

YEAR 9 SELF SELECTED SUBJECTS POLICY

PURPOSE:

To provide a Middle Years Curriculum that is purposeful and student negotiated through the development and implementation of a Self Selected Subjects Program to be offered to all students in Year 9.

To offer a program that supports Baden Powell College P – 9 (BPC) commitments to personalised learning.

GOALS:

To provide a personalised learning program for all students in Year 9:

- To prepare students for subject selection in Year 10 and beyond
- To offer 'specialised' units in a range of disciplines, E.g. The Arts Photography
- To foster passion, interest and enthusiasm for 'specialised' subjects – Student Engagement

GUIDELINES:

- All Year 9 students will be required to undertake two units from each of the following compulsory learning areas:
 - Physical Education
 - The Arts
 - Technology
- Information regarding subjects on offer for selection to be disseminated to students and their parents through the Self Selection Subject Booklet (in conjunction with Parent Teacher Interviews).
- All units of work will have a course outline, curriculum planning documents and assessment criteria.
- Upon the completion of the unit, assessment tasks will be reported against the AusVELS (Australian Victorian Essential Learning Standards) in half yearly reports.
- Payment will be required by end of week nine, term four of any college year to guarantee a student's placement in chosen Self Selected Subjects Programs for the following year.

IMPLEMENTATION:

- The Self Selected Subjects Program will be overseen and managed by the Self Selected Program Management Team.
- The complexities of the Self Selected Subjects Program will be integral in the development of the whole College timetable.
- All units of work will be developed in accordance with AusVELS (Australian Victorian Essential Learning Standards) Level 6 (Year 9).
- The duration of each unit of learning will be for one semester.
- The expertise of staff from across the College will be drawn upon to create, develop and deliver units of work that support this program.

- Students' preferences (1st - 3rd) will be sought for each of the learning areas. Every endeavour will be made to ensure that each student will receive one of their three preferences. Consultation and guidance will be offered in circumstances where these cannot be met.
- Elective subjects will be allocated a budget and will be based on the number of students participating in each program across the course of the year.
- Elements of some units of learning may occur off site or involve expert instruction on site. An additional charge may be incurred due to travel, facility use and expert instruction e.g. BPC (Baden Powell College P-9) Studios, Gymnastics etc.

EVALUATION:

- This policy to be reviewed as part of the college's two year review cycle, individually, in teams and with the community in 2016.