

YEAR 10 2022



Decision time for Accelerated Subject Selection for 2022





COVID-19 Restrictions

- Due to COVID 19 restrictions, the subject selection information evening is unable to be conducted in the traditional format and the online process will replace it for 2021.
- Students have been provided with their 2022 subject selection information booklet.
- Head Teachers have provided students with subject specific information to support their subject selections.
- Any questions that require clarification can be answered by myself or Year 9 Year Advisor, Ms Bennet.



Stages of Learning

Stage 4 – Years 7 and 8



Stage 5 – Years 9 and 10



Stage 6 – Year 11 and 12





Stage 5

Mandatory NESA Requirements

- › **English, Mathematics and Science** in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10. By the end of Year 10 all students must complete 400 hours in each of these subjects.
- › **Human Society and Its Environment (HSIE)** – In Stage 5 (Years 9–10) all students study 100 hours each of Australian History and Australian Geography. (Humanities and Social Science)
- › **Personal Development, Health and Physical Education (PDHPE)** - All students study PDHPE in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10. By the end of Year 10 all students must complete 300 hours of PDHPE.
- › A minimum of 1 elective study of 200 hrs.

NESA requires all students completing a HSC to demonstrate the ability to meet a minimum standard in Literacy and Numeracy.

All MHS students will have scheduled opportunities to undertake mandatory online testing during Year 10.



How is Stage 6 Different ?

- Autonomy
- Empowerment
- Responsibility
- Self – Management
- High Potential Gifted Students are exposed to a more advanced curriculum to learn at an accelerated pace





Stage 5

Course / Subject	Yr 9 2021 Periods / fortnight	Yr 10 2022 Periods / fortnight
English	7	8
Mathematics	8	8
Science	7	8
History	4	4
Geography	4	4
PDHPE	4	5
200 hour elective	6	6
Academic Enrichment - IBL	6	0
100 hour elective	6	0
Accelerated Course	0	8
Careers	0	1
Sport	4	4
Totals	56	56



Future Pathways

Year 10

- Mandatory studies
- 200hr stage 5 elective
- 1 x accelerated course
- Commence HSC course Term 4 2022.

Year 11

- Completion of 2 Units of accelerated HSC course
- 10 units - 5 other Year 11 courses

Year 12

- Completion of 10 Units of HSC course

It is expected that all students at Merewether High School will present a minimum of 12 HSC units to NESA. (2 Accelerated 2023 + 10 Units 2024)



Year 11 Course Acceleration





Wise course Selections

Consider your:

- Strengths
- Needs
- Interests
- Abilities

Select courses you like or think you would enjoy studying.

Give some consideration to prerequisite University Study – See Mrs Abbo, UAC guide or University website.





Don't select a course because...

- Your friends are doing that course
- It is rumoured...
- You think a particular teacher may teach that course
- Mum / Dad / Brother / Sister / someone you know did that course





Your Own HSC

so aim for your

PERSONAL
best

Learning Experiences and Skills developed throughout Year 10 and in your accelerated course will underline success in your HSC

Reflect on your learning strengths and plan to move forward

Remember we focus on a growth mindset and continually striving to improve yourself as a learner



Courses to be offered

- Page 2 of your curriculum booklet – overview
- Details for each course are listed on a full page overview.
- Ask specific questions of the Teaching staff – do not assume!





Moving forward towards your HSC 2023/24

- Minimum **12 units** of Year 11 Course study (2 units of acceleration 2022 and 10 in 2023)
- 2 units of English - mandatory
- No more than 7 units of Science courses
- Minimum 10 units of HSC study
- At MHS we expect all students to present a minimum of 12 Units for the HSC (2 Accelerated HSC 2023 + 10 studied HSC 2024)



There is No Ideal Pattern of Study

Some of Our 99+ ATAR

English – Adv, Ext 1 and Ext 2 Legal Studies Biology Modern History Mathematics Studies Religion 1 Business Studies (Accelerated)	English -Adv, Ext 1 Legal Studies Ancient History General Maths Studies Religion Society and Culture (Accelerated)	English - Adv Mathematics Mathematics Ext1 Physics Chemistry Food Technology Society and Culture (Accelerated)
15 units	13 units	13 units



High Quality Overall Achievements

- 9 students in 2020 achieved an ATAR above 99
- 2 Students first in course (Ancient History and French Beginners)
- 12 students were on the State High Achievers list (10 units Band 6 results)
- 11 students with state rankings, (Physics, Chemistry, Engineering Studies, Software Design and Development, Food Technology, Mathematics Advanced)
- Students achieved 290 Band 6s and 464 Band 5's
- 100% of our students received a first round offer for University!



Dispelling the Myths

Some courses “Scale” better than others?



The course does not score well, **YOU** do.
To score well, you must do well.



Scaling

The scaling process is designed to encourage students to take the courses for which they are best suited and which best prepare them for their future studies. The underlying principle is that a student should neither be advantaged nor disadvantaged by choosing one HSC course over another.

What students' marks would have been if all courses had been studied by all students.



[Report on the Scaling of the 2020 NSW HSC \(uac.edu.au\)](https://uac.edu.au)



HSC Success...

Good course selection



Consistent effort and application.
HSC assessment commences in Term 4 2022.



Eligibility to sit for the HSC

Students must have completed

All My Own Work

NESA Program

“Ethical Scholarship”

*Students will complete this in Term 4 2021 in their
Academic Enrichment IBL classes.*



What courses will run ?

- This depends on your selections.
- The number of students selecting a course determines whether or not the course is included as part of the line structure.
- Original choices are critical.



Line Pattern

is NOT predetermined

At Merewether High School, student choice determines the curriculum





Where to from here...

- Details of online selections are contained on page 30 of the curriculum information booklet issued to students.
- All students will be emailed a link and a unique access code to lodge choices online (see page 30).
- Students are required to select **2 Units for acceleration (1 course) and include 2 units (1 course) as a reserve choice. They are also asked to include their current 200 hr elective.**
- Once complete, student selections need to be printed and require a parent signature before being placed in the box outside Mr Horrell's office by Friday 6th August 2021.

NEXT?



Students will receive an email with the link to their online Subject Selection form <https://spring.edval.education/login> , along with a personal webcode to lodge their selections.

All Year 9 students will need to select an Accelerated subject as preference 1, their current 200Hr elective and a reserve Accelerated subject as their second preference.

Yr10 elects

Main Units	Subject	Units
Accelerated Subject Preference 1	No selection	0
Current 200Hr Elective	No selection	0
		Total 0

Reserve Units	Subject	Units
Accelerated Subject Preference 2	No selection	0
		Total 0

Cancel Submit

Notes

All Year 9 students are required to select one Accelerated or Early Commencement course and one reserve choice. This course will be studied across Year 10 (Year 11 Course) and Year 11 (HSC Course).

Rules

In addition, students are asked to select their current 200hr Elective, which will they will continue into Year 10.



Course Specific Questions?

Students should speak to Teachers and Head Teachers if they have any course specific questions.



If further support or guidance is required please email me at Jane.crooks1@det.nsw.edu.au