THE HSC

Information for Year 10 students and their parents
Subjects and Courses

- A subject is the general name given to an area of study.
- A course is a branch of study within a subject.

eg - the course General Mathematics is in the subject of Mathematics

- the course HSC History Extension is in the subject of History
TYPES OF COURSES AVAILABLE FOR STUDY OF THE HSC

- Board Developed Courses
- Board Endorsed Courses
  - Content Endorsed Courses
  - School Designed Courses
These courses are developed by the Board of Studies.

Same state-wide - syllabus, outcomes, content, assessment requirements.

Examined externally at the end of the HSC course.

May count towards the ATAR calculation.
There are TWO types of Board endorsed Courses:

1. **Content Endorsed Courses** - these have syllabuses endorsed by the Board of Studies for areas of special interest

2. **School Designed Courses** - these are designed by individual schools to meet the needs of the students in their school and are approved by the Board of Studies

Both of these courses:
- count towards the HSC
- may be one unit for one year e.g. Preliminary year only
- no state-wide examination
- not included in ATAR calculation
Vocational Education and Training Courses are either Board Developed or Board Endorsed Courses

Courses in the VET Curriculum framework are Category B courses. These include:
- Automotive; Business Services; Construction; Electro Technology; Entertainment Industry; Financial Services; Hospitality; Human Services; Information Technology; Metal and Engineering; Primary Industries; Retail Services; Tourism and Events.

If a student chooses to undertake a written exam the course can be included in the calculation of the ATAR.

No more than TWO category B units can be included in the ATAR calculation.
Board Developed, TAFE Delivered VET Course:

- Accounting (Financial Services)

VET Content Endorsed Courses. These courses are available in a range of industry areas but are not accredited towards an ATAR.
Extension Courses build on the content of the corresponding 2 unit course

Both English and Mathematics have Preliminary Extension courses

In each of English and Mathematics you may choose One or Two unit HSC extension courses

One unit HSC Extension Courses are also offered in History, Japanese and Music
Most courses are TWO units in value

A 2 unit course is assessed out of 100 marks
A 1 unit course is assessed out of 50 marks

2 units = 120 hours per year
1 unit = 60 hours per year

At Cheltenham
2 units = 7 lessons / cycle
1 unit = 4 lessons / cycle
PATTERN OF STUDY REQUIREMENTS

- Preliminary Course
  - A minimum of 12 units are to be studied at Cheltenham Girls High School (including at least one 2 unit board-developed course in English).
  - Students must satisfactorily complete the Preliminary course before they are eligible to commence the corresponding HSC course.

- HSC Course
  - A minimum of 10 units in total are to be studied (including at least one 2 unit board-developed course in English).
Both the Preliminary and HSC Courses must include:

- At least 6 units from Board Developed Courses including at least two units of a Board Developed course in English
- At least 3 courses of two units value or greater
- At most 6 units of courses in Science can count towards Higher School Certificate eligibility
- At least four subjects (including English)
To satisfactorily complete a Preliminary or HSC course a student must have:

- followed the course developed or endorsed by the Board
- applied herself with diligence and sustained effort to set tasks and experiences in the course
- achieved some or all of the course outcomes
HSC EXAMPLE - SUBJECTS & COURSES

- English Advanced (2u) + HSC Extension 1 (1u) + HSC Extension 2 (1u)
- Mathematics (2u) + HSC Extension 1 (1u)
- Modern History (2u) + HSC Extension (1u)

Total units = 10

IS THIS PATTERN OF STUDY ACCEPTABLE for HSC?
HSC EXAMPLE - SUBJECTS & COURSES

- English Advanced (2u)
- Senior Science (2u)
- Biology (2u)
- Chemistry (2u)
- Physics (2u)
- Total units = 10 units
- IS THIS PATTERN OF STUDY ACCEPTABLE for HSC?
HSC EXAMPLE - SUBJECTS & COURSES

- English Standard (2u)
- Mathematics (2u)
- Biology (2u)
- Food Technology (2u)
- PDHPE (2u)
- Total units = 10 units

Is this pattern of study acceptable for HSC?
EXTERNAL PROVIDERS
An application is required to be considered to study with any of these providers

- The Open High School (languages only)
- Sydney Distance Education
- TAFE
- Saturday School of Community Languages
- Outside Tutor
- Private Providers
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SEMINAR PROGRAM
Information is provided by each faculty on each course being offered in their KLA

Opportunity for questions with the specialists of those courses; bring booklet to write notes in

Attendance is compulsory at each session

All sessions are in the hall during class time in Week 10

The seminar timetable was distributed on the 13th June with the Subject Selection Booklet
SUBJECT SELECTIONS ARE DUE:

- Electronically via the Web Preferences online site. Students have been given their own individual passwords for this website.

- All selections are DUE AT THE LATEST by

  - Wednesday 25th July 2012

- This is NOT first in best dressed. All subjects are open to everyone up until 3.10 pm on 25th July 2012.