



# Year 9 Subject Choices

# The Stage 5 Curriculum at Sydney Boys High School



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## **Stage 5 - Year 9**

### **Core Subjects**

English, Mathematics, Science, Geography/History/Civics,  
PD/Health/PE, Values Education

### **Electives (2) (6 periods per cycle)**

Architectural and Engineering Drawing, Chinese, Commerce,  
Design and Technology, Drama, Film Making and Digital Media,  
French, German, Latin, Music, Music Accelerated, Visual Arts,  
Visual Design



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## Stage 5 – Year 10

### Core Subjects

English, Mathematics, Science, PD/Health/PE, Senior Transition

### **Electives (3) (which may include an accelerated subject) (8 periods per cycle)**

Architectural and Engineering Drawing, Chinese, Commerce, Design and Technology, Drama, Film Making and Digital Media, French, Geography Elective, German, History Elective, Latin, Music, PD Health PE Elective, Visual Arts, Visual Design. Possible accelerated subjects: Business Studies, Design and Technology, French, Geography, German, Information Processes and Technology, Japanese Beginners, Modern History, Music, Visual Arts.



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## **Which subjects are prerequisites for HSC study?**

Study of Languages in the Senior School assumes that it has been studied to Year 10 level.

Music 2 (and Music Extension) require study at Year 10 level.

If a boy wishes to study a language or Music at HSC level, he should choose that subject to study in Year 9.

For other subjects it may be an advantage to study the subject in Stage 5, but it is not a requirement.



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## Course choice depends on:

- Interest
- Ability
- Past Performance



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**Subjects should not be chosen because a friend is doing it:**

They might not be in the same class anyway

**Subjects should not be chosen based on the teacher:**

The teacher might not teach the subject next year or may teach a class that you are not in



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## **Satisfactory completion:**

A student will be considered to have satisfactorily completed a course if he has:

§ followed the course developed or endorsed by the BOS;

§ applied himself with diligence and sustained effort to the set tasks and experiences provided in the course by the school;

§ achieved some or all of the course outcomes.

Satisfactory completion of the Year 9 component of a course is a pre-requisite for entry into the Year 10 component of the course.

Attendance may be used as an indicator of satisfactory completion of a course.



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The subjects will be grouped into lines:

## Line groupings 2001

### Line X

Arch BD  
Chinese  
Chinese BS  
Cl Greek  
Commerce  
Des & Tech  
German  
Wars

### Line Y

Arch BD  
Commerce  
Des & Tech  
Empires  
Music  
Tech Draw  
Visual Arts

### Line Z

Commerce  
Des & Tech  
French  
Latin  
Tech Draw  
Visual Arts  
Wars



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## Line groupings 2002

### Line X

Arch BD  
Commerce  
Des & Tech  
Empires  
Inform Proc  
Wars

### Line Y

Arch BD  
Chinese  
Chinese BS  
Commerce  
Des & Tech  
German  
Tech Draw  
Visual Arts

### Line Z

Arch BD  
Commerce  
Des & Tech  
French  
Hebrew  
Latin  
Music  
Wars



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## Line groupings 2003

### Line W

Arch BD  
Cl Greek  
Commerce  
Des & Tech  
French  
German  
Tech Draw  
Wars

### Line X

Arch BD  
Chinese  
Chinese BS  
Commerce  
Des & Tech  
Geography  
History  
Music  
Visual Arts

### Line Y

Arch BD  
Commerce  
Des & Tech  
Empires  
Geography  
History  
Visual Arts  
Wars

### Line Z

Arch BD  
Commerce  
Des & Tech  
Geography  
History  
Latin  
Tech Draw



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## Line groupings 2004

### Line W

Arch BD  
Commerce  
Des & Tech  
German  
Tech Draw  
Visual Arts  
Wars

### Line X

Arch BD  
Commerce  
Des & Tech  
Empires  
French  
Geography  
Hebrew  
History  
Latin

### Line Y

Arch BD  
Commerce  
Des & Tech  
Geography  
History  
Music  
Wars

### Line Z

Chinese  
Chinese BS  
Cl Greek  
Commerce  
Des & Tech  
Empires  
Geography  
History  
Visual Arts



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## Line groupings 2005

### Line W

Chinese  
Chinese BS  
Commerce  
Des & Tech  
Drama  
Tech Draw  
Visual Arts  
Wars

### Line X

Arch BD  
Commerce  
Geography  
German  
History  
Latin  
Tech Draw  
Wars

### Line Y

Commerce  
Des & Tech  
Empires  
Geography  
History  
Music  
Visual Arts

### Line Z

Arch BD  
Cl Greek  
Commerce  
Des & Tech  
French  
Geography  
History  
Wars



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## Line groupings 2006

### Line W

Commerce  
Des & Tech  
Drama  
French  
Geography  
German  
History

### Line X

Arch BD  
Commerce  
Des & Tech  
Geography  
History  
Music  
Music Acc  
Tech Draw

### Line Y

Commerce  
Des & Tech  
Geography  
History  
Hist Myst  
Latin  
Visual Arts

### Line Z

Arch BD  
Chinese  
Chinese BS  
Cl Greek  
Commerce  
Hist Myst



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## Line groupings 2007

### Line W

A&E Graphics  
Commerce  
Des & Tech  
French  
German  
Hist Myst  
Music Acc  
Visual Des

### Line X

A&E Graphics  
Commerce  
Des & Tech  
Drama  
Geography  
History  
Latin  
Music

### Line Y

CI Greek  
Commerce  
Des & Tech  
Drama  
Geography  
History  
German  
Hist Myst  
Visual Arts

### Line Z

Chinese  
Chinese BS  
Commerce  
Geography  
History  
Hist Myst  
Visual Des



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## Line groupings 2008

### Line W

Commerce  
Des & Tech  
Film Making  
Geog/Hist  
Hist Myst  
Visual Arts  
Visual Des

### Line X

A&E Graphics  
Chinese  
Chinese BS  
Cl Greek  
Commerce  
French  
Geography  
German  
History

### Line Y

A&E Graphics  
Commerce  
Des & Tech  
Drama  
Film Making  
Geography  
History  
Latin

### Line Z

A&E Graphics  
Commerce  
Drama  
Geography  
History  
Hist Myst  
Music  
Music Acc



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## Line groupings 2009

### Line W

A&E Graphics  
Commerce  
Des & Tech  
Drama  
Film Making  
Geography  
History  
Music Acc  
Visual Arts

### Line X

A&E Graphics  
Chinese  
Chinese BS  
Commerce  
Des & Tech  
Film Making  
Geog/Hist  
Music

### Line Y

A&E Graphics  
Cl Greek  
Commerce  
Des & Tech  
French  
Geography  
History  
Hist Myst

### Line Z

Commerce  
Film Making  
Geography  
German  
History  
Hist Myst  
Latin  
Visual Des



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## Line groupings 2010

### Line W

Chinese  
Chinese Adv  
Commerce  
Geography  
History  
Latin  
Visual Arts

### Line X

A&E Graphics  
Commerce  
Drama  
Film Making  
Geography  
History  
Music Acc

### Line Y

Commerce  
Des & Tech  
Film Making  
Geography  
History  
Music  
Visual Arts  
Visual Des

### Line Z

A&E Graphics  
Commerce  
Des & Tech  
French  
Geography  
German  
History



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## Line groupings 2011

### Line W

A&E Graphics  
Chinese  
Chinese Adv  
Commerce  
Des & Tech  
Geography  
German  
History

### Line X

Commerce  
Drama  
Film Making  
Geography  
History  
Music  
Music Acc

### Line Y

A&E Graphics  
CI Greek  
Commerce  
Des & Tech  
Film Making  
Geography  
History  
Visual Arts

### Line Z

Commerce  
French  
Geography  
History  
Latin



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## Line groupings 2012

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4 elective lines will be used as in 2003- 2011.

History and Geography classes will be incorporated into the 4 elective lines.

This will increase the chances of boys receiving their chosen electives.



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## Choosing Electives

Boys will make their choices online. They will nominate their first choice (and a replacement if required) and their second choice (and a replacement if required).

### *Example 1*

#### **Choices**

- 1: Visual Arts
- 2: French

#### **Replacements**

- Visual Design
- German

If Visual Arts and French “clash”, the electives become  
**Visual Arts and German**



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## Choosing Electives

Boys will make their choices online. They will nominate their first choice (and a replacement if required) and their second choice (and a replacement if required).

### *Example 2*

<b>Choices</b>	<b>Replacements</b>
1: French	Visual Design
2: Latin	Commerce

If French and Latin “clash”, the electives become  
**French, Commerce**



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The subjects will be grouped into lines with the aim of maximising the number of boys who receive the subjects they have chosen.

It is not always possible to do this. Some subjects are available as one class only. **For example**, French, Music, German, Latin, Classical Greek have in the past only had one class. Some of these subjects will have to appear in the same line. It may not be possible to avoid “clashes”.



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Sometimes limits may be placed on the number of students who can study a subject.

For example 32 boys might choose a subject and the decision may be taken that only 30 boys may do the subject.

2 boys will have to be eliminated. I will identify the boys who have given the subject the lowest ranking and “draw the names out of a hat” of the 2 boys to be removed.



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## **Early entry into HSC courses**

Some opportunities may exist for Year 10 students in 2013 to commence study of HSC subjects. This may occur in subjects such as: Modern History, Geography, Music and Visual Arts.

To be eligible to participate in this program, students must demonstrate (between Term 4 2011 and Term 4 2012) that they are above average in each of their subjects.



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The school's website is

**[www.sydneyboyshigh.com](http://www.sydneyboyshigh.com)**

*High Notes* is issued each Friday and has an up to date calendar on the back page. The calendar on the school website is updated daily.

*High Notes* is also available on the web site.

Register on the website for the **Parent Portal**. This will give access to timetables, attendance information, past reports, examination timetables etc.



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If you are not receiving *High Notes* on a regular basis, register your email address by going to the High Notes page on the website.

You will be sent a reminder email each week which will take you to the current edition on the school's website.

If you would like to receive regular emails indicating your son's attendance record, please email the school on [turnerc@sydneyboys-h.schools.nsw.edu.au](mailto:turnerc@sydneyboys-h.schools.nsw.edu.au)