until Week 3 of the new year in consultation with the Deputy Principal.

#### **Change of Course**

There will be occasions when students wish to change subjects. Year 11 will have limited opportunity to change courses. This will be early in Term 1 (approximately Week 3). The process will be advertised to students via Daily Notices and/or student email. Change requests will be

collated digitally by the Timetable team and will go through an approval process with the Deputy Principal. Any course changes will be done on a first in, best-dressed basis and can only be processed where classes have capacity and within existing line/curriculum structures.. Where necessary students will receive additional counselling regarding their educational options.

Students should undertake the following steps:

- consult the Careers Adviser who will assess whether the changes meet the requirements of NESA and tertiary institutions. If these requirements are met, the Careers Adviser will advise the continuation of the process.
- discuss the proposed changes with the teacher and Head Teacher of all Faculties involved.
- get approval for the changes in writing from parents or carers on the *Change of Subject* form.

For changes after this time, students will need to complete a *Change Request Form* which will be signed by a parent Students cannot change until all relevant sections of the *Change Request* form have been completed and registered with the Deputy Principal who will make the required changes to the school records and notify NESA. Changes do not occur until the form has been received by the Deputy Principal.

Changes cannot occur after the first few weeks of Year 11 due to assessment requirements as well as mandatory hours of study as required for successful completion of the Year 11 course by NESA.

#### Fees

Some courses attract fees. Fees (if applicable) are outlined with each course and are for **each year** of the course (i.e. the fee will be charged in **both** year 11 and year 12) unless otherwise indicated.

#### HONESTY AND INTEGRITY IN THE HSC

Students are expected to uphold the NESA credential by working with honesty and integrity in the HSC. Students who engage in malpractice expose themselves to the following consequences:

- receiving zero marks for an assessment task
- having an HSC course withheld
- being deemed ineligible for the award of the HSC
- school imposed additional sanctions, eg withholding your reference.

#### ALL MY OWN WORK

To be eligible for a HSC all students must complete the *HSC: All My Own Work* program or its equivalent. The program is designed to help HSC students to follow the principles and practices of good scholarship. This includes understanding and valuing ethical practices when locating and using information as part of their HSC studies.

The program will be delivered in Semester 2 of Year 10. All modules must be completed to a satisfactory level before a student is deemed to have completed the program.