



SOME EXCITING SUBJECT OPTIONS FOR ACCELERATED STUDENTS AFTER COMPLETION OF YEAR 7

YEAR 8 ACCELERATED STUDENTS

– VCE SUBJECT OPTION

At the end of Year 8, students will have two new subject options available to them. The options are to do VCE Maths Methods and/or Pre Med VCE Science in addition to the regular Year 9 accelerated studies. Places in these subjects are limited and are only available on merit. Therefore the opportunity to do these subjects will depend on a student's performance throughout the year in Maths and Science, the results of the common test which is held during Term 4, and teacher recommendation. If your child is deemed suitable for these subjects, an offer will be made to you towards the end of Term 4. You will then need to let your Year 8 coordinator know if you are wishing to accept this offer.

YEAR 9 ACCELERATED

– YEAR 9 CHALLENGE

In addition to their regular studies all year 9 accelerated students participate in the Year 9 Challenge program. This program was introduced to assist in the transition of our Year 9 accelerated students to VCE. The program has 2 parts – PART ONE is scheduled for Term 3 and Part 2 for Term 4. The cost of this program is \$100 and was included on the Year 9 levy sheet.

OVERALL AIMS OF YEAR 9 CHALLENGE PROGRAM

- Challenge students both mentally and physically
- Develop team building, leadership and communication skills
- Improve decision making and communication skills
- Explore individual strengths, talents and interests with a view to broadening career options and post-secondary pathways
- Explore the world and work and life at University



SPECIFIC AIMS AND OBJECTIVES OF PART ONE OF THE PROGRAM

To help equip our students to make more appropriate choices about VCE

- To explore personal skills and talents
- To promote awareness of different career paths and profiles
- To explore a student's picture of the future and the influences that shape this picture
- To considers the role of fun in achieving health and relaxation
- To develop self confidence and awareness of personal potential
- To develop more effective study and time management skills
- To assist students with goal setting
- To administer AIM – S (Australian Interests Measure) test and analyse results.

PART 2 YEAR 9 CHALLENGE

Through a variety of physical activities students will be challenged in a week long program. They will be provided with opportunities to develop their leadership, team building and cooperation skills through a variety of challenging physical activities in both indoor and outdoor settings, including High Ropes course and sea kayaking.

YEAR 9 ACCELERATED PATHWAY OPTIONS

At the end of Year 9 accelerated students have a variety of pathways open to them. These pathways are laid out in the pathways document. These include completing

- Year 10, including the ACE program
- A partial Year 10 and partial VCE
- Full VCE



The choice of pathway depends on the student's performance in their Year 9 accelerated studies. Individual classroom teachers will recommend a child's suitability for VCE studies. In order for students to progress to a full VCE a good standard needs to be achieved in the following subjects –

English

Mathematics

Science

History

Geography

VCE studies require students to be well organised and to show considerable responsibility and initiative. Year 9 accelerated teachers during Semester 2 will be required to make recommendations about their students based on –

- Academic performance
- Ability to work independently
- Ability to meet deadlines and submit work on time
- Ability to be a cooperative class member and ability to listen to others viewpoints
- Ability to persevere with problems, complete tasks and submit and present work to a good standard.

Each student will be individually counselled regarding career and VCE options during the Term 3 after Part one of the Year 9 Challenge. Parents will be given advice at the VCE parent information evening and the Accelerated Parents Support group meetings held during Term 3. Parents are also invited to discuss any matters with the Year 9 coordinator, the Gifted coordinator or the Assistant Principal.

The table following is a diagrammatic summary of the pathways available:

PATHWAYS FOR ACCELERATED AND EXTENDED LEARNING PROGRAMS

Pathways within the program will be determined by performance, teacher recommendations and parent/student wishes

Y R	REGULAR	ACCELERATED	ACCELERATED
1	Regular Yr 7 Classes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parallel Selected entry classes designated Year 7 • Extra LOTE/Science and fewer Art/Craft periods • Classes may be differentiated on basis of maths ability/achievement or blocked for mathematics 	
2	Regular Year 8 Classes (core elective)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parallel selected entry classes designated Yr 8 • Classes may be differentiated on basis of maths ability/achievement or blocked for maths 	
3	Regular Year 9 Classes (core elective)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parallel selected entry classes designated Yr 9 • May take advanced access to VCE eg. Maths Methods & Pre Med VCE Science • Year 9 Challenge Program 	
DECISION POINT RE 2 YEAR OR 3 YEAR VCE			
		3 YR VCE	2 YR VCE
4	<u>Year 10 Regular</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Core English • Block Maths • Optional Units • Advanced Access to VCE Units (1&2) • ACE Year 10 Program 	<u>Year 11 (first year)</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some Yr 10 units and VCE Units 1 & 2 <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only VCE Units 1 & 2 <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mostly VCE Units 1 & 2 with some VCE Units 3 & 4 	<u>Year 11</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VCE Units 1 & 2 • Some VCE Units (3&4)
5	<u>Year 11</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VCE Units 1 & 2 • May do one VCE Unit 3 & 4 on teacher recommendation 	<u>Year 11 (second Year)</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VCE Units 1 & 2 • May do some units 3 & 4 	<u>Graduating Year Year 12</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VCE Units 3 & 4 • University Enhancement Programs at Monash or Melbourne University
6	<u>Graduating Year Year 12</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VCE Units 3 & 4 • University Enhancement Programs at Monash or Melbourne University 		