Curriculum Information Session

YEAR 7 2015

Decision time Year 8 2016
Stages of Learning

- **Stage 4 - Years 7 and 8**
- **Stage 5 - Years 9 and 10**
- **Stage 6 - Year 11 and 12**
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Mandatory BOS Requirements

- **English, Mathematics and Science** in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10. By the end of Year 10 all students must complete 400 hours in each of these subjects.

- **Creative Arts** - All students study 100-hour courses in each of Visual Arts and Music.

- **Human Society and Its Environment (HSIE)** - In Stage 4 (Years 7–8) all students study 100-hour courses in each of History and Geography. In Stage 5 (Years 9–10) all students study 100-hours each of Australian History and Australian Geography.

- **Language** - All students must study 100 hours in one language over one continuous 12-month period at some stage during Years 7–10.

- **Personal Development, Health and Physical Education (PDHPE)** - All students study PDHPE in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10. By the end of Year 10 all students must complete 300 hours of PDHPE.

- **Technological and Applied Studies (TAS)** - All students study Technology (mandatory) for 200 hours, usually in Stage 4 (Years 7–8.)
Future Pathways

- **Year 9** - mandatory studies
  - Academic Enrichment – Inquiry Based Learning
  - 1 x 200 hr elective study
  - 1 x 100 hr elective study

- **Year 10** - mandatory studies
  - 1 x 200 hr elective study
  - 1 x accelerated Preliminary course

- **Year 11** - completion of 2 Units of accelerated HSC course
  - 10 units - 5 other Preliminary HSC courses

- **Year 12** - Completion of a minimum of 10 Units of HSC course

More detail on this will be shared as students progress through the relevant stages of learning
Decision Time

What should you consider?

- Responsibility
- Opportunity
- Success
- Feedback
- Partnership
- 21st century
- Enjoyment
- Early commencement - GAT
Languages other than English

- As part of the mandatory study all students need to complete 100 hrs of mandatory language study.

- Mandatory language study is about skill development in a language other than English.

- To ensure effective language delivery and sustainability of languages, the Languages faculty will be offering 1 European and 1 Asian Language for the mandatory study program in 2016.

- The languages offered for the mandatory curriculum are:
  - German
  - Indonesian
Select a language above the Line

Year 8 2016
Student Course Selection Sheet

Student Name: ________________________________  Current Class: 7

- Student’s must select one language study (pages 17 - 18) to complete their mandatory study requirements.

Mandatory Language Study 100hrs
- Language choice

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Student’s must select 2 choices for elective study in order of preference. Elective study options are found from pages 18 - 34.

Year 8 Elective Study Choice

- For my first elective I select
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- For my second elective I select
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Course selections must be submitted by Friday 14th August
At Merewether HS we value choice

- Choice in curriculum enhances student learning outcomes; it offers
  - Engagement
  - Relevance
  - Significance
  - Caters for Passion
  - Expression of Talents
  - Extension Opportunities
  - and Challenge
Elective Choices

- Students will study 2 electives in Year 8 2016

- 1 elective will be completed in Term 1 & 2 (Semester One)

- 1 elective will be completed in Term 3 & 4 (Semester Two)
All electives meet high standards of academic rigour

All electives have the opportunity for students to participate in some form of external competition, performance or display of work.

All courses are designed to lead into stage 5 learning across core curriculum areas.

No electives are specific prerequisite studies for Stage 5 or Stage 6 courses.
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What to consider to make wise course selections

- YOUR STRENGTHS/ ACADEMIC PROFILE
- NEEDS
- INTERESTS
- ABILITIES

Select courses you like or think you would enjoy studying
Don’t select a course because…..

- Your friends are doing that course
- It is rumoured to ........
- Mum / Dad / Brother / Sister / ? did that course

Class teachers, Faculty Head Teachers and Senior Executive will help guide you!
What courses will run?

- This depends on your selections.

- The number of students selecting a course determines whether or not the course is included as part of the line structure.

- Original choices are critical.

Line Pattern is NOT predetermined.

At Merewether High School, student choice determines the curriculum.
Class Sizes?

- How many students need to select a course before it will run?

- At this point we don’t know, our existing resources will allow us to run approximately 8 classes. Some may be full classes of 30 meaning that others are able to run with less students.
If your initial selections fit the pattern we are able to offer

If your selections are **NOT** compatible

We will meet with you and discuss a suitable selection from the established line pattern.
Elective Course Fees.

➡️ Our programs must be resourced to operate effectively

➡️ The school incorporates into its planning the expectation that Course fees will be paid

Any problems – confidential contact with the Principal
Experience shows us that the keys to ongoing Student Success include.....

- Good course selection
- Effort and application
Personal Best

KEEP CALM 
AND 
AIM FOR 
PERSONAL BEST
Further Details …

- Discuss your selections

- Selection sheet (White – Last page of the booklet) has been issued to students.

- Student selections require a parent signature at the bottom of the page

- Selections to be returned to school Friday 14th August in the box outside Mr Kelty’s office (Admin)
Head Teachers

- HTs are now available to answer course specific questions in the Library and K Block Classrooms

  Mr E Kelty (Administration)
  Ms K Sutherland (CAPA)
  Ms E Comey (English)
  Mr S Gibb (Humanities)
  Mr N Glover (ICT/Languages)
  Mr D Singh (Mathematics)
  Ms R Morrison (PDHPE)
  Mr S Smith (Science)
  Mrs L Burnett (Social Sciences)
  Mrs V McCudden (Technology)
Subject Information Evenings: Faculty Locations

KC6
CAPA (Creative and Performing Arts)

KC5
PD HEALTH PE

KC4
TAS (Technology and Applied Studies)

KC3
HUMANITIES

KC2
SOCIAL SCIENCES

LIBRARY

ICT
Languages
Thank you for coming

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