

***2017***

***Year 9 Curriculum***

***and***

***Subject Selection Process***



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# MacKillop College Prayer

Creator God, today is your gift and your challenge.  
Open our hearts to the needs of others;  
Help us use today to make a difference to them  
and to our world.

Jesus, Word of God, model of what it is to be  
human.

May the words we speak bring understanding,  
peace and reconciliation.



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Spirit of God, source of freedom and joy.  
Shape our lives as you shaped the life of Mary  
MacKillop: Guide us to be, like her, your  
compassion and mercy.

St Joseph

**Guide us**

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop

**Pray for us**



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# *Overview*

- **Year 9 Curriculum**
  - Main Campus
  - St Mary's Campus
- **Subject Selection process**



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# *Core Subjects*

- Mathematics
  - Health and Physical Education
  - Languages
- Continued from Year 8



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# *Main Campus*

One semester course

- Core subjects
  - English, Maths, Health & Physical Education, Languages
- Select units from **3** of the **4** Learning Areas:
  - The Arts
  - Humanities
  - Science
  - Technology



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# *St Mary's Campus*

One semester course

- Subjects include
  - Integrated Studies
  - Mathematics
  - Languages
  - Health and Physical Education
  - Outdoor Education



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# *Integrated Studies*

Integrated Modules combine the curriculum from different

- general capabilities
- learning areas - English, Religious Education, Science, The Arts and Humanities (History) Geography
- Cross curricular priorities



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# ***Integrated Studies***

Involves

- learning through experience - inquiry based, negotiated and student centred
- applied and authentic learning experience
- actioning learning



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# *Expectations*

- general and academic expectations are the same
- the campus is well resourced e.g. ICT, local area
- excursion forms
  - need to be signed or students cannot participate in off-campus activities



# ***Outdoor Education***

## **Two compulsory Outdoor Education experiences**

- o St Mary's Campus Camp

*Completed as a part of SMC orientation – overnight stay*

- o Goulburn River system Canoe trip:

*Completed in conjunction with the Sustainability Unit  
(4 day trip)*



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# *Student Travel*

- morning:
  - Board bus from main campus after 8.35 am
  - Arrive at St Mary's after 8.50 am
- afternoon:
  - Board bus from St Mary's campus at 3.05 pm
  - Arrive main campus at 3.20 pm.
- students can be dropped off and picked up directly “but not preferred”



# Examples of Courses at Year 9



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# Example 1

Semester 1	Semester 2
Mathematics	
Health & Physical Education	
Language	
English	Outdoor Education
Learning Area #1	St Mary's Integrated Studies
Learning Area #2	
Learning Area #3	



# Example 2

Semester 1	Semester 2
Mathematics	
Health & Physical Education	
Language	
English	Outdoor Education
Science	St Mary's Integrated Studies
Technology	
The Arts	



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# Example 3

Semester 1	Semester 2
Mathematics	
Health & Physical Education	
Language	
Outdoor Education	English
St Mary's Integrated Studies	Humanities
	Technology
	Science





# Year 8 → Year 9

## Subject Selection



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# ***Completing Subject Selection Form***

- Read course booklet on College Website
- Complete [Subject Selection Form](#)
- Follow [Web Preferences Access Guide](#)
- Print the [Web Preference Receipt](#)
- Submit both forms to your Homeroom Teacher



# ***Enhanced Subjects at Year 9***

- [Mathematics \(Enhanced\)](#)
- [English \(Enhanced\)](#)
- Need to complete appropriate application form  
(see Ms Tamburro for advice)



# *Higher Study Eligibility*

- May study a Year 10 subject (500 mins)
- Time management is important
  - Will have to 'catch-up' with missed time
- Need to complete [Higher Study Application Form](#) (see Ms Tamburro for advice)



# *VCE Choices in 2018*

- Most students will complete 1 unit of VCE Religious Education
- For other VCE subjects, students must have a **80 % or above** for **all Learning Tasks** and for **all subjects** in Semester 1, Year 9 (2017)
- Consider if you need to complete a Year 10 subject whilst in Year 9



# *Attendance*

Consistent attendance at school is vital if students are to reach their potential

- **Year 7 → 10**

90 % attendance is required

- **VCE / VCAL**

95 % attendance required to pass the subject



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# Advice to students

- Keep selections broad, especially if unsure of your future pathway
- Select subjects:
  - Personal interest – not because of a friend
  - Known ability and past success in a particular area of study
  - Career aspirations



# Timeline

- Web preferences closes **Tuesday 23 August**
- Notification of subjects – Early Term 4
- No changes possible as classes are maximised



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