

Subject Selection Fact Sheet – Year 9 Semester 2

At Padua College, students in Years 9 and 10 are given the choice of selecting elective subjects every term 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 get a revision before being extended. 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 with History becoming one of the many elective choices should they wish to continue with it.

In Year 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 9

In Semester 2, Year 9, students are able to take 3 elective subjects, enabling them to continue to explore options for their senior pathway. All Year 9 students take the following 5 subjects in addition to their 3 elective choices (refer to the Years 8-10 Subject Selection Handbook for details):

- Religious Education
- English
- Mathematics
- Science
- Physical Education (PE)

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:

- **Friday May 26** – Year 9 Students will be emailed their subject selection from noreply@selectmysubjects.com.au and will then have one week to make their selections on-line. This email will also outline the steps for applying and remind students of the expectations. This is the second time Year 9 students have used this process and thus we will not be explicitly showing them how to do it this time. If students have any questions about the process, they should direct them to Mr Stower or Mr Pacey. If they have question about subjects, they should direct them to the Head of Curriculum for that Subject.
- **June 2 - Friday** – Subject selections close at 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 Junior Studies Subject Selection Handbook)

FEATURES OF OUR CURRICULUM ORGANISATION

1. The curriculum for Years 9 and 10 is organised according to the 9 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 9 and 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 Year 9 and 10. It is the responsibility of the student to be aware of any necessary prerequisites.