

Subject Selection Fact Sheet – Year 8 Semester 2

At Padua College, students in Year 8, Semester 2, Years 9 and 10 are given the choice of selecting elective subjects every semester rather than being locked into a one or two-year course. For this reason, courses are designed to allow for students who have just joined to be caught up while those who have taken that elective before receiving a revision before being extended. Please note that no elective subject in Year 8 is a prerequisite for Year 9 study in that area. The Year 8 Semester 2 electives are intended to be taster subjects. For your information, **History is a compulsory subject in Years 9 and 10 in Semester 1 only**. This means that students are given an additional elective choice in Semester 2 in those year levels with History becoming one of the many elective choices should they wish to continue with it.

In Years 11 and 12, some subjects have subjects that they recommend that students should take in Junior in order to help them better cope with the subject, however, **there are only two subjects that have non-negotiable prerequisites. These are Senior Japanese and Senior Graphics**. A student wishing to be eligible to take Senior Graphics and/or Japanese in Years 11 and 12 must have taken at least one semester in Year 9 and two semesters in Year 10. Should you require more information regarding Senior Subject options, please refer to the Senior Studies Subject Selection Handbook available in the 10-12 Curriculum section of the College Website <http://www.padua.qld.edu.au/teaching-and-learning/curriculum/years-10-to-12/>.

Semester 2 Subject Selections – Year 8

In Semester 2, Year 8, students are able to take 2 elective subjects, enabling them to begin to explore options for their Year 9 and 10 selections. Students in Year 8 study 8 subjects. Year 8 students take the following 6 subjects in addition to their 2 elective choices:

- Religious Education
- English
- Mathematics
- Science
- History/Geography
- Physical Education

On-line subject Selection Process – Semester 2

The process for selecting subjects at Padua College is an on-line process, with the final date for selection being Friday, June 2 as per the College Calendar. Key dates for this process are:

- **May 19** – Year 8 Students will be explained the process for subject selection. This information will be similar to what will be covered at the Subject Selection Evening and is designed to allow the boys to have conversations over the weekend in preparation for Monday evening.
- **May 22 – Monday** – Year 8 Subject Selection Evening @ 6pm to 7:30pm in La Cordelle. **All Year 8 parents/guardians and students are expected to attend this evening with their son as it outlines the process for the next two years of their schooling.**
- **May 23** – Information presented at the Year 8 Subject Selection Evening will be published on the College Website at <http://www.padua.qld.edu.au/teaching-and-learning/curriculum/years-5-to-9/>.
- **May 26** – Year 8 Students will be emailed their subject selection from noreply@selectmysubjects.com.au and will then have until the end of the week to make their selections on-line. This email will also outline the steps for applying and remind students of the expectations.
- **June 2** – Subject selections close @3pm.

Finding Out More Information

For information about Year 9 Semester 2 subject options Junior Studies Subject Selection Handbook available in the Years 5-9 Curriculum area of the College Website at <http://www.padua.qld.edu.au/teaching-and-learning/curriculum/years-5-to-9/>

(Extract from Page 4 of the Subject Selection Handbook for Years 8, 9 and 10)

FEATURES OF OUR CURRICULUM ORGANISATION

1. The curriculum for Years 8, 9 and 10 is organised according to the 10 Subject Areas listed earlier in this handbook.
2. Within the Subject Areas the curriculum is organised in semester-long units of work. For each of the Subject Areas at least one unit is offered every semester, while for some Subject Areas several choices of units are available each semester.
3. **Six of the Subject Areas** have been identified as comprising the 'core curriculum' for Years 8-10:
 - Religious Education (RE)
 - English
 - Mathematics
 - Science
 - Health and Physical Education (HPE)
 - Social Sciences (Semester 1 only)
4. All students are required to study one unit each of Religious Education, English Mathematics and Science every semester, throughout Years 9 and 10
and
5. One semester unit of History in Semester One of Year 9, and another semester unit of History in Semester One of Year 10
(i.e. History is compulsory in Semester One of Year 9 and Semester One of Year 10);
and
6. One semester unit of Health and Physical Education every semester until the end of Semester 1, Year 10
(i.e. HPE is compulsory in Semesters One and Two of Year 9 & in Semester One of Year 10)
7. Students will select two elective units in Semester 1 and three elective units in Semester 2 in Year 9. In Year 10 students will select two elective units in Semester 1 and four in Semester 2.
8. Thus, each student will select for himself a curriculum which comprises eight (8) units of work for each semester, (i.e 8 'subjects') across a range of the Subject Areas.
9. Some of the units offered in Semester 2 of Year 10 are designed to introduce students to specific senior subjects to enable them to make informed choices for their senior courses.
10. **Please note:** Students make subject selections for each semester in in Years 8, 9 and 10, beginning in Semester 2, Year 8.

The subjects and units offered in all the Subject Areas across the five semesters of Years 8, 9 and 10 are summarised in the Subject Selection Handbook

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