2017 Year 10 Course Information

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Introduction

This booklet is a resource for students and parents/guardians outlining the Year 10 Program at Pascoe Vale Girls College. Subject descriptions are available through Compass (under Community/School Documentation) and the College website.

Section 1. The Year 10 Course

1.1 The Year 10 course is made up of core and elective subjects.

- Core subjects: English/EAL, Mathematics, Science, Commerce Civics and the Law, and Physical Education
- Students also study 3 electives for the whole year:
  - 1 x 5 periods per week
  - 2 x 3 periods per week
- The electives are listed below in 1.2 and 1.3

1.2 Group A Elective subjects (5 periods x 1 elective)

All students must study one five period elective from the following list. Some of these subjects are VCE or VET subjects Units 1&2, whilst the others are not VCE subjects.

- VCE Biology
- VCE Business Management
- VCE Food Studies
- VCE Health and Human Development
- VCE Literature
- VCE Music
- VCE Physical Education
- VCE Psychology
- VCE Outdoor and Environmental Studies
- VET Hospitality
- VET Interactive Digital Media
- Computer Studies
- Lights, Camera, Humanities
- Literature
- Product Design and Technology
- Psychology
- Running Your Own Business
- Science in Action
- Studio Art
- Visual Communication

1.3 Group B Elective subjects (3 periods x 2 electives)

All students must study two three period electives from the following list:

- Arabic
- Creations
1.4 Selecting a VCE or VET elective

Students who select a VCE or VET subject must also complete a Year 10 Unit 1&2 or VCE or VET Application Form which will be available from the Middle School Office. This form must be submitted with your Elective Selection Form no later than Monday August 22.

Section 2. Additional requirements to accelerate to a Year 11 (Units 1 & 2) subject

2.1 Entry into Year 11 Unit 1&2 subject or VET study

Students are not guaranteed automatic entry into a Year 11 Unit 1&2 subject or VET study in Year 10 as their elective in Group A. To be considered for acceleration, a student must:

- have achieved highly in Year 9
- discuss subject possible subject choices with their teachers
- meet the requirements (prerequisites) of the subject

Other considerations:

- Classes are limited to 25 students.
- Every effort is made to give students their preference, but this is not always possible.
- Enrolment in VCE or VET subjects is dependent on the number of places available and results.

2.2 Application for VCE / VET Units 1 & 2

- If selecting a VCE or VET Unit 1&2 subject in 2017, a separate application form must be submitted with your elective selection form by the due date – Monday August 22.
- Application forms are available from the Middle School Office
- Students must meet the requirements on the application form
- VCE Biology and VCE Psychology selection also uses results from a Science Aptitude Test
• VCE Outdoor Education, VCE Food Studies, VET Hospitality, VET Interactive Digital Media have additional costs

2.3 Accountability requirements

To be selected for a VCE/VET elective, students must be prepared to meet the following:

• Regular class attendance
• Satisfactory completion of all subject outcomes
• Authenticity of student work

Section 3. Elective selection timeline and process

3.1 Key dates

• Wednesday 10th August – Student Information Assembly and distribution of course information
• Thursday 11th August – Year 9 Parent Information Evening
• Monday 22nd August – Subject selections due including applications for VCE or VET Unit 1&2

3.2 Before completing your elective selections

• Read the course handbook & subject descriptions on Compass and on the College website
• Discuss possible elective choices with your parents
  o What do you want to do after Year 12?
  o Which subjects do you enjoy and/or are best at?
• Parents should encourage their daughter to speak to her teachers
• Check out prerequisites for tertiary courses
• Make an appointment /email Ms Moloney – Vocational Education & Careers Co-ordinator moloney.kerry.l@edumail.vic.gov.au or contact her by phone - 9306 2544.

Section 4. Checklist

Have you done the following?

• Kept a record of your elective selections?
• When completing your elective form:
  o Print your name on both sides of the Elective Selection Form
  o If you have selected a VCE or VET subject, have you filled in the application form from the Middle School Office?
  o The Elective Selection Form must be signed by you and your parent/guardian before you hand it in.