



ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE

HUNTERS HILL

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SENIOR ENROLMENT AND SUBJECT SELECTION PROCESS YEAR 11, 2022

Dear Parents and Carers of Year 10 Students,

Year 10 students are faced with the important task of deciding their immediate future in relation to the path they will choose with their education. For most students, this will involve an additional two years of senior study, so the time ahead is important as they make decisions about which courses to study. This letter is intended to provide you with pertinent information about the comprehensive process that will help your son make appropriate decisions about his senior schooling and course selection.

Subject Selection Process

A variety of activities have been arranged by the College to assist your son in making the best choices for his senior schooling. We believe that these activities are essential in providing students and their parents/carers with the most up-to-date information about the next few years, including the requirements for the award of the Higher School Certificate.

Career Avenues – Career Profiling report

Your son has completed a series of career profiling assessments and a formal interview organised by the College's Careers Department. The aim of this program is to stimulate students' thinking about careers, and to help students identify some potentially compatible career pathways that suit their strengths and interests. We see this as a crucial activity for our students. All students in Year 10 should now have a Career Avenues Career Profile Report, which they should use to continue their career research, planning and career decision making. The report is also a valuable tool for students in the subject selection process as it highlights areas of strength and possible career options, as well as the skills and knowledge they can develop for their future career pathways.

Careers Exploration Program

During Term Three, your son will be involved in a Careers Exploration Program led by the College Careers Counsellor, Mr Rob Cousins. As part of this program, students will complete a series of activities designed to assist in the process of thinking about careers and in making appropriate course selections for their Preliminary and HSC patterns of study. This year, these sessions will include strategies that assist students to research their career planning further, as well as valuable tools that help students develop knowledge about specific career pathways. There is also information including industry demographics, courses, and training, as well as alternative career pathways such as apprenticeships.

Students will receive copies of the **Year 10 Guide to HSC Subject Selection for University Entry 2024 Edition** and **University Entry Requirements 2024**. These are produced by the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) detailing requirements for all courses studied at all NSW and ACT universities. An electronic copy of the second publication is available through <http://www.uac.edu.au/schoolink/year-10.shtml> Another useful source of information is the NESA website. This site contains a great deal of relevant information about how the Higher School Certificate works, including a section for parents. The link for this section of the **NSW Standards and Education Authority** website is: <http://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/11-12/hsc/subject-selection>

Student research into subject offerings

Included with this email is a PDF of the Subject Selection Handbook and an Academic Newsletter from your son's Academic Coordinator, Dr Fenech. The newsletter outlines the various stages and activities as well as important dates along the subject selection process at St Joseph's College. The handbook is very comprehensive, in particular, providing a course-by-course outline to assist you and your son to be as informed as possible in making their subject selections.

Subject Selection Student 'Market Day' – Tuesday 20 July 17 August 8:20am and Periods 1 & 2

Students will have the opportunity to witness a range of subject presentations, about various courses, in designated rooms, led by staff members of each department. Each presentation, of approximately 20 minutes, will be delivered up to 4 times. Students will be encouraged to attend sessions they are uncertain of studying but want to find out more. **This event is for students and teachers only.** It is hoped that your sons will be able to communicate their experiences to you prior to the Parent Information Evening.

Parent Information Evening

Another important phase of this subject selection process is the Parent Information Evening. Subject to any unforeseen COVID restrictions, this meeting will take place at 5:30pm on Friday 23 July in the Br Emilian Hall.

The boys are strongly encouraged to spend some time over the coming weeks to consider possible course selections via the NESA website: <http://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/11-12/Understanding-the-curriculum/syllabuses-a-z>

We look forward to working with you in partnership to prepare your son for senior study. As you can see, the processes provided by the College are very thorough and diverse in their nature. Please understand that it is impossible for Dr Fenech to meet with every parent on an individual basis. Nevertheless, please contact me or the Year 10 Academic Coordinator, Dr Mark Fenech, if you have any concerns or questions regarding course selections that cannot be answered for you in these documents or processes.

Yours Sincerely,

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