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SUBJECT SELECTION FOR HSC 2021-22

Dear Parent/ Guardian and Student,

The next few weeks are critical for you and your child in Year 10 to make wise decisions about their future and subject choices into Stage 6 – Years 11 and 12. PHS has an extensive program to assist these choices, though this has been affected by the disruptions caused by Covid – 19. This is an outline of the following critical times and events.

SUBJECT SELECTION TIMEFRAME – YEAR 10 2020

TERM 2 Week 4	TERM 2 WEEKS 5/6	TERM 2 WK 6 Tues 2/6/20	TERM 2 WK 7/8	TERM 2 WK 9/10
Subject Selection Book Issued – students to read and discuss with parents.	Faculty talks to students about subjects offered. Careers talks	Subject Selection Information Available on-line.	Interviews for nominated students Selections done Online Fri 19/6/20(W 8) Cut off for Choices	Consolidation of Choices Final Changes

It is now time to start making important decisions about the various choices in Year 11. Students and parents need to think carefully about capabilities, directions for the future career and what suits the student best.

As you discuss and look at options, consider the following questions. Take some time and write down some responses to help your choices

1. Think about your achievements in class over the last 2 years. Look at your past reports. How academically capable have you been over that time? How suited are you to the subjects that you choose? The NESA website has information about subjects and the HSC: <https://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/11-12/hsc/about-HSC>. Please remember that the school does not offer all of these subjects. Check the Subject Selection Booklet for the subjects offered by the school.
2. Career Choices – having thought about Q.1 – what careers are you interested in and why?
3. What options can you choose in order to reach your goals?
 - a) Continue on to Year 11 and 12 over two years
 - b) Pathways – completing the HSC over up to 5 years – part time – allows for work as well
 - c) Vocational Education – including VET courses studied at school OR
 - d) TAFE – with or without an apprenticeship

Parent /Student Information Sessions

Given the disruptions caused by Covid 19, Parent/Student information will now need to be placed online. More details will be forwarded to you when these arrangements are confirmed.

It is very important that you access the resources provided. You will gain a much greater understanding of courses and pathways for your child.

Parents and students will also be allocated a member of staff who they will be available to discuss subject selection with.

Regards,

Mr A Gokel
Deputy Principal