

# MARRYATVILLE HIGH SCHOOL COURSE COUNSELLING PARENT GUIDE



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# Course Counselling Calendar

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WEEK	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
Week 1	Year 11 Adelaide Uni. – Bright Futures teams presentation				Year 11 Understanding University teams presentation
Week 2	11 to 12 Course Counselling Teams Meeting #1 (Course materials distributed)				8 to 9 Course Counselling Teams Meeting #1
Week 3	Year 12 Adelaide Uni. Presentation				Curriculum Guide Online 10 to 11 Course Counselling Teams Meeting #1 (Course materials distributed)
Week 4	9 to 10 Course Counselling Teams Meeting #1 (Course materials distributed)				Issue student passwords & Letters to parents Subject Selection Online opens. Subject recommendations Published online 9 to 10 Online Selection Teams Meeting #2
Week 5	9 to 10 Online Selection Teams Meeting #2 Yr.11 – 12 Subject Presentation <b>Parent INFORMATION</b>				11 to 12 Subject Presentations
Week 6	Yr.11 to 12 Online Selection Teams Meeting #2 Year 12 SATAC Choices	SPECIAL NEEDS COURSE COUNSELLING		SPECIAL NEEDS COURSE COUNSELLING	
Week 7				10 to 11 Online Selection Assembly #2	
Week 8	DEADLINE – Lock out online 8 to 9 & 9 to 10 students DEADLINE - Lockout online selection for Year 11 students	YEAR 11 to 12 COUNSELLING SESSIONS  DEADLINE - Lockout online selection for Year 10 students	Year 10 Course COUNSELLING DAY		
Week 9					
Week 10					

# General Information & Support Resources

## Course Counselling Process

The Course Counselling process at Marrayatville High School features a range of activities to support students to make informed subject selections for the following year. These include:

- Subject information sessions as part of the Student Life Program
- Exploring MHS Curriculum Guides during home group and at home
- Career Planning Information forums including a subject presentation
- Practice subject selection sheets to take home
- Home group teacher support and guidance
- Parent Course Counselling Information Evening via Teams
- An individual Course Counselling Appointment for Year 10 students and parent to finalise subject sections

## Parent Information Evening

The Parent Information Evening this year will be pre-recorded. Access to this for parents will be via a link under 'Curriculum' on the school website. This will be made available to parents during Week 5, 17 August 2020.

## Curriculum Guides

The Curriculum Guides can be found on the school website. Information is arranged into the following sections in each booklet:

- Introduction
- Year Level Curriculum framework
- Sample Subject Selection sheets
- Year Level Subject Descriptors

Detailed subject descriptors can be found under the **CURRICULUM** tab.

Link to: [Curriculum Guides – Year 8 – 11](#)

## Practice Subject Selection Sheets

In addition, subject lists and practice subject selection sheets can also be found on the school website.

Link to: [Subject Selection Sheets/ Subject lists – Year 8 – 11](#)

## New Subjects for 2021

In addition to our current subjects we are excited to be offering a range of new subjects in 2021 including:

- Year 12 Outdoor Education
- Year 12 Health and Wellbeing
- Year 11 Nutrition
- Year 11 Fashion Design & Entrepreneurship
- Year 10 SMART Technologies
- Year 10 Big Ideas
- Year 10 Modern History
- Year 10 Boys PE/Life skills
- Year 9 SMART Technologies
- Year 9 Food and Nutrition

## Renamed Subjects 2021

There are current subjects that have been renamed/rebranded or have been re-written for 2021. These subjects include:

Renamed/Rebranded/Rewritten Subject	Previous Subject Name
<b>YEAR 8</b>	
Year 8 Music Potential Explored	Year 8 Elective Music
<b>YEAR 9</b>	
Year 9 Material Technologies	Year 9 Material Technologies
Year 9 Photography and Film making	Year 9 Media Arts
<b>YEAR 10</b>	
Year 10 Girls PE, Wellbeing and Recreational Activities	Year 10 Girls PE
Year 10 Robot Wars	Year 10 Digital Technologies
Year 10 Cafe Culture	Year 10 Cafe Culture
Year 10 Engineering Solutions (CAD)	Year 10 CAD Advanced Manufacturing
Year 10 Jewellery Business & Entrepreneurship	Year 10 Women Who Weld
Year 10 Metalwork - Future Submarine Program	Year 10 Men in Metal
Year 10 Geography	Year 10 Geography
Year 10 Music: Practical Performance and Digital Exploration	Year 10 Elective Music
Year 10 Photography and Film making	Year 10 Media Arts
<b>YEAR 11</b>	
Year 11 Food & Hospitality: Contemporary Food Trends	Year 11 Food and Nutrition
Year 11 Food and Hospitality: Industry skills and concepts	Year 11 Food and Hospitality
Year 11 Engineering Advanced Manufacturing	Year 11 Advanced Manufacturing
Year 11 Coding and Game Development	Year 11 Digital Tech
Year 11 Alloy and Metal Manufacturing	Year 11 Men in Metal
Year 11 Drama A	Year 11 Drama A
Year 11 Drama B	Year 11 Drama B
Year 11 Modern History A	Year 11 Modern History A
Year 11 Modern History B	Year 11 Modern History B
Year 11 Legal Studies A	Year 11 Legal Studies
Year 11 Legal Studies B	Year 11 Legal Studies
Year 11 Health and Wellbeing	Year 11 Health
Year 11 Exploring Popular Music	Year 11 Music Exploration
Year 11 Exploring Film Music	Year 11 Music Exploration 2
<b>YEAR 12</b>	
Year 12 Advanced Game Development	Year 12 Digital Technologies
Year 12 Robotic and Electronics Systems	Year 12 Robotic and Electronics Systems
Year 12 Drama	Year 12 Drama
Year 12 Legal Studies	Year 12 Legal Studies

## Parent/Caregiver Support

Please spend time supporting your student with this important process. Students will be provided with hard copies of the subject selection sheets to use for planning and practice purposes. Final selections for all year levels will be made electronically and logins & deadlines for this process will be emailed to all students and families.

# Selecting Subjects

## Careful Consideration

Students should ensure they have undertaken thorough research with respect to future pathways and any post-secondary course prerequisites.

The timetable is constructed each year in response to student subject selections. As such, there will be very limited capacity for students to make subject changes once classes have been formed.

Subject change requests are therefore unlikely to be accommodated. Students should make choices based on thorough consideration of their interests and ability levels.

Year 10 & 11 students should ensure that thorough research informs selected study pathways ie. VET options, school or university prerequisites, TAFE requirements, counting restrictions & precluded combinations for an ATAR

Useful links include:

- [SACE Website](#)
- [SATAC Website](#)
- [East Adelaide Secondary Vocational Alliance \(VET\)](#)

## VET Courses

If your student is interested in undertaking a VET Course they should see Laura Hudson in the lead up to Course Counselling Days. Final VET enrolments are ratified on Course Counselling Day at an appointment with Ms Hudson. If this applies to your student please plan to allow time, in addition to your counselling appointment on the day.

Please note: VET Courses attract additional fees for which parents/caregivers will be responsible.

## International Student Subject Selections

All International student Subject Counselling will be undertaken by Sarah Goldfain. These appointments are usually completed prior to course counselling days. There is no need for International students to go online to enter final subject selections, this process will be completed during the appointment.

## Learning Support Student Subject Selections

All students on a Negotiated Education Plan (NEP) and a handful of others, will be offered an extended Course Counselling appointment with our Learning Support Team. These appointments will be conducted in the Student Services building and will take approximately 45minutes. Students will receive an additional letter outlining the process for making an appointment. There is no need for Learning Support students to go online to enter final subject selections, this process will be completed during the appointment.

## Subject Recommendations

To inform the selection process, our Maths, Science & English subject teachers have made recommendations.

Recommendations have been collected for Maths 9 -12, English 11-12 & Science 11-12. The purpose of which is to provide guidance with respect to a student's capacity for success in a subject. These will be available electronically.

Please note that Semester 1 results underpin these recommendations and it may also be useful to consult your child's semester 1 reports when making subject selection decisions.

Students are strongly discouraged from making choices against teacher recommendations. Any subject for which a student has not been recommended will not be available to select when making selections via our electronic system.

In the event however, that your student does want to choose against a recommendation they will need to:

- see the subject **leader** to discuss the course requirements and possible implications
- obtain a signature from the subject coordinator (on their recommendation sheet)
- sign a 'Choice Against Recommendation' form

Please note amendments of this nature can only be processed at a Course Counselling appointment **on the Course Counselling Day**. Please don't hesitate to contact a Year Level/Faculty Leaders or Subject teachers if you would like specific advice with subject recommendations or selections.

## Selecting Subjects Online

### Web Preference Instructions

All student subject sections must be completed online via our Web Preferences system. Go to the MHS website 'Subject Selection' tab and click on 'Making Final Subject Selections'.

Link to : [Web Preferences](#)

To select subjects:

1. Click 'Add New Preferences'
2. Current Year 8 & 9 - select a study stream –Tennis, Mainstream, Elective or Special Music
3. If applicable select the COMPULSORY subjects from the drop down options for each Learning Area.
  - a. Note: only Maths, English & Science subjects for which you have been recommended will be available for selection
4. Select CHOICE subjects from the drop down menu
  - a. Select choice subjects in order of preference. (most preferred listed first)
5. Select RESERVE subjects
  - a. Select reserve subjects in order of preference. (these may be used in the event of a clash)
6. Click 'Proceed'
7. Check and 'Submit' valid preferences
8. View/print receipt for your personal records

### Online Deadlines

Please note the following deadlines for submission of online subject selections. After these times no further online changes can be made. Year 10 and 11 students will however have opportunity to make adjustments at their individual course counselling appointments. These deadlines also apply for online booking of Counselling Day appointments. Online submission deadlines for all students in all year levels is **Wednesday 18 September, 2020**

### Year 10 Counselling Day

To finalise subject selections all Year 10 students are required to attend an individual course counselling appointment with a parent or caregiver. These appointments will occur in the top of H Block and lessons for year 10 students will be cancelled on the day.

- Year 10 to 11 - Wednesday 9th September 7.45am – 10.30am, 11.00 – 1.00pm & 2.00pm – 7.00pm

If you are not able to attend a Course Counselling appointment with your Year 10 student please make contact as soon as possible with the Year Level Leader.

### Year 11 Course Counselling

To finalise subject selections all Year 11 students will be course counselled by a member of the Senior Leadership team on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September at the following times. In the lead up to subject counselling, Senior Leaders and subject teachers will attend Home Group to assist students in the selection and counselling process.

Year 11 COURSE COUNSELLING Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> September		
9.20am	10.00am	
E01	E06	Lyndon Parry & Laura Hudson
E02	E07	Julie Ferguson & Sarah McCulloch
E03	E08	Janelle Morrissey & Jennie Boisvert
E04	E09	Jenny Burford & Karen Pantano
E05	E10	Maya Brooks & Finn Galindo
S01	E11	<b>Year Level Leader</b>

***Only Year 11 students who select subjects against the recommendations will be required to attend the Counselling Day on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September with a parent or caregiver.***



## Booking An Appointment

To book an appointment time, go to the MHS website 'Subject Selection' tab and click on 'Book a Course Counselling Appointment'. Use the details provided to login and make an appointment time.

Link to: [Parent Teacher Online](#)

## Preparing for a Course Counselling Appointment

In preparation for their appointment Year 10 & 11 students must:

- have undertaken required research, selected and submitted their online subject selections
- be in full school uniform for their appointment

Copies of the following printed materials will be supplied by the school at the appointment:

- Final subject selection submission
- Term 2 student report
- Subject recommendations

Students should bring the following to their appointment:

- Copies of completed practice subject selection sheets, SACE Planner and/ or any other relevant university or career pathway research
- Subject recommendation form, signed by the relevant faculty leader if intending to choose against a recommendation

After the respective cut off dates amendments to selections can only be made at a Course Counselling appointment

