

Dear Parents and Guardians of Year 6 Students

RE: 2027 Year 7 Subject Choices

Year 7 students in 2027 will be provided with the opportunity to study three specialist subjects, which will be taught in Semester blocks, in addition to the Core subjects listed below. The School Curriculum and Standards Authority (SCSA) has mandated all Year 7 students to study a Visual Art subject, a Performing Arts subject and a Design Technology subject, we are providing students with the choice of subjects they would like to study within these areas.

Students have a 25 Period week, with classes running for one hour, along with Pastoral Care Group time each day.

Core subjects:

- English (4 Periods)
- Mathematics (4 Periods)
- Science (4 Periods)
- Humanities and Social Sciences (HASS) (4 Periods)
- Physical Education (1 Period)
- Health Education (1 Period)
- Religious Education (1 Period)
- Trailblazer Program (1 Period)
- Chosen Language (1 Period)
- Digital Technology (2 Periods – 1 semester only)

Specialist subjects:

- Performing Arts, students can choose between Music, Dance or Drama. (2 Periods – 1 semester only)
- Visual Arts, students can choose between Visual Art or Media Arts. (2 Periods – 1 semester only)
- Design Technology, students can choose between Food or Woodwork. (2 Periods – 1 semester only)

Languages:

We offer a choice between two Language subjects, Indonesian and Chinese (Mandarin). JSRACS Primary students will continue to learn the language they currently study. For new students who may have studied one of these languages at their previous school, it is strongly encouraged that they continue with the same language. If students have no experience with either language, they may select their preference of Indonesian or Chinese (Mandarin).

When selecting subjects for Year 7, I encourage each child to consider the following:

- What subjects have I previously studied, enjoyed and experienced success in during Primary School?
- What subjects may benefit me when considering my potential future career choices?
- What skills do I hope to develop from studying a subject?
- Why am I choosing this subject over another?

Students should select courses based on their own goals and personality. It may be tempting to select the same subjects as friends; however, this can result in disengagement and poor results if the course does not suit the individual.

Subject course outlines have been provided to assist with selecting preferences.

Please note, our teaching staff are available to discuss any questions you may have regarding the courses available and to provide counsel to your child so that they may make informed choices. Contact details for staff are available below each subject outline in the Course Outlines provided documentation. Alternatively, for general counsel, I encourage you and/or your child to speak with your class teacher or Mrs Brown, as the Director of Teaching and Learning - Middle School.

How to Select Subjects

The School uses a program called Edval Choice to collect subject preferences. This is an online subject selection tool. Each family will receive a separate email with instructions relating to the process of selecting specialist subjects. These selections should be made promptly following the receipt of the email, so your child has the best opportunity of obtaining their selected subjects.

Student Selection Examples

John Smith - John loves hands on activities and being active in his learning, he thinks he may like to be an engineer in the future, he also has a flair for Drama and enjoys performing in front of crowds. John is also hoping to try new things in the Middle School he has not experienced before. John selects Woodwork, Drama and Media as his preferences for Year 7.

Chloe Jones - Chloe has a passion for dancing and has enjoyed dancing in her Primary School years. She also enjoys the expression of her thoughts through Visual Art and loves creating art works. Chloe has noticed several of the Senior School students serving at the Meet and Eat Café as hospitality students and thinks she may like to do this in future. Chloe selects - Dance, Visual Art and Food Technologies as her preference for Year 7.

Paul Huynh - Paul loves creating things in the shed at home and thinks he may like to work on the mines or as a trade person in the future. Paul has been a member of the bands during his Primary School years and has always been interested in TV and film. Paul selects - Music, Woodwork and Media as his preference for Year 7.

The Trailblazer Program

The Trailblazer program was introduced at Year 7 in 2020. The program incorporates Social Life Skills from Curtin University's Aussie Optimism program. It supplements the core curriculum and pastoral experiences and allows students to practice communication skills integral in navigating the changes of starting high school. Students also explore the positive habits that will make them valuable members of our school and society.

Kind regards

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