



Stage 5 Curriculum Evening

Information for Year 8 (2017) students and parents

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Stage 5 mandatory requirements

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

- English (*500 hours)
- Mathematics (*500 hours)
- Science (*500 hours)
- Australian History & Geography (incorporating Civics & Citizenship) (*400 hours)
- Personal Development, Health, Physical Education (PD/H/PE) (*300 hours)

These are the combined NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) and Department of Education minimum requirements for government schools when providing curriculum. (7-10)

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 NESAs requirements for Stage 5 which is shown on the Record of Student Achievement (RoSA) credential.

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 OTHER THAN ENGLISH (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)

TECHNOLOGY 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:

Accelerated Mathematics

Aboriginal Studies (Stage 6)

Mandatory requirements

The NESA 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 Visual Art and Music, Languages and Technology courses.

The RoSA

In Year 10, school based assessment of mandatory and elective courses occurs, and grades based on these assessments are submitted to the NESAs, 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.



Mathematics

- Mandatory
- Accelerated

What to consider when choosing courses

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, siblings, 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

Course selection process

- Student Information sessions
- Parent Information Evening
- Home Group discussions


Students then complete:


- The **LEMON** form – Course Selections
- Their selection online, on edval.com, with courses entered in order of preference, by midnight Thursday 22 June
- A printout of the online selection, signed by a parent/carer

Both these forms are to be submitted to the A Block Accounts Office no later than Friday 23 June 2017

Student Course Expression of Interest form

This form is on LEMON paper




Killara HIGH SCHOOL

Student Course Expression of Interest - Year 9, 2018

Complete this Form and hand in to the Accounts Office stapled to your **Webchoice** form.

Name: _____ **Home Group:** _____

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Entry into Stage 5 (Year 9) in 2018 requires some course selections on the part of present Year 8 students. These choices are best made mutually by parents and their children. The Stage 5 Course Booklet has been prepared by staff to give advice on the content matter of all courses offered as electives for Year 9 2018.

Will your child be returning to Killara High School in 2018?

☐ 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 2018, 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.

<u>Creative Arts</u> VIS Visual Art MUS Music PDM Photographic & Digital Media CER Ceramics (Visual Design) <u>English</u> DRA Drama <u>Human Society and Its Environment</u> COM Commerce EVE Events that Changed the World GST Global Studies <u>Languages</u> CHC Chinese Continuers FRC French Continuers GMC German Continuers HEC Hebrew Continuers JAC Japanese Continuers	<u>PDHPE</u> PAS Physical Activity and Sports Studies <u>Technological and Applied Studies</u> DTE Design & Technology FTE Food Technology ITG Industrial Technology – Engineering ITL Industrial Technology – Metal ITM Industrial Technology – Multimedia ITT Industrial Technology – Timber IST Information and Software Technology TXT Textiles Technology <u>Accelerated Courses*</u> AMA Accelerated Mathematics AAB Aboriginal Studies
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Expression of Interest (EOI) in studying any THREE of the above elective courses is to be made in the table below plus two EOI for a fourth and fifth elective in the event that your first three preferences cannot be met.

EOI	Code	Course	EOI – 4 and 5	
			Code	Course
1				
2				
3				

*** NOTE:** Students who express interest in the Stage 6 Accelerated Courses 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 2018. I express interest in studying these courses for 2018.

Signature of Parent/Carer _____ Signature of Student _____

Submit your online **Webchoice** by MIDNIGHT Thursday 22 JUNE 2017.
 Print a copy of your **Webchoice**, attach it to this completed form and return both to the Accounts Office by Friday 23 JUNE 2017.

Online WEBCHOICES Expression of Interest form

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



Web Choices opens 9 June 2017



YEAR 9 2017 into Year 10 2018 Elective Courses Review HOW TO COMPLETE THE WEBCHOICES ONLINE ELECTIVE COURSES REVIEW

Year 10 students in 2018 are required to complete **TWO** elective courses. Currently students in Year 9 are undertaking **THREE** elective courses. As a consequence, students will be required to prioritise the maintenance of each of their current elective courses by completing the Webchoices online Elective Courses Review. It is important when completing the Elective Courses Review that you prioritise all three electives currently being studied and that the first elective nominated is your **most** preferred elective and that the third elective is your **least** preferred elective and should be nominated as a reserve. You will not be able to nominate new subjects because you will not meet the required number of hours for Stage 5 as determined by the Board of Studies. Please remember that electives in Stage 5 are designed for students to participate in non-core subjects in which they have an interest and enjoy.

The Elective Courses Review information will determine the pattern of study for Year 10 2018 and will be based on timetabling requirements. The school will endeavour to accommodate a student's first two choices.

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 of the 2 **Priorities** is your most preferred choice for your electives-and the subject you would like most to do. The **Reserve** is the elective you would least like to continue
- When you have completed the Elective Course Review on the web choices page you must print a copy. This copy **MUST** be signed and dated by both you and a parent/caregiver. You must then return the signed form to the box in the Head Teacher Secondary Studies' office **on or before Friday 13 August 2017**.
- Note: You can go on the web site <https://web.edval.com.au/mysubjects> and change your selections as many times as you wish until midnight **Thursday 10 August, 2017**. After the cut off time the review is final and cannot be changed.

STEPS TO COMPLETE WEBCHOICES ONLINE ELECTIVE COURSES REVIEW

SUBMISSION OF FORMS

Staple together the WEB CHOICES printout to your paper Student Course Expression of Interest – Year 9, 2018 (the LEMON form) and return both forms to the Accounts Office in A block on or before Friday 23 June 2017.

Question time