



Curriculum Information Session

YEAR 7 2021

Decision time Year 8 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 are able to provide students with subject specific information to support their subject selections.
- Any questions that require clarification can be answered by myself or Year 7, Year Advisor Mr Jones.



# Stages of Learning

Stage 4 – Years 7 and 8



Stage 5 – Years 9 and 10



Stage 6 – Year 11 and 12





# 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.
- › **Creative Arts** - All students study 100-hour courses in each of Visual Arts and Music.
- › **Human Society and Its Environment (HSIE)** – In Stage 4 (Years 7–8) all students study 100-hour courses in each of History and Geography. In Stage 5 (Years 9–10) all students study 100-hours each of Australian History and Australian Geography.
- › **Language** - *All students must study 100 hours in one language over one continuous 12-month period at some stage during Years 7–10.*
- › **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.
- › **Technological and Applied Studies (TAS)** - All students study Technology (mandatory) for 200 hours, usually in Stage 4 (Years 7–8.)



# Future Pathways

- > **Year 9 – mandatory studies plus:**
  - Academic Enrichment – Inquiry Based Learning
  - 1 x 200 hr elective study
  - 1x 100 hr elective study
  
- > **Year 10 – mandatory studies plus:**
  - 1 x 200 hr elective study
  - 1 x accelerated Year 11 course
  
- > **Year 11**
  - Completion of 2 Units of accelerated HSC course
  - 10 units - 5 other Year 11 courses
  
- > **Year 12**
  - Completion of a minimum of 10 Units of HSC course

Where does this lead ?

More detail on this will be shared as students progress through the relevant stages of learning



# Your Own Learning Journey

Learning Experiences and Skills developed throughout your time at Merewether High School will underline success and provide enjoyment and opportunity.

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



# At Merewether High School we value choice

Choice in curriculum enhances student learning outcomes. It promotes:

Engagement

Relevance

Significance

Caters for Passion

Expression of Talents

Extension Opportunities

and Challenge







# Languages other than English

- › ***All students must study 100 hours in one language over one continuous 12-month period at Merewether High School this occurs in Year 8.***
- › Mandatory language study is about skill development in a language other than English.
- › The Languages faculty will be offering Japanese, for the mandatory Languages program in 2022.







# Elective Choices

- Students will study 2 electives in Year 8 2022
- 1 elective will be completed in Terms 1 & 2 (Semester One)
- 1 elective will be completed in Terms 3 & 4 (Semester Two)



# About these courses...

- All electives meet high standards of academic rigour
- All electives have the opportunity for students to participate in some form of external competition, performance or display of work.
- All courses are designed to lead into Stage 5 learning across core curriculum areas.
- No electives are specific prerequisite studies for Stage 5 or Stage 6 courses.



# 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!





# Courses on offer...

- › Commerce
- › Community and Family Studies
- › Design and Technology
- › Drama
- › Engineering studies
- › Food Technology
- › Oceanography
- › History
- › Music performance
- › Sports Studies
- › PASS - Football
- › Textile Technology
- › Visual Arts1- Cartooning and Animation



# What to consider in making wise course selections

- Your strengths/academic profile.
- Needs
- Interests
- Abilities

Most importantly,

select courses you like or think you would enjoy studying



# Don't select a course because....

- Your friends are doing that course
- It is rumoured to .....
- Mum / Dad / Brother / Sister did that course

Class teachers, Faculty Head  
Teachers and Senior Executive  
will help guide you!



Experience shows us that the keys to ongoing student success include....

*Good course selection*

*Effort and application*







# Elective Course Fees

Our programs must be resourced to operate effectively

The school incorporates into its planning the expectation that course fees will be paid

*Any problems – confidentially contact your Deputy Principal*





# 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.





If your initial selections fit the pattern  
we are able to offer



If your selections are *NOT* compatible...

We will meet with you and discuss a  
suitable selection from the established  
line pattern.



## Year 8 2022 Online Selections

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

All Year 7 students will need to select three electives in order of preference using the drop down menus.

Yr8 elects

Main Units	Subject	Units
Elective Preference 1	No selection	0
Elective Preference 2	No selection	0
		Total 0

Reserve Units	Subject	Units
Elective Preference 3	No selection	0
		Total 0

Cancel Submit

Notes

All Year 7 students are required to choose THREE electives in order of preference. From these elective preferences, one elective will be allocated for study in Semester 1 and one for study in Semester 2.



Don't forget to print a copy of your choices and have a parent or carer sign and date this printout. The signed copy must then be placed in the white box outside Mr Horrell, the Head Teacher Administrations office by Friday, 6th August 2021.

Student name: Peter Pan (Test student Yr8) (DUMMY!!)

Notes: Your choices are registered.

Submitted date: Thu 1 Jan 1970 10:00:00

**Main units**

Main Units	Subject	Units
BVArtCart	Cartooning and Animation	1
BVArtCer	Ceramics	1

Total units: 4

**Reserve units**

Reserve Units	Subject	Units
BComm	Commerce	1

Total units: 1

Parent/Carer Signature: ..... Date: ...../...../.....



Head Teachers are available to answer course specific questions.  
Students are able to visit staffrooms and ask the relevant teachers/head teachers any questions they have.



**Remember to choose your preferences wisely.**

If further support or guidance is required please email me at  
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