TRINITY GRAMMAR SCHOOL, KEW

Years 9 and 10

COURSE SELECTION INSTRUCTIONS

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2015
Important Please Read First

- This document describes the variety of units that we may be able to offer at Trinity over the next two years.

- Although details were correct at the time we went to press, our curriculum is under continuous review. For those of you who are in Year 9 in 2015 further changes may be made before you complete Year 10.

- You must discuss your preferences with your parents.

- Ultimately, you may not be able to undertake some units even though they are outlined in this document.

For example, we will not be able to conduct any class unless there are enough students to make it economically viable.

Sometimes, other priorities will mean that we do not have a member of staff free to teach a particular unit even though we would like to offer it.

In some cases, we may be unable to arrange a particular combination of units because of timetabling constraints.
About Trinity Grammar School

Trinity Grammar School aims to nurture the attitudes, values and skills that enable each boy to take his place in society as a responsible adult.

We intend to do this by exposing each boy to a programme that balances his individual interests and potential against the need for breadth and for the integration of his experiences.

Specifically, each boy should:

- develop a clear recognition of his own worth and a well founded belief in his capacity to control his own life
- be equipped, through the study of religion and the exchange of ideas, to develop his own life philosophy
- have a clear understanding of the development and complexities of his society,
- be empowered, through his understanding of social systems, to make responsible choices
- have a respect for the cultures, beliefs and rights of others
- have an understanding of his place in space and time
- be equipped to choose career options that give him personal satisfaction
- have an appreciation of the beauty present in his surroundings
- be able to develop his creative talents and enjoy the exercise of his physical skills and find lifelong outlets for these
An overview of the secondary curriculum

The academic core of the school’s curriculum varies from year to year as we respond to changing student needs and preferences. This document outlines the courses being offered in 2015.

The co-curricular programme balances academic studies against a wider range of sporting and cultural activities. Whilst this varies from one year level to the next a boy, during his secondary years, will have the opportunity to participate in a wide ranging and challenging programme which offers him success in many activities.

- Sports and games - both team and individual - are usually conducted at the Marles Playing Fields in Bulleen. Inter-house activities are more often held at Kew. These are complemented by a coherent outdoor activities programme. This begins at Licola and extends into the Duke of Edinburgh’s Award Scheme, bushwalking, cycling, kayaking, rafting, rock-climbing, sailing and skiing.

- Other co-curricular activities include the art exhibitions, book club, careers programmes, chess, debating, external competitions (in English, Geography, Mathematics, LOTE, and Science), field studies, guest speakers, House Music competitions, individual music tuition, leadership programmes, managing the Australian economy, competition mathematics games days, mathematics talent quests, musical ensembles and orchestras, plays and musicals, overseas exchanges, World Challenge, overseas tours (recently to North America, South America, Europe, the Philippines, and Papua New Guinea), public speaking, school choir, school magazine production, science talent search, share market game, St Paul's Cathedral Choir, community service, and work experience.

- Year 10 Personal Development

This course aims to cover a range of issues relevant to the decisions boys will need to face as they make the transition into adulthood. In order to make informed and successful decisions young people need to develop an appreciation and understanding of themselves and their pathways options.

This course will include topics relevant to career and pathway directions, increasing self awareness, developing relationships, young men’s health and wellbeing, and social responsibilities with a focus on developing positive and resilient young men. This course will be delivered primarily during Form Periods.

- Learning for Living – LFL

Year 10 – Semester 1 and 2 - one class per cycle

This subject covers aspects of personal development and careers education with a particular emphasis on the key role careers plays in equipping young people for work and life. The aim of the subject is to support students in
making informed choices and to assist them to navigate through their VCE years into further education, training and employment.
The year begins with formal assessments to give students a picture of their interests, skills and aptitudes as a starting point for their own career and pathways investigations. The activities undertaken during the year aim to ensure that students are confident with their post-Year 10 pathways and in addition have a thorough understanding of their options.
Students undertake their own careers investigations, recording their work and progress for future reference. Students use the Job Guide and a range of online resources to assist them in this process.
Work Experience preparation and meeting OH&S requirements are also part of this program. Work experience feedback and discussion also allows for students to explore some of the issues around work and employability.
Understanding the VCE and subject selection is also covered; ensuring students have a good knowledge of tertiary course pre requisites and the selection processes involved.
Careers Night and other group events during the year are designed to give students the opportunity to explore a range of pathway options.
The subject runs throughout Semester One and Two, with one lesson per cycle. Students are supported by their form teachers.

Assessment
Assessment will be based on students’ participation in the program and tasks such as their careers investigations, work experience reports and resume work. All students will use the new Pathways database to record their activities and progress.

Resources
Most of the resources for this unit are online; however, students receive their own copy of the Job Guide as well as handbooks and information from the tertiary education sector and employers.

**Academic Promotions Policy**

While Trinity Grammar School is an ‘open entry’ school, promotion from Year Nine through Year Twelve is not automatic. For direct promotion a student must achieve a minimum average of 27 out of the semester mark of 50, which is a global result of the subjects he attempts. (This is made up of both the course work and the semester examination.) In addition a minimum score of 27 is required in both Mathematics and English.
If a student does not achieve this minimum, the Academic Promotion Committee will review his progress. This Committee will be made up of the following people:

* The Deputy Headmaster (School Management)
* The appropriate Head of Year
* The appropriate Deputy Head of Year
* Assistant Headmaster – Academic Studies
* A member of Student Services
* The Head of Careers and Post-School Transition
The Academic Promotion Committee for each year level (Years 9 to 11) will meet three times per year: at the end of Semester One, at the end of Term 3 and at the end of the year. Each individual case will be reviewed by the Committee and followed up with appropriate action aimed at assisting the student to improve his academic standing and success.

In the first semester, this action will include written notification to parents followed by a meeting involving the student and his parents, where the expectations for improvement in the second semester will be outlined. It will be made clear to the student and his parents that he may be required to repeat the year if improvements are not made in the second semester. A review of the student’s progress will be made after Term 3 results and feedback will be given to both student and parents.

As well, at the end of Term 3, any other student whose results have significantly deteriorated since the end of the first semester will be subject to the processes outlined above.

Students who are on the borderline of the minimum requirements after the first semester will also be subject to review and appropriate action by the Committee, including the development of a plan for improvement.

At the end of the year the Academic Promotion Committee will meet again and make recommendations to the Headmaster who will have the final decision about the promotion of each student.

Before a student can be considered for a Unit 3/4 subject in Year 11, a Year 10 student must achieve a Grade Point Average of 42 and a score of 42 in the subject most related to the one he proposes to attempt in Year 11 as a Unit 3/4 subject. An exception to this policy is where a student is superior in a specific skills subject, whereupon permission will be granted based on the recommendation of the Head of that particular Faculty, in consultation with the current Head of Year, and the Assistant Headmaster – Academic Studies.

### What a unit involves

This document describes a variety of units that we would like to offer over the next two years.

Most units will cover one semester’s work.

Most units will run for five periods in each timetable cycle (two weeks or ten school days). Others will range between two and ten periods per cycle.

Some units will be available only during one particular semester.

We have listed more units than we can possibly teach over the next two years.

Most boys at Trinity want to go to a Tertiary Institution. We have catered for this by building into our units both the academic content and the skills that you need to prepare you for the VCE years.
We are proud of Trinity’s open entry policy because this brings us boys who have many different skills and interests. We believe that the units outlined in this booklet will both challenge you and offer you a range of opportunities to succeed.
Why you *will not* be allotted *all* the units you prefer

Most schools just announce the units they will teach each year. This keeps administration much simpler for the school. It also allows their students fewer choices.

Considering your preferences *before* we build our timetable matrix gives us a very complicated task. It also allows us to provide the most popular combinations of units. It needs to be remembered that producing a timetable this way does not guarantee that you will be able to do any combination of units, however, your range of choice is greater than that available by other means.

The number of units in this document *cannot be fitted* into the number of periods that we can timetable during Years 9 and 10. This means that it will not be possible to teach all of these units.

It is inevitable that some of your preferred units will have to run at the same time. You will then have to choose between them or perhaps some other option.

Some of the units that you prefer will not be selected by many other boys. That class will not have enough students to be viable. We will then have to cancel the unit for the time being and perhaps offer it again in the future.

- **A class in any Option Unit will only be conducted after a viable number of boys has selected that unit.**

**Choosing your units**

**Beware!**

- If you drop Languages Other Than English (LOTE) during your middle years, you will not usually be able to resume your secondary school LOTE studies.

(*Some* languages can, however, be started from scratch at some tertiary institutions. The VCE Baccalaureate requires you to take a LOTE sequence)

Obviously, core units (such as those in the English Area of Study and Mathematics Area of Study) remain at the very centre of our planning. In fact, you will spend about a third of your class time on English and Mathematics alone. **There are also a number of other compulsory core units that you must also complete in both Years 9 and 10.**
Each unit description specifies the extent of its VCE focus. Some units are considered to be **key studies** for a VCE unit in that they contain content that is essential preparation for that VCE subject. A diagram showing the preferred pathway through key studies for particular VCE subjects is often indicated at the start of a Faculty’s section in this document. Key study status is also indicated for appropriate subjects under the title of the unit.

**Enhancement Units**

Most Faculties will offer one enhancement unit to Year 10 students that have increased academic rigour. These units are pitched at a Year 11 standard and provide additional challenge to capable Year 10 students:

- Enrichment Option (Discipline breadth)
- Extension Option (Challenge)
- Acceleration (Fast-track)

Most Year 10 students should enrol in at least one enhancement unit in an area of learning in which they have a particular talent or interest. Students will be permitted to enrol in a maximum of four enhancement units. Some enhancement units will have subject prerequisite requirements. A grade of A to A+ (42 out of 50 or higher) is required in any prerequisite subjects to be eligible for enrolment in an Enhancement Unit. Year 10 Enhancement Units have a four letter subject code (ie. 10EXPP: Plays and Playwrights).

Capable Year 9 students may be enhanced by undertaking a ‘Year 10 Only’ subject. Any specified prerequisite studies, including a grade of A or higher in those studies, must be achieved to be eligible for enhancement. Year 9 Enhancement Units have a “Z” in the three letter subject code (ie. 10BZS: Economics in Society)

The VCE focus section may indicate that a unit is useful preparation for a particular VCE subject or it may provide worthwhile preparation for a VCE study area. Some units will specify that they have no VCE focus and may be studied for their general interest or practical skill development.
Minimum requirement for completion of Years 9 and 10.

Units that you must complete to satisfy the academic requirements of Year 9 and 10 are listed in the following table.

**MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS TO BE COMPLETED BY THE END OF YEAR 10**

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<th>AREA OF STUDY</th>
<th>YEAR 9</th>
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<td>English</td>
<td>2 Semesters</td>
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<td>2 Semesters</td>
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<td>2 Semesters</td>
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<td>1 Unit</td>
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<tr>
<td>Geography</td>
<td>Geography: Australia’s future in a globalised world (G9G)</td>
<td>Geography: Environmental change and Human wellbeing (GXG)</td>
<td>3 Units</td>
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<td>History</td>
<td>History: Making of the Modern World (H9G/H9H) – double unit</td>
<td>History: Rights and Freedoms (HXG) and either Assassins and Terrorists (HXA) or Towards a Violent Century (HXV)</td>
<td>4 Units</td>
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<td>LOTE</td>
<td>None, but if taken is equivalent to 3 option units for each LOTE.</td>
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<td>If taken, 6 Units</td>
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<td>Religion</td>
<td>First Aussies – Their Faith and Ours (R9F) or Heroes of the Faith (9RH) or Jesus Goes to Hollywood (R9J)</td>
<td>Living Faiths: World Religions and World Views (RXL) or The X (Christ) Files (RXF) or: Ethics (RXE) or God and Art (RXA)</td>
<td>2 Units</td>
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<td>Science</td>
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<td>4 Units</td>
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<td>First Aid</td>
<td>First Aid (F9A)</td>
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Students who take a double LOTE course in Year 10 will be allowed a reduced number of compulsory units (Geography - 2 units, Science 3 - units). See your Head of Year.

We have arranged our other units into Areas of Study (AOS). You are required to select a certain number of units from particular AREAS OF STUDY. This makes sure that you receive the broad general education for which Trinity is noted.

Within each AREA OF STUDY, you will be offered different degrees of choice.

**About the Subject Areas of Study**

Our units have been gathered into AREAS OF STUDY.

By selecting some units from each Area of Study, you will not only gain a good general education now but also keep your career options open for the future.

You will need to make a number of decisions within Areas of Study.

The Areas of Study are:

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<td>Design and Technology</td>
<td>Science</td>
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If you select one LOTE the number of options that you may choose will reduce by three per year. If you select two LOTEs the number of options that may be chosen will reduce by six per year (unless permission is given for a reduced number of compulsory units).

**Please note if you select a LOTE the timetabling of that LOTE will be given a high priority. This will possibly result in a reduced chance of being allocated some other options.**

**Subject Selection**

Students will be automatically enrolled in the compulsory units. They will be required to select a specified number of units from the elective program as indicated below, remembering that they must also meet the minimum quotas for The Arts (2), Commerce (2), Geography (3), Science (4) over the two years.
A Sample Course
The sample course identified below is to help you conceptualise how the compulsory requirements may fit with the optional selections. It is not intended to hold the status of a recommended course and is provided simply to help you understand how a typical course over two years may be put together.

Students must do the compulsory subjects in each year as listed above, and meet the minimum requirements over the two years. An additional nine subjects (if no LOTE) must be selected in Year 9 and an extra ten (if no LOTE) in Year 10.

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<td>English Standard</td>
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<td>English Writing Workshop 1</td>
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<td>Compulsory</td>
<td>English Plays and Playwrights</td>
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<td>Mathematics Standard</td>
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<td>Mathematics Enrichment</td>
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<td>Mathematics Standard</td>
<td>2</td>
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<tr>
<td>Personal Development</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>Compulsory</td>
<td>History: Rights and Freedoms</td>
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<td>Religion: Heroes of Faith</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>Compulsory</td>
<td>History: Assassins and Terrorists</td>
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<td>History: Making of the Modern World</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>Compulsory</td>
<td>Religion: God and Art</td>
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<td>History: Making of the Modern World</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>Compulsory</td>
<td>Commerce: Issues in Running the Country</td>
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<td>First Aid</td>
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<td>1</td>
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<td>History: Winners and Losers</td>
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<td>Geography: Hazards</td>
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<td>Geography: Out in the Field</td>
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<td>Art: Media Arts</td>
<td>1</td>
<td></td>
<td>Commerce: Pathway to Wealth</td>
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<td>Info Tech: Programming</td>
<td>2</td>
<td></td>
<td>Music: Modern Band Techniques</td>
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<td>Science: Chemistry Around You</td>
<td>1</td>
<td></td>
<td>Design: Furniture Structures</td>
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<td>Science: Origins</td>
<td>2</td>
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<td>Science: Robotics</td>
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<td>Commerce: Marketing</td>
<td>2</td>
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<td>Science: Preparatory Physics</td>
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<td>Photography</td>
<td>1</td>
<td></td>
<td>Commerce: Understanding Economics</td>
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<td>Cooking 1</td>
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<td>Urbanisation</td>
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The sample program meets all of the mandatory requirements, in that each nominated compulsory subject for each year level is included, and the minimum requirements have been met. There are nine non-compulsory selections in Year 9 and ten in Year 10.

Note that:

- The four compulsory English units meet the minimum requirement for English
- The four compulsory Mathematics units meet the minimum requirement for Mathematics
- The one unit compulsory Personal Development in Year 9 is present
- The minimum requirement for the Arts of two units is met by the ‘Media Art’ and the ‘Modern Band Techniques’ units
- The Commerce (Business) requirement has been met with ‘Issues in Running the Country’ and ‘Marketing’.
- There are two compulsory Geography units, plus three additional electives that more than meet the minimum expectation.
- There are four compulsory History units, plus one additional elective that more than meet the minimum expectation.
- The compulsory Religion studies in Year 9 ‘Heroes of Faith’, and ‘God and Art’ in Year 10 are included.
- There are four Science units which meet the compulsory requirement of four.
- One enhancement study is included in Year 10.
- First Aid is included in Semester Two in Year 9.

If the student whose course is described above had chosen a LOTE in both Years 9 and 10, he would have three less options in Year 9 and three less in Year 10.
**Process for the determination of subject choice 2015**

- Information session for students and parents on **Wednesday 23 July**.

Then, before **WEDNESDAY 6 August** complete the on-line selection process:

- Go to the web address: [www.trinity.vic.edu.au/picks subjects](http://www.trinity.vic.edu.au/picks subjects)
- Click on the ‘subject selection online’ icon
- Enter the Login and PIN provided for subject selection
- Complete the ten steps of subject selection

The **Subject Selection confirmation sheet** should be signed by you and your parents and returned to the **Head of Year** by the date above.

- This information will be used to determine which subjects will be offered and how many sets of each unit are required.

- A subject grid will be developed that is the best fit for students’ choices.

- The subject preference information on the student’s “Preliminary Subject Preference” will then be used to allocate subjects to students.

- There will be blank spaces in student’s timetable, these will then be filled by consultation between students, parents, curriculum advisers and year level coordinators. **Every endeavour will be made to fit selected units, however with the number of units in the initial unit offering and clashes with compulsory units there will inevitably be “missed” units.**

- A final check will be made that the course requirements have been met.

- The Promotion Committee will give final approval for Enhancement studies at the end of the year.
### Compulsory Units

- In addition to English and Mathematics, there are a number of Units that every student will **have to complete** during Year 9 and 10. These are listed for your information.

The compulsory units are:
- Physical Education: Games, Skills and Fitness (9, 10)
- Geography: Australia’s future in a globalised world (9) and Geography: Environmental change and Human wellbeing (10)
- History : Making of the Modern World (9) (Semester 1 and Semester 2)
- History :Rights and Freedoms (10) (Semester 1) and **either** Assassins and Terrorists or Towards a Violent Century (Semester 2)
- Religion : First Aussies – Their Faith and Ours (9) or Heroes of Faith (9) or Jesus Goes to Hollywood (9)
- Religion : Living Faiths: World Religions and World Views (10) or Ethics (10) or God and Art (10) or The X (Christ) Files (10)
- First Aid and Human Biology (9)
- Personal Development (9)