

# Year 10 2024 Subject Selections Evening

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These slides are accessible on the school website at:  
<https://sydneyhigh.school/curriculum/subject-choices>



# NESA requirements

- ▶ The Record of School Achievement (RoSA) is a cumulative credential containing a student's record of academic achievement
- ▶ RoSA is for eligible students who leave school before completing the HSC (rare at SBHS)



# NESA requirements



To be eligible for a RoSA, students must have:

- ▶ Completed the mandatory curriculum requirements for Years 7 to 10
- ▶ Completed courses of study that satisfy Education Standards' curriculum and assessment requirements for the RoSA



# Mandatory Year 10 RoSA Curriculum Requirements

- ▶ English
- ▶ Mathematics
- ▶ Science
- ▶ PDHPE
- ▶ History (completed in Year 9)
- ▶ Geography (completed in Year 9)

RoSA includes an A to E grade for all Year 10 courses based on student achievement in their assessment work

Students also required to complete electives that appear on the RoSA if satisfactorily completed





# Criteria for satisfactory completion of a course



The student is considered to have satisfactorily completed a course if he has:

1. followed the course developed or endorsed by NESAs;
2. applied themselves with diligence and sustained effort to the set tasks and experiences provided in the course by the school; and
3. achieved some or all of the course outcomes.

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



# What if students don't complete a course's requirements?



- ▶ Students receive “N Award warnings” via a letter from school to provide time to complete course requirements and rectify the problem
- ▶ If a student receives an ‘N’ determination in a mandatory curriculum requirement course, they won’t be eligible for the RoSA
- ▶ If a student is given an ‘N’ determination in a non-mandatory course, the course will not appear on their RoSA

# SBHS Electives

- ▶ Year 9
  - ▶ TWO Electives
- ▶ Year 10
  - ▶ THREE Electives





# Year 9 Courses Currently Studied



Core Subjects	Two Electives	
English	Chinese	Graphics Technology
Mathematics	Classical Greek	Japanese
Science	Commerce	Latin
History	Design & Technology	Music
Geography	Drama	Photographic & Digital Media
PDHPE	French	Visual Arts
Values Education	German	Visual Design

# Year 10 Courses Offered at SBHS



Core Subjects	Three Electives	
English	Business Studies (Accelerated) ←	IST (Game & Software Develop) ←
Mathematics	Chinese Intermediate	IST (Robotics) ←
Science	Chinese Advanced	Japanese
PDHPE	Chinese Continuers (Accelerated) ←	Latin
Careers Ed	Classical Greek	Latin Continuers (Accelerated) ←
	Commerce	Modern History (Accelerated) ←
	Design & Technology	Music
	Drama	Music 2 (Accelerated) ←
	French	NSW School of Languages (See Mr Barris) ←
	French Continuers (Accelerated) ←	Online Open Course ←
	Geography	PDHPE (Accelerated) ←
	Geography (Accelerated) ←	Philosophy ←
	German	Photography & Digital Media ←
	German Continuers (Accelerated) ←	Photography & Digital Media Advanced ←
	Graphics Technology	Physical Activity & Sports Studies
	History Elective	Visual Arts
		Visual Design

Approval & ILP  
needed for all  
accelerated  
courses



# Subject choices should be based on:



## 1. Interests

- ▶ What provides enjoyment
- ▶ Willing to work harder

## 2. Strengths

- ▶ More likely to succeed

## 3. Career or future study needs (including HSC or University)

- ▶ Should align with points 1 & 2 anyway
- ▶ Information on Year 11 and 12 subjects is on the school website under Curriculum/Subject Choices

# Subject choices should NOT be based on:

- ▶ What your friends choose
  - ▶ Different interests, strengths & potentially different classes
- ▶ A specific teacher
  - ▶ The teacher might not teach the subject next year or may teach a class that you are not in





# Which subjects are prerequisites for HSC study?



- ▶ Study of Continuers Languages in Years 11 & 12 assumes study at Year 10 level
- ▶ Preliminary Music 2 (and HSC Music Extension) require study at Year 10 level

Therefore:

- ▶ If a boy wishes to study Continuers Languages or Music at HSC level, he should continue to study that subject in Year 10
- ▶ For other subjects it may be an advantage to study the subject in Stage 5, but is not a requirement



# Choosing Electives



- ▶ Students make their choices online
- ▶ Nominate FIVE preferences (SIX for those requesting extension or acceleration courses)
  - ▶ the first three preferences are used unless some problem arises
  - ▶ If there is a problem, the fourth preference (or if necessary fifth) will replace the preference with the problem
  - ▶ Those applying for acceleration or in-demand extension courses need a sixth preference



# How are these preferences used?



- ▶ Subjects are grouped into timetable lines based on student preferences to maximise student choice
- ▶ It's not always possible for every student to study what he has chosen
  - ▶ Some subjects often have only one class e.g French, Music, German, Latin, Visual Arts
  - ▶ Some of these subjects will have to appear in the same line causing "clashes"
  - ▶ Highly demanded courses may have limits due to staffing  
e.g. 32 boys might choose a subject and only one class of 30 may be running. 2 boys will have to be eliminated.

Boys who have given the subject the lowest ranking will be identified and 2 boys will be removed.

# Subject Lines

Based on student needs & change every year



2021	
Line J	Line K
Classical Greek	Business St (Acc)
Chinese	Commerce
Commerce	D&T
D&T	Drama
Film Making Adv	Film Making
Game & Software	French
Geography El	Geography El
History El	Latin
PASS	Modern Hist (Acc)
Philosophy	PASS
Robotics	Visual Arts
Visual Design	

2022	
Line J	Line K
Commerce	Commerce
D&T	D&T
Drama	Geography (Acc)
French	Geography El
Geography El	History El
German	Modern History (Acc)
IST (Games)	PASS
History Elective	Photography
Latin	Robotics
Photography Adv	
Robotics	
Visual Arts	

2023	
Line J	Line K
Commerce	Classical Greek
D&T	Chinese Adv
D&T (Acc)	Commerce
Drama	D&T
Geography El	Geography El
Geography (Acc)	Graphics Tech
IST (Robotics)	History El
Latin	IST (Games)
Photography Adv	Modern Hist (Acc)
Visual Arts	Music
	Photography Adv
	Visual Design



# Some considerations

- ▶ Always place subjects in order of preference – THREE + reserves
- ▶ No decisions on subjects are made until 9am Tuesday Week 10 – just enter preferences on time
- ▶ You may choose to discontinue an elective subject after completing Year 9 requirements and select a different subject for Year 10
- ▶ Photography & Digital Media (Advanced) must be studied in Year 9 to take in Year 10:
  - N.B. Students seeking direct entry into this must demonstrate requisite knowledge
- ▶ You cannot do the standard Photography & Digital Media if studied in Year 9
- ▶ You cannot do both IST courses
  - ▶ Both can be in main preferences but only the first (or none) accepted





# Additional Information



- ▶ Don't blindly list reserves you have no interest in
- ▶ Many students thought they entered different courses so be careful what you enter and research what each involves
  - e.g. Visual Design vs Visual Art (very different courses)
  - Photographic & Digital Media can only be listed once
- ▶ Class numbers based on original interest
  - ▶ Your later change may be for a course not even running
- ▶ Enter Edval early to confirm access
  - ▶ Enter preferences well before cut-off date
  - ▶ go back and change later if needed
- ▶ Put reserves in order
  - ▶ if you don't get into Music 2 Accelerated but would want Music instead, list Music as your second preference



# Extension or accelerated courses:



- ▶ Cut-off criteria for all courses listed in booklet e.g. top 100 for some courses
  - ▶ Be mindful if apply for Accelerated courses, OCC and Philosophy, if not in top 100 sometimes students miss out on top 4 of 6 preferences straight away
- ▶ Cut-off for Accelerated is approval by faculty HT using ILP **AND** top 100 in year
- ▶ Acceleration CANNOT be applied for AFTER the ILP cut-off date
  - ▶ You MUST submit an ILP for accelerated courses in ANY preference
- ▶ Add a THIRD reserve option if selecting one of the following courses within your first three preferences:
  - ▶ Accelerated courses
  - ▶ IST (Robotics or Games)
  - ▶ Online Learning
  - ▶ Philosophy

If not choosing one of the above, only TWO reserve options needed

- ▶ ILPs are NOT need for the above four extension courses, only Prelim Acceleration



# Acceleration questions answered



- ▶ You may only undertake ONE accelerated course
  - ▶ You may apply for more than one but will be accepted into a maximum of one
- ▶ If accepted into your first preferred accelerated course, you will be automatically removed from the similar Stage 5 elective:
  - ▶ Business Studies – Commerce
  - ▶ D&T – D&T
  - ▶ Geography – Geography Elective
  - ▶ Modern History – History Elective
  - ▶ Music 2 – Music
  - ▶ Languages
- ▶ Students notified following Semester 2 reports whether accepted into accelerated courses
- ▶ Acceleration to challenge and provide opportunities rather than replace other activities e.g. co-curricular programs
- ▶ Accelerated courses cannot be reserves



# Acceleration



- ▶ You must send ILP to the Head Teacher of the respective faculties  
N.B. If applying for more than one, you need to do multiple forms
- ▶ Don't assume you'll get into your accelerated course and therefore not apply or submit ILP for another (every year boys don't get in or a course doesn't run and they assumed they'd get in so didn't apply for another)
- ▶ Due date for ILPs Friday the week after yearly exams (Friday 27/10 Week 3) – on calendar & cannot apply after this date
- ▶ Acceleration should be your preferred option so should be 1<sup>st</sup> or at least 2<sup>nd</sup> preference – dedication needed so need to really want to do it

# Acceleration questions answered



If applying for more than one accelerated course, if interested in studying all of these subject areas regardless of whether accelerating or not, list the Stage 5 equivalents in order within your preferences. This will allow you to do these even if not accelerating.

Main Units				Reserve Units		
	Subject	Units			Subject	Units
1st Preference	Geography (Prelim Accelerated) ▾	2		1st Reserve	Geography Elective ▾	2
2nd Preference	Modern History (Prelim Accelerated) ▾	2		2nd Reserve	History Elective ▾	2
3rd Preference	French Continuers (Prelim Accelerated) ▾	2		3rd Reserve	French ▾	2



# Class Groupings

- ▶ Year 10 electives not grouped by ability
- ▶ Year 10 core classes have three grouped classes
  - ▶ English & Science combined score
  - ▶ English
  - ▶ Science
- ▶ Mathematics
  - ▶ 3 grouped classes



# What next?



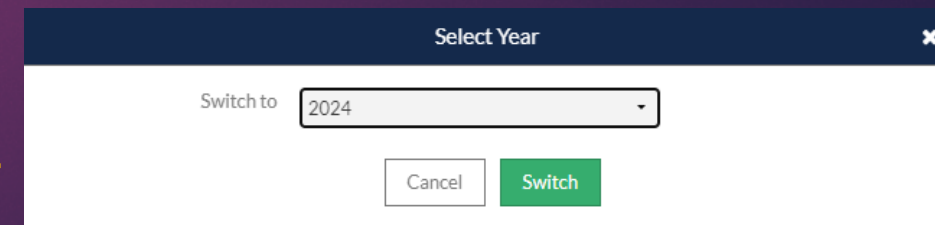
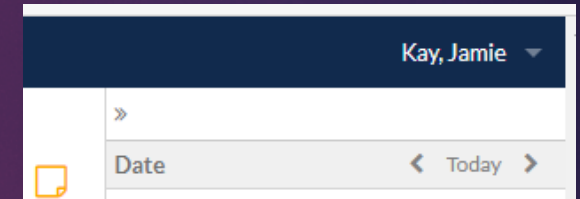
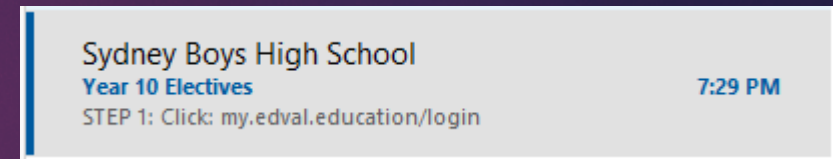
1. Consider your subject choices
2. Speak with subject teachers as needed to gain further information
3. Webcodes will be available following presentation
  - ▶ Check your [@sbhs.nsw.gov.au](mailto:@sbhs.nsw.gov.au) email **SAVE THIS EMAIL**
  - ▶ ensure the correct year is 2024 by clicking your name on the top right)

4. Fill in your preferences online

- ▶ Cut-off for preferences is **9am Tuesday Week 10 (19/9)**

## Note the date and time due

- ▶ You can change your preferences in Edval until this time







Choice

Peter Pan (Test student Yr10) ▾

## YEAR 10 ELECTIVES 2024

Open for submission



Sydney Boys High School



## Year 10 Electives

Main Units	Subject	Units
1st Preference	<div>No selection</div>	0
2nd Preference	<div>No selection</div>	0
3rd Preference	<div>No selection</div>	0
Total		0

Reserve Units	Subject	Units
1st Reserve	<div>No selection</div>	0
2nd Reserve	<div>No selection</div>	0
3rd Reserve	<div>No selection</div>	0
Total		0

Cancel

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Submit



# Errors will appear with either:



Error: You have selected "Commerce" more than once.



## Year 10 Electives

Main Units	Subject	Units
1st Preference	Commerce	2
2nd Preference	Design & Technology	2
3rd Preference	Latin	2
Total		6

Reserve Units	Subject	Units
1st Reserve	Commerce	2
2nd Reserve	Chinese Advanced	2
3rd Reserve (for extension courses)	No selection	0
Total		4

Cancel

Submit

or...



You are not allowed to have more than 2 units from the following subjects: Photography & Digital Media - not in Yr 9, Photography & Digital Media - Advanced (Yr 9 students ONLY)



### Year 10 Electives

Main Units	Subject	Units
1st Preference	Commerce	2
2nd Preference	Photography & Digital Media - Advanced	2
3rd Preference	Photography & Digital Media - not in Yr 9	2
		Total 6

Reserve Units	Subject	Units
1st Reserve	Drama	2
2nd Reserve	Chinese Advanced	2
3rd Reserve (for extension courses)	No selection	0
		Total 4

Cancel

Submit



or...



You must select at least 4 reserve units.



### Year 10 Electives

Main Units	Subject	Units
1st Preference	Commerce	2
2nd Preference	Photography & Digital Media - Advanced	2
3rd Preference	German	2
		Total 6

Reserve Units	Subject	Units
1st Reserve	Drama	2
2nd Reserve	No selection	0
3rd Reserve (for extension courses)	No selection	0
		Total 2

Cancel

Submit

# What if I change my mind?



- ▶ Preferences close 9am Tuesday Week 10
- ▶ In Week 5 of Term 4 ONLY, after reports distributed, students may email any course change requests to Mr J Kay
- ▶ Students may change courses in first 3 weeks of Term 1

**N.B.** Once timetable lines are formed and the timetable is underway your new preferences may or may not be possible

- In demand-courses
- Line clashes



# Confirmed Electives

- ▶ Course places finalised end of Term 4
- ▶ Confirmation of places in courses emailed Term 4 Week 9
- ▶ Students are NOT permitted to change courses after Week 3 of Term 1

N.B. NSWSL see Ms Matsos to apply at start of next term





# Questions?

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Subject-specific information should be directed to teachers within the faculty