



2020 Year 9 Subject Selection Guide

The St Patrick's College Middle School aims to be a significant and positive experience in the life of the Year 9 boys in our care. We acknowledge the particular needs of adolescents and strive to provide opportunities for each student to become independent and active learners through rich and innovative curriculum, a curriculum that awakens and stimulates the intelligence.

This guide serves three functions:

- to assist and guide students and parents with the Year 9 subject selection process
- as a record of the student's proposed subject selections for 2020
- as confirmation of the student's re-enrolment status for 2020

Year 8 Pastoral Care Group Tutors have been asked to assist and support each student in completing this guide. Students are required to submit their proposed 2020 Year 9 program details using **Web Preferences** (the online subject submission portal). Students will be emailed a link to the Web Preferences log-in, along with detailed instructions. Parents will also be sent a similar email explaining the submission procedure. Please note that a parent and student signed copy of the *2020 Web Preferences Preference Receipt* is to be submitted with this Subject Selection Guide. Students are required to complete the computer entry of their proposed 2020 subject selections before the **Friday, September 6 submission date**. As this is web-based, this can be completed at home or at school.

Having completed each of the following sections, this **Selection Guide**, along with an attached copy of the *2020 Web Preferences Preference Receipt*, are to be returned to the student's **current Year 8 Pastoral Care Group Tutor** by no later than **Friday, September 6**.

Section 1 - Student details

Student Name: _____ **Pastoral Care Group:** _____

Section 2 – Decision making

To assist with the decision making process, students are asked to complete the following in as much detail as possible.

Year 8 subjects that I am good at or I enjoy:

_____	_____
_____	_____

Year 9 subjects that I think I will be good at or interested in:

_____	_____
_____	_____

Student Name: _____

Pastoral Care Group: _____

Section 3 – Core Subjects

All Year 9 students are required to complete the following compulsory Core subjects:

- Religious Education – 6 periods per fortnight
- English – 10 periods per fortnight
- Humanities – 10 periods per fortnight
- Mathematics – 10 periods per fortnight
- Physical Education – 4 periods per fortnight
- Science – 10 periods per fortnight
- Literacy – with the option to study one of: Japanese (VET Cert II in Applied Languages), Literacy Support or Literacy Development (8 periods per fortnight)
- Rite Journey - 2 periods per fortnight
- Community Service - 2 periods per fortnight
- Pastoral Care – 2 periods per fortnight.

Students study these subjects for the whole year.

Section 4 – Year 9 Electives

The Year 9 Electives offerings come from four disciplines – Computing, Health and Physical Education, Technology and The Arts. One semester length subject is studied each semester from the list below:

- Art
- Computing
- Design Technology – Metal
- Design Technology – Wood
- Food Studies
- Health
- Media
- Music Performance
- Music Technology
- Systems Engineering
- Theatre Studies
- Visual Communication Design

Having reviewed each elective offering and the conditions of offer, students should now fill in their proposed Year 9 elective choices on the last page of this guide.

Please note: Not all offerings listed will run in 2020. All subjects are offered subject to student demand, teacher availability and facility capacity.

2020 Year 9 Intention

Student Name: _____

Pastoral Care Group: _____

Student return intention for 2020 - Please complete the appropriate section

Returning:

My son will be returning to Year 9 for 2020 at St Patrick's College.

(Please complete the *2020 Year 9 Initial Subject Selections* form over the page)

Provisional:

My son may return to Year 9 for 2020 but I am unable to confirm this yet.

Details of our situation: _____

(Please complete the *2020 Year 9 Initial Subject Selections* form over the page)

Exiting:

My son will definitely not be returning to St Patrick's College in 2020.

Reason / Destination: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

For returning and provisional families:

We, the undersigned, acknowledge and commit to the following:

- St Patrick's College is an independent Catholic School for boys, conducted by Edmund Rice Education Australia in the tradition of Edmund Rice. The purpose of the College is to provide a balanced education in which spiritual, moral, intellectual, cultural, social and physical development take place. Parents and students are therefore expected through attitude and action to:
 - Respect the Catholic ethos of the College
 - Co-operate fully in all that promotes the complete education of a student
 - Take an active role in all College events and activities.
- Students are to:
 - Wear the College uniform properly so as to develop pride in personal appearance as well as developing a sense of belonging and responsibility
 - Care for the buildings, furniture and equipment of the College and are financially responsible for damage caused through carelessness or neglect
 - Take responsibility for the care and security of all personal materials, equipment and devices bought to the College.
 - Abide by the College's *Acceptable Online Usage Guidelines*.
- Whether at school, a school function or travelling to or from the College, students are not permitted to use or consume tobacco, non-prescribed drugs or alcoholic drinks.
- A student may not leave the College property during school hours without permission of his Year Level Co-ordinator, Director of School, Deputy Headmaster or Headmaster.
- Students may freely access or be referred to Student Services such as Counselling, Career Development or Enhanced Learning. As deemed necessary, Student Services staff will make every effort to inform and involve parents, giving due consideration to their respective professional standards.
- In the event of injury/illness of a student, the Headmaster is empowered to take whatever action is considered necessary. An ambulance will be called as a matter of course at the family's expense. Ambulance cover is therefore strongly recommended for all students.
- The Headmaster reserves the right to cancel the enrolment of any student whose influence is regarded as harmful to the interests of other students.

Parent

Signature: _____

Student

Signature: _____

Date: _____

2020 Year 9 Initial Subject Selections

Students are to give this form, along with an attached copy of the 2020 Web Preferences Preference Receipt to their Year 8 Pastoral Group Tutor by no later than **Friday, September 6**.

Student Name: _____

Pastoral Care Group: _____

Literacy:

Students are to nominate one of VET Certificate II in Applied Languages (Japanese), Literacy Support or Literacy Development for the whole year. Please tick one box only.

Japanese (VET Certificate II in Applied Languages)

Literacy Support

Literacy Development

Students who nominate **Literacy Development** are asked to further number the following from 1 (your first ranked choice), through to 7 (your seventh ranked choice):

Art, Design and Architecture

Mathematical Problem-Solving and Financial Awareness

Computer Coding

Philosophy

Film and Media

Scientific Investigation and Thinking

Literature and English Language

Electives:

The Year 9 elective offerings come from four disciplines – Computing, Health and Physical Education, Technology and The Arts. **All Year 9 students study one elective subject each semester.**

Number your elective choices from 1 (your first ranked choice), through to 5 (your fifth ranked choice). The subjects ranked 1 and 2 will be considered as your preferred choices. Subjects ranked 3, 4 and 5 will be considered your 'reserve' choices (the subjects you are prepared to do if the other elective subjects are not available).

Art

Media

Computing

Music Performance

Design Technology – Metal

Music Technology

Design Technology – Wood

Systems Engineering

Food Studies

Theatre Studies

Health

Visual Communication Design

Parent Signature: _____

Student Signature: _____