



# MATER DEI CATHOLIC COLLEGE

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to inform you of the College's process for students who intend to commence Year 11 at Mater Dei Catholic College in 2020.

Commencing Year 11 can be exciting, promising, challenging and daunting all at the same time. Students need to be well prepared so that they can make informed decisions before embracing their HSC years. To assist students and parents with the decisions that need to be made, the College is undertaking an extensive process which is outlined below.

**1. Tuesday, 23 July  
Week 1, Term 3  
Lesson 2**

Mr Laurie Fitzpatrick will address Year 10 regarding enrolment for Year 11, 2020. Subject Selection Booklets, with subject information and criteria for subjects is given to students.

**2. Weeks 1 and 2,  
Term 3**

Year 11, 2020 Subject Information Sessions will be held by Key Learning Area (KLA) Leaders during selected lessons. During this time students will be informed about Year 11 subjects and provided with opportunities to seek advice and clarification about their potential choices.

**3. Tuesday, 30 July  
Week 2, Term 3**

Year 11, 2020 Subject Information Evening in the College Hall, commencing at 6.30pm with the main address, followed by a Key Learning Areas Expo at 7.30pm.

**4. Weeks 1, 2 and 3,  
Term 3**

Mr Richard O'Connell, Transition and Pathways Specialist, will be available for 45 minute appointments with students and parents regarding post school options and their implications for subject selection into Year 11. Students are able to make these appointments through the Student Splash page by clicking on the MDCC Careers icon. Anyone having difficulty making appointments can contact Mrs Jenine Driscoll in the Office on 02 6923 8300, who will assist with bookings.

**5. Weeks 3 and 4 Term 3  
Friday 9 August and  
Friday 16 August**

Year 11, 2020 Interviews to be held in the Marian Centre. Bookings for the Year 11 2020 Interviews can be made by logging on to [sobs.com.au](http://sobs.com.au) and selecting **Year 10 into Year 11 2020 Interviews** – either 9 August or 16 August. Bookings will open from Monday 22 July 2019.

**There will be no Year 10 classes held on these days. Students do not have to come to school on either day.**

The purpose of an interview is to confirm a position for your child. Furthermore, it will clarify expectations the College has with regards to Year 11 and 12 at Mater Dei, including a commitment to attend all whole College and Year group activities, most especially retreats. Students and parents are required to attend an interview if they wish to continue at Mater Dei in 2020. Interviews will be approximately 20-30 minutes in duration and held between the hours of 8.00am to 4.00pm.

### **SOBS Interview Booking Process**

Interviews can be made by logging on to *sobs.com.au* and following the prompts. There are two sets of interviews, named – Year 10 into 11 2020 #1 and Year 10 into 11 2020 #2. One set of interview times is for Friday, 9 August and the other is for Friday, 16 August. (Bookings can be made from Monday 22 July). Bookings close on *Tuesday, 6 August for 9 August*, and on *Tuesday, 13 August for 16 August*). Please select the date that suits you and continue through the process. Staff names have not been included as yet, but if you select Leader 1 and the time you would like to have your interview has already been allocated, please select Leader 2 etc. (Eight staff will be allocated to interviews for each 30 minute time slot).

Please find attached an outline of the Year 11, 2020 Information Evening. The extensive process allows students and parents to be well informed to make suitable selection of subjects for the beginning of 2020. Due to the complex nature of the timetable it will be difficult to accommodate requests to alter a student's pattern of study once the 2020 school year commences. Even if it is possible, it would be expected alterations to patterns of study would be completed by no later than the end of Week 6, Term 1, 2020.

If you have any concerns or queries, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Laurie Fitzpatrick, Leader of Curriculum, at the College.

Yours sincerely



Mrs Val Thomas  
**Principal**

# YEAR 11, 2020 – SUBJECT SELECTION

## *Some Questions*

The process of selecting subjects for Stage 6, Year 11 and Year 12 HSC Courses, is detailed. The process at Mater Dei is thorough and enables students and parents to make informed decisions. Many questions need to be answered. Please find below some questions which may prompt thought. The answers to these questions, and other questions that students may have along the way, will assist when making decisions about subjects for next year.

1. Does the student intend to apply for University and therefore require an ATAR?
2. What is the difference between Studies of Religion 1 and Studies of Religion 2?
3. What is the difference between Studies of Religion 1 and Studies in Catholic Thought?
4. What level English should the student choose?
5. What level Maths should the student choose?
6. Is the student capable enough to do Extension English or Extension Maths?
7. What are the differences between the 4 Science courses on offer?
8. What are the implications of taking a VET subject? Do they count towards Trade Qualifications? Do they count towards an ATAR?
9. What is the difference between PDHPE and Sports Lifestyle and Recreation?
10. What is the difference between Photography, Video and Digital Imaging and Visual Arts?
11. What project components are required for subjects? For example: Community and Family Studies, Business Studies, Design and Technology, Society and Culture, Visual Arts, Music and Drama.
12. What is the difference between a Category A and Category B subject?

**Outline of Year 11 2020 Information Evening**  
**Tuesday, 30 July 2019**  
**Beginning at 6.30pm in the College Hall**

- Please collect a Subject Selection Book and Planning Sheet as you enter the Hall.
- We ask that students sit with their parents during the presentation at 6.30pm.

6.30pm

1. Acknowledgment of Country

2. Prayer

3. Mrs Val Thomas

Welcome and Introduction

4. Mr Laurie Fitzpatrick

- An explanation of NESA requirements and the subject process
- Timetable Construction and Processes
- The Interview Process and Questions
- Conclusion of Group Presentation

7.30pm

Opportunity to discuss, clarify and question teachers individually regarding subjects

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### Subject Offerings – Year 11, 2020

Area	2 unit Courses (Board Developed)	1 unit Courses (Extension, BEC, BDC)
<b>RELIGIOUS EDUCATION</b> (Compulsory at MDCC)	Studies of Religion II	Studies of Religion I <b>Studies in Catholic Thought (BEC)*</b>
<b>ENGLISH</b>	English Standard English Advanced <b>English Studies – Category B</b>	English Extension 1
<b>MATHEMATICS</b>	<b>Essential Mathematics (BEC)*</b> <b>Mathematics Standard 1 – Category B</b> Mathematics Standard (ATAR) Mathematics Advanced	Mathematics Extension 1
<b>SCIENCE</b>	Biology Chemistry Physics Investigating Science	
<b>TECHNOLOGY and APPLIED STUDIES</b>	Agriculture Design and Technology Software Design and Development	
<b>HSIE</b>	Aboriginal Studies Ancient History Modern History Business Studies Economics Geography Legal Studies Society and Culture	
<b>CREATIVE ARTS and LOTE</b>	Drama Music 1 Visual Art Japanese Continuers	<b>Photography, Video and Digital Imaging(BEC)*</b>
<b>PDHPE</b>	PDHPE Community and Family Studies (CAFS) <b>Exploring Early Childhood (BEC)*</b> <b>Sport Lifestyle &amp; Recreation (CEC)*</b>	<b>Exploring Early Childhood (BEC)*</b> <b>Sport Lifestyle &amp; Recreation (CEC)*</b>
<b>VET - Category B Subjects</b>	<b>Construction</b> <b>Hospitality</b> <b>Information, Digital Media &amp; Technology</b> <b>Metal and Engineering</b>	

Most courses are **Board Developed Courses** and count towards the Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR). Subjects which have an \* next to their title are **Board Endorsed Courses or Content Endorsed Courses** and contribute as HSC units but do not contribute towards an ATAR.

*As a general rule, students cannot change their choice of subjects after the end of Week 6, Term 1.*

- ❖ **Category B Subjects can be used to contribute towards an ATAR. Students can study more than one Category B subject, however only one of these can be used to contribute to an ATAR.**

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## Year 11, 2020 Subject Selection Sheet

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

### Some Parameters for Subject Selection

1. Students must complete 12 units of Year 11 courses to meet NESA requirements.
2. When selecting subjects, students do so with Year 12 in mind. To obtain a HSC, students have to complete **at least 10 HSC units**.
3. Mater Dei Catholic College requires students to complete a “Religious Study” of 1 or 2 units.
4. NESA requires students to study 2 units of English.
5. NESA requires students to study 6 units of Board Developed courses.
6. Students intending to apply to a University may need an Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR). This requires the student to have **completed 10 units of Board Developed HSC Courses**.
7. A student who has completed the 1 unit Work Studies course in Year 10 at MDCC may choose to select 11 OR 12 units in Year 11.

8. Is the student planning to apply for University? YES ☐ NO ☐

ORDER	AREA	COURSE	Prelim Units	HSC Units
1	Religion (Compulsory)	Studies of Religion 1 <input type="checkbox"/>	1	1
		Studies of Religion II <input type="checkbox"/>	2	
		Studies in Catholic Thought <input type="checkbox"/>	1	
	Are you currently completing One unit Work Studies in Year 10? If Yes, place 1 in the next column →			
2	English (Compulsory)		2	
3	Board Developed Course (Compulsory)		2	
4	Board Developed Course (Compulsory)		2	
5	Any Course			
6	Any Course			
7	Any Course			
		Minimum number of Year 11 units must equal 12		
	Reserve Option 1			
	Reserve Option 2			

### • Enter Courses in Priority Order

**Please Note:** The “Reserve Options” are to be completed in priority order in case your preferred courses cannot be offered.