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Stage 6

Preliminary Course – Year 11, 2017

HSC Course – Year 12, 2018

HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATE COURSE BOOKLET

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Introduction

Year 10 Students,

Your choice of courses for Years 11 and 12 is one of the most important decisions you will make at school. It will have a significant influence on your success in the Higher School Certificate (HSC) and in your Record of School Achievement (RoSA). This in turn will have an important bearing on your chosen program of tertiary studies or career path following school.

Regardless of the many factors that will influence your choice of courses in the senior school, two overriding principles need to be stressed.

- **Choose courses that interest you and/or that you do well in.**
- **Bear in mind that the courses you choose make up *your* program of study – it is your commitment, not someone else's. Choose wisely and in your own interests.**

It is most important that course selections are made in the knowledge that your selection of a course does not guarantee a particular course will run in 2017-2018. The identification of courses that are eventually included in the 2017 timetable will depend on the availability of teachers and necessary resources. Please be aware that the availability of teaching staff and resource limitations may restrict the availability of some courses.

Through the North Shore Secondary Schools Partnership, a range of languages are being offered for study by Year 11 students in 2017 through shared course delivery. Please refer to pages 2 and 10 for these details.

This booklet has been prepared to assist you in making these important choices.

Sometimes students make decisions without seeking information from those who are able to provide it. If students want help, they are advised to discuss any relevant courses with teachers of the courses or subject area. The following teachers can provide assistance and guidance in course selections:

- **Head Teachers** of faculties will be able to give additional information on specific course content.
- **The Head Teacher Stage 6 (Ms Black)** completes all the administrative tasks associated with course selections. Her role is to advise on programs of HSC study and course requirements. She will provide advice and guidance and direct students to the relevant teachers for additional information. Ms Black will endeavour to satisfy students' course choices within the teaching and resource limitations referred to earlier.
- **The Head Teacher Secondary Studies (Ms Geary)** will provide information regarding The Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards NSW (BOSTES) requirements.

The administration of student course choices and any alterations or changes to selections, can **only** be completed through the Head Teacher Stage 6 (Ms Black) whose office is in the House (voicemail ext 139).

Apart from Head Teachers of faculties, the Head Teacher Stage 6 and the Head Teacher Secondary Studies, **HSC course information** is available through the **Careers Adviser (Ms Allen), your Year Advisers (Ms Downes and Mr Rees) and Home Group teachers**. The Careers Adviser will be able to give information on how students' course choices might help future employment prospects and entry to courses at University and TAFE. Year Advisers know students well and will discuss options and help with student course choices.

Stage 6 course selection meetings will be scheduled for all students with Year Advisers and the Careers Adviser. Home Group teachers will also be available to discuss course selections and program of HSC study, prior to the finalisation of students' expressions of interest.

This booklet has been designed to help you and your family to make appropriate and realistic decisions. The information provided is as current as possible from BOSTES. Updates are available from the BOSTES website: <http://www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au>.

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North Shore Secondary Schools Partnership (NS5)

Year 11 2017 Language courses offered through the NS5

In 2017, the NS5 are pleased to continue to offer an increased opportunity for our Year 11 students to study the Language of their choice through one of our partner schools. This allows students who may have chosen to study a language through Open High School, the opportunity to join a class hosted at one of the NS5 schools. This will provide the students with a greater level of face to face teaching and the opportunity to participate in a group learning environment and benefit from interacting with other students studying the chosen language. These courses allow students more freedom and flexibility to study a language course to fit with their other subject selections at their home school.

The Language courses listed below are all of the courses available for study across the NS5. Entry into these classes is contingent on place availability after preference is given to the home school's students. **Please note: Not every Language course is available at every school and your Language course may be hosted at any of the NS5 schools. By choosing a Language course it is important to understand that you may be studying this course at a school that is NOT your home school and in a class containing students from several of the NS5 schools and will be run as an offline course after normal school hours. You must also be aware that, as with all subject selections, your chosen course may not run in certain circumstances.** Interested students should select these courses as part of their school's selection process.

French Beginners

French Continuers

German Beginners

German Continuers

Spanish Beginners

Spanish Continuers

Japanese Beginners

Japanese Continuers

Chinese Beginners

Chinese Continuers

Chinese Heritage

Chinese Background Speakers

Yours sincerely
NS5 Curriculum Team

Senior Studies

Things to Think About

Be aware that studying in Years 11 and 12 is quite different from studies in Years 7-10. Examinations, essays, and the depth of thinking and analysis suddenly take on much greater significance. You must choose not only the right courses, but also the right level at which to study some of those courses. Many students find the move to Year 11 is a very significant change.

There are certain things that you need to have clearly in mind.

1. The award of the HSC will be based on the Higher School Certificate examinations and school based assessment in each course. It is therefore very important that you start strongly in the Preliminary HSC courses in order for you to establish a foundation for meeting the outcomes and assessment requirements of the HSC course.
2. You must develop a balanced approach to your studies, with a sensible mix of study and the other elements of your life.
3. Some students may be well advised to consider a TAFE or VET course in their pattern of study, which have a more vocational emphasis. The school provides some of these courses, other are completed at a TAFE college.
4. Key Competencies. HSC courses provide a context within which to further develop general competencies considered essential for the acquisition of effective, higher-order thinking skills necessary for further education, work and everyday life. These competencies are:
 - collecting, analysing and organising information
 - communicating ideas and information
 - planning and organizing activities
 - working with others and in teams
 - using technology

HSC: All My Own Work

HSC: All My Own Work is a program designed to help HSC students to follow the principles and practices of good scholarship. This includes understanding, valuing and using ethical practices when locating and using information as part of their HSC studies.

Students who have completed the program will also know about penalties for cheating and how to avoid malpractice when preparing their work for assessment.

All students complete this program prior to enrolment in Year 11 studies.

For more information, go to the BOSTES NSW website (www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au) and click on the HSC: All my own work icon.

What Types of Courses form the HSC curriculum?

There are different types of courses that you can select in Years 11 and 12.

Board Developed Courses

These courses are developed by the Board of Studies Teaching and Educational Standards NSW (BOSTES). There is a syllabus for each course which contains:

- the course objectives, structure, content and outcomes
- specific course requirements
- assessment requirements
- sample examination papers and marking guidelines
- the performance scale (except for Vocational Education and Training courses)

All students entered for the HSC are required to follow Board Developed course syllabuses. These courses are examined externally at the end of the HSC course and results may be used in the calculation of the Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR). The ATAR is used solely for entry into university courses.

Board Endorsed Courses

There are two types of Board Endorsed Courses – **Content Endorsed Courses** and **School Designed Courses**.

- Content Endorsed Courses (CECs) have syllabuses endorsed by BOSTES to cater for areas of special interest not covered in the Board Developed Courses. Most HSC VET (Vocational Education and Training) courses delivered by TAFE are Content Endorsed Courses.
- School Designed Courses are also Content Endorsed Courses, however, they are designed by individual schools to meet particular needs and BOSTES NSW subsequently endorses these. Currently there are no School Designed Courses offered at Killara High.

Some Board Endorsed Courses are one-year courses.

There is no external examination for any Content Endorsed Course or School Designed Course, but all Board Endorsed Courses form part of the Higher School Certificate pattern of study and appear on your Record of Achievement. Board Endorsed Courses and School Designed Courses **are not included** in the calculation of the ATAR.

Vocational Education and Training (VET) Courses – either Board Developed or Board Endorsed:

- Vocational Education and Training (VET) courses are offered as part of the Higher School Certificate. They enable students to study courses which are relevant to industry needs and have clear links to post-school destinations. These courses allow students to gain both Higher School Certificate qualifications and industry-recognised accreditation as part of the Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF). This framework is recognised across Australia and helps students to move easily between the various education and training sectors and employment. **VET courses each have a specific workplace component and a minimum number of hours students spend in the workplace or a simulated workplace at school.** Students receive special documentation showing the competencies gained.

What are Units?

All courses offered for the Preliminary and HSC Courses have a unit value. Courses may have a value of 1 unit or 2 units. Most courses are 2 units in value.

Each unit involves class time of approximately 3 periods per cycle (60 hours per year). Two unit courses therefore have 6 periods per cycle. In the HSC examination each unit has a value of 50 marks. Hence a 2 unit course has a value of 100 marks.

At Killara High School

A cycle = 2 weeks

2 units = 6 periods per cycle = 100 marks

The following descriptions explain the differences in Preliminary and HSC courses described as 2 unit, 1 unit or extension courses.

2 Unit Course

- This is the basic structure for most courses. It has a value of 100 marks.

1 Unit Course

- 1 unit equals approximately 2 hours of class time each week or 60 hours per year minimum.
- Studies of Religion, is offered as a 1 unit Preliminary and HSC course and is completed in one year.
- Sport, Lifestyle and Recreation Studies and Photography, Video and Digital Imaging can each be undertaken as a 1 unit Preliminary course only. These courses are included as units towards the award of the Preliminary Record of Achievement. However they are not included in the ATAR.

Extension Course (1 unit value)

- Extension study is available in a number of courses. Extension courses build on the content of the 2 unit course and require students to work beyond the standard of the 2 unit course. Extension courses are available in English, Mathematics, History, Music, some Languages and VET.
- Students who wish to study extension courses must have **demonstrated an interest and competence** in the courses concerned.
- English and Mathematics Extension Courses are available at Preliminary and HSC levels. Students must study the Preliminary extension course in these courses before proceeding to the two HSC extension courses (Extension 1 and Extension 2). The Extension 2 course requires students to work beyond the standard of the Extension 1 course.
- HSC extension courses in courses other than English and Mathematics are offered and examined in the HSC year only.

Students studying Extension 2 courses or multiple Extension 1 courses

Withdrawal from a course if a student is enrolled in one Extension 2 course or multiple Extension 1 courses.

A student must continue with 11 units until the final assessment before the trial is completed and it is determined that the student will achieve with 10 units. At the point of withdrawal from a course the student must have completed more than 50% of the course assessments. The student must seek approval from the Head Teacher of the extension course(s) prior to discontinuing another course which will result in the student completing a pattern of study with ten units only.

The Record of School Achievement

As determined and administered by The Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards NSW

Students will be required to comply with the entry requirements, course restrictions and the rules and regulations set down by the Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards NSW (BOSTES).

BOSTES expects that each student will:

- have a satisfactory record of **attendance, conduct** and **progress**.
- **study appropriate courses** approved by the Board (**minimum number of 12 units**).
- **complete the requirements of each course**, including any necessary oral, practical or project work and class work.
- have made a genuine attempt at all tasks required as part of the **assessment program** in each course.
- **sit for any examination** set as part of the course.

Satisfactory completion of the Preliminary course (or its equivalent) is a **prerequisite for entry into the HSC course**. Students will be eligible for a Record of School Achievement (RoSA) upon completion of the Preliminary Course or if they choose to leave school. The RoSA will:

- be a record of the full range of student achievements right up to the day they do their HSC or leave school
- provide an electronic record of achievements that students can use at any time
- use assessment by teachers in schools, moderated by BOSTES to ensure reliability and fairness of grades
- provide the capacity to record vocational courses and students' vocational experiences as well as citizenship and leadership achievements such as First Aid courses, community languages courses and progress through the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme

The Higher School Certificate

As determined and administered by The Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards NSW

To be eligible for the award of this certificate, students will be required to comply with the entry requirements, the course restrictions and the rules and regulations set down by BOSTES.

To gain this award, it is expected that each student:

- must have satisfactorily completed courses that meet the pattern of study required by BOSTES for the award of the Higher School Certificate. **This includes the completion of the practical, oral or project works required for specific courses and the assessment requirements for each course.**
- must have sat for and **made a genuine attempt** at the Higher School Certificate examinations.

- must study a **minimum of 12 units in the Preliminary course** and a **minimum of 10 units in the HSC course**. Both the Preliminary course and the HSC course must include the following:
 - at least **6 units from Board Developed Courses** including at least **2 units** of a Board Developed Course in **English** (excluding English Studies)
 - at least **three courses of 2 units** value or greater
 - at least **four subjects**

You can only study **one** Industrial Technology course.

At most, 6 units of courses in Science can contribute to Higher School Certificate eligibility.

The BOSTES publication, *Studying for the New South Wales Higher School Certificate – An Information Booklet for Year 10 Students*, contains all the HSC rules and requirements you will need to know.

Post-Secondary Studies

To qualify for university entrance students must choose at least ten units of Board Developed Courses.

Entry into university courses in NSW and ACT depends on the Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR). The ATAR for every student who completes the necessary pattern of study is **calculated by the University Admissions Centre NOT** by BOSTES.

Apart from the ATAR, institutions will set their own admission requirements. These may be in the form of:

(i) **Assumed Knowledge**

A number of tertiary courses are taught assuming that you have a certain level of prior knowledge. You will not be excluded from doing a course if you do not have the ASSUMED KNOWLEDGE, but you will probably have difficulty coping with the course. You may have to complete a bridging course or an introductory course if you have not studied the appropriate level at HSC.

(ii) **Special Criteria**

Some tertiary courses may use other criteria to select students. For example:

- Interview
- Auditions
- Portfolios of design or art work
- Application forms
- Questionnaire
- Relevant work experience

No attempt to summarise assumed knowledge, prerequisites and matriculation requirements has been made. Each student is requested to discuss his or her courses and the suitability of these courses to intended tertiary study with the Careers Advisers. Students should also check requirements in the University Admissions Centre handbooks available from the Careers Office.

It must be understood that it is the responsibility of parents and students to ascertain the requirements for entry to university courses.

There are also many TAFE courses available. Information about TAFE courses is available from the Careers Office or local newsagencies. Whilst TAFE does not require any specific courses as prerequisites they may regard certain courses more favourably particularly if they have relevance to an intended course.

The Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR)

What is the ATAR?

- The current university ranking system is the ATAR (Australian Tertiary Admission Rank).
- The highest rank is an ATAR of 99.95.
- The ATAR will indicate a student's position in relation to the Year 7 students they began high school with.

The Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) is based on an aggregate of scaled marks in ten units of Board Developed Courses comprising:

- the best two units of English; and
- the best eight units from the remaining units, subject to the provision that **no more than two** units of Category B* courses be included.
- a student must have **eight** units of Category A* courses.

The booklet, *University Entry Requirements 2017 - Year 10 Booklet*, published by the Universities Admission Centre (UAC), contains important information about entry to university courses, course prerequisites and other information to assist your choice of HSC courses for study in Years 11 and 12 in preparation for university entry.

Students elect to receive an ATAR. If you do not wish to receive an ATAR, some of your courses may be made up from Board Endorsed Courses once you have studied six units from Board Developed Courses.

Important Things to Know:

The Record of School Achievement (RoSA) and the Higher School Certificate (HSC) are awarded and issued by BOSTES.

The ATAR is calculated by the universities in NSW and the ACT and is issued by the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC). (BOSTES only provides the statistics to the UAC.)

Whereas the HSC serves many purposes, the ATAR serves only one – to assist universities in ranking school leaver applicants for tertiary selection. The ATAR should not be used for other purposes.

The ranking of students depends solely on their achievement in the HSC course.

Category A and Category B Courses

Board Developed courses that have formal examinations are classified by the universities as Category A or Category B courses. The universities prefer to use the categorisation method to determine entry to tertiary courses and have tried to keep formal prerequisites to a minimum.

The criteria for Category A courses are academic rigour, depth of knowledge, the degree to which the course contributes to assumed knowledge for tertiary studies, and the coherence with other courses included in the ATAR calculations.

Category B courses are those where, while the level of cognitive and performance demands are not regarded as satisfactory in themselves, their contribution to a selection index is regarded as adequate if the other courses included in the aggregate are more demanding.

At present there are few Category B courses. The rules allow you to include up to two units of Category B courses in the calculation of your ATAR.

Language Courses

Students wishing to study Japanese Heritage, Japanese Background Speakers, Korean Heritage or Korean Background Speakers courses may pursue these through the Saturday School of Community Languages. Students must see Mrs Helga Lam, Head Teacher Languages, for an application form.

Students wishing to study languages not listed here should refer to the NS5 Partnership information about language courses, located on page 2.

Students choosing a Beginners, Continuers or Heritage language course must complete an eligibility assessment before they will be accepted into the course.

See Mrs Lam for further information.

Courses Offered at Killara High School

HSC Board Developed Courses

Note: See course notes following this table for explanation of symbols

Preliminary & HSC Courses	Units	Preliminary Extension Courses (1 Unit)	HSC Extension Courses (1 Unit)	Exclusions	Category B (1 only for ATAR)
Aboriginal Studies ⁴	2				
Ancient History	2		History Extension ¹		
Biology ²	2			Preliminary Senior Science	
Business Studies	2				
Chemistry ²	2			Preliminary Senior Science	
Chinese Beginners	2			Chinese Continuers	
Chinese Continuers	2				
Community & Family Studies ⁴	2				
Construction	2				Yes
Design and Technology ⁴	2				
Drama ⁴	2				
Earth and Environmental Science ²	2			Preliminary Senior Science	
Economics	2				
Engineering Studies	2				
English Standard	2			Advanced, ESL, Extension	
English Advanced	2	Preliminary English Extension	English - Extension 1 and Extension 2 ⁴	Standard, ESL, Fundamentals	
English as a Second Language	2			Standard, Advanced, Extension	
Food Technology	2				
French Beginners	2			French Continuers	
French Continuers	2		French Extension	French Beginners	
Geography	2				
German Beginners	2			German Continuers	
German Continuers	2		German Extension	German Beginners	
Hebrew (Modern) Continuers	2				
Hospitality (VET) (240 hours)	2			Hospitality (120 hours)	Yes
Industrial Technology ⁴ (Multimedia Industries)	2			Industrial Technology (Timber Products & Furniture Industries)	

Preliminary & HSC Courses	Units	Preliminary Extension Courses (1 Unit)	HSC Extension Courses (1 Unit)	Exclusions	Category B (1 only for ATAR)
Industrial Technology ⁴ (Timber Products & Furniture Industries)	2			Industrial Technology (Multimedia Industries)	
Information Processes and Technology	2				
Japanese Beginners	2			Japanese Continuers	
Japanese Continuers	2		Japanese Extension	Japanese Beginners/ Background Speakers	
Legal Studies	2				
General Mathematics	2			Mathematics	
Mathematics	2	Preliminary Mathematics Extension 1	Mathematics Extension 1 and Extension 2	General Mathematics	
Metal and Engineering	2				Yes
Modern History	2		History Extension ¹		
Music 1 ^{3 4}	2			Music 2	
Music 2 ^{3 4}	2		Music Extension	Music 1	
Personal Development, Health, Physical Education	2				
Physics ²	2			Preliminary Senior Science	
Senior Science ²	2			Other Preliminary Science	
Society and Culture ⁴	2				
Software Design and Development ⁴	2				
Studies of Religion	1			Studies of Religion II	
Textiles & Design ⁴	2				
Visual Arts ⁴	2				

HSC Content Endorsed Courses

Preliminary & HSC Courses	Units	Preliminary Extension Courses (1 Unit)	HSC Extension Courses (1 Unit)	Exclusions	Category B
English Studies	2				Not included in ATAR
Photography, Video and Digital Imaging	1 (Prelim)				Not included in ATAR
Sport, Lifestyle and Recreation Studies	1 (Prelim)				Not included in ATAR
Work Studies	2				Not included in ATAR

HSC Course Notes

These notes and footnotes refer to the list of courses and should be clearly understood when making course choices for the Preliminary and HSC Courses

- Students studying Industrial Technology (Metal and Engineering Industries) are not permitted to study courses relating to the Metal and Engineering Industry Framework.

- There is only one History Extension Course. It can be studied with either the Ancient History Course or the Modern History Course.
- Students may not include any more than 6 units of the following Science courses: Biology, Chemistry, Earth & Environmental Science, Physics and Senior Science in meeting the 12 Preliminary or 10 HSC units. The course, Senior Science, may not be taken as a Preliminary course with any of the above Science courses but can be studied as an HSC course instead of any of the other science courses if Preliminary course requirements in that course have been met.
- Students must study Music Course 2 if you wish to study HSC Extension Music.
- A number of courses include a requirement for **the development of project work for either internal or external assessment**, for example, Visual Arts, Drama, Design and Technology, Community & Family Studies, Software Design and Development and Society and Culture. Projects developed for assessment in one course are not to be used either in full or in part for assessment in any other course.

Additional information about courses and the new HSC is available on the BOSTES website:

<http://www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au>

Pathways to the Award of a Higher School Certificate

Accumulation

Students may accumulate their HSC over a period of up to five years for medical or other reasons, rather than in the one year, which is the usual practice.

Repeating Courses

It is possible for a student to repeat individual courses, if they so desire, rather than repeat the whole HSC. There are advantages and disadvantages involved, so please seek further advice from the Head Teacher Stage 6, Head Teacher Secondary Studies, your Year Advisers or Careers Adviser.

Accelerated Progression

Accelerated progression is possible for a student who can clearly demonstrate the achievement of Board syllabus outcomes in a particular course in advance of other students in their cohort and for whom acceleration is not expected to be prejudicial, socially or emotionally. Within each course, acceleration should generally occur at the highest level course available.

For further information on any of the above, please ask Ms Black.

Board Developed Category A Courses

These are courses for which BOSTES develops a syllabus, setting out the aims, objectives, outcomes, structure and content.

Board Developed Courses are all delivered at school.

Most Board Developed HSC courses, including the VET Framework courses, may contribute to the calculation of the ATAR.

Board Developed Course

What will I be doing in this course?

The Preliminary course is structured for students to investigate:

- People, groups, events, institutions, societies and historical sites from the ancient world
- Archaeological and written evidence and the methods used by historians and archaeologists.

It covers:

Part I: Investigating the Past; History, Archaeology and Science: This includes at least one Case Study, drawn from topics such as Tutankhamun, the Trojan War and Boudicca.

Part II: Ancient Societies, Sites and Sources: Options include the study of Thera, Persepolis and the City of Rome; the Development of Ancient Greece, Sparta and Athens and Ancient Rome.

Part III: Historical Investigation

In the HSC course, students use archaeological and written evidence to investigate a Personality, an Ancient Society and a Historical Period.

Part I: Core: Cities of Vesuvius - Pompeii and Herculaneum

Part II: One Ancient Society – Minoans or Persia

Part III: One Personality in Their Times – Xerxes or Agrippina.

Part IV: One Historical Period – Greece, Rome or Persia.

Students who have successfully completed the Preliminary Course and continue studying an HSC Course in either Modern or Ancient History are eligible to attempt the HSC History Extension Course. The History Extension Course involves the study and evaluation of the ideas and processes used by historians to produce history. In Part I of the course, students investigate the question, "What is history?" through readings compiled in a source book and through one case study of a topic such as the Crusades or Appeasement. In Part II, students design, undertake and communicate a personal historical inquiry. Students must have good research skills and an independent approach to learning to be successful in this course.

What should I be able to do at the end of this course?

- Collect, analyse and organise information
- Communicate ideas and information clearly in both written and oral forms
- Plan and organise activities
- Work with others as part of a team
- Use appropriate information technologies
- Understand the influence of the ancient past on the present and the future
- Understand, value and respect different viewpoints, ways of living, beliefs and languages.

How will this course help me in the future?

The study of Ancient History provides students with knowledge, understanding and skills that form a valuable foundation for a range of courses at university and other tertiary institutions.

In addition, the study of Ancient History assists students to prepare for employment and full and active participation as citizens. In particular, there are opportunities for students to gain recognition in vocational education and training.

HSC History Extension will provide you with critical and reflective thinking skills that are essential for effective participation in work, higher learning and the broader community. In particular, the course will develop many higher order skills and methodologies that are of great value to students intending to undertake tertiary studies and are transferable between disciplines.

2 Units for each of Preliminary and HSC

Board Developed Course

Exclusion: Preliminary Senior Science

What will I be doing in this course?

Biology is the study of living organisms and life processes and interactions between organisms and their environment.

The Preliminary course incorporates the study of the mechanisms and systems that living things use to obtain, transport and use for their own growth and repair; biotic and abiotic features of the environment and the interdependence of organisms in an ecosystem; the evolution of life on Earth and the effects of global changes on the diversity of Australian biota during the formation of the Australian continent. The Preliminary course includes a field study related to local terrestrial and aquatic environments.

The Preliminary course covers:

- A Local Ecosystem
- Patterns in Nature
- Life on Earth
- Evolution of Australian Biota.

The HSC course builds upon the Preliminary course. It examines the processes and structures that plants and animals use to maintain a constant internal environment and the way in which the inheritance of characteristics are transmitted from generation to generation. The options cover a wide variety of interest topics and draw on developments in technology to examine areas of current research.

The HSC course core topics are:

- Maintaining a Balance
- Blueprint of Life
- The Search for Better Health.

And one option from: Communication; Biotechnology; Genetics: The Code Broken; The Human Story; Biochemistry.

Practical experiences should occupy a minimum of 80 hours of teaching time across both the Preliminary and HSC course and these will be assessed in practical exams and assignments.

What should I be able to do at the end of this course?

- Understand and critically appraise biological information
- Collect, analyse and organise information
- Apply skills in observation, manipulation and experimental design
- Work effectively as an individual and as a team member
- Appropriately use terminology and reporting styles to communicate information
- Solve problems relating to key biological concepts.

What else do I need to know about this course?

A materials fee applies to this course.

How will this course help me in the future?

Skills developed in Biology are useful in a range of courses studied at university and TAFE NSW, as well as in the workforce and everyday life.

When combined with Physics or Chemistry, Biology provides useful skills and knowledge for a range of careers including biological science, medical science, health, environmental science, food science, biotechnology and pharmacy.

2 Units for each of Preliminary and HSC

Board Developed Course

What will I be doing in this course?

Business Studies investigates the role, operation and management of businesses within our society. Factors in the establishment, operation and management of a small business are integral to this course. Students investigate the role of global business and its impact on Australian business. Students develop research and independent learning skills in addition to analytical and problem-solving competencies through their research projects, which investigate the operation of a small business.

In the Preliminary course students study:

- Nature of Business – the nature and role of business in a changing business environment
- Business Management – the nature and responsibilities of management in the business environment
- Business Planning – establishing and planning a small to medium enterprise.

The HSC course covers:

- Operations – strategies for effective operations management in large businesses
- Marketing – elements involved in the development and implementation of successful marketing strategies
- Finance – interpreting financial information in the planning and management of a business
- Human Resources – contribution of human resource management to business performance.

What should I be able to do at the end of the course?

- Understand the nature, role and structure of business
- Appreciate the functions, processes and operations of business
- Understand the role of effective business management
- Investigate, analyse and evaluate business issues
- Communicate business information using appropriate formats
- Apply Mathematical concepts appropriate to business situations
- Develop values and attitudes about ethical business behaviour and the social responsibility of business.

How will this course help me in the future?

The study of Business Studies provides students with knowledge, understanding and skills that form a valuable foundation for a range of courses at university and TAFE NSW as well as in the workforce and everyday life. Business Studies assists in understanding issues in current affairs. There are opportunities for students to gain credit transfer in certificate and diploma courses at TAFE NSW. Business Studies helps to prepare students for employment and full and active participation as citizens.

2 Units for each of Preliminary and HSC

Board Developed Course

Exclusion: Preliminary Senior Science

What will I be doing in this course?

Chemistry is the study of the physical and chemical properties of substances, with a focus on substances and their interactions. Chemistry attempts to provide chemical explanations and to predict events at the atomic and molecular level.

The Preliminary course develops a knowledge of atomic structure, chemical changes, rates of reaction and relationships between substances by focusing on increasing students' understanding of the Earth's resources, the development of increasingly sophisticated methods to extract and use metals, the importance of water on Earth and high energy carbon compounds. It covers: The Chemical Earth; Metals; Water; Energy.

The HSC course builds on the concepts developed in the Preliminary course, expanding on areas such as the search for new sources of traditional materials, the design and production of new materials, the type and effect of chemicals that have been released as a result of human technological activity and the way in which environmental problems could be reversed or minimised. The options cover a variety of interest topics and draw on the increased information and understandings provided by improved technology to examine areas of current research.

The HSC course core topics are: Production of Materials; The Acidic Environment; Chemical Monitoring and Management.

One option must be chosen from: Industrial Chemistry; The Biochemistry of Movement; Shipwrecks Corrosion and Conservation; The Chemistry of Art; Forensic Chemistry.

Practical experiences should occupy a minimum of 80 hours of teaching time across both the Preliminary and HSC course and these will be assessed in practical exams and assignments.

What should I be able to do at the end of this course?

- Understand and critically appraise basic concepts of chemistry
- Apply experimental skills in observation, manipulation, measurement and experimental design
- Use computers and data-loggers to access information
- Appropriately use terminology and reporting styles to communicate information
- Work effectively as an individual and as a team member.

What else do I need to know about this course?

A materials fee applies to this course.

How will this course help me in the future?

This course is highly recommended preparation for many science based tertiary courses. It is especially appropriate for students interested in chemistry, biochemistry, environmental sciences, medicine, health sciences, food science, metallurgy and chemical engineering.

2 Units for each of Preliminary and HSC

Board Developed Course

Exclusions: Chinese Continuers. Eligibility rules apply to the study of this subject. Check with your teacher or the Board's ACE Manual.

No knowledge of Chinese is required. Students who select this course must be beginners. Students who studied Chinese in Year 8 only are also eligible.

What will I be doing in this course?

In the Preliminary course, students will develop their knowledge and understanding of Chinese across a range of topics, relating to their personal world and the Chinese speaking community.

These will be explored through the integrated use of the four skills: listening, speaking, reading and writing. In the HSC course, students will continue to develop their knowledge and understanding of Chinese through the four skills. Study may cover new topics or more detailed treatment of topics previously studied. The external HSC will include a reading and writing paper and a listening and speaking examination.

What should I be able to do at the end of this course?

- Communicate on a personal level with native speakers of Chinese and travel in Chinese-speaking countries
- Participate fully in every-day life and tourist 'survival' situations like catching public transport, seeking medical attention and arranging accommodation
- Understand and appreciate Chinese culture and society
- Further knowledge of Chinese through continued learning or for future employment opportunities.

What else do I need to know about this course?

A materials fee applies to this course.

How will this course help me in the future?

The study of Chinese provides students with knowledge, understanding and the skills that form a valuable foundation for a range of courses at university and other tertiary institutions.

Many courses, ranging from Applied Science through Business and Administration, Communication and Humanities, the Creative and Performing Arts, Design, Education, Psychology, Social and Community Services, Engineering, Health Sciences, Sport and Recreation, Information Technology, Tourism and Hospitality can all be enhanced with International Studies. This provides the opportunity to spend a year of in-country study in China and can result in a double degree.

The ability to move between countries, cultures and languages has increased due to globalisation, ease of travel and advanced information and communication technologies.

High quality education in languages enables students to respond positively to the opportunities and challenges of their rapidly changing world and become more accepting of diversity, more respectful of others and more aware of their place in the international community.

Chinese-speaking communities have an important economic presence in Australia and are a major trading partner. Australia is also a popular destination for Chinese-speaking tourists.

China has a major role in both Asian and world affairs and is at the forefront of scientific and medical research, technology, telecommunications and trade. Chinese is a significant commercial language in Asia and worldwide. A knowledge of Chinese provides students with opportunities to continue learning and for future employment both domestically and internationally in areas including commerce, tourism, hospitality and diplomacy.

Learning a language also helps to improve literacy skills in English.

2 Units for each of Preliminary and HSC and an optional 1 Unit HSC Extension

Board Developed Course

Prerequisites: Stage 5 Chinese or equivalent

Exclusions: Chinese Beginners; Chinese Background Speakers. Other eligibility rules apply to the study of this subject. Check with your teacher or the Board's ACE Manual.

What will I be doing in this course?

The Preliminary and HSC courses focus on themes and associated topics. Students' skills in, and knowledge of, Chinese will be developed through tasks associated with a range of texts and text types, which reflect the themes and topics. Students will also gain an insight into the culture and language of Chinese-speaking communities through the study of a range of texts.

The themes are: the individual; the Chinese-speaking communities; the changing world.

Students' language skills are developed through tasks such as: conversation; responding to an aural stimulus; responding to a variety of written material; writing for a variety of purposes; studying Chinese culture through texts.

The 1 Unit HSC Chinese Extension course is available in Year 12 for students who have completed Preliminary Chinese Continuers, and are currently studying HSC Chinese Continuers.

The Extension course has a prescribed theme and related issues as its organisational focus. Students' knowledge and understanding of Chinese language and culture will be enhanced through accessing a variety of texts, some of which are prescribed, related to the theme and issues. Students will extend their ability to use and appreciate Chinese as a medium for communication and creative thought and expression. The theme in the Extension course is the individual and contemporary society. The prescribed issues are: impact of technology; group versus the individual; overcoming personal difficulties.

What should I be able to do at the end of the course?

- Communicate with native speakers of Chinese and travel and study in China
- Exchange information, opinions and experiences in Chinese
- Express ideas through the production of original texts in Chinese
- Analyse, process and respond to texts that are in Chinese
- Understand and appreciate Chinese culture and society
- Apply Chinese language skills in work, further study and leisure activities
- Continue the study of Chinese at tertiary level.

What else do I need to know about this course?

A materials fee applies to this course.

How will this course help me in the future?

The study of Chinese provides students with knowledge, understanding and the skills that form a valuable foundation for a range of courses at university and other tertiary institutions.

Many courses, ranging from Applied Science through Business and Administration, Communication and Humanities, the Creative and Performing Arts, Design, Education, Psychology, Social and Community Services, Engineering, Health Sciences, Sport and Recreation, Information Technology, Tourism and Hospitality can all be enhanced with International Studies.

This provides the opportunity to spend a year at an in-country study in China and can result in a double degree.

The ability to move between countries, cultures and languages has increased due to globalisation, ease of travel and advanced information and communication technologies. High quality education in languages enables students to respond positively to the opportunities and challenges of their rapidly changing world and become more accepting of diversity, more respectful of others and more aware of their place in the international community.

Chinese companies have an important economic presence in Australia and China is a major trading partner. Australia is also a popular destination for Chinese tourists. China has a major role in world affairs. It is in the forefront of technology, telecommunications and trade.

Chinese is a significant commercial language throughout the Asia Pacific region. A knowledge of Chinese provides students with opportunities to continue learning and for future employment both domestically and internationally in areas including commerce, tourism, hospitality and diplomacy.

Learning a language also helps to improve literacy skills in English.

2 units for each of Preliminary and HSC

Board Developed Course

What will I be doing in this course?

Community and Family Studies is designed to develop in each student an understanding of the diverse nature and interdependence of families and communities, within Australian society. The course enables students to plan and manage resources effectively in order to address contemporary issues facing families and communities.

The Preliminary course covers:

Resource Management - Basic concepts of the resource management.

Individuals and Groups - The individual's roles, relationships and tasks within and between groups.

Families and Communities - Family structures and functions and the interaction between family and community.

The HSC course covers:

Research Methodology – Research Methodology and skills culminating in the production of an Independent Research Project; Groups in Context – The characteristics and needs of specific community groups;

Parenting and Caring - Issues facing individuals and groups who adopt roles of parenting and caring in contemporary society and one of the following HSC option modules:

Family and Societal Interactions, Social Impact of Technology and Individuals and Work.

Students are required to complete an Independent Research Project as part of the HSC internal assessment. The focus of the Independent Research Project should be related to the course content of one or more of the following areas: individuals, groups, families, communities, resource management.

What should I be able to do at the end of this course?

- Manage resources and take action to support the needs of individuals, groups and families in Australian society
- Understand the influence of a range of societal factors on individuals and the nature of groups, families and communities
- Demonstrate research skills
- Demonstrate skills in critical thinking and the ability to take responsible action to promote well being
- Appreciate the diversity and inter-dependence of individuals, groups, families and communities.

How will this course help me in the future?

This course develops skills and understanding that is relevant to life after school. It helps students to set goals and make decisions about themselves, their families and the community. It is relevant to a wide range of further study at both TAFE and university and has particular application in careers such as Business Management, Human Resource Management, Teaching, Childcare, Social Work, Counselling and Health professions.

2 units for each of Preliminary and HSC

Board Developed Course

What will I be doing in this course?

Students study design processes, design theory and factors in relation to design projects.

In the Preliminary course students study designing and producing, including the study of design theory, design processes, creativity, collaborative design, research, management, using resources, communication, manufacturing and production, computer-based technologies, safety, evaluation, environmental issues, analysis, marketing and manipulation of materials, tools and techniques.

It includes the completion of at least two design projects.

The HSC course includes studies in innovation and emerging technologies, including a case study. The study of designing and producing culminates in the development and realisation of a Major Design Project. The project folio includes the major project proposal and management, project development and realisation and project evaluation.

What should I be able to do at the end of the course?

- Understand design theory and processes
- Understand and appreciate the interrelationship between design, society and the environment
- Understand innovation and entrepreneurial activity in a range of contexts
- Apply skills in the application of design processes to design, produce and evaluate quality design projects that satisfy identified needs and opportunities
- Demonstrate knowledge and understanding about current and emerging technologies in a variety of settings.

What else do I need to know about this course?

A materials fee applies to this course.

How will this course help me in the future?

Design and Technology provides pathways to employment and further education.

It may lead to careers in a range of design fields including industrial design, graphic design, architecture, advertising, marketing and business management.

Design and Technology gives advanced standing in a number of certificate and diploma courses at TAFE NSW.

2 Units for each of Preliminary and HSC

Board Developed Course

Exclusions: Projects developed for assessment in one subject are not to be used either in full or in part for assessment in any other subject

What will I be doing in this course?

Students study the practices of Making, Performing and Critically Studying in Drama. Students engage with these components through collaborative and individual experiences.

The Preliminary course covers:

- Improvisation, Play building, Acting
- Elements of Production in Performance
- Theatrical Traditions and Performance Styles

The HSC Course involves theoretical study through practical workshops exploring theme, issues, styles and movement.

- Australian Drama and Theatre
- Studies in Drama and Theatre
- The Group Performance (3-6 students) involves creating a piece of original theatre (8 to 12 minutes duration). It provides opportunity for each student to demonstrate his or her performance skills.
- The Individual Project where students demonstrate their expertise in a particular area. They choose one project from Critical Analysis or Design (costume design; set design; promotion and program; lighting design) or Performance or Script-writing or Video Drama.

What will I be able to do at the end of the course?

- Make and perform different styles of drama
- Critically study drama and theatre
- Work both independently and with others in teams to plan and organise activities
- Solve problems
- Collect, analyse and organise information and communicate ideas and information.

What else do I need to know about this course?

This course may require rehearsals that occur outside of class time

How will this course help me in the future?

Students who wish to pursue a career in theatre or the entertainment industry, or in public relations and media communications can gain experience and confidence through this course.

2 Units for each of Preliminary and HSC

Board Developed Course

Exclusion: Preliminary Senior Science

What will I be doing in this course?

Earth and Environmental Science is the study of the planet Earth, its processes and its environment.

The Preliminary course develops knowledge of the physical and chemical features of the environment, the available resources and human impact on Australian environments and the interplay between the internal and external forces that constantly shape the Earth.

It increases students' understanding of these concepts by focusing on the unique nature of the Australian continent, its geology and environments and, in particular, the local environment and the effect of human impact on it. The Preliminary course includes field experience in the identification of landforms, rocks and soil types, as well as how biological factors interact to form the local environment.

The Preliminary course covers:

- Planet Earth and Environment – a five thousand million year journey
- The Local Environment
- Water Issues
- Dynamic Earth.

The HSC course builds upon the Preliminary course. It examines the geological, physical and chemical evidence related to the evolution of Australia over time, current pressures and the effects on the Australian environment and the indicators of environmental ill health.

The options cover a wide variety of interest areas and draw on increased information and understanding, provided by improved technology, to examine areas of current research.

The HSC course core topics cover: Tectonic impacts; Environments through time; Caring for the country; and one option from: Organic Geology – a non-renewable resource; Mining and the Australian environment; Introduced Species and the Australian environment; Oceanography.

Practical experiences should occupy a minimum of 80 hours of teaching time in both the Preliminary and HSC course and these will be assessed in practical exams and assignments.

What should I be able to do at the end of this course?

- Understand and critically evaluate basic concepts about the environment
- Apply experimental skills in observation, manipulation, measurement and experimental design
- Use computers and data-loggers to access information
- Use terminology and reporting styles appropriately to communicate information
- Work effectively as an individual and as a team member.

What else do I need to know about this course?

A materials fee applies to this course.

How will this course help me in the future?

This subject is important preparation for students interested in pursuing further studies in Geology, Engineering, Metallurgy and Environmental Management & Monitoring. It is most useful for university study if taken in combination with another science subject such as Physics or Chemistry. The future of humanity on this planet demands people who are trained to balance sustainable economic development against the preservation of the environment!

2 Units for each of Preliminary and HSC

Board Developed Course

What will I be doing in this course?

Economics provides an understanding of many aspects of the economy and its operation, which are frequently reported in the media.

It investigates issues such as why unemployment or inflation rates change and how these changes will impact on individuals in society.

Economics develops students' knowledge and understanding of the operation of the global and Australian economy with a focus on the economic development of the Asian region and its importance to Australia. It develops the analytical, problem-solving and communication skills of students. There is a strong emphasis on the problems and issues in a contemporary Australian economic context within the course.

The Preliminary course is microeconomic in focus and covers:

- Introduction to Economics – the nature of economics and the operation of an economy
- Consumers and Business – the role of consumers and business in the economy
- Markets – the role of markets, demand, supply and competition
- Labour Markets – the workforce and role of labour in the economy
- Financial Markets – the financial market in Australia including the share market
- Government in the Economy – the role of government in the Australian economy.

The HSC course, with a macroeconomic focus, covers:

- The Global Economy – features of the global economy and globalisation
- Australia's Place in the Global Economy – Australia's trade and finance
- Economic Issues – issues including growth, unemployment, inflation, wealth and management.
- Economic Policies and Management – the range of policies to manage the economy.

What should I be able to do at the end of the course?

- Demonstrate effective economic thinking that contributes to responsible, competent decision-making in a changing economy
- Investigate and engage in effective analysis and evaluation of economic information
- Communicate economic information, ideas and issues in appropriate form
- Explain the role of government in economic management
- Identify and explain current economic issues.

How will this course help me in the future?

Economics is recommended study for anyone contemplating a career in accountancy, business, industrial relations, management, advertising, marketing, real estate or administration.

Economics assists in understanding issues in current affairs. The successful study of Economics will give credit transfer to a range of Business courses at TAFE NSW as well as being recommended study for university study in a business related field. It would also be valuable to those individuals who wish to be self-employed.

2 Units for each of Preliminary and HSC

Board Developed Course

What will I be doing in this course?

Both Preliminary and HSC courses offer students knowledge, understanding and skills in aspects of engineering that include communication, engineering mechanics/ hydraulics, engineering materials, historical/ societal influences, engineering electricity/ electronics and the scope of the profession. Students study engineering by investigating, both individually and as a team, a range of applications and fields of engineering.

Students will learn to work collaboratively and individually when producing Engineering Reports, reflecting the importance of teamwork to successful engineering projects.

In the Preliminary course, students undertake the study and develop an engineering report for two of the four modules:

- Three application modules studied from each of the following categories: engineering fundamentals; engineering products; braking systems
- One focus module relating to the field of Bio-Medical Engineering.

In the HSC course, students undertake the study and develop an engineering report for two of the four modules:

- Two application modules studied from each of the following categories: Civil structures; Personal and public transport.
- Two focus modules relating to the fields of Telecommunications Engineering and Aeronautical Engineering.

What should I be able to do at the end of the course?

- Understand the scope of engineering and the role of the engineer
- Understand engineering principles and appreciate the responsibilities of engineers in society
- Demonstrate communication skills appropriate to engineering practices
- Understand the developments in technology and appreciate their influence on people and engineering practice
- Apply management and problem solving skills in an engineering context
- Apply skills in the application of engineering methodology.

What else do I need to know about this course?

A materials fee applies to this course.

How will this course help me in the future?

Students who undertake Engineering Studies will have the opportunity to follow professional, vocational and employment pathways. The insight and experience associated with Engineering Studies will provide very useful background for further study of engineering at university and should be combined with the study of high levels of Mathematics and Science to be especially useful. Those going into the world of work will benefit from understanding what engineers do, as the work of engineers affects us all.

2 Units for each of Preliminary and HSC

Board Developed Course

What will I be doing in this course?

Students examine the ways that events, experiences, ideas, values and processes are represented in and through texts and analyse the ways texts reflect different values and attitudes.

They analyse and evaluate texts and the ways they are valued in their contexts.

The Preliminary course has two sections: content common to Standard and Advanced through a unit of work called an Area of Study; and electives, which comprise 60% of the content.

It requires:

- Study of Australian and other texts
- Exploration of a range of types of text drawn from prose fiction, drama, poetry, nonfiction, film or media or multimedia texts
- A wide reading program involving texts and textual forms composed in and for a wide variety of contexts
- Integrating the modes of reading, writing, listening, speaking, and viewing and representing as appropriate
- Engaging in the integrated study of language and text.

The HSC course has two sections: common content consists of one area of study common to both Standard and Advanced courses and Modules which emphasise particular aspects of shaping meaning and representation, questions of textual integrity, and ways in which texts are valued.

It requires:

- The close study of at least five types of prescribed text, one drawn from each of the following categories: Shakespearean drama; prose fiction; drama or film; poetry; nonfiction or media or multimedia texts
- A wide range of additional related texts and textual forms
- A prescribed stimulus booklet.

What will I be able to do at the end of this course?

- Effectively communicate at different levels of complexity
- Comprehend and understand the effects and purposes of a range of textual forms
- Undertake independent research, individual and collaborative learning
- Write coherently in a variety of forms.

How will this course help me in the future?

Communication is the most basic requirement in modern Australian society in any field of further study, employment or life. This is why English is the only subject that it is compulsory to study for the HSC.

Students who study the Advanced English course will be well equipped for further study of English and related disciplines at university. Success in this demanding course will be a good indicator of success in a large range of courses at TAFE NSW or university.

2 Units for each of Preliminary and HSC

Board Developed Course

What will I be doing in this course?

Students explore the ways events, experiences, ideas and processes are represented in and through texts.

They reflect on and demonstrate the effectiveness of texts for different audiences and purposes.

The Preliminary Course has two sections: content common to the Standard and Advanced courses, and Electives which comprise 60% of the content.

It requires:

- Study of Australian and other texts
- Exploration of a range of types of text drawn from prose fiction, drama, poetry, non fiction, film or media or multimedia texts
- A wide reading program involving texts and textual forms composed in and for a wide variety of contexts
- Integrating the modes of reading, writing, listening, speaking, viewing and representing as appropriate
- Engaging in the integrated study of language and text.

The HSC Course has two sections: content common to the Standard and Advanced courses, and Modules which provide elective choices.

It requires:

- The close study of at least four types of prescribed text, one drawn from each of the following categories: prose fiction; drama; poetry; non fiction or film or media or multimedia
- A wide range of additional related texts and textual forms
- A prescribed stimulus book.

What should I be able to do at the end of this course?

- Understand aspects of meaning from social, cultural, work place and personal perspectives
- Have skills in composition and response to a wide variety of texts
- Effectively communicate for a range of purposes and audiences to enhance my personal, social and vocational life.

How will this course help me in the future?

Communication is the most basic requirement in modern Australian society in any field of further study, employment or life. This is why English is the only subject that it is compulsory to study for the HSC.

Students who study the Standard English course gain good preparation for further education at TAFE NSW and employment in a wide range of career areas.

Standard English is accepted for entry to all university courses but it is not considered suitable preparation for students who wish to study English at university.

English Preliminary Extension 1

1 Unit in Preliminary

English HSC Extension 1

1 Unit in HSC

English HSC Extension 2

1 Unit in HSC



Board Developed Courses

Prerequisites:

- English (Advanced) course
- Preliminary English Extension Course is prerequisite for HSC Extension Course 1
- HSC Extension Course 1 is co-requisite for HSC Extension Course 2

Exclusions: English Standard; Fundamentals of English; English ESL.

What will I be doing in this course?

Students explore how and why texts are valued in and appropriated into a range of contexts.

They consider why some texts may be perceived as culturally significant. They explore ideas of value and consider how cultural values and systems of valuation arise.

In the Preliminary Extension course students examine a key text from the past and its manifestations in one or more popular cultures. Students also explore, analyse and critically evaluate different examples of such appropriations in a range of contexts and media.

The HSC Extension course 1 has one section. Students must complete one elective chosen from one of the three modules offered for study: Genre; Texts and Ways of Thinking; Language and Values. It requires the study of prescribed texts, as well as a range of other relevant examples.

In the HSC English Extension course 2, students develop a sustained composition and document their reflection on this process. It requires students to complete a Major Work and a statement of reflection.

What will I be able to do at the end of this course?

- Analyse and trace the relationships between texts
- Become familiar with the codes and conventions of a variety of textual forms
- Discuss these conventions in both the written and oral forms
- Demonstrate refined writing style and write in a sophisticated manner.

How will this course help me in the future?

As the course is analytical in nature, students will develop skills that are relevant to all forms of tertiary study. Students wishing to specialise in English or other humanities subjects at tertiary level will be well prepared by the Extension English courses.

2 units for each of Preliminary and HSC

Board Developed Course

Exclusions: English Standard; English Advanced, English Extensions. Eligibility rules apply.

What will I be doing in this course?

Students acquire and develop specific English language skills, knowledge and understanding in the context of an understanding of the ways ideas and processes are represented in texts.

In the HSC course they reinforce and extend their language skills and develop and apply skills in synthesis.

The Preliminary course has two sections: Language Study and Electives.

It requires:

- Study of Australian and other texts
- Exploration of a range of types of text drawn from the categories: prose fiction; drama; poetry; nonfiction; film or media or multimedia texts
- A wide reading program involving texts and textual forms composed in and for a wide variety of contexts
- Integrating of the modes; reading, writing, listening, speaking, and viewing and representing as appropriate
- Engaging in the integrated study of language and text.

The HSC course has two sections: Language Study within an Area of Study 50% and Modules, which emphasise particular aspects of shaping meaning and demonstration of the effectiveness of texts for different audiences and purposes 50%.

It requires:

- The study of at least three types of text drawn from the categories of: prose fiction; drama; poetry; nonfiction; film or media or multimedia texts
- A wide range of additional related texts and textual forms.
- A prescribed stimulus booklet.

What will I be able to do at the end of this course?

- Express myself competently at both the sentence and paragraph level of written communication
- Understand how the form of text depends on its purpose and audience
- Appropriately communicate in a variety of forms ranging from informal, personal writing to formal, academic writing as well as a range of oral communication skills
- Access information and share it in small and large groups in various forms of presentations.

How will this course help me in the future?

The course contains the foundation of all levels of literacy competency required in all aspects of further tertiary study and in the workplace.

2 Units for each of Preliminary and HSC

Board Developed Course

What will I be doing in this course?

Students will develop knowledge and understanding about the production, processing and consumption of food, the nature of food and human nutrition and an appreciation of the importance of food to health and its impact on society.

Skills will be developed in researching, analysing and communicating food issues, food preparation and the design, implementation and evaluation of solutions to food situations.

It is mandatory that students undertake practical activities in this course.

The Preliminary course covers:

- Nutrition; the fundamental understanding of the six nutrients and how our energy requirements change throughout the lifecycle
- Food Quality; how to prepare, store and serve safe and visual appealing food
- Food Availability and Selection; gain an understanding of the food sold on our supermarket shelves, what influences the choices we make.

The HSC course covers:

- The Australian Food Industry; from paddock to plate, where our food travels and the policy and legislation that governs our food industry as well as an industry study
- Contemporary Nutrition Issues; focus on diet related disorders and the growing issue of childhood obesity
- Food Manufacture; large scale food production, the processes that food goes through to get to your dinner table
- Food Product Development; why the choice of food products available is always changing

What should I be able to do at the end of the course?

- Make responsible decisions regarding food choices
- Research and analyse information
- Experiment with, communicate, evaluate and manage resources.

What else do I need to know about this course?

A materials fee applies to this course.

How will this course help me in the future?

This course will provide you with the knowledge, skills and attitudes to contribute positively to your own pathways to employment or further education at TAFE NSW or university. It will also give you knowledge and skills that you will take into the future and apply to your life every day. If you are passionate about food and its influence on health and wellbeing or you desire to know more about contemporary nutrition issues this subject is suitable for you. You will learn life long skills about how to plan, prepare and present nutritious meals for yourself, your family and friends.

The study of Food Technology will give you credit transfer in some certificate and diploma courses at TAFE NSW. Career options might include dietetics, food technology, teaching, nutrition and many more.

2 Units for each of Preliminary and HSC

Board Developed Course

Exclusions: French Continuers. Eligibility rules apply to the study of this subject. Check with your teacher or the Board's ACE Manual.

No knowledge of French is required. Students who select this course must be beginners. Students who studied French in Year 8 only are also eligible.

What will I be doing in this course?

In the Preliminary course, students will develop their knowledge and understanding of French across a range of topics, relating to their personal world and the French speaking community. These will be explored through the integrated use of the four skills: listening, speaking, reading and writing. In the HSC course, students will continue to develop their knowledge and understanding of French through the four skills.

Study may cover new topics or more detailed treatment of topics previously studied. The external HSC will include a reading and writing paper and a listening and speaking examination.

What should I be able to do at the end of this course?

- Communicate on a personal level with native speakers of French and travel in French-speaking countries
- Participate fully in every-day life and tourist 'survival' situations like catching public transport, seeking medical attention and arranging accommodation
- Understand and appreciate French culture and society
- Further knowledge of French through continued learning or for future employment opportunities.

What else do I need to know about this course?

A materials fee applies to this course.

How will this course help me in the future?

The study of French provides students with knowledge, understanding and the skills that form a valuable foundation for a range of courses at university and other tertiary institutions.

Many courses, ranging from Applied Science through Business and Administration, Communication and Humanities, the Creative and Performing Arts, Design, Education, Psychology, Social and Community Services, Engineering, Health Sciences, Sport and Recreation, Information Technology, Tourism and Hospitality can all be enhanced with International Studies. This provides the opportunity to spend a year of in-country study in France and can result in a double degree.

The ability to move between countries, cultures and languages has increased due to globalisation, ease of travel and advanced information and communication technologies. High quality education in languages enables students to respond positively to the opportunities and challenges of their rapidly changing world and become more accepting of diversity, more respectful of others and more aware of their place in the international community.

French-speaking communities have an important economic presence in Australia and are a major trading partner. Australia is also a popular destination for French-speaking tourists. France has a major role in both European and world affairs and is at the forefront of scientific and medical research, technology, telecommunications and trade. French is a significant commercial language throughout Europe.

A knowledge of French provides students with opportunities to continue learning and for future employment both domestically and internationally in areas including commerce, tourism, hospitality and diplomacy.

Learning a language also helps to improve literacy skills in English.

2 Units for each of Preliminary and HSC and an optional 1 Unit HSC Extension

Board Developed Course

Prerequisites: School Certificate French or equivalent knowledge is assumed. Candidates should have basic reading and writing skills and be able to understand simple conversation.

Exclusions: French Beginners

What will I be doing in this course?

The Preliminary and HSC courses focus on themes and associated topics.

Students' skills in and knowledge of French will be developed through tasks associated with a range of texts and text types, which reflect the themes and topics. Students will also gain an insight into the culture and language of French-speaking communities through the study of a range of texts. The themes are the individual, the French-speaking communities and the changing world.

Students' language skills are developed through tasks such as conversation, responding to an aural stimulus, responding to a variety of written material, writing for a variety of purposes and studying French culture through texts.

The **1 Unit HSC French Extension course** is available in year 12 for students who have completed Preliminary French Continuers and are currently studying HSC French Continuers. The Extension course has a prescribed theme and related issues as its organisational focus. Students' knowledge and understanding of French language and culture will be enhanced through accessing a variety of texts related to the theme and issues.

Students will extend their ability to use and appreciate French as a medium for communication and creative thought and expression.

The theme in the Extension course is the individual and contemporary society. The prescribed issues are: belonging versus alienation; coping with change and tolerance of difference.

What should I be able to do at the end of the course?

- Communicate with native speakers of French and travel in French-speaking countries
- Exchange information, opinions and experiences in French
- Express ideas through the production of original texts in French
- Analyse, process and respond to texts that are in French
- Understand and appreciate French culture and society
- Apply French language skills in work, further study and leisure activities
- Continue the study of French at tertiary level.

What else do I need to know about this course?

A materials fee applies to this course.

How will this course help me in the future?

The study of French provides students with knowledge, understanding and the skills that form a valuable foundation for a range of courses at university and other tertiary institutions.

Many courses, ranging from Applied Science through Business and Administration, Communication and Humanities, the Creative and Performing Arts, Design, Education, Psychology, Social and Community Services, Engineering, Health Sciences, Sport and Recreation, Information Technology, Tourism and Hospitality can all be enhanced with International Studies.

This provides the opportunity to spend a year at an in-country study in French and can result in a double degree.

The ability to move between countries, cultures and languages has increased due to globalisation, ease of travel and advanced information and communication technologies. High quality education in languages enables students to respond positively to the opportunities and challenges of their rapidly changing world and become more accepting of diversity, more respectful of others and more aware of their place in the international community.

French speaking communities have an important economic presence in Australia and are a major trading partner.

Australia is also a popular destination for French-speaking tourists. France has a major role in both European and world affairs. French is spoken in 42 countries.

It is a significant commercial language throughout Europe. A knowledge of French provides students with opportunities to continue learning and for future employment both domestically and internationally in areas including commerce, tourism, hospitality and diplomacy.

Learning a language also helps to improve literacy skills in English.

2 units for each of Preliminary and HSC

Board Developed Course

What will I be doing in this course?

The Preliminary course investigates the interactions between the biophysical environment and human world. The course builds fundamental knowledge and understanding of the spatial and ecological dimensions of how people and nature interact in both a local and global context. Enquiry methodologies are used to investigate the unique characteristics of our world through fieldwork, geographical skills and the study of contemporary geographical issues.

Students complete a Senior Geography Project (SGP) in the Preliminary course where they conduct a structured investigation into a geographical issue of their own choosing. The range of geographical issues is extremely broad, giving students significant control over their own learning.

The Preliminary course covers:

- Biophysical Interactions; how biophysical processes contribute to sustainable management
- Global Challenges the study of geographical issues on a global scale
- The Senior Geography Project is a geographical study of the student's own choosing.

The HSC course enables students to appreciate geographical perspectives about the contemporary world. The course explores the detail of these perspectives through specific case studies about biophysical and human processes, interactions and trends.

The HSC course covers:

- Ecosystems at Risk that studies the functioning of ecosystems, their management and protection;
- Urban Places is a study of world cities, mega cities and urban dynamics;
- People and Economic Activity in a local and global context.

Key concepts incorporated across all topics are change, environment, sustainability, spatial and ecological dimensions, interaction, technology, management and cultural integration.

Fieldwork reports make up a considerable part of the assessment in both years and attendance and completion of fieldwork are essential, as well as fun.

What should I be able to do at the end of this course?

- Understand the interactions between factors that make up the natural environment and the role of people in environmental change
- Have the skills to observe surroundings and be able to develop strategies for researching existing knowledge
- Gather new knowledge about the world, environments and interactions and the people who depend on it and through your own research framework
- Communicate knowledge through a wide variety of methods.

How will this course help me in the future?

Geography gives students a broad range of skills to interpret the world around them. It also helps to shape their lives so that they maximise their enjoyment of the wonders of nature while minimising the negative impact on the systems that support life on the planet.

If you are concerned about human impacts on the environment, sustainability, government policy, international development and the role of the individual, then Geography is for you. It ties into numerous careers, including government policy, journalism, architecture, environmental management, tourism, law and science. The leaders of the future must think globally and act locally. Geography gives you a head start.

2 Units for each of Preliminary and HSC

Board Developed Course

Exclusions: German Continuers. Eligibility rules apply to the study of this subject. Check with your teacher or the Board's ACE Manual.

No knowledge of German is required. Students who select this course must be beginners. Students who studied German in Year 8 only are also eligible.

What will I be doing in this course?

In the Preliminary course, students will develop their knowledge and understanding of German across a range of topics, relating to their personal world and the German speaking community.

These will be explored through the integrated use of the four skills: listening, speaking, reading and writing. In the HSC course, students will continue to develop their knowledge and understanding of German through the four skills.

Study may cover new topics or more detailed treatment of topics previously studied. The external HSC will include a reading and writing paper and a listening and speaking examination.

What should I be able to do at the end of this course?

- Communicate on a personal level with native speakers of German and travel in German-speaking countries
- Participate fully in every-day life and tourist 'survival' situations like catching public transport, seeking medical attention and arranging accommodation
- Understand and appreciate German culture and society
- Further knowledge of German through continued learning or for future employment opportunities.

What else do I need to know about this course?

A materials fee applies to this course.

How will this course help me in the future?

The study of German provides students with knowledge, understanding and the skills that form a valuable foundation for a range of courses at university and other tertiary institutions.

Many courses, ranging from Applied Science through Business and Administration, Communication and Humanities, the Creative and Performing Arts, Design, Education, Psychology, Social and Community Services, Engineering, Health Sciences, Sport and Recreation, Information Technology, Tourism and Hospitality can all be enhanced with International Studies. This provides the opportunity to spend a year of in-country study in Germany and can result in a double degree.

The ability to move between countries, cultures and languages has increased due to globalisation, ease of travel and advanced information and communication technologies.

High quality education in languages enables students to respond positively to the opportunities and challenges of their rapidly changing world and become more accepting of diversity, more respectful of others and more aware of their place in the international community.

German-speaking communities have an important economic presence in Australia and are a major trading partner. Australia is also a popular destination for German-speaking tourists. Germany has a major role in both European and world affairs and is at the forefront of scientific and medical research, technology, telecommunications and trade. German is a significant commercial language throughout Europe. A knowledge of German provides students with opportunities to continue learning and for future employment both domestically and internationally in areas including commerce, tourism, hospitality and diplomacy.

Learning a language also helps to improve literacy skills in English.

2 units for each of Preliminary and HSC and an optional 1 Unit HSC Extension

Board Developed Course

Prerequisites: School Certificate German or equivalent

Exclusions: German Beginners

What will I be doing in this course?

The Preliminary and HSC courses focus on themes and associated topics. Students' skills in and knowledge of German will be developed through tasks associated with a range of texts and text types, which reflect the themes and topics.

Students will also gain an insight into the culture and language of German-speaking communities through the study of a range of texts.

The themes are: the individual, the German-speaking communities and the changing world. Students' language skills are developed through tasks such as: conversation; responding to an aural stimulus; responding to a variety of written material; writing for a variety of purposes; studying German culture through texts.

The assessment in this course will include an oral and aural component.

The 1 Unit HSC German Extension course is available in Year 12 for students who have completed Preliminary German Continuers and are currently studying HSC German Continuers.

The Extension course has a prescribed theme and related issues as its organisational focus. Students' knowledge and understanding of German language and culture will be enhanced through accessing a variety of texts, some of which are prescribed, related to the theme and issues. Students will extend their ability to use and appreciate German as a medium for communication and creative thought and expression.

The theme in the Extension course is the individual and contemporary society. The prescribed issues are: divisions in society, pressures on the individual and overcoming adversity.

What should I be able to do at the end of this course?

- Communicate with native speakers of German and travel in German-speaking countries
- Exchange information, opinions and experiences in German
- Express ideas through the production of original texts in German
- Analyse, process and respond to texts that are in German
- Understand and appreciate German culture and society
- Apply German language skills in work, further study and leisure activities
- Continue the study of German at tertiary level.

What else do I need to know about this course?

A materials fee applies to this course.

How will this course help me in the future?

See entry for German Beginners.

2 Units for each of Preliminary and HSC and an optional 1 Unit HSC Extension

Board Developed Course

Prerequisites: School Certificate Hebrew or equivalent knowledge is assumed. Candidates should have basic reading and writing skills and be able to understand simple conversation.

Exclusions: Hebrew Beginners

What will I be doing in this course?

The Preliminary and HSC courses focus on themes and associated topics. Students' skills in and knowledge of Hebrew will be developed through tasks associated with a range of texts and text types, which reflect the themes and topics. Students will also gain an insight into the culture and language of Hebrew-speaking communities through the study of a range of texts. The themes are the individual, the Hebrew-speaking communities and the changing world.

Students' language skills are developed through tasks such as conversation, responding to an aural stimulus, responding to a variety of written material, writing for a variety of purposes and studying Hebrew culture through texts.

What should I be able to do at the end of the course?

- Communicate with native speakers of Hebrew and travel in Hebrew-speaking countries
- Exchange information, opinions and experiences in Hebrew
- Express ideas through the production of original texts in Hebrew
- Analyse, process and respond to texts that are in Hebrew
- Understand and appreciate Hebrew culture and society
- Apply Hebrew language skills in work, further study and leisure activities
- Continue the study of Hebrew at tertiary level.

What else do I need to know about this course?

A materials fee applies to this course.

How will this course help me in the future?

The study of Hebrew provides students with knowledge, understanding and the skills that form a valuable foundation for a range of courses at university and other tertiary institutions. Many courses, ranging from Applied Science through Business and Administration, Communication and Humanities, the Creative and Performing Arts, Design, Education, Psychology, Social and Community Services, Engineering, Health Sciences, Sport and Recreation, Information Technology, Tourism and Hospitality can all be enhanced with International Studies.

This provides the opportunity to spend a year at an in-country study in Hebrew and can result in a double degree.

The ability to move between countries, cultures and languages has increased due to globalisation, ease of travel and advanced information and communication technologies.

High quality education in languages enables students to respond positively to the opportunities and challenges of their rapidly changing world and become more accepting of diversity, more respectful of others and more aware of their place in the international community.

Hebrew speaking communities have an important economic presence in Australia and are a major trading partner. Australia is also a popular destination for Hebrew-speaking tourists. Hebrew is spoken in 42 countries. It is a significant commercial language throughout Europe. A knowledge of Hebrew provides students with opportunities to continue learning and for future employment both domestically and internationally in areas including commerce, tourism, hospitality and diplomacy.

Learning a language also helps to improve literacy skills in English.

2 units for each of Preliminary and HSC

Board Developed Course

Exclusions: Some Industry Focus areas with similar VET Curriculum Framework streams and Content Endorsed Courses

Students can only select one focus area of Industrial Technology.

What will I be doing in this course?

Industrial Technology Stage 6 consists of project work and an Industry Study, which develops a broad range of skills and knowledge, related to the industry focus area chosen and an introduction to industrial processes and practices.

The Focus Areas include: Multimedia Industries; Timber Products and Furniture Industries.

In the Preliminary course, students must design, develop and construct a number of projects (at least one group project). Each project must include a management folio. Also students must undertake the study of an individual business within the industry.

The following sections are taught in relation to the relevant focus area:

- Industry Study - structural, technical, environmental and sociological factors, personnel issues, Occupational Health and Safety
- Design and Management – designing, drawing, computer applications, project management
- Workplace Communication – literacy, calculations, graphics
- Industry Specific Content and Production.

In the HSC course, students must design, develop and construct a Major Project with a management folio. Also they must undertake a study of the overall industry related to the specific focus area.

The following sections are taught in relation to the relevant focus area:

- Industry Study
- Design and Management
- Workplace Communication
- Industry Specific Content and Production.

What else do I need to know about this course?

The marks for this course are eligible for inclusion in the ATAR.

A materials fee applies to this course.

How will this course help me in the future?

Industrial Technology gives students knowledge and skills in a particular industry and increases job opportunities in a range of practical occupations.

2 units for each of Preliminary and HSC

Board Developed Course

This course is an information systems course. It is not a programming, or coding course, but it describes and uses existing software to create solutions to real world problems. Both theoretical and practical activities are undertaken in class. The course would suit students wishing to go on to further studies in computer science or courses at University/TAFE that have a component of ICT in them such as e-commerce and media courses. It is particularly relevant to students who have not undertaken a computing course in stage 4, or are lacking general skills and knowledge in the use of computers.

What will I be doing in this course?

Information Processes and Technology is the study of computer based information systems. It focuses on information processes (Organising, Analysing, Storing and Retrieving, Processing, Transmitting and Receiving, and Displaying). Social, ethical and non-computer procedures in information systems are also considered. Through project work, students will create their own information system to meet an identified need.

The Preliminary course covers:

- Introduction to Information Skills and Systems.
- Tools for Information Processes.
- Developing Information Systems.

In the preliminary course KHS students are trained in the use of HTML, web site construction and the use of spreadsheets.

The HSC Course covers:

Information Systems and Databases

In the HSC course students learn to create and use relational databases and SQL commands. Examples of different types of databases - centralised and distributed, normalisation of database tables, hypertext/ hypermedia databases and emerging trends in databases are considered as well as the social and ethical issues of the use of databases is also studied.

Communication Systems

The OSI model is reviewed and the way messages are passed from source to destination is considered. Communication protocols, network topologies, network hardware and software, error checking techniques, packet switching, transmission media – wired and wireless, file compression, digital/analogue conversion, examples of communication systems, emerging trends in communications and social and ethical issues are considered in this topic.

Option Strands - students are to complete TWO of the following options:

- Transaction Processing Systems
- Decision Support Systems
- Automated Manufacturing Systems
- Multimedia Systems

Project Management

- The major assignment is marked internally and is worth 20% of the course mark. Students are to use a software package/s to produce a solution to a real world problem following a system development cycle of: Understanding the problem, Planning, Designing, Implementing, Testing, Evaluating and Maintaining. Projects can/have included websites, videos, multimedia resource CD's, spreadsheet or database solutions, apps for mobile devices and programs.
- Techniques for managing a project including the documentation and planning of a project are considered in this section. Tools such as Gantt charts, context diagrams, DFD's, decision trees, decision tables, user manuals, diaries, storyboards, prototyping, feasibility studies, and methods of conversion are all considered.

What will I be able to do at the end of this course?

- Use software such as spreadsheets, databases and web authoring tools to create solutions to real world problems.
- Recognize information system solutions to real world problems
- Be aware of available and emerging information technologies
- Appreciate social and ethical issues associated with information technology such as; equity and access, privacy and copyright
- Have communication, personal and team skills to ensure that an information systems solution is appropriate for the needs of the user
- Understand related issues such as project management, documentation and user interfaces.

How will this course help me in the future?

The skills and concepts learnt in this course are transferrable to the work/assignments students undertake in other HSC courses in stage 6. The knowledge and skills learnt in this course are relevant to university/TAFE courses which have components of ICT, and they relate to a wide range of career roles.

2 Units for each of Preliminary and HSC

Board Developed Course

Exclusions: Japanese Continuers. Eligibility rules apply to the study of this subject. Check with your teacher or the Board's ACE Manual.

No knowledge of Japanese is required. Students who select this course must be beginners. Students who studied Japanese in Year 8 only are also eligible.

What will I be doing in this course?

In the Preliminary course, students will develop their knowledge and understanding of Japanese across a range of topics, relating to their personal world and the Japanese speaking community.

These will be explored through the integrated use of the four skills: listening, speaking, reading and writing. In the HSC course, students will continue to develop their knowledge and understanding of Japanese through the four skills.

Study may cover new topics or more detailed treatment of topics previously studied. The external HSC will include a reading and writing paper and a listening and speaking examination.

What should I be able to do at the end of this course?

- Communicate on a personal level with native speakers of Japanese and travel in Japanese-speaking countries
- Participate fully in every-day life and tourist 'survival' situations like catching public transport, seeking medical attention and arranging accommodation
- Understand and appreciate Japanese culture and society
- Further knowledge of Japanese through continued learning or for future employment opportunities.

What else do I need to know about this course?

A materials fee applies to this course.

How will this course help me in the future?

The study of Japanese provides students with knowledge, understanding and the skills that form a valuable foundation for a range of courses at university and other tertiary institutions.

Many courses, ranging from Applied Science through Business and Administration, Communication and Humanities, the Creative and Performing Arts, Design, Education, Psychology, Social and Community Services, Engineering, Health Sciences, Sport and Recreation, Information Technology, Tourism and Hospitality can all be enhanced with International Studies. This provides the opportunity to spend a year of in-country study in Japan and can result in a double degree.

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Japanese-speaking communities have an important economic presence in Australia and are a major trading partner. Australia is also a popular destination for Japanese-speaking tourists. Japan has a major role in both Asian and world affairs and is at the forefront of scientific and medical research, technology, telecommunications and trade. Japanese is a significant commercial language in Asia and worldwide. A knowledge of Japanese provides students with opportunities to continue learning and for future employment both domestically and internationally in areas including commerce, tourism, hospitality and diplomacy.

Learning a language also helps to improve literacy skills in English.

2 Units for each of Preliminary and HSC and an optional 1 Unit HSC Extension

Board Developed Course

Prerequisites: School Certificate Japanese or equivalent

Exclusions: Japanese Beginners; Japanese Background Speakers. Other eligibility rules apply to the study of this subject. Check with your teacher or the Board's ACE Manual.

What will I be doing in this course?

The Preliminary and HSC courses focus on themes and associated topics.

Students' skills in, and knowledge of, Japanese will be developed through tasks associated with a range of texts and text types, which reflect the themes and topics. Students will also gain an insight into the culture and language of Japanese-speaking communities through the study of a range of texts.

The themes are: the individual; the Japanese-speaking communities; the changing world.

Students' language skills are developed through tasks such as: conversation; responding to an aural stimulus; responding to a variety of written material; writing for a variety of purposes; studying Japanese culture through texts.

The 1 Unit HSC Japanese Extension course is available in year 12 for students who have completed Preliminary Japanese Continuers, and are currently studying HSC Japanese Continuers.

The Extension course has a prescribed theme and related issues as its organisational focus. Students' knowledge and understanding of Japanese language and culture will be enhanced through accessing a variety of texts, some of which are prescribed, related to the theme and issues. Students will extend their ability to use and appreciate Japanese as a medium for communication and creative thought and expression. The theme in the Extension course is the individual and contemporary society. The prescribed issues are: impact of technology; group versus the individual; overcoming personal difficulties.

What should I be able to do at the end of the course?

- Communicate with native speakers of Japanese and travel and study in Japan
- Exchange information, opinions and experiences in Japanese
- Express ideas through the production of original texts in Japanese
- Analyse, process and respond to texts that are in Japanese
- Understand and appreciate Japanese culture and society
- Apply Japanese language skills in work, further study and leisure activities
- Continue the study of Japanese at tertiary level.

What else do I need to know about this course?

A materials fee applies to this course.

How will this course help me in the future?

The study of Japanese provides students with knowledge, understanding and the skills that form a valuable foundation for a range of courses at university and other tertiary institutions.

Many courses, ranging from Applied Science through Business and Administration, Communication and Humanities, the Creative and Performing Arts, Design, Education, Psychology, Social and Community Services, Engineering, Health Sciences, Sport and Recreation, Information Technology, Tourism and Hospitality can all be enhanced with International Studies.

This provides the opportunity to spend a year at an in-country study in Japan and can result in a double degree.

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Japanese companies have an important economic presence in Australia and Japan is a major trading partner. Australia is also a popular destination for Japanese tourists.

Japan has a major role in world affairs. It is in the forefront of technology, telecommunications and trade.

Japanese is a significant commercial language throughout the Asia Pacific region. A knowledge of Japanese provides students with opportunities to continue learning and for future employment both domestically and internationally in areas including commerce, tourism, hospitality and diplomacy.

Learning a language also helps to improve literacy skills in English.

2 Units for each of Preliminary and HSC

Board Developed Course

What will I be doing in this course?

The Preliminary course develops students' knowledge and understanding of the nature and functions of law and law-making, the development of Australian and international legal systems, the Australian constitution and the role of the individual. This is achieved by investigating, analysing and synthesising legal information and investigating legal issues from a variety of perspectives.

The Preliminary course covers: The Legal System; The Individual and the Law; The Law in Practice.

The HSC course investigates the key areas of law, justice and human rights through a variety of focus studies that consider how changes in societies influence law reform.

The HSC course covers: Human Rights; Crime; additional options.

Two options are chosen from; Consumers, Family, Global Environmental Protection, Indigenous People, Shelter, Workplace, World Order.

There are a number of key themes that are incorporated across the course such as:

- The need for law in the operation of society;
- Influences on the Australian legal system;
- Issues of compliance and non-compliance.

What should I be able to do at the end of the course?

- Use and understand terms used in the legal process
- Recognise legal problems and demonstrate logical reasoning in applying legal principles
- Develop a working knowledge of the Australian legal system
- Understand the evolution of the current legal system
- Evaluate the effectiveness of our legal system.

How will this course help me in the future?

The study of Stage 6 Legal Studies provides students with knowledge, understanding and skills that form a valuable foundation for a range of courses at university and other tertiary institutions.

In addition, the study of Stage 6 Legal Studies assists students to prepare for employment and full and active participation as citizens. In particular, there are opportunities for students to gain recognition in vocational education and training.

2 Units for each of Preliminary and HSC

Board Developed Course

Prerequisites: The course assumes that students have achieved the majority of the outcomes in the Stage 5 (5.3) course.

Exclusions: General Mathematics

What will I be doing in this course?

The course is intended to give students, who have demonstrated general competence in the skills of Stage 5 Mathematics, an understanding of and competence in some further aspects of mathematics, which are applicable to the real world. It has general educational merit and is also useful for concurrent studies in science and commerce.

The course is a sufficient basis for further studies in mathematics as a minor discipline at tertiary level in support of courses such as the life sciences or commerce. Students, who require substantial mathematics at a tertiary level, supporting the physical sciences, computer science or engineering, should undertake the Mathematics Extension 1 course or both the Mathematics Extension 1 and Mathematics Extension 2 courses.

The Preliminary course covers: Basic arithmetic and algebra; Real functions; Trigonometric ratios; Linear functions; The quadratic polynomial and the parabola; Plane geometry; Tangent to a curve and derivative of a function.

The HSC course covers: Coordinate methods in geometry; Applications of geometrical properties; Geometrical applications of differentiation; Integration; Logarithmic and exponential functions; Applications of calculus to the physical world; Probability, Trigonometric functions, Series and series applications.

What should I be able to do at the end of the course?

- Have confidence to do mathematics, demonstrating an independent and positive approach to mathematics
- Develop an awareness of the usefulness of mathematics in the community and appreciate the contribution of mathematics to our society
- Use appropriate logic, problem solving and reasoning skills to analyse and solve a given problem.

How will this course help me in the future?

The Mathematics (2 Unit) course provides the minimum basis for entry into university courses requiring mathematics, including courses in science, engineering, computing, economics and business studies. Students intending to do tertiary studies should check recommendations for specific courses.

Students who have acquired a very high level of competence in the Advanced course in Years 9 and 10 and who require substantial mathematics at a tertiary level, supporting the physical sciences, computer science or engineering, should undertake the Mathematics Extension 1 or Extension 2 courses.

2 Units for each of Preliminary and HSC

Board Developed Course

There are two General Mathematics courses offered in Stage 6. Regardless of which HSC course students study (General 2 or General 1), ALL students study the same content in the Preliminary General Mathematics Course.

The Mathematics General 2 course is an (examinable) Board Developed Course, allowing students to count their mathematics study towards the calculation of an ATAR in 2015.

The Mathematics General 1 course is a (non-examinable) Content Endorsed Course (CEC). This course will only run as a course for the 2016 HSC if student interest is sufficient.

Prerequisites: The Preliminary Mathematics General course is constructed on the assumption that students have experienced all of the Stage 5.1 content of the *Mathematics Years 7–10 Syllabus* (2002). For students who intend to study the HSC Mathematics General 2 course, it is recommended that they experience at least some of the Stage 5.2 content, particularly the *Patterns and Algebra* topics and *Trigonometry*, if not all of the content. Completion of the Preliminary Mathematics General course is a prerequisite for the study of the HSC Mathematics General 2 course (and the HSC Mathematics General 1 course)

Exclusions: Students may not study the Preliminary Mathematics General course or the HSC Mathematics General 2 course (or the HSC Mathematics General 1 course) in conjunction with any other mathematics course in Stage 6

What will I be doing in this course?

The Preliminary Mathematics General course contains the five Strands – Financial Mathematics, Data and Statistics, Measurement, Probability, and Algebra and Modelling – as well as two Focus Studies: Mathematics and Communication, and Mathematics and Driving. The two Focus Studies within the course have been designed for one-third of the course time.

The HSC Mathematics General 2 course has been written on the assumption that students have demonstrated a high level of competence in the Preliminary Mathematics General course. The two Focus Studies within the course – Mathematics and Health, and Mathematics and Resources – have been designed for one-third of the course time.

What should I be able to do at the end of this course?

- Interpret and communicate mathematics in a variety of written and verbal forms Appreciate the relevance of mathematics
- Apply reasoning, and the use of appropriate language, in the evaluation and construction of arguments and the interpretation and use of models based on mathematical and statistical concepts
- Use concepts and apply techniques to the solution of problems in algebra and modelling, measurement, financial mathematics, data and statistics, and probability
- Use mathematical skills and techniques, aided by appropriate technology, to organize information and interpret practical situations

How will this course help me in the future?

The Preliminary Mathematics General/HSC Mathematics General 2 pathway provides a context within which to develop general competencies considered essential for the acquisition of effective, higher-order thinking skills necessary for further education, work and everyday life.

The Mathematics General 2 course provides students with the opportunity to develop an understanding of, and competence in, further aspects of mathematics through a large variety of real-world applications for a range of concurrent HSC studies, such as in the life sciences, the humanities and business studies.

The HSC Mathematics General 2 course provides a strong foundation for a broad range of vocational pathways, as well as for a range of university courses.

Mathematics Preliminary Extension 1

1 Unit in Preliminary

Mathematics HSC Extension 1

1 Unit in HSC

Mathematics HSC Extension 2

1 Unit in HSC

ATAR

Board Developed Courses

Prerequisites: The course assumes that students have achieved all the outcomes in the Stage 5 (5.3) course.

They must concurrently be studying Mathematics 2 Unit in Preliminary and HSC years.

HSC Extension 1 course is prerequisite for Extension 2 course

Exclusions: General Mathematics

What will I be doing in these courses?

The content of the Extension courses and its depth of treatment indicate that it is intended for students who have demonstrated a mastery of the skills of Stage 5 Mathematics and who are interested in the study of further skills and ideas in mathematics. The course is intended to give these students a thorough understanding of and competence in aspects of mathematics, including many which are applicable to the real world.

It has general educational merit and is also useful for concurrent studies of science, industrial arts and commerce.

The Preliminary Extension 1 course covers: other inequalities; further geometry; further trigonometry; angles between two lines; internal and external division of lines into given ratios; parametric representation; permutations and combinations; polynomials; harder applications of the Mathematics course.

The HSC Extension 1 course covers:

- Methods of integration
- Primitive of $\sin^2 x$ and $\cos^2 x$
- Equation
- Velocity and acceleration as a function of x
- Projectile motion
- Simple harmonic motion
- Inverse functions and inverse trigonometric functions
- Induction
- Binomial theorem
- Further probability
- Iterative methods for numerical estimation of the roots of a polynomial equation.

The HSC Extension 2 course is designed for students with a special interest in mathematics that have shown that they possess special aptitude for the subject.

They must concurrently be studying Mathematics 2 Unit and HSC Extension 1.

The course offers a suitable preparation for study of mathematics at tertiary level, as well as a deeper and more extensive treatment of certain topics than is offered in other mathematics courses.

It represents a distinctly high level in school mathematics involving the development of considerable manipulative skill and a high degree of understanding of the fundamental ideas of algebra and calculus.

These topics are treated in some depth. Thus, the course provides a sufficient basis for a wide range of useful applications of mathematics as well as an adequate foundation for the further study of the subject.

The main topics covered are: Graphs; Complex Numbers; Conics; Integration; Volumes; Mechanics; Polynomials and harder mathematics Extension 1 topics.

What should I be able to do at the end of this course?

- Appreciate the intellectually challenging nature of mathematics and experience success in solving difficult problems.
- Approach problems requiring complex and abstract mathematics with a positive, inquiring and self-assured attitude
- Apply complex mathematics techniques to a wide variety of challenging problems
- Have confidence in my ability to do mathematics and enjoy seeing mathematics in the world around me
- Be aware of the usefulness of mathematics in the community and appreciate the contribution of mathematics to our society.

How will this course help me in the future?

The Extension 1 course is a recommended minimum basis for further studies in mathematics as a major discipline at university and for the study of mathematics in support of the physical and engineering sciences.

Although the course is sufficient for these purposes, students of outstanding mathematical ability should consider undertaking the Mathematics Extension 2 course that is excellent preparation for tertiary study in mathematics or science based courses. Students should check recommendations for specific courses.

2 Units for each of Preliminary and HSC and an optional 1 Unit HSC Extension

Board Developed Course

What will I be doing in this course?

The Preliminary course is designed to provide students with opportunities to investigate individuals, groups, events, institutions, societies and ideas in a range of historical contexts as a background for their more specialised HSC studies.

The Preliminary Course consists of:

Part I: Case Studies: Includes topics such as; The Assassination of JFK, Russia and the Soviet Union 1900-1924, The Making of Modern South Africa to 1948 and Terrorism in the Modern World.

Part II: Historical Investigation (20%)

Part III: Core Study: The World at the Beginning of the 20th Century

The HSC course is designed for students to investigate national and international forces for change and continuity in the 20th Century.

The HSC Course, focused on the 20th Century, consists of:

Part I: Core Study: World War 1 1914 –1919 (25%)

Part II: One National Study: Germany (25%)

Part III: One Personality in the 20th Century: Albert Speer or Leni Riefenstahl (25%)

Part IV: One International Studies in Peace and Conflict: Conflict in Europe 1935-1945 (25%).

Students who have successfully completed the Preliminary Course and continue studying an HSC Course in either Modern or Ancient History are eligible to attempt the HSC History Extension Course. The History Extension Course involves the study and evaluation of the ideas and processes used by historians to produce history. In Part I of the course, students investigate the question, “What is history?” through readings compiled in a source book and through one case study of a topic such as the Crusades or Appeasement. In Part II, students design, undertake and communicate a personal historical inquiry. Students must have good research skills and an independent approach to learning to be successful in this course.

What should I be able to do at the end of the course?

- Use historical terms and concepts
- Identify different interpretations of the past
- Discuss key individuals, significant events, groups and ideas in different nineteenth and twentieth century historical investigations
- Gather evidence from a range of primary and secondary sources in response to specific questions about the modern world
- Use available information technology, such as the World Wide Web, to conduct research
- Analyse and evaluate information from a variety of sources
- Communicate clearly about historical events, both orally and in various written forms.
- Present the findings of their research and investigations as a member of a group and as an individual.
- Appreciate the contribution of historical studies to an understanding of the modern world.

How will this course help me in the future?

The study of Modern History provides students with knowledge, understanding and skills that form a valuable foundation for a range of courses at university and other tertiary institutions.

In addition, the study of Modern History assists students to prepare for employment and full and active participation as citizens. In particular, there are opportunities for students to gain recognition in vocational education and training.

HSC History Extension will provide you with critical and reflective thinking skills that are essential for effective participation in work, higher learning and the broader community. In particular, the course will develop many higher order skills and methodologies that are of great value to students intending to undertake tertiary studies and are transferable between disciplines.

2 units for each of Preliminary and HSC

Board Developed Course

Exclusions: Music 2

What will I be doing in this course?

In the Preliminary and HSC courses students will study the concepts of music through the learning experiences of performance, composition, musicology and aural within the context of a range of styles, periods and genres.

Students study three topics for each year of the course.

Topics are chosen from a list of 21 topics which cover a range of styles, periods and genres.

In the HSC course, in addition to core studies in performance, composition, musicology and aural, students select three electives from any combination of performance, composition and musicology. These electives must represent each of the three topics studied in the course.

Students selecting Composition electives will be required to compile a portfolio of work as part of the process of preparing a submitted work. The portfolio may be requested by BOSTES to validate authorship of the submitted work.

What should I be able to do at the end of the course?

- Perform at a high level of musicality and technique on their chosen instrument.
- Analyse and compare the different styles of contemporary and classical music.
- Compose a piece in a variety of contemporary styles.
- Demonstrate an understanding of the historic development of contemporary music.

What else do I need to know about this course?

A materials fee applies to this course.

How will this course help me in the future?

Music 1 provides many of the skills required in the diverse fields of the Music industry.

Students may progress into music courses at TAFE NSW or university with a good foundation of knowledge and practical skills. Music also provides knowledge and skills to enhance enjoyment of everyday life.

2 Units for each of Preliminary and HSC and an optional 1 Unit HSC Extension

Board Developed Course

Exclusions: Music 1

What will I be doing in this course?

In the Preliminary and HSC courses students will study the concepts of music through the learning experiences of performance, composition, musicology and aural within the context of a range of styles, periods and genres.

Students study the Mandatory Topic, Music 1600–1900, in the Preliminary year, and the Mandatory Topic, Music of the Last 25 Years (Australian focus), in the HSC year.

In addition to core studies in performance, composition, musicology and aural, students nominate one elective study in Performance, Composition or Musicology. Students selecting Composition or Musicology electives will be required to compile a portfolio of work as part of the process of preparing a submitted work. The portfolio may be requested by BOSTES to validate authorship of the submitted work.

All students will be required to develop a composition portfolio for the core composition.

The 1 Unit HSC Music Extension course is available in year 12 for students who have completed Preliminary Music 2 and are currently studying HSC Music 2. It builds on Music 2 and assumes a high level of music literacy and aural ability as well as advanced performance or composition or musicology skills.

Students will specialise in performance or composition or musicology and will follow an individual program of study, which will be negotiated, between the teacher and student.

Students selecting Composition or Musicology as their area of specialisation in the Extension course will be required to compile a portfolio of work as part of the process of preparing a submitted work.

The portfolio may be requested by BOSTES to validate authorship of the submitted work.

What should I be able to do at the end of the course?

- Perform at a high level of musicality and technique on their chosen instrument.
- Analyse the compositional techniques used in a variety of styles.
- Compose a work in one of the styles found in music of the last 25 years.
- Demonstrate an understanding of the historic development of music from the Baroque Period to the present day.
- Discuss, with references to a variety of major composers, the development of music from a cultural and historical context.
- Transcribe and discuss academically, music heard and from scores.

What else do I need to know about this course?

A materials fee applies to this course.

How will this course help me in the future?

Music 2 provides skills required in the diverse fields of the Music industry. This course is designed for the academic music student who intends to progress into tertiary music courses at university with a strong foundation of knowledge, analytical and practical skills.

Personal Development, Health & Physical Education (PDHPE)



2 Units for each of Preliminary and HSC

Board Developed Course

What will I be doing in this course?

The Preliminary course examines a range of areas that underpin health and physical activity. This includes current thinking about health and physical activity, the management of personal health and basic body movement.

Students have the opportunity to select two options from a range of practical options in areas such as first aid, outdoor recreation, composing and performing and fitness choices.

In the Preliminary course the core topics are: Core 1 – Better Health for Individuals and Core 2 – The Body in Motion.

The optional component includes two options each from: First Aid, Composition and Performance, Fitness Choices, Outdoor Recreation.

In the HSC course, the focus is on major issues related to Australia's health status. They also look at factors that affect physical performance. They undertake two optional study areas from a range of choices including investigating the health of young people or of groups experiencing health inequities. In other options, students focus on improved performance and safety, by learning about advanced approaches to training and concepts of sports medicine. There is also an opportunity to think critically about the factors that impact on sport and physical activity in Australian society.

The HSC Course covers core topics: Health Priorities in Australia and Factors Affecting Performance.

The optional component includes two options each from: the Health of Young People, Sport and Physical Activity in Australian Society, Sports Medicine, Improving Performance, Equity and Health.

What should I be able to do at the end of the course?

- Understand values and attitudes that promote healthy and active lifestyles and communities
- Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the factors that affect health
- Demonstrate a capacity to exercise influence over personal and community health outcomes
- Demonstrate knowledge and understanding about the way the body moves
- Demonstrate an ability to take action to improve participation and performance in physical activity
- Demonstrate an ability to apply the skills of critical thinking, research and analysis.

How will this course help me in the future?

Undertaking this course will provide foundation studies for those students with a special or vocational interest in human movement, and individual and community health issues.

The course would be of great benefit to anyone wishing to take up a career in any of the sport sciences, medicine, nursing, coaching or physical education teaching.

2 Units for each of Preliminary and HSC

Board Developed Course

Exclusion: Preliminary Senior Science

What will I be doing in this course?

Physics investigates natural phenomena and identifies patterns and applies them in a wide range of interesting contexts, models, principles and laws to explain their behaviour.

The Preliminary course develops a knowledge of waves, motion, forces, fields, electricity and magnetism by focusing on increasing students' understanding of current communication technologies, the use of electricity in the home, interaction involving vehicles, such as car crashes and the mechanisms that maintain the physical conditions of planet Earth.

The Preliminary course covers:

- The World Communicates
- Electrical Energy in the Home
- Moving About
- The Cosmic Engine.

The HSC course builds on the concepts of the Preliminary course by expanding on areas such as relativity, the motor effect and solid state physics, by focusing on space flight, motors and generators and the scientific advances involved in the development of semi-conductors and electronics.

The HSC course has core topics:

- Space
- Motors & Generators
- From Ideas to Implementation
- And one option from: Geophysics; Medical Physics; Astrophysics; From Quanta to Quarks; The Age of Silicon.

Practical experiences should occupy a minimum of 80 hours of teaching time in both the Preliminary and HSC course and these will be assessed in practical exams and assignments.

The study of Physics requires students to have a strong background in science and mathematics in Year 10. It is a demanding subject requiring a solid foundation in these disciplines and a strong commitment to study.

What should I be able to do at the end of this course?

- Understand and critically appraise basic concepts of modern physics
- Apply experimental skills in observation, manipulation, measurement and experimental design
- Use computers and data-loggers to access information
- Use terminology and reporting styles appropriately to communicate information
- Work effectively as an individual and as a team member.

What else do I need to know about this course?

A materials fee applies to this course.

How will this course help me in the future?

Physics, either studied alone or in combination with another science subject, is highly recommended preparation for many science based university courses. Students interested in medicine, aviation, engineering and the Defence forces should consider selecting Physics.

2 Units for each of Preliminary and HSC or in HSC following the completion of another Preliminary Science course

Board Developed Course

Exclusions: Preliminary courses in Biology, Chemistry, Earth & Environmental Science and Physics

What will I be doing in this course?

The Preliminary course incorporates study of the collection, storage and conservation of water resources, the structure and function of plants with an emphasis on Australian native plants and aspects of human anatomy.

It discusses issues associated with the protection of the body in the workplace and the interactions between organisms in local ecosystems.

The Preliminary Course covers: Water for Living; Plants; Humans at Work; The Local Environment. In the Preliminary study pattern, Senior Science cannot be studied in combination with Biology or Chemistry or Earth and Environmental Science or Physics.

The HSC course examines the range and importance of biological molecules found in humans and other organisms, the physical and chemical properties of chemicals used by people on and in their bodies and information systems.

The HSC course has core topics: Lifestyle Chemistry; Medical Technology; Bionics; Information Systems; and one option from: Preservatives and Additives; Polymers; Pharmaceuticals; Space Science; Disasters.

The Senior Science course caters for students requiring a broad overview across all disciplines of science and focuses on encouraging them to become scientifically literate citizens. The course emphasises skill development and is particularly suited to students who have achieved elementary to substantial achievement in the School Certificate in Science.

In the HSC study pattern, students who have completed the Preliminary course in Biology, Chemistry, Earth and Environmental Science or Physics, may replace it with the HSC course in Senior Science.

These students may also study HSC Senior Science in combination with the HSC course in Biology, Chemistry, Earth and Environmental Science or Physics to a maximum of six science units.

The Preliminary course includes field experience in the identification of soil types as well as how biological factors interact to form the local environment. Practical experiences should occupy a minimum of 30% of teaching time in both the Preliminary and HSC course and these will be assessed in practical exams and assignments.

What should I be able to do at the end of the course?

- Understand and critically appraise basic concepts of science
- Apply experimental skills in observation, manipulation, measurement and experimental design
- Use computers and data-loggers to access information
- Use terminology and reporting styles appropriately to communicate information
- Work effectively as an individual and as a team member
- Solve problems relating to key scientific concepts.

What else do I need to know about this course?

A materials fee applies to this course.

How will this course help me in the future?

This course provides an essential background to enable students to understand and appreciate the impact of Science on society.

The course is useful in planning for a wide range of careers including infants and primary teaching and ecology studies. Senior Science is not considered suitable preparation for further study at university in science, engineering or applied science, but may provide useful background for the study of social and behavioural sciences and some health sciences such as nursing.

2 Units for each of Preliminary and HSC

Board Developed Course

What will I be doing in this course?

Society and Culture develops knowledge, understanding, skills, values and attitudes essential to an appreciation of the social world. How the interaction of persons, society, culture, environment and time shape human behaviour is a central theme of study.

Students develop an understanding of research methods and undertake research using various methods in an area of particular interest to them. These research skills are then assessed externally in the HSC Course, in the Personal Interest Project (PIP).

The Preliminary course covers:

- The Social and Cultural World - the interaction between aspects of society and cultures
- Personal and Social Identity - socialisation & coming of age in a variety of social and cultural settings.
- Intercultural Communication - how people in different cultures interact and communicate.

The HSC course has 2 compulsory components (Core) and 2 Options (Depth Studies):

Core:

- Social and Cultural Continuity and Change - research and study of the nature, continuity and change of a selected country. Our school studies South Africa.
- The Personal Interest Project - an individual research project.

Depth studies:

- Popular Culture - the interconnection between individuals and popular culture
- Social Inclusion and Exclusion - the nature of social inclusion and exclusion in societies and cultures

What should I be able to do at the end of the course?

- Understand the complexity and diversity of the social and cultural world, including an understanding of how and why similarities and differences exist within and between societies.
- Demonstrate an understanding of the knowledge, skills, values and attitudes essential to achieving social and cultural literacy via the examination of the interactions between persons, societies, cultures and environment across time
- Understand and utilise a range of research methods (interviews, questionnaires, surveys etc) to understand their social research.

How will this course help me in the future?

Society and Culture prepares students for immediate transition to work or tertiary study. Students learn to analyse issues, to write reports, to work in teams, to conduct individual research, to communicate with a variety of people in many ways and to understand their place in the global community.

The course is relevant for students now and in their future. Society and Culture would be particularly valuable to students who wish to undertake further study in the humanities, social sciences, behavioural sciences, communication, business and law, but would provide useful skills for any university or TAFE NSW course.

2 units for each of Preliminary and HSC

Board developed course

This course is basically a programming course for students who wish to undertake a computer science, or other course at university/TAFE which has an ICT component. Alternatively students who are interested in programming and independently write code themselves at home will enjoy this course. Both theoretical and practical activities are undertaken in class.

What will I be doing in this course?

The Preliminary course introduces students to the basic concepts of computer software design and development. It does this by looking at the different ways in which software can be developed, the tools that can be used to assist in this process and by considering the interaction between software and the other components of the computer system.

The Preliminary course covers:

The preliminary course covers: concepts and issues in the design and development of software: social and ethical issues; hardware and software; and software development approaches. Pseudocode, flowcharts, structure and IPO charts, context diagrams, DFD's and the design of GUI's are studied. The meta-languages of EBNF and railroad diagrams are also considered. The main control structures (sequence, selection and iteration), data types, and structured data types such as arrays, records and files are explored in the course. The need for translation by compilation and interpretation are discussed. Students create software solutions in class and in assignments which help to build their skill base.

The HSC course covers:

The HSC course builds on the preliminary course and asks students to develop and document software using a variety of data structures and languages. Multidimensional arrays, sequential and relative files, and mandatory algorithms are studied which include: sorts using a bubble, insertion and selection methods. Binary and sequential search techniques are also covered. Social and ethical issues, testing and maintenance of solutions and the application of different software development approaches are also studied. Practical assignments are completed and marked internally as part of the HSC course and make up 25% of the HSC assessment.

Option Strands - students are to complete ONE of the following options:

Option 1: Programming paradigms – The Logic and the Object Oriented Paradigm are studied.

Option 2: The interrelationship between software and hardware – ASCII and Unicode, Electronic circuits (logic gates) and programming hardware devices

What should I be able to do at the end of this course?

Use standard programming techniques to create solutions to real world problems. Design, build, check and modify software solutions using industry standard tools and methods. Understand the terminology, techniques and algorithms used by programmers. Be aware of relevant social and ethical issues effecting software developers.

What else do I need to know about this course?

This course is suited to students who have an interest in programming that is already expressing itself in the amount of time spent at the computer and some ability to solve problems through analysis and design. Students in this course must have access to a computer and the Internet for extended periods of time outside classroom periods.

A materials fee applies to this course.

How will this course help me in the future?

This course provides excellent employment opportunities after the HSC. It is a thorough introduction to further studies both at TAFE and University. In addition, the design and analysis skills developed in this course have immediate application in many areas of life and further study.

1 unit for each of Preliminary and HSC

An accelerated course to be completed in one year

Board Developed Course

What will I be doing in this course?

Studies of Religion promotes an awareness, understanding and application of the nature of religion and the influence of religious traditions, beliefs and practices on individuals and society, with an emphasis on the Australian context.

Students studying the 1 Unit Course will complete two Religious Traditions Studies. These will investigate significant people, ethical issues and significant practices in relation to each Tradition.

The Preliminary course has:

- One Foundation Study: The nature of religion and beliefs
- Two Religious Traditions: Depth Studies selected from Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism, Islam, and Judaism.

The HSC course has:

- Religion and Belief Systems in Australia post 1945.
- Two Religious Traditions - Depth Studies: Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism, Islam, and Judaism.

What should I be able to do at the end of the course?

- Understand the nature and influence of a range of religious traditions in Australian society
- Empathise with both the similarities and differences of the world's religions.
- Select and organise information from a variety of sources
- Evaluate information for usefulness, validity and bias
- Communicate information in appropriate written, oral and graphic forms.

How will this course help me in the future?

This course will provide students with understanding and respect for religious beliefs and practices in our multicultural society. The impact of religion in world affairs is a reality. Understanding the world's main religions assists in the interpretation of current world events. It will also develop expertise in a variety of skills and key competencies that are essential to further education, work and everyday life.

2 Units for each of Preliminary and HSC

Board Developed Course

What will I be doing in this course?

The Preliminary course involves the study of design, communication techniques, manufacturing methods, fibres, yarns, fabrics and the Australian textile industry.

Practical experiences are integrated into the Design and Properties and Performance of Textiles areas of study, including experimental work and project work.

The Preliminary course covers:

- Design
- Properties and Performance of Textiles
- The Australian Textiles, Clothing, Footwear and Allied Industries (TCFAI).

The HSC course builds upon the Preliminary course and involves the study of the historical design development, the influence of culture on design, contemporary designers, emerging technologies, sustainable technologies, consumer issues and the marketplace. The course integrates the development of a Major Textiles Project that allows students to develop a textile project that reflects either a cultural, historical or contemporary aspect of design.

Students are expected to draw upon the knowledge and understanding of design, properties and performance and the TCFAI developed in the Preliminary course.

The HSC course covers:

- Design
- Properties and Performance of Textiles
- The Australian Textiles, Clothing, Footwear and Allied Industries
- Major Textiles Project.

What should I be able to do at the end of the course?

- Know about and understand the functional and aesthetic requirements of textiles for a range of applications
- Have practical skills in design and manipulation of textiles through the use of appropriate technologies
- Apply knowledge and understanding of the properties and performance of textiles to the development and manufacture of textile items
- Have skills in experimentation
- Know about and understand the Australian Textiles, Clothing, Footwear and Allied Industries
- Appreciate the significance of textiles in society.

What else do I need to know about this course?

A materials fee applies to this course.

How will this course help me in the future?

The skills and knowledge acquired are useful for a career in the fashion industry, theatrical design, the textile industry, teaching, fibre and fabric research, craft work in textiles, interior design, advertising, marketing, commercial fabric buying and creative textile works.

2 Units for each of Preliminary and HSC

Board Developed Course

Exclusions: projects developed for assessment in one subject are not to be used either in full or in part for assessment in any other subject.

What will I be doing in this course?

Visual Arts involves students in art making, art criticism and art history. Students develop their own artworks, culminating in a 'body of work' in the HSC course. Students critically and historically investigate artworks, critics, historians and artists from Australia as well as those from other cultures, traditions and times.

The Preliminary course is broadly focused. Students will study artworks in at least two expressive forms and use a process diary. They will also undertake a broad investigation of ideas in art making, art criticism and art history. Their learning opportunities focus on:

- The nature of practice in art making, art criticism and art history through different investigations
- The role and function of artists, artworks, the world and audiences in the art world
- The different ways the visual arts may be interpreted and how students might develop their own informed points of view
- How students develop meaning, focus and interest in their work
- Building understandings over time through various investigations and working in different forms.

The HSC course provides for deeper and more complex investigations.

It requires the development of a body of work and use of a process diary. It includes a minimum of five Case Studies, (4–10 hours each), and deeper and more complex investigations in art making, art criticism and art history.

The learning opportunities focus on:

- How students may develop their practice in art making, art criticism, and art history
- How students may develop their own informed points of view in increasingly independent ways and use different interpretive frameworks in their investigations
- How students may learn about the relationships between artists, art works, the world and audiences within the art world and apply these to their own investigations
- How students may further develop meaning and focus in their work.

What should I be able to do at the end of the course?

- Present a body of work that shows creativity and strength in its ideas and representation of subject matter
- Use art materials with confidence, sensitivity and technical competence
- Initiate an art making process that is sustained and reflective
- Identify an individual approach to art making
- Write about artworks, artists and art styles in art history from different perspectives
- Describe how the relationship between the artist, artwork, the audience and the world creates meaning in art.

What else do I need to know about this course?

A materials fee applies to this course.

How will this course help me in the future?

In Visual Arts students will develop skills and qualities that are relevant to many situations in the workplace and in further study. This course encourages them to become a critical consumer of contemporary visual culture in a world that is dominated by visual images. They will develop the confidence to express their individuality and acquire the skills to express these in a creative way. The course encourages tolerance and empathy for different values and beliefs. Visual Arts will also strengthen students' problem-solving and thinking skills especially in the area of visual communication.

This course is recommended background for many university and TAFE NSW courses in Visual Arts and Design.

Board Developed Category B Courses

Certificate II in Construction Pathways (CPC20211)

240 hours

2 units for each of Preliminary and HSC

Board Developed Vocational Education and Training (VET) Course

Exclusion: Students must not undertake the same or equivalent units of competency or VET modules in more than one VET course.

The Construction curriculum framework includes courses that are accredited for the HSC and provide students with the opportunity to obtain nationally recognised vocational qualifications.

- Students who are assessed as competent in all of the prescribed units of competency in Construction (240 hours) will be eligible for a Statement of Attainment showing partial completion of Certificate II in General Construction. Students may be eligible for Certificate I in General Construction.
- Students who are assessed as competent in all of the units of competency in Construction (120 hours) will be eligible for a Statement of Attainment showing partial completion of the Certificate I in General Construction.

What will I be doing in this course?

This course provides students with the opportunity to obtain national vocational qualifications for employment in the construction industry. Students will be able to gain skills in planning and organizing work, measuring and calculating, reading and interpreting plans, safe and environmentally sustainable work practices and the use of construction tools and equipment. Skills gained in this industry transfer to other industries. Occupations in the construction industry include: construction or trades assistant, builder's labourer, tiler, concreter, painter and decorator and wall or floor tiler.

This course is compiled of eight compulsory units of competency and seven elective units.

Students will need to develop and exhibit these competencies throughout the entire course. These core units of competency focus on developing and refining the skills required to work effectively within the industry. The core units of competency specifically address industry awareness, communicating with others, planning for work, quality principles, working safely and introductory tools and techniques.

The electives available in the course complement these competencies by providing a range of practical and technical skills. Elective units available are from the area of General Construction.

What else do I need to know about this course?

- Students **must** complete a minimum of 70 hours' work placement in a hospitality related industry workplace (35 hours in each of Years 11 and 12).
- This is a competency based course. Students in this course, work to develop the competencies, skills and knowledge described by each unit of competency. To be assessed as competent a student must demonstrate that they can effectively carry out the various tasks to industry standard. Students will be progressively assessed as 'competent' or 'not yet competent' in individual units of competency.
- Students completing this course are eligible to sit an optional, written HSC examination. The questions will be drawn from the compulsory units of Competency. The purpose of the examination is to provide a mark which may be used in the calculation of the ATAR. The examination is independent of the competency-based assessment undertaken during the course and has no impact on the eligibility of a student to receive an AQF VET qualification.
- The HSC exam mark for this course may be included in the ATAR (Category B).
- Cost of the White Card is \$30.
- A materials fee applies to this course.

What should I be able to do at the end of the course?

- Be familiar with the construction industry and career structures within the industry
- Seek and attain suitable and rewarding employment in the construction industry
- Function competently and confidently at the entry level standard of a construction work environment.

How will this course help me in the future?

The competencies, skills and work experience students gain in this course equip them well for direct entry into the work force, particularly into trades such as carpentry and general construction. There are direct articulation arrangements with TAFE NSW and students are able to complete a TAFE NSW diploma in minimum time and articulate, if they choose, to university, with advanced standing.

Certificate II in Hospitality (Kitchen Operations) (SIT 20312)

240 hours

2 Units for each of Preliminary and HSC

Board Developed Vocational Education and Training (VET) Course

Exclusion: Students must not undertake the same or equivalent units of competency or VET modules in more than one VET course. Special arrangements may apply for students wishing to study Hospitality and Tourism.

The Hospitality curriculum framework includes courses that are accredited for the HSC and provide students with the opportunity to obtain nationally recognised vocational qualifications.

What will I be doing in this course?

This course provides students with the opportunity to obtain national vocational qualifications for employment in the hospitality industry. Students will be able to develop generic hospitality skills in customer service, communication, environmental sustainable work practices, hygiene and safety as well as basic skills in commercial cookery. Occupations in the hospitality industry include hotel receptionist, housekeeper, hotel manager, waiter, bar attendance, kitchen hand, chef/cook and restaurant manager/owner.

The course is based on units of competency, which have been drawn up by the hospitality industry to describe the competencies, skills and knowledge needed by workers in this industry.

This course is compiled of eight core units of competency, five Commercial Cookery Stream units and five elective units. In the core of the course, students concentrate on developing the skills to work effectively in a hospitality environment including hospitality industry awareness, communicating with customers and staff, working safely and hygienically and operating equipment.

What else do I need to know about this course?

- Students **must** complete a minimum of 70 hours' work placement in a hospitality related industry workplace (35 hours in each of Years 11 and 12).
- The completion of this course will give students a Statement of Attainment towards the Certificate II in Hospitality (Kitchen Operations) (SIT 20312).
- This is a competency based course. Students in this course work to develop the competencies, skills and knowledge described by each unit of competency. To be assessed as competent a student must demonstrate that they can effectively carry out the various tasks to industry standard. Students will be progressively assessed as 'competent' or 'not yet competent' in individual units of competency.
- Students completing this course are eligible to sit an optional, written HSC examination. The questions will be drawn from the compulsory units of Competency. The purpose of the examination is to provide a mark which may be used in the calculation of the ATAR. The examination is independent of the competency-based assessment undertaken during the course and has no impact on the eligibility of a student to receive an AQF VET qualification.
- The HSC exam mark for this course may be included in the ATAR (Category B).
- Students will need to wear a chef's uniform in order to meet industry training requirements.
- A materials fee applies to this course.

What should I be able to do at the end of the course?

- Be familiar with the hospitality industry and career structures within the industry
- Seek and attain suitable and rewarding employment in the hospitality industry
- Function competently and confidently at the entry level standard of a commercial cookery work environment
- Have knowledge and skills required to perform a range of tasks in a variety of industry environments.

How will this course help me in the future?

The competencies, skills and work experience students gain in this course equip them well for direct entry into the work force in areas such as hotels, clubs, restaurants, community food service organisations, catering organisations and resorts, as well as many other sections of the tourism industry.

This course enhances vocational pathways for students who are interested in pursuing hospitality studies in further education. There are direct articulation arrangements with TAFE NSW and students are able to complete a TAFE NSW diploma in minimum time and articulate, if they choose, to university, with significant advanced standing.

Students are also offered the opportunity to apply for scholarships at Hotel Schools.

240 hours

2 Units for each of Preliminary and HSC

Board Developed Vocational Education and Training (VET) Course

Exclusion: Students must not undertake the same or equivalent units of competency or VET modules in more than one VET course.

The Metal and Engineering curriculum framework includes courses that are accredited for the HSC and provide students with the opportunity to obtain nationally recognised vocational qualifications.

- Students who are assessed as competent in all of the prescribed units of competency in Metal and Engineering (240 hours) will be eligible for the Certificate I in Engineering and a Statement of Attainment towards the Certificate II in Engineering – Production.
- Students who are assessed as competent in all of the prescribed units of competency in Metal and Engineering (120 hours) will be eligible for a Statement of Attainment towards the Certificate I in Engineering.
- Students who are assessed as competent in some units of competency will be eligible for a Statement of Attainment showing partial completion of Certificate I in Engineering or II in Engineering–Production.

What will I be doing in this course?

This course provides students with the opportunity to obtain national vocational qualifications for employment in the manufacturing, engineering and related industries.

Students will be able to gain skills in safe work practices, routine work activities, working with others, quality procedures and systems, the use of hand and power tools, technical drawing and engineering measurement. Occupations in the manufacturing, engineering and related industries include fitter, toolmaker, engineering draftsman, boat builder/repairer and mechanical, production or marine engineer.

The course is based on units of competency developed by the manufacturing, engineering and related service industries to describe the competencies skills and knowledge needed by workers in these industries.

This course incorporates five foundation units plus units from the Fabrication stream. The foundation units of competency represent the basic skills, knowledge and attitudes required by all workers within the manufacturing, engineering and related service industries. They specifically address industry awareness, communicating with others, planning for work, quality principles and working safely. These foundation units of competency focus on developing and refining the skills required to work effectively within the industry, and need to be exhibited throughout the entire course.

The competencies from the Fabrication elective stream complement these competencies by providing a range of practical and technical skills and articulation into the Engineering Fabrication trade.

What else do I need to know about this course?

- Students must complete a minimum of 35 hours work placement each year in a metal and engineering workplace. A total of 70 hours.
- This is a competency based course. This means that students work to develop the competencies, skills and knowledge described in each unit of competency. To be assessed as competent a student must demonstrate, to a qualified assessor that they can effectively carry out the various tasks and combinations of tasks listed to the standard required in the industry. There is no mark awarded in competency based assessment. Students are assessed as either 'competent' or 'not yet competent'. Competency based assessment determines the vocational qualification that a student will receive.

- There is an optional Higher School Certificate examination for Metal and Engineering (240 hour). The written exam consists of multiple choice items, short answers and extended response items. The questions will be based on units of competency and HSC Requirements and Advice detailed in the syllabus. The examination is independent of the competency based assessment undertaken during the course and has no impact on the eligibility of a student to receive a vocational qualification.
- The HSC exam mark for this course may be included in the ATAR (Category B).
- A materials fee applies to this course.

What should I be able to do at the end of the course?

- Be familiar with the metal and engineering industry and career structures within the industry
- Seek and attain suitable and rewarding employment in the metal and engineering industry
- Function competently and confidently at the entry level standard of an engineering work environment
- Have knowledge and skills required to perform a range of tasks in a variety of industry environments.

How will this course help me in the future?

The competencies, skills and work experience students gain in this course equip them well for direct entry into the work force in areas such as metal fabrication and production as well as many other sections of the metal and engineering industry.

This course enhances vocational pathways for students who are interested in pursuing engineering studies in further education. There are direct articulation arrangements with TAFE NSW and students are able to complete a TAFE NSW diploma in minimum time and articulate, if they choose, to university, with significant advanced standing.

Content Endorsed Courses

Content Endorsed Courses (CECs) have syllabuses endorsed by BOSTES to cater for areas of special interest not covered in the Board Developed Courses.

2 Units for each of Preliminary and HSC

Content Endorsed Course

What will I be doing in this course?

Through the study of English Studies students will:

- experience and develop knowledge, understanding and appreciation of various forms of texts, exploring the ideas and values of those texts and how language and other techniques are used in the texts to convey meaning
- develop skills in reading, listening and viewing and in writing, speaking and representing, to enrich their personal lives and to consolidate a sound basis for current and future education, careers and citizenship
- develop knowledge, understanding and skills in using language accurately, effectively and appropriately for a range of purposes, audiences and contexts
- develop skills in planning and working both individually and collaboratively, and reflect on learning

In each of the Preliminary and HSC years students are required to:

- read, view, listen to and compose a wide range of texts, including print texts and multi-modal texts
- undertake study of at least one substantial print text and at least one substantial multi-modal text
- be involved in planning, research and presentation activities as part of one individual and/or one collaborative project
- engage with the community through avenues such as visits, surveys, interviews, work experience, listening to guest speakers and/or excursions
- develop a portfolio of texts they have planned, drafted, edited and presented in written, graphic and electronic forms across all the modules undertaken during the year.

What will I be able to do at the end of this course?

English Studies is designed to support students in developing proficiency in English to enhance their personal, social and vocational lives. It offers a comprehensive language experience that is reflected in the modes of reading, writing, speaking, listening, viewing and representing.

The course provides students with the opportunity to become more confident and effective communicators and to enjoy a breadth and variety of texts in English. Students explore the ideas, values, language forms, features and structures of texts in a range of personal, social, cultural and workplace contexts. They respond to and compose texts to extend experience and understanding, access information and assess its reliability, and synthesise the knowledge gained from a range of sources to fulfil a variety of purposes. Responding to and composing texts provides students with the opportunity to develop and appreciate the imaginative and the affective and to recognise the ways texts convey, interpret and reflect ways of thinking about the self and the world.

This course provides diverse approaches to texts so that students may become flexible and critical thinkers, capable of engaging with, understanding, contributing to and appreciating the variety of cultural heritages and differences that make up Australian society and society more broadly. It also encourages the continued development of skills in individual, collaborative and reflective learning. Such skills form the basis of sound practices of investigation and analysis required for adult life, including the world of work as well as post-school training and education. The course encourages students to reflect on their own processes of responding, composing and learning.

How will this course help me in the future?

The aim of English Studies is to enable students to understand, use, enjoy and value the English language in its various textual forms and to become thoughtful, imaginative and effective communicators in a diverse and changing society

English Studies addresses the needs of a specific group of students who wish to complete and be awarded a Higher School Certificate but who are seeking an alternative to the current Standard English course.

The course is not examined externally. Results in the course are not eligible for inclusion in the calculation of the Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR).

1 Unit in Preliminary only

Content Endorsed Course

School Delivery

Exclusions: Projects developed for assessment in one subject are not to be used either in full or part for assessment in any other subject.

What will I be doing in this course?

The course is designed to enable students to gain an increasing accomplishment and independence in their representation of ideas in the field of photography, video and digital imaging and understand and value how these fields of practice invite different interpretations and explanations.

Students will develop knowledge, skills and understanding through the making of photographs, videos and digital images that lead to and demonstrate conceptual and technical accomplishment. They will also develop knowledge, skills and understanding that lead to increasingly accomplished critical and historical investigations of photography, video and digital imaging.

Modules may be selected from any of the three broad fields: Wet Photography, Video and Digital Imaging. They include: Introduction to the Field; Developing a Point of View; Traditions, Conventions, Styles and Genres; Manipulated Forms; The Arranged Image and Temporal Accounts. An Occupational, Health and Safety Module is mandatory. The additional module, Individual/collaborative Project, extends students' learning experiences and may reflect students' increasing interests and desire to specialise. Students are required to keep a process diary throughout the course.

What should I be able to do at the end of the course?

- Have basic skills to use photographic, video and digital equipment
- Manipulate the digital photographic and video editing process
- Have expertise to a highly advanced level of technical skill and creative expression.

What else do I need to know about this course?

A materials fee applies to this course.

How will this course help me in the future?

Photography can be used as a basis to provide many skills needed in a variety of creative commercial and artistic fields including, graphic arts, magazine, digital imaging, web design, fashion, film & television, photojournalism and tourism.

It provides a useful background for TAFE and university courses in photography, digital imaging, fine arts and visual communications. At the end of the course students will be able to put together a portfolio to use in interviews for both further education and job purposes.

Sport Lifestyle and Recreation Studies (SLR)



1 Unit in Preliminary only

Content Endorsed Course

School Delivery

Exclusions: Students studying SLR must not study modules which duplicate PDHPE modules.

What will I be doing in this course?

This course enables students to further develop their understanding of and competence in a range of sport and recreational pursuits. They are encouraged to establish a lifelong commitment to being physically active and to achieving movement potential.

The course provides the opportunity to specialise in areas of expertise or interest through optional modules such as: Aquatics; Athletics; First Aid; Fitness; Specific Sports; Gymnastics; Outdoor Recreation; Sports Administration; Coaching; Social Perspectives of Sport; and Healthy Lifestyle.

What will I be able to do at the end of this course?

- Understand and appreciate the factors that influence health and participation in physical activity
- Understand the principles that impact on quality of performance
- Analyse and implement strategies to promote health, activity and enhanced performance
- Identify the relationship between a healthy lifestyle and diet and exercise
- Be aware of anatomy and physiology
- Create and refine my own performance of movement skills and safe sporting practices.

How will this course help me in the future?

Students selecting this course should be interested in sport with a desire to explore the working and functioning of the human body. This course would be of benefit to anyone interested in coaching, sport, the fitness industry, recreational education, physical education, nursing, occupational health, physiotherapy.

2 Units in Preliminary and / or HSC

Content Endorsed - Other Endorsed Studies (OES)

School Delivery

What will I be doing in this course?

Work in all its forms – paid and unpaid- plays a central role in our lives. This course provides an awareness of issues and concepts related to the world of work, and the acquisition of work-related skills. The strong practical orientation of the course allows students to develop a range of skills and attitudes in actual work place contexts either in the form of work placement or by visiting workplaces or short term investigation of work places. The value of these experiences will be reinforced by the school based components of the course, which provide both a knowledge base and the opportunity for structured reflection on workplace learning.

What should I be able to do at the end of this course?

- Have knowledge skills, values and attitudes to facilitate school to work transition
- Understand the changing nature of work organisation and the implications for individuals and society.
- Understand the relationships between education, training, work and lifestyle.

What else do I need to know about this course?

This course will run as a two year two unit course. It is envisaged that students who select this course will not be continuing to University studies, and will be studying Standard English as well as vocational courses. There is no HSC end of course exam, but rather continuous assessment including skills and formal exams.

How will this course help me in the future?

Students who study this course should be well equipped to enter the world of work. The Core studies of “Work and Change” and “Experiencing Work” plus the many elective modules, provide students with the skills to seek work, develop Interview skills, as well as understand the many aspects of the workplace. Elective modules could include Career planning, Job seeking and interviews and Occupational Health and Safety and First Aid in the workplace.

Vocational Education and Training (VET) Courses delivered by TAFE

Killara High School senior students may access a range of TAFE VET courses (known as TVET) on offer at various TAFE campuses around Sydney. With the exception of extension courses, each TAFE VET course has a 2-unit value and is generally offered on a Tuesday afternoon. Students enrolled in TAFE VET courses are expected to manage their own transport arrangements to and from TAFE and may miss class at school. It is a student's responsibility to make up any missed classwork. Additional paperwork is required for students to secure their place in a TVET course. Students must complete a TVET expression of interest form from the Careers Staffroom in order to apply for a course. See Ms Allen the Careers Adviser for more information.

TAFE VET courses can be divided into two categories:

1. Industry Curriculum Framework Courses

These B category courses are based on national training packages and, if taken over two years, provide students with an opportunity to gain a Certificate I or II. In addition, if a student studies the same framework course for two years and undertakes the optional BOSTES exam, the mark can be used in the calculation of an ATAR. However, it is important to remember that only one B category subject can be included in a student's ATAR calculation. Work placement is a mandatory component of all framework courses.

Below is a list of framework courses:

- Automotive Vehicle Servicing
- Automotive and Sound System Installation
- Business Services
- Construction Pathways
- Electrotechnology – Computer Assembly and Repair (NON ATAR)
- Electrotechnology - Electrical
- Entertainment
- Financial Services - Accounts Administration
- Hospitality (Kitchen Operations and Kitchen Operations and Food Beverage combined)
- Human Services - Allied Health Assistance
- Human Services - Health Services Assistance
- Information and Digital Technology – Networking
- Information and Digital Technology – Animation
- Information and Digital Technology – Games Development
- Information and Digital Technology – Web Application
- Metal and Engineering
- Primary Industries - Horticulture
- Retail Services
- Tourism, Travel and Events – Events
- Tourism, Travel and Events - Tourism

2. Non Framework Courses

These courses can contribute to a student's preliminary and/or HSC units but cannot be included in an ATAR. Courses run for three terms and are available to students in both Years 11 and 12 with some courses offering a second year of study.

Below is a list of available non-framework courses:

- Assistant Dance Teaching
- Aviation (Aircraft Operations – Theory)
- Beauty - Retail Makeup and Skin Care (Nail technology available for continuing beauty students)
- Boating Services
- Community Services Introduction to Children's Services
- Community Services Introduction to Social Work (Welfare)
- Computer Aided Drafting

- Fashion and Textiles
- Floristry
- Furniture Making
- Hairdressing
- Maritime Operations
- Marketing
- Music Industry - Introduction
- Music Industry - Music
- Musical Theatre and Performance
- Plumbing
- Property Services (Agency)
- Retail Baking
- Screen and Media – Animation
- Screen and Media – Film and Animation
- Screen and Media – Film and Radio
- Screen and Media – Film and Television
- Screen and Media - Games Development
- Screen and Media – Media
- Screen and Media – Radio Broadcasting
- Skills For Work and Vocational Pathways - Foundation Skills/Business Admin Focus
- Skills For Work and Vocational Pathways - Foundation Skills/Hospitality Focus
- Skills For Work and Vocational Pathways - Foundation Skills/Retail Focus
- Sport, Fitness and Recreation
- Sport and Recreation - Cert III in Fitness
- Sport and Recreation – Sport Coaching
- Sport and Recreation – Sports Trainer
- Visual Arts, Crafts and Design – Design Fundamentals
- Visual Arts, Crafts and Design - Design Fundamentals (Fashion)
- Visual Arts, Crafts and Design – Design Fundamentals - Photography

Courses and their availabilities are subject to change based on sufficient demand and resources. It is important to note that exclusions apply and that certain combinations of school and TAFE courses are not permitted by BOSTES. Therefore students choosing TAFE VET courses should ensure that their course selections meet BOSTES requirements for the successful completion of an HSC.

3. School-based Traineeships and Apprenticeships

Killara High School also offers students the flexibility to enrol in either a school-based apprenticeship or traineeship for the duration of Years 11 and 12. The apprenticeship or traineeship will not only contribute units to a student's HSC but, in addition, it has the potential to give participants an opportunity to complete Stage 1 of either an apprenticeship or traineeship. Students undertake a minimum of 100 days of paid work experience across Years 11 and 12 in addition to attending training for up to one day a week. Interested students should complete an Expression of Interest form which can be obtained from the careers office.