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Year 9 2018 Elective Choice Process

Dear Parents/Carers of Year 8 students

Throughout Years 7 and 8, students have been completing mandatory courses across all of the Key Learning Areas (KLAs). As students enter Stage 5 of their education, they have the opportunity to select two elective courses of study.

Electives provide an opportunity for students to make choices based on their areas of interest. Students should select courses which they enjoy and in which they believe they can do well. The choice of electives in Year 9 and 10 has no bearing on what courses a student may choose in Year 11 and 12 (Stage 6). There are no prerequisites for Stage 6 subjects.

Students should be wary of selecting subjects simply because their friends have chosen them. Take time to discuss the various courses with teachers, older students and parents.

One Year Interest Elective

Students will participate in an additional one-year elective course. We have called these courses 'Interest Electives'. Students are to nominate 3 Interest Elective courses in order of their priority on the Selection Sheet.

Two Year Electives

Students will be asked to select **three** Elective courses in order of priority. Sometimes it is not possible for all students to be allocated to the combination of courses that they have chosen. This may occur if there are insufficient numbers of students selecting a course to make it viable or if clashes occur on the timetable.

Students are asked to consider their choices carefully as these courses will be studied for two years. As a general rule, students are not permitted to change their elective choices once they have commenced them.

Students will receive further information in the following weeks.

Proposed Timeline:

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| Week 4 | Booklet distributed with subjects available
Meeting with Year 8 students on Thursday 10 th August. |
| Week 5 | Opportunities for questions and discussion throughout the week with teachers. |
| Week 6 | 9am Monday 21 August, Elective choice sheet due to be handed in to Mr Fitzpatrick. |

Please contact me if you have any questions.

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