

Stage 4 into 5
**COURSE SELECTION @
KILLARA HIGH SCHOOL**
for 2016

Information for Year 8(2015) students
and parents

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MANDATORY COURSE REQUIREMENTS IN STAGE 5

In Years 9 and 10, students are required to study the following mandatory (compulsory) courses for the completion of Stage 5 and progression into Stage 6:

- English (400 hours)
- Mathematics (400 hours)
- Science (400 hours)
- Australian History & Geography (incorporating Civics & Citizenship) (400 hours)
- Personal Development, Health, Physical Education (PD/H/PE) (300 hours)

ELECTIVE COURSES

In addition to the mandatory courses, students are required to study elective courses.

At Killara High School, students must study:

- **THREE ELECTIVE courses in Year 9**

and, maintain their study of,

- **TWO of these courses in Year 10**

to meet the Board of Studies (BOS) requirements for Stage 5 which is indicated on the Record of Student Achievement (RoSA).

ELECTIVE COURSES

CREATIVE AND PERFORMING ARTS (CAPA)

- Music
- Photographic and Digital Media
- Visual Arts
- Ceramics

ENGLISH

- Drama

HUMAN SOCIETY AND ITS ENVIRONMENT (HSIE)

- Commerce
- Events that changed the World
- Global Studies
- Aboriginal Studies (Stage 6 course)



ELECTIVE COURSES

LANGUAGES (LOTE)

- Chinese (Continuers)
- French (Continuers)
- German (Continuers)
- Hebrew (Modern)
- Japanese (Continuers)

COMPUTING STUDIES

- Information and Software Technology

MATHEMATICS

- Mathematics – Stage 6 (Accelerated)

ELECTIVE COURSES

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT, HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION(PD/H/PE)

- Physical Activity and Sports Studies (PASS)

TECHNICAL AND APPLIED STUDIES

- Design & Technology
- Food Technology
- Industrial Technology (Engineering, Multimedia, Timber)
- Information & Software Technology
- Textiles Technology



ACCELERATED COURSES

There are TWO accelerated courses that students may indicate an interest in studying.

All students who indicate their interest in **Accelerated Mathematics** will be interviewed by a panel of teachers including the Head Teacher Mathematics and your Student Advisor to determine your suitability for the course

Students may also indicate an interest in studying **Aboriginal Studies (Stage 6)**.

Stage 5 Information

The Board of Studies requirements for the completion of Stage 5:

- In years 7 – 10, students study a variety of courses which are **mandatory**.
- Students must meet the mandatory hours of study for each course.
- Students are required to apply themselves with **diligence** and **sustained effort** in each course.
- At Killara High School, some mandatory courses are completed in Stage 4. These are Art and Music, Languages and Technology courses.

Stage 5 Information

*In Year 10, school based assessment of mandatory and elective courses occurs, and grades based on these assessments are submitted to the Board of Studies which accredit students with a **Record of Student Achievement (RoSA)**.*

The RoSA is an ongoing and cumulative record which students can add to, as they progress through to the completion of their schooling from Years 9-12.

Sample A: Record of School Achievement (issued to eligible students leaving school)

Record of School Achievement



*This is to certify that **Sample Student of Sample High School**
has received the results shown below:*

Course Results

Year	Course	Result
Board Developed Courses		
2012	English (200)	A
	Mathematics (200)	C5
	Science (200)	B
	Australian Geography (100)	D
	Australian History (100)	C
	History (Elective) (100)	B
	Industrial Technology – Electronics (200)	C
	Personal Development, Health and Physical Education (200)	A
Board Endorsed Courses		
2012	Physical Activity and Sports Science (100)	A
	Religion, Catholic Studies (100)	D
Mandatory Curriculum Requirements		
	English	Completed
	Mathematics	Completed
	Science	Completed
	Human Society and Its Environment	Completed
	Languages	Completed
	Technology	Completed
	Music	Completed
	Visual Arts	Completed
	Personal Development, Health and Physical Education	Completed

Sample Student has met the requirements for the award of a Record of School Achievement

Mathematics

- o Mandatory
- o Accelerated

Mathematics

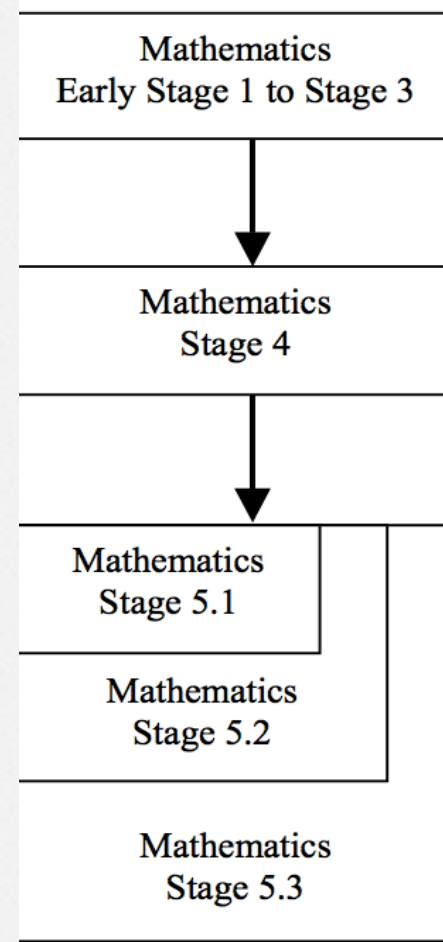
STAGE 5

Number and Algebra

Statistics and Probability

*Measurement and
Geometry*

Working Mathematically



Traditional Pattern of Study

YEAR 9 STAGE 5 MATHEMATICS	YEAR 10 STAGE 5 MATHEMATICS	YEAR 11 STAGE 6 MATHEMATICS Preliminary Courses	YEAR 12 STAGE 6 MATHEMATICS HSC Courses HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATE
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ELECTIVE: ACCELERATED MATHEMATICS

<p>YEAR 9 STAGE 5 MATHEMATICS Year 9 & 10 course ROSA</p>	<p>YEAR 10 STAGE 6 MATHEMATICS Preliminary Course</p>	<p>YEAR 11 STAGE 6 MATHEMATICS HSC Course HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATE</p> <p>STAGE 6 MATHEMATICS Preliminary Course Extension 1</p>	<p>YEAR 12 STAGE 6 Extension 1 and 2 MATHEMATICS HSC Courses</p> <p>HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATE</p>
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KEY CONSIDERATIONS WHEN SELECTING A COURSE

ABILITIES

- include courses in which you are capable of doing well

INTERESTS AND MOTIVATION

- include courses which interest you
- include subject areas which you want to study
- **do not** be tempted to include courses just because your friends like them

CAREER ASPIRATIONS AND NEEDS

- if you are unsure, talk to people who have the experience and expertise to guide you – teachers, parents, senior students
- remember that the courses you include you may be studying for the next two years
- the only Stage 5 courses that are required as prerequisites for Stage 6 courses are the Continuers Languages courses

HOW TO SUBMIT YOUR COURSE SELECTIONS

There are **TWO** processes to complete by
Friday June 12 2015:

- A Student Course Selection Form –
'Year 9 2016' **(BLUE)** form
- AND
- an online WEBCHOICES Expression
of Interest form which closes at
Midnight June 11 2015

STUDENT COURSE EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FORM

This form is on BLUE paper



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Student Course Expression of Interest - Year 9, 2014

Name: _____ Home Group: _____

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Entry into Stage 8 (Year 9) in 2014 requires some course selections on the part of present Year 8 students. These choices are best made mutually by parents and their children, using as criteria the ability and interest of students (endorsed by the experience of the parents). The Stage 8 Course Booklet has been prepared by staff to give advice on the content/matrix of all courses offered as electives for Year 9 2014.

Will your child be returning to Killara High School in 2014?

Yes No – Reason: _____

Unsure – Reason: _____

MANDATORY COURSES - English, Mathematics, Science, Australian Geography and Australian History incorporating Civics and Citizenship and PDHPE

ELECTIVES - Three other courses will be chosen as electives.

In 2014, the following elective courses will be available at the school, subject to the restrictions of specialist class sizes, available facilities eg specialist rooms, Board of Studies requirements and the availability of staff.

Creative Arts	PDHPE
V18 Visual Art	PA8 Physical Activity and Sports Studies
MU8 Music	Technological and Applied Studies
PD8 Photographic & Digital Media	DTE Design & Technology
English	FTE Food Technology
DRA Drama	ITA Industrial Technology – Automotive
Human Society and its Environment	ITG Industrial Technology – Engineering
COM Commerce	ITM Industrial Technology – Multimedia
EVE Events That Changed The World	ITT Industrial Technology – Timber
IN8 International Studies	I8T Information and Software Technology
FFF Facing our Future	TXT Textiles Technology
Languages	Accelerated Courses*
CHC Chinese Continuers	AMA Accelerated Mathematics
FRF French Continuers	
GMC German Continuers	
HEC Hebrew Continuers	
JAC Japanese Continuers	

Expression of Interest (EOI) in studying any THREE of the above elective courses & to be made in the table below plus an EOI for a fourth elective in the event that your first three preferences cannot be met. EOI = 4

EOI	Code	Course	Code	Course
1				
2				
3				

* NOTE: Students who express interest the Stage 8 Accelerated course will be interviewed by a panel of teachers including the Head Teacher of the course and the Year 8 Student Adviser to ascertain suitability for this course.

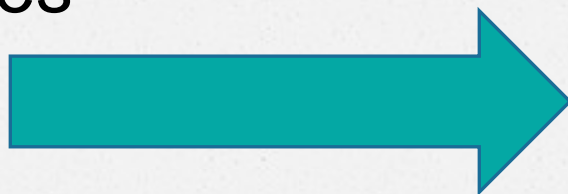
I have noted my child's EOI for courses for 2014. I express interest in studying these courses for 2014.

Signature of Parent/Career _____ Signature of Student _____

*Please return this form to MISS WILLIAMSON in the HEAD TEACHERS' STAGE 8 OFFICE by FRIDAY 15th JUNE 2014

ONLINE WEBCHOICES EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Students will receive an instruction sheet about how to complete their Expression of Interest sheet using Webchoices



YEAR 8 2013 - STAGE 4 INTO 5 SUBJECT SELECTION HOW TO COMPLETE WEBCHOICES ONLINE EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

It is important when indicating your expressions of interest that you prioritise all the subjects you nominate. Do not consider subjects because your friends are doing them or you assume it is a required pathway to a senior subject. Electives in Stage 5 are designed for students to participate in non-core subjects in **2013** they have an interest and enjoy.

The elective subjects that will become the pattern of study for Year 9 2014 will be on the basis of the Year 8 expressions of interest responses. The school will endeavour to accommodate a student's first three choices using the reserve preference, only when required.

Remember, your choices will not influence your opportunities for senior subject selections in Year 11, with the exception of Continuer Languages Courses.

- You must choose a subject in all spaces.
- Please select in order of **Priority** - the first 3 Priorities are your preferred choices for your electives - the subjects you would like most to do.
- The **Reserves** will only be used if necessary.
- **Reserve 1** is your first reserve subject and **Reserve 2** is your second reserve subject.
- When you have made all your selections on the web choices page you must print a copy. This copy **MUST** be signed and dated by both you and a parent/caregiver. Staple this to your paper Student Course Expression of Interest - Year 9, 2014 (ORANGE) form and return to the box in the Stage Head Teachers office on or before **Friday 14th June 2013**.
- **Note:** You can go on the web site <https://web.edval.com.au/mysubject> and change your selections as many times as you wish until midnight 13th June 2013. After the cut off time all selections are final and cannot be changed.

ONLINE WEBCHOICES EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

You will NOT be able to start this process until May 28 2015

1. Go to:

<https://web.edval.com.au/mysubjects>

2. Click on log in.



3. Type in the login code that will be sent to your DET email address.

Should you have difficulties with this, see a Stage Head Teacher in the House.



4. Once you type in your login, you will be directed to a screen like this:

	Subject	Units
Priority 1	<input type="text"/>	0
Priority 2	<input type="text"/>	0
Priority 3	<input type="text"/>	0
	Total Units	0
Reserve 1	<input type="text"/>	0
Reserve 2	<input type="text"/>	0

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5. After you indicate three priorities and two reserves click on submit button.

6. Print the page (showing your priorities and reserves) that appears next. **You and your parent/carer must sign and date it.**



SUBMISSION OF FORMS

Staple together the WEBCHOICES print out to your paper Student Course Expression of Interest – Year 9, 2016 **BLUE** form and return **both forms** to the box in the Stage Head Teachers office **on or before Friday 12th June 2015.**