



# Padua College



## Subject Selection Handbook Year 9 (2017) into 10 (2018)

***The New QCE System – For students graduating in 2020***

*This information is accurate as of September 2017 and is meant to be used as a guide only. We reserve the right to make changes to courses as appropriate or as required by syllabus demands.*

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# INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this booklet is to inform students and families of the subjects of offer at Padua College in Year 10 with an emphasis on the process for selecting subjects at Padua College. Students in Year 10 at Padua take a course that includes compulsory core subjects and chosen electives. By students having to select their own electives they will tailor their study program to suit their own individual needs and post school possibilities. Although students at Padua select electives each semester they and are not permitted to change subjects mid semester. Through this process, our aim is to provide students with an opportunity to sample a range of subjects and thus begin the process of considering their Senior Pathway and the subjects that they will take in Years 11 and 12.

**Please note:** This document refers to the New QCE System (ATAR System) as that will be the system for university entrance in Queensland for the Year 9, 2017 cohort onwards. Students who graduate in 2020 or later will be graduating under a this new system, the exact details of which are yet to be finalized and released by the Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority (QCAA).

## **There are ten Subject Areas in Year 10 at Padua College.**

- Religious Education
- Languages
- Mathematics
- Science
- Social Sciences
- Physical Education
- Industrial Technology & Design
- Performing Arts
- Visual Arts
- Business and Digital Technologies

## SUBJECT SELECTION PROCESS

For each of the Subject Areas a number of semester-long units are offered. Several subjects are compulsory, but not all. Students are offered choices within some Subject Areas, with certain guidelines, as detailed later in this handbook.

During Year 10 we require students to make an increasingly more serious commitment to their studies and to show increasing maturity in their acceptance of the need to work to the best of their abilities in all aspects of their school life.

### **Please Note:**

- It is expected that students and their families attend the Year 10 Subject Selection Evening
- Students in Year 10 are not permitted to change subjects during the semester
- The aim of selecting electives each semester for Year 10 is so that students are better informed in terms of Senior Pathways
- Only two subjects into Senior have pre-requisite requirements in Years 9 and 10 – Japanese and Music – see the relevant section

# Subject Selection Fact Sheet – Year 9 into 10 2018

The changes to the Senior System in Queensland have been communicated to families via the College Bulletin this year and we are now in a position to provide specific information to Year 9 parents around what Year 10 will look like in 2018. In preparation for the New Senior System in Queensland Padua will be making minimal changes to Year 10. The main changes include the reduction of compulsory core subject requirements, the reduction in the overall number of subjects studied and the introduction of more preparatory subjects in Semester 2 of Year 10. In this way, students are able to begin to tailor their learning a little earlier and are able to focus on preparing in more depth in Semester 2 in the subjects they are planning to study in senior. SET Planning and SET Plan Interviews will occur in Semester 1 as part of this process with this being the focus of Year 10 PALs in Semester 1.

At Padua College, students in Years 9 and 10 are given the choice of selecting elective in both semesters with Semester 2 Year 10 seeing the introduction of preparatory subjects for their senior phase of study and this will remain the same in the immediate future.

In Year 11 and 12, some subjects have subjects that they recommend that students should take in the middle phase 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 Music. A student wishing to be eligible to take Senior Music and/or Japanese in Years 11 and 12 must have taken at least one semester of the subject 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/>.

## **Compulsory Core Subjects**

Year 10 2018, students will study 7 subjects and take the following subjects in addition to their elective choices. This means that students will have 3 elective choices in Semester 1 and 4 elective choices in Semester 2.

- Religious Education
- English
- Mathematics
- Science (Semester 1 Only with Senior Preparatory subjects as electives in Semester 2)

## **On-line subject Selection Process**

The process for selecting subjects at Padua College is an on-line process, with the final date for selection being Friday, September 15 as per the College Calendar. Key dates for this process are:

- **Tuesday September 12** – Mr Pacey and Mr Stower will meet with all Year 9 students to outline the selection process for Year 10 and to demonstrate the on-line selection mechanism.
- **Tuesday September 12** – Current Year 9 students will be emailed their subject selection link from **noreply@selectmysubjects.com.au** and will then have one week of school time plus the holidays to make their selections on-line. **They should not delete this email as it provides the direct portal for their selections and subsequent changes.** This email will also outline the steps for applying and remind students of the expectations. Questions about the process should be directed to Mr Stower or Mr Pacey. Questions about subjects should be directed to the Head of Curriculum for that Subject.
- **October 4 – Wednesday (First week of Term 4)** – Subject selections close at 3pm – paper receipts **signed by parents/guardians** must be submitted to the Teaching and Learning Centre as part of this process. Students can change their selections right up to the closing date.

## **Finding Out More Information**

For information please refer to the Year 10 Subject Selection Handbook and the Senior Subject Selection Handbook on the College Website <http://www.padua.qld.edu.au/teaching-and-learning/curriculum/years-10-to-12/>. These documents are currently being updated to reflect the information provided in this fact sheet.

## **Who Do I Contact For Help?**

As part of our goal to continually improve communication and support with parents, we have set up a dedicated email address for questions regarding Senior Pathways and Year 10. This email address is [seniorpathways@padua.qld.edu.au](mailto:seniorpathways@padua.qld.edu.au). All questions sent to this email address will be replied to and directed to the most appropriate person to answer the question.

## **FEATURES OF OUR CURRICULUM ORGANISATION**

1. The curriculum 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. **Four of the Subject Areas** have been identified as comprising the '**core curriculum**' for Semester 1, Year 10:  
Religious Education (RE)  
English  
Mathematics  
Science
4. **Three of the Subject Areas** have been identified as comprising the '**core curriculum**' for Semester 2, Year 10:  
Religious Education (RE)  
English  
Mathematics
5. Each student will select for himself a curriculum which comprises seven (7) units of work for each semester, (i.e 7 'subjects') across a range of the Subject Areas.
6. In Year 10 students will select three elective units in Semester 1 and four elective units in Semester 2.
7. 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.
8. **Please note:** Students make subject selections for each semester approximately one term before the Semester starts.

The subjects and units offered in all the Subject Areas across both semesters of Year 10 are summarised on the following pages.

# YEAR 10 CURRICULUM AND SENIOR CURRICULUM

## Subject Offerings

Subjects	Year 10 – SEM 1	Year 10 – SEM 2	PROPOSED SENIOR SUBJECTS YEAR 11 & 12 (2019 ONWARDS)
English	English	English OR English Literature	Essential English (A) OR English (G) OR Literature (G)
Mathematics	General Mathematics Prep (Maths A Prep) Mathematical Methods Prep (Maths B Prep)	General Mathematics Prep (Maths A Prep) Mathematical Methods Prep (Maths B Prep)	Essential Mathematics (A) OR General Mathematics (G) OR Mathematical Methods (G) OR <b>Specialist Mathematics (G) (Elective)</b>
Religion	Religion	SOR Prep OR Religion	Religion and Ethics (A) OR Study of Religion (G)
Science	Science	Physics Prep Biology Prep Chemistry Prep Psychology Prep Science in Practice Prep	Science in Practice (A) Biology (G) Chemistry (G) Physics (G) Psychology (G)
Social Sciences	History Geography	History Prep Geography Prep Economics Prep Philosophy and Reasoning Prep (2019)	Ancient History (G) Modern History (G) Geography (G) Economics (G) Philosophy and Reason (G)
Health and Physical Education	Health and Physical Education (HPE)	Physical Ed Prep Recreation Prep	Recreation (A) Physical Education (G) Health (G)
Languages	Japanese	Japanese Prep	Japanese (G) Italian @ Mt A (G)
Technologies	Design & Tech Graphics	Design Prep Graphics Engineering Skills Prep Construction and Furnishing Prep	Building and Construction Skills (A) Engineering Skills (A) Furnishing Skills (A) Design (G) Engineering (G) Cert 1 Construction Cert 2 Engineering Pathways Cert 3 Engineering CAD Cert 3 Hospitality (Mt A) Cert 2 Fashion & Design (MT A)
Digital Technologies and Business	Digital Technologies	Digital Technologies Digital Solutions Prep Accounting Prep	Information, Communication and Technology (A) Accounting (G) Digital Solutions (G) Cert 3 Business (Yr 11) Cert 4 Business (Yr 12) Diploma Business (Yr 12) Cert 3 Information, Digital Media and Technology (MT A)

Subjects	Year 10 – SEM 1	Year 10 – SEM 2	PROPOSED SENIOR SUBJECTS YEAR 11 & 12 (2019 ONWARDS)
The Arts	Art Drama Music	Visual Art Prep Drama Prep Music Prep	Visual Art (G) Drama (G) Music (G) Music Ext Year 12 Only (G) Film TV and New Media (G) Cert 3 Information, Digital Media and Technology (MT A)

**KEY:**

**Yellow indicates that the subject is an elective subject**

**(G) = General or ATAR Subject**

**(A) = Applied or Non-ATAR Subject**

**Cert = Certificate Course**

Note: A maximum of one Applied Subject or one Vocational Certificate can contribute to an ATAR

## POINTS TO CONSIDER

### FOR STUDENTS

In selecting units, students should:

- ◆ Be aware that the units listed in this handbook are all offered subject to availability of relevant staff and resources, and subject to viability. Thus, some of the units may not be available every semester, and may have to be re-selected. Therefore, they are required to indicate 'second preferences' when completing their on-line subject selection.
- ◆ Choose subjects that will give a range and balance of studies, leaving open as many options as possible for the future.
- ◆ Take into account present interests and past performances. Results on past reports need to be reviewed during subject selection processes.
- ◆ Remember that courses taken in Years 8-10 are intended to assist students in planning and preparing for their Senior Pathway. Therefore, it is important that students should consider possible senior subjects when selecting Year 10 elective options. A List of Senior Subjects can be found later in this document.

# POINTS TO CONSIDER

## FOR PARENTS

- ◆ If you are uncertain about your son's ability to cope with a particular unit, please consult the Head of Curriculum for that subject.
- ◆ Sometimes students at this stage of their education may not be absolutely sure of their career path. A narrow range of subjects may restrict career opportunities and further courses of study.
- ◆ Some students make their choices for social reasons (e.g. wanting to be in classes with friends etc.) rather than for academic or vocational reasons. A close examination of your son's motives in choosing particular subjects is essential. Some 'parental guidance' in this area is recommended.
- ◆ Encourage your son to consider his future beyond Year 10 when he makes his selections for next year. Remind him that he may need to choose school subjects which are necessary for intended study in Senior.