

Year 10 Program Information for 2018

Thursday August 3, 2017

Dear Parents of Year 9 Students,

Today your child was given some information regarding the Year 10 program in 2018.

We look forward to presenting this information to you as well on **Tuesday August 15** at the **Year 10 Information Evening (7.30pm in the Senior School Theatre)**.

As part of my presentation today, I explained some of the opportunities students have to extend themselves academically or vocationally. In particular, students will have the opportunity to apply to fast track their VCE by completing one of the Unit 1&2 VCE subjects available to Year 10s or a VET in Schools (VETiS) course. These subjects will take place each Wednesday after recess. The intention behind us offering this opportunity is to give students a taste of the VCE requirements and to offer an extension opportunity.

Their choice of VCE or VETiS subject does not need to be directly related to their career aspirations. There will be further opportunity in Year 11 and 12 to select subjects that are required for any tertiary studies. It should be noted that 'fast-tracking' a VCE/VETiS subject should not be seen by students as an opportunity to plan for a 'lighter' VCE load in their final year. They will still be required to complete a minimum of five VCE subjects in Year 12.

Students who do not wish to take up this opportunity will participate in our Year 10 Life Skills Program on a Wednesday after recess.

All students will be required to make a choice in this matter by filling out an **online subject preference form**. An individualised link will be sent to each student on the Information Evening (15 August) with instructions. This will need to be **completed by the 22 August**.

Every effort is made to ensure that students are suitably placed in these courses. To this end we will consult with the Year 9 teachers to determine your child's suitability to their chosen course. If there are any concerns raised, your child's year 9 teacher will be in touch and a meeting arranged to discuss alternative options.

To give your child some time to think about their subject choices before the Information Evening, I have given them a copy of the Senior School Handbook. Please read the Year 10 section of this document along with the descriptions of the relevant VCE subjects (in the VCE section). Information about VETiS is also contained in the document. Your child may come home with a specific VETiS course brochure after today's session.

All of the information shared with the students today will be explained again at the Information Evening. Should you have any questions, please feel free to email me at akoole@mecs.vic.edu.au or come and see me at the Information Evening.

Kind regards,

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