



YEAR 9 ELECTIVE SUBJECT SELECTION - SEMESTER 1, 2021

Subject selection preferences will need to be completed in Operoo, which will be available **from 6pm, Thursday, 12th November until Monday, 16th November**. The table below is for your reference only, to assist with choosing subjects.

BLOCK 1	BLOCK 2
Art ^(P)	Ceramics ^(P)
Automotive	Design Tech (Wood) ^(P)
Business Studies (Fundamentals) ^(P)	PE/Health ^(P)
Drama ^(P)	Psychology ^(P)
Food Technology ^(P)	Robotics
French (9 Only) ^(P)	STEM ^(P)
Media ^(P)	Visual Communications ^(P)
Music	
Outdoor & Enviro Studies * ^(P)	

[^] This subject is a pathway course and can lead into a VCE/VET subject.

^{*} This subject may incur additional costs which will be added to the school fees.

Please see over page for more information.

HOW DO WE SELECT AN ELECTIVE?

Subject selection preferences will need to be completed via Operoo. The Operoo eForm will be made available to parents/carers from 6pm, Thursday 12th November and will need to be completed by NO LATER THAN Monday, 16th November. Keeping in mind, the earlier that the form is completed, the better.

Electives are grouped into blocks. Students will complete one elective per block. Students must indicate their 4 most preferred subjects, in order of preference, to assist with allocation. The majority of students receive their first or second preference. Subject allocation takes into considering a number of factors, including a smaller than normal class size, previous subjects, and the order at which forms are returned. For this reason, some students may miss out on their first and second preference and be given their third preference.

SUBJECT DESCRIPTIONS

Subject descriptions can be found in the Year 9/10 Information Handbook, which is available via the School's website to help assist students in making their decisions ([Parent Resources > Policies and Handbooks > Curriculum Handbooks](#)). Please note that new elective subjects are added from time to time and these may not have been included in the current handbook.

FRENCH AS AN ELECTIVE

If students have shown an aptitude for French during Years 7 and 8, they are strongly encouraged to continue this into Years 9 and 10, particularly if they have high aspirations for Years 11 and 12. Many institutions offer a scaled increment of up to 5 points on their ATAR score if a language is studied at Year 12.

OUTDOOR EDUCATION

Parents/guardians should be aware that if students are successful in obtaining a place in the Outdoor Education subject, an additional levy may be involved, which will be added onto their school fees. This is due to the wide range of activities involved in Outdoor Education, and may include a number of excursions and camps.

DESIGN SUBJECTS AND LAPTOPS

It is highly recommended that students intending to undertake Visual Communications have a suitable laptop available to run Adobe Creative Suite (e.g. Adobe Photoshop) programs. This is especially important if they wish to continue these subjects in Year 11 and 12.

WHAT IF WE'RE NOT SURE?

Parents are encouraged to spend time with their child in making elective choices. If either students or parents have any more queries about the electives or the process involved in selection, they are encouraged to contact us at school or via email. For questions regarding specific subjects, please see the Year 9 & 10 Curriculum book, or contact the relevant subject teacher. For other queries, parents/students can contact the Head of Senior School, Ivan Seskis at iseskis@bhcs.vic.edu.au If you're not sure about something, please don't hesitate to reach out.