CHEVALIER COLLEGE

YEAR 11, 2016

SUBJECT SELECTION EVENING

THURSDAY, 11 JUNE 2015

PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE

7:00PM
5 June 2015

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Welcome to the Year 11, 2016 Subject Selection evening. The College community hopes you find the information presented to you this evening both informative and valuable. We put a great deal of effort into educating your child in the process of subject selection and acknowledge and value the important role you as parents play in this.

Choice of subjects means much to the students and the electives that the students choose to take through to the Higher School Certificate are based entirely upon their choices. With that comes the responsibility of choosing wisely and we have reiterated to the students that choice of courses for the HSC should depend upon interests, abilities and future goals.

The curriculum at Chevalier College is characterised by its breadth and we believe we offer a range of subjects that will present challenges and opportunities to students of all abilities and interests.

We thank you for your presence here this evening and for taking a keen interest in your child’s education. We wish you all the best of luck in this journey and look forward to discussing with you any matters to do with the selection of subjects.

Students this year will make their choices through the website: www.selectmysubjects.com.au

This site is open from June 12 until June 23. Students will be able to make four submissions, with the latest being counted as their final choice. The students will receive their access codes and passwords on June 12.

Yours sincerely

Chris McDermott
PRINCIPAL

Chris Bounds
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL
LEARNING AND TEACHING
Order of the Evening

The Information Evening will commence promptly at 7:00pm in the Performing Arts Centre.

1 Welcome and Prayer

2 Update for the Future
   Mr Chris McDermott

3 Guidance for Selecting Courses
   Assistant Principal – Learning & Teaching
   Mr Chris Bounds

4 Subject Selection Information
   Leader of Learning – Curriculum Administration
   Mr Andrew Langdon

5 Subject Information
   Leaders of Learning
Chevalier College
Leaders of Learning

Religion ........................................... Mrs J Lowe

English ............................................ Mr S Murchie

Mathematics ................................. Mr M Fitzpatrick

Science ........................................ Mr J Napthali

History ........................................ Mrs J Esposito

Social Sciences ............................... Ms K Molloy

PDHPE .......................................... Mr C Chapman

Visual Arts & Languages ................. Mr B Woods

Performing Arts .............................. Mrs M Waples

TAS ............................................. Ms I Holmes

Learning Support ........................... Mrs F McEvoy

VET .............................................. Mr B Shepherd

Curriculum Admin .......................... Mr A Langdon
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2016 Subject Selection Information Evening

SUMMARY

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<td>Pathways</td>
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REQUIREMENTS

Prelim
- at least 1 unit of Religion
- at least 2 units of English
- 12 units

HSC
- at least 1 unit of Religion
- minimum of 10 units
- at least 2 units of English
- at least 6 units of Board Developed Courses
- at least 4 subjects
- at least 3 courses of 2 unit value or greater
- no more than 6 units of Science courses

ATAR
- best 2 units of English
- next best 8 units of Board Developed Courses
- only one Category B subject may be included in the ATAR

CHOOSING SUBJECTS

Informed decisions  Interests  Future goals
Abilities  Challenges  Listening to Advice
General Subject Selection Information and Advice

What are units and how many should I choose?

Each subject has a unit value that indicates the amount of time that subject occupies over the Preliminary and HSC courses.

Most subjects are worth 2 units in value.

The following are 1 unit courses:

- SOR1 Religious Education
- Mathematics Extension 1 English Extension 1
- Wilderness English Fundamentals Work Studies
- Photography

The College requires that you choose subjects that will give you a total of 12 units.

Check the subject and the calculation towards the ATAR, as some courses do not contribute to this.

The Guide to Senior Courses lists the unit values with the course descriptions.

The ATAR is calculated on the best 10 units, including 2 units of English, of subjects that contribute towards the ATAR.

Do any subjects require me to complete a Major Work?

Some subjects have a Major Project Design, Performance or other Major Work as part of the HSC course that will be examined and marked either internally or by the Board of Studies and will contribute to the final HSC mark. These works involve development and documentation over a period of time and the College recommends that students consider this when choosing courses.

These subjects are:

- Dance Society and Culture
- Design and Technology Software Design and Development
- Drama Textiles and Design
- Industrial Technology Visual Arts
- Music 1 English Extension 2
- Music 2 Extension History

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**What is a VET course?**

VET stands for Vocational Education and Training. VET courses provide the opportunity for students to gain accreditation in Certificate 2 in the specific areas. The courses are based on the satisfactory achievement of competencies and assessment is ongoing and formative. The VET courses (apart from Sports Coaching) can also contribute to the HSC and ATAR scores if students sit the HSC exams for these courses. VET courses are Category B, so only one will contribute towards the ATAR. VET courses require students to complete 70 hours of work placement in an associated field.

**Are there any subjects I cannot pick together?**

There are some combinations of subjects that you cannot choose together.

**These are:**

- English Advanced with English Standard or English Fundamentals
- Hospitality Commercial Cookery; and Hospitality Food and Beverage
- Senior Science with any other Science course in the Preliminary year
- Music 1 and Music 2

**Are there any courses I have to choose together?**

The only requirements here are:

- Mathematics Extension 1 must be chosen with Mathematics
- English Extension 1 must be chosen with English Advanced
- To choose Music Extension in the HSC year you must choose Music 2 in the Preliminary year
- To choose Mathematics Extension 2 in the HSC year you must choose Mathematics Extension 1 in the Preliminary year
- To choose English Extension 2 in the HSC year you must choose English Extension 1 in the Preliminary year
- To choose History Extension in the HSC year you must choose Ancient History or Modern History in the Preliminary year

*If you have any other questions, talk with your teachers, Leaders of Learning, Year Coordinators, Home Room Coordinators, Mr Bull, Mr Langdon or Mr Bounds.*

*You can also email curriculum@chevalier.nsw.edu.au and we will reply to your questions promptly*

**Good luck!**