

Join our teaching staff for an exhibition of pathway options for all students entering Years 9-12 in 2025. Parents and carers are encouraged to accompany their child to learn more, ask questions and plan for 2025 and beyond.



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# FINDING YOUR PATHWAY

The College's goal of this pathways journey, starting with the Secondary Pathways Expo, is for Bayside students to have a solid sense of direction and purpose in their Senior studies.

Each of our students have been fearfully and wonderfully made by God and are unique individuals. We hope this journey will help to provide more clarity and confidence about their short and long-term future.

### **KEYNOTE SPEAKERS**

All of the important elements of our Secondary pathways will be explained, and subjects explored in the following presentations across the evening in P14/15:

4:30 PM	Finding your Pathway
5:00 PM	Year 9 Elective Subjects
5:15 PM	Year 10 Central Australia Camp
5:30 PM	Finding your Pathway (Repeat)
6:00 PM	VCE Pathway and Acceleration
6:30 PM	VCE VM Pathway and Trades Skills Centre

### SUBJECT SELECTION

After the Secondary Pathways Expo, the next stage is the 2025 subject selection process. Students will submit an online application indicating one or more of the following:

- Year 9 or 10 Elective subjects
- VCE Acceleration in Year 10
- VCE pathway
- VCE VM pathway
- Interest in VET courses or Distance Ed options

This selection process informs the College which subjects will attract enough interest to run in 2025 and assists the blocking of these subjects for next year's timetable.

Subject selections will be opened on **Thursday 25 July** and will close on **Friday 2 August**.

Years 9 and 10 students are to complete their initial 2025 subject preferences prior to their 1:1 Interview.

## 1:1 SUBJECT INTERVIEWS

# SEMESTER ONE REPORTS

Semester One academic reports for current Secondary students will be published prior to the Secondary Pathways Expo. This feedback will provide an important perspective on how each student is tracking and will help to inform pathways and/or subject choices. There may be need for follow up discussions across Term 3 where:

- There is continued misalignment between current student progress and their 2025 subject selections.
- There is uncertainty about whether the student will opt for a VCE Acceleration subject in Year 10 or choose the VCE or VCE VM pathway in Year 11.

#### TIPS ON SELECTING SUBJECTS

Subject selection can be tricky, but your senior subjects should allow you to prepare for what happens once school is over. In the subjects you chose to study over the coming year, you'll tackle complex topics with in-depth learning, building solid foundations for further study or the workplace.

Selecting subjects for your senior school years is an exciting, but sometimes daunting task. However, you can make this decision easier by:

- collecting information at the Secondary Pathways Expo;
- working with your teacher/s recommendations;
- considering subect requirements and skillsets; and
- researching Tertiary prerequisites for future studies.

Now is the time to develop a broader understanding of yourself. This will guide you to what sort of roles and tasks you may enjoy in your career. To start, consider the following questions as you walk around the Pathways Expo:

- What subjects have you enjoyed at school so far?
- What do you like doing outside school?
- Do you have any passions?
- What's important to you in your life?

If you dislike a subject that you are doing now (or are struggling to get through it), it's important to consider the impact this may have on your future choices.

Consider why the subject is important to you and what your options are.

- What do I want to do with my future?
- What am I good at?
- Am I a 'book' or 'hands-on' person?
- Do I want to study at a university or TAFE?

Current Years 9 and 10 students and their parent/s will have an opportunity to sit down with an experienced Secondary School staff member for a 1:1 interview on **Wednesday 31 July** from 2:30 PM-8 PM.

During this time, we will look at the course and subjects chosen in the initial subject selection phase and consider how these align with each student's skills and strengths.

A final review can then be made online. In some cases, there might need to be a more challenging conversation about how the student is progressing and whether the preferred subjects are supported by current progress in Years 9 or 10.

Please note all 1:1 interviews require booking via the PTO tile on the College website from **Monday 22 July**.

- Am I interested in starting an apprenticeship or trade?
- Are there any subjects or subject combinations that may give me an advantage?

#### **IMPORTANT DATES**

Friday 28 June Monday 22 July Thursday 25 July Thursday 25 July Wednesday 31 July Friday 2 August

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