THE TRANSITION
FROM YEAR 8, 2014
TO YEAR 9, 2015
MR SCOTT KERTES
HEAD YEAR 8
Welcome
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A curriculum with all the traditional and essential academic foundations as a key part of the course structure

Balance and breadth are required
Curriculum Safety

- Students will complete compulsory units and meet unit requirements set in most subject areas.
- They will select options and develop decision making skills without any future penalty.
- Their future academic pathways are safeguarded.
Curriculum Excitement

- Greater flexibility about when courses are studied
- The ability to develop individual differences
- Subject-based mainstream consolidation, enrichment, extension, and acceleration focus
The Curriculum Offers ...

- Sound preparation for VCE
  - core knowledge
  - essential learning in designated Key Studies
  - learning *How to Learn*
- Intellectually challenging
- Experiencing
  - success
  - breadth
Promotion from Year 9 into Year 10 and onwards is not a given. The Year 9 Promotions Committee will monitor your son’s progress. To be promoted to the next year level, students should:

- Achieve a minimum average of 27 across all his subjects
- Achieve a minimum of 27 for both Mathematics and English
Subject Details

- No printed handbook
- View subjects on the internet

www.trinity.vic.edu.au/subjectselection
Units are of semester length (18 weeks)
60 periods each fortnight (2 week cycle)
Allows 12 blocks of 5 periods each per cycle
Extra time for English, Maths and LOTE
Select 8 options for Year 9 (10 for Year 10) not including compulsory subjects (if no LOTE)
Select 5 options for Year 9 (7 for Year 10) not including compulsory subjects (if choosing a LOTE)
Classes may be all Year 9 or may be mixed with Year 10
All students MUST study English, History and Mathematics in both semesters of Year 9 and Year 10

All students will participate in a Physical Development course during Year 9 and Year 10
### Required Units

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<td>The Arts</td>
<td>2 units</td>
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<td>Commerce</td>
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<td>Geography</td>
<td>Australia’s Future in a Globalised World</td>
<td>Environmental Change and Human Wellbeing</td>
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<td>History</td>
<td>Making of the Modern World (double unit)</td>
<td>Rights and Freedoms and either Assassins and Terrorists or Towards a Violent Century</td>
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<td>Religion</td>
<td>First Aussies <strong>Or</strong> Heroes of the Faith <strong>Or</strong> Jesus goes to Hollywood</td>
<td>Living Faiths <strong>Or</strong> Ethics <strong>Or</strong> God and Art <strong>Or</strong> The X (Christ) Files</td>
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<td>Science</td>
<td>4 units</td>
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Areas of Study

- The Arts (Art, Drama, Music)
- Commerce
- Computing
- English
- Geography
- History
- LOTE
- Mathematics
- Physical Education
- Personal Development
- Religion
- Science
- Design and Technology
English

Semester 1
Year 9 Standard

Semester 2
Students choose from:
- On the Page (Extension)
or
- Theme Study 1
or
- Writing Workshop 1
or
- From Page to Screen (Year 9 Enhancement)
We recommend that you select two Science subjects in Year 9

By the end of Year 10 you must study at least one unit from each block (4 in all)

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<td>Sports Medicine</td>
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<td>Space Science</td>
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<td>Science of conflict*</td>
<td>Beasts on Land, in Air, &amp; in Water</td>
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Science

- The Year 10 only unit Preparatory Chemistry (SXC) is a key study for VCE Chemistry
- The unit Chemistry Around You (SCY) is good preparation for SXC and ideal for Year 9
- The Year 10 only unit Preparatory Physics (SXP) is a key study for VCE Physics.
Year 9 Mathematics

- Standard
- Enrichment
- Electives

Your son’s Mathematics teacher in consultation with the Head of Mathematics will determine which students are invited to join the Enrichment class. Note that both the Standard and Enrichment classes use the same text book.
The following diagram shows the many common pathways available to students undertaking Mathematics at Trinity Grammar School.

**Mathematics pathways**

**Year 7**
- Mathematics
- Enrichment Mathematics

**Year 8**
- Mathematics
- Enrichment Mathematics

**Year 9**
- Mathematics
- Enrichment Mathematics

**Year 10**
- Mathematics
- 10 FM – Full year or Sem2
- MM 1/2 and SM 1/2
- MM 3/4 and SM 1/2
- MM 1/2 and FM 3/4
- MM 3/4 and SM 1/2
- MM 3/4 and SM 1/2

**Year 11**
- Mathematics
- FM 1/2
- MM 1/2
- MM 1/2 and FM 3/4
- MM 3/4 and SM 1/2
- MM 3/4 and SM 1/2
- MM 3/4 and SM 3/4

**Year 12**
- Mathematics
- FM 3/4
- MM 3/4 and SM 3/4
- SM 3/4

**Notes:**
- MM = Maths Methods, FM = Further Maths, SM = Specialist Maths.
- The diagram illustrates the various options available to students at each year level, including full-year or sem-semester studies, enrichment, accelerated, and bridging courses.
Enhancement Studies

- Offer greater challenge
- Academic standard is pitched at the next year level
- Most have a pre-requisite of an A (42) or better in recent studies in that subject and in English
- At Year 9, enhancement studies available are any of the listed Year 10 subjects with a middle Z in the code.
- At Year 10, enhancement studies are listed as ‘enhancement’ and have a four digit code.
Enhancement studies for Year 9 students

- From Page to Screen  
  (Year 9 only)
- LOTE and Plant and Animal Life (in French)  
  (Year 9 only)
- Life in the extremes  
  (Year 9 only)
- Discrete Mathematics  
  MZM
- Sports Administration  
  PZA*
- Sports Physiology  
  PZP*
- Science of Conflict  
  SZC*
- German Enrichment  
  LGS*
- Studio Arts  
  AZS*
- Visual Communication & Design  
  AZD*
- Music Skills  
  IZM*
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DEPUTY HEAD YEAR 8
Live Demonstration

Subject Selection Website

How to Decide...
How To Decide

- LOTE
  then...
- Interests
- Motivation
- Performance
- Breadth
- Challenge
Warnings

- Parents agree?
- Required units completed?
- Teacher available?
- Class sizes economical?
- Can fit timetable?
Week 2 and 3
- Discussion at home

Week 3
- Discussion with relevant staff (HOY, subject teachers, course coordinators, HOFs).

Week 4 (Wednesday 6th August):
- Subject preferences due online. Printout signed, given to HOY.

Term 3 and 4 – Subsequent consultations
Queries and Issues

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