



Frequently Asked Questions – 2027 Timetable Structure

When will the new timetable commence?

The new timetable structure will come into effect from **Monday 30 November** at the start of the Early Commencement Program and will continue into the 2027 school year.

What will the new school day look like?

The school day will continue to commence at **9.00am** and will finish at **3.05pm**, 10 minutes earlier than the current 3.15pm finish. Students will have five 58-minute periods each day, with a 22-minute recess and 44-minute lunch break.

Why will the timetable operate over a fortnight?

A two-week timetable allows learning time to be distributed appropriately across subjects while maintaining five 58-minute periods each day. As a result, some subjects in Years 7 to 9 may have a different number of lessons in Week 1 and Week 2, with the pattern repeating each fortnight.

Will Period 0 still run?

No. Period 0 will no longer form part of the timetable from the commencement of the new structure.

Will lunchtime classes still run?

No regular classes will be timetabled during lunchtime. Lunchtime will remain available for students to eat, take a break and participate in the range of extracurricular activities and supports available across the school.

When will VCE re-sits and attendance redemption occur?

With Period 0 and timetabled lunchtime classes being removed, we are reviewing the arrangements for VCE re-sits and attendance redemption as part of the implementation of the new timetable. Details will be communicated to Senior School students and families before the start of the 2027 school year.

Will the change affect Year 10 students undertaking a VCE subject?

One of the benefits of the new timetable structure is improved alignment between Year 10 and VCE timetable blocks. This will provide greater flexibility for Year 10 students to access appropriate VCE acceleration opportunities while reducing timetable clashes.

Will bus times be altered in light of the new end time to the school day?

The new school day will finish at 3.05pm, 10 minutes earlier than the current 3.15pm finish. We are working with the Department of Transport and Planning to review relevant school bus arrangements in light of this change and will communicate any changes to students and families.

Will afterschool activities start earlier?

Arrangements for scheduled afterschool activities (e.g. rehearsals) will be communicated by event organisers when times are confirmed.

Will the 9.00am start time clash with Overport Primary School?

We recognise that some families have children attending both Frankston High School and Overport Primary School, which commences at 8.50am. While consideration was given to adjusting the start time as part of the timetable review, the decision has been made to retain the current 9.00am start time. The 10-minute difference between the two schools' start times is intended to help stagger morning drop-offs and make arrangements more manageable for families. Additionally, the removal of Period 0 means that parents/carers will no longer need to accommodate different start times for students attending Frankston High School.

Will VET programs be affected?

VET programs operate across a range of providers and schedules. We are considering these arrangements as part of the implementation of the new timetable and will communicate directly with affected students if there are any changes to their program or attendance requirements.

Will Year 11 and 12 students have study periods?

Year 11 students studying a standard program of six subjects will have timetabled classes across Periods 1-5 each day and will not have scheduled study periods. Year 12 students studying a standard program of five subjects will have one study block within their timetable, providing several study periods across the fortnight.

Year 12 students will also finish their regular timetabled classes at the end of Period 4 on one day each week. Period 5 on this day will be kept available for common assessments, cohort events and assemblies as required. When no scheduled activity is taking place, Year 12 students will not be required to remain at school for Period 5 on that day.

Will there still be double periods?

Yes. Double periods will continue to be used where appropriate. Each Year 10, 11 and 12 subject (other than Optima) will have one double period and two single periods each week.. A smaller number of subjects in Years 7 to 9 will have double periods, mostly to enable practical work and extended activities.

Who can I contact with any questions about the new structure?

Please email timetable@fhs.vic.edu.au with any questions about the implementation of the new timetable structure.

How many lessons will each subject have each fortnight?

The following tables outline the allocation of periods to each subject across Years 7 to 12.

Year 7

Subject	Periods per fortnight
English	8
Maths	8
Humanities	5
Science	5
Language (French or Japanese)	5
Drama/Music (one semester each)	5
STEAM (Digital Technology)/Visual Art (one semester each)	4
Physical Education and Health	5
Sport Education	3
Optima	2

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Year 8

Subject	Periods per fortnight
English	8
Maths	8
Humanities	5
Science	5
Language (French or Japanese)	5
Health/Food Technology (one semester each)	5
STEAM/Visual Art (one semester each)	5
Physical Education	4
Sport Education	3
Optima	2

Year 9

Subject	Periods per fortnight
English/EAL	8
Maths	8
Humanities	5
Science	6
Health	3
Elective 1 (one per semester)	6
Elective 2 (one per semester)	6
Elective 3 (one per semester)	6
Optima	2

Years 10, 11 and 12

Subject	Periods per fortnight
English/EAL	8
Subject 2	8
Subject 3	8
Subject 4	8
Subject 5	8
Subject 6 (Years 10 and 11 only)	8
Optima	2