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Head Senior Years - Ms Penny Minchin
Introduction

This booklet contains descriptions of subjects offered in 2011 for Year 10 students.

Courses of study in Year 10 are based on the International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme. Students will also undertake their first steps into the new SACE by undertaking the Personal Learning Plan. This ensures a challenging and diverse range of subjects for all students with a balance which prepares them academically and personally for the challenges of the 21st Century. Some courses of study are compulsory but there are a number of electives available which cater for the different needs and interests of our students.

Every effort will be made to place students in their chosen subjects. However due to class sizes, resources and staffing, sometimes this may not be possible.

Students are encouraged to discuss choices at home and to seek advice and support from:

- their Pastoral Care Teacher
- their Year Level Coordinator – Mrs Swiderski
- their subject teachers
- Careers Counsellor – Ms Randell
- VET Coordinator – Ms Hearnden
- School Counsellor – Mrs Munro
- Curriculum Development Coordinator - Mr Swiderski
- Head Senior Years - Ms Minchin
- Deputy Principal – Mrs Gleeson
Loreto Educational Philosophy

“The Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary was founded at the beginning of the 17th century by an English woman, Mary Ward, to serve the Church through education. The goals of our education today are in essence the same as the goals of our Foundress: the spiritual, intellectual and social development of the individual, and the preparation of students to take their place in the society in which they live, as well as to achieve their ultimate goal, the knowledge and love of God, in so far as this can be attained.

The Christian person as envisaged by Mary Ward is characterised by:

- freedom of spirit
- justice
- integrity

These ideals incorporating personal responsibility, responsiveness to God and others, and the search for truth optimise the yearnings of all peoples in every age. Being fundamental human values, they are particularly relevant in today's world where the dignity of the human person is threatened.

In modern society, with its rapid change and scientific and technological advances, the most important issues to be raised are not in fact technological - they are issues of values, and the translation of these values into action. A recognition of our responsibilities is a necessary part of education. Our society is a pluralist one, with often conflicting attitudes to religion, morality, human rights and associated areas. Hence our education needs to involve the development of our ability to evaluate critically, and to make decisions based on informed judgement and Christian principles, decisions reflecting a faithful use of the freedom given to us by God.

Our schools, through their climate, teacher-student relations and curriculum, aim to meet the spiritual, intellectual, psychological and social needs of each student, developing more fully the ability of each one to think objectively and responsibly, to value the search for truth, and to appreciate the dignity and value of the human person.”

Australian Province of the Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary
**General Information**

**What is the new SACE?**

Students who successfully complete their senior secondary education are awarded the South Australian Certificate of Education (SACE). The SACE is an internationally recognised qualification that paves the way for young people to move from school to work or further training and study. The new SACE has been progressively rolled out since 2009. From 2011 all students in Years 10, 11 and 12 will study the new SACE curriculum.

The SACE has been updated and strengthened to ensure it meets the needs of students, families, higher and further education providers, employers and the community. The new SACE builds upon the achievements of the current SACE and will help students develop the skills and knowledge they need to succeed – whether they are headed for further education and training, university, an apprenticeship or straight into the workforce.

The certificate is based on two stages of achievement: Stage 1 (Year 11) and Stage 2 (Year 12).

**How do students get the SACE?**

To gain the SACE, students complete approximately two years of full-time study which most students spread over three years. There are two stages:

- **Stage 1**, which most students do in Year 11, apart from the Personal Learning Plan, which most students are likely to do in Year 10
- **Stage 2**, which most students do in Year 12.

Each subject or course successfully completed earns ‘credits’ towards the SACE, with a minimum of 200 credits required for students to gain the certificate.

Students will receive a grade – from A to E – for each subject. For **compulsory** subjects, they will need to achieve a **C grade or better**.

The compulsory subjects are:

- Personal Learning Plan (10 credits at Stage 1)
- Literacy – at least 20 credits from a range of English subjects or courses (Stage 1)
- Numeracy – at least 10 credits from a range of Mathematics subjects or courses (Stage 1)
- Research Project – an in-depth major project (10 credits at Stage 2)
- Other Stage 2 subjects totalling at least 60 credits.

The remaining 90 credits can be gained through additional Stage 1 or Stage 2 subjects or Board-recognised courses of a student’s choice.
Table: A summary of the compulsory subjects and other requirements needed to complete SACE.

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*Most students will complete subjects or courses worth more than 70 credits at Stage 2. In order to successfully complete the SACE an achievement of a ‘C-‘ grade or better is required in at least 70 credits at Stage 2 (of which 10 credits must be the Research Project).

**Subjects**

This course handbook outlines the SACE BOARD approved subjects that Loreto College will offer in 2010 (subject to student choice). A description of the Personal Learning Plan and Research Project are also included, as all students will undertake these subjects.

**What is the Personal Learning Plan?**

The Personal Learning Plan is a compulsory SACE subject, normally undertaken in Year 10. Students consider their aspirations and research career, training and further study choices to help them map out their future. Students identify goals and plan how to achieve them through school and after finishing the SACE.

The Personal Learning Plan helps students to:
- identify and research career paths and options, including further education, training and work
- choose appropriate SACE subjects and courses based on plans for future work and study
- consider and access subjects and courses available in and beyond school
- review their strengths and areas they need to work on, including literacy, numeracy, and information and communication technology skills
- gain skills for future employment
- identify their goals and plans for improvement
- review and adjust their plans to achieve their goals

The Personal Learning Plan contributes 10 credits towards the SACE. Because it is compulsory, students need to achieve a C grade or above.
**What is VET and how can I do it?**

VET stands for Vocational Education and Training. VET is education and training that gives students skills for work, particularly in the trades and industry. It is the kind of education offered by TAFE colleges and a range of other registered training organisations.

In the new SACE students will be able to study more VET than ever before. They can earn up to 150 of the 200 credits required to complete the SACE, through recognised Vocational Education and Training courses.

The new VET procedures will encourage students to plan their VET pathways and work towards higher levels of VET. The new VET in SACE arrangements are proposed to take effect from 2011.

**University and TAFE entry**

TAFE SA recognises the SACE as meeting the entry requirements for most of its courses. It also considers a variety of other qualifications and experiences in its entry and selection processes.

Students who complete the SACE are eligible for university entry, provided they meet certain requirements.

For university entry, students need to:
- complete all compulsory requirements at a ‘C’ grade or better
- achieve 80 credits at Stage 2 including at least three 20-credit Stage 2 TAS subjects.

**Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR)**

The university aggregate is calculated by using the scaled points from the best four (or equivalent) subjects out of 20. The university aggregate will be a score out of 80.

**Tertiary Admission Subject (TAS)**

All subjects apart from Research Project B, Community Studies and Modified subjects are recognised by universities to contribute toward an ATAR. These subjects are known as Tertiary Admissions Subjects.

**Scaling**

To combine scores from a wide variety of different subjects to form an aggregate, it must be ensured that the scores are on a common scale. Scaling is the process used to convert scores to a common scale.
**Pre-requisites and Assumed Knowledge**

The Stage 2 credits can be gained in a variety of ways defined by the universities. Universities also specify required subjects for some of their courses, and students must ensure they meet these requirements when selecting subjects if they want to be considered for these courses.

Each university may have some subjects listed as "pre-requisites" and others as "assumed knowledge". It is the responsibility of students to check pre-requisite and assumed knowledge information for prospective courses.

**Pre-requisites** are those subjects which students must take in order to be eligible for a particular course. Students must achieve a grade of C– or better in these subjects.

**Assumed Knowledge** refers to subjects in which the university assumes students will have some prior knowledge, although it is not a requirement for entry to the course. If students wish to study in a course for which there is assumed knowledge for certain subjects, they will be greatly advantaged in their university studies if they take those subjects in Stage 2.

Full details of university and TAFE entry requirements are included in the *Tertiary Entrance Booklet 2011, 2012, 2013*, published in July 2010 by the South Australian Tertiary Admissions Centre. For more information, visit the SATAC website - [www.satac.edu.au](http://www.satac.edu.au).

All Year 10 and 11 students will be issued with the guide. Students and parents are strongly encouraged to consult this document for the most up to date tertiary requirements information.

**Students with disabilities**

The new SACE will continue to cater for students with special needs. The existing special provisions will continue. In addition, the new SACE offers a range of modified subjects as options for students with significant disabilities.

**Further information**

Visit the SACE Board website at [www.saceboard.sa.edu.au](http://www.saceboard.sa.edu.au) for more information about the new SACE.


**Year 10 Overview**

Each student studies the following subjects in Years 10.

**Compulsory**
- Religious Education
- Arts - either Art, Drama or Music (1 Semester)
- Humanities - Geography and History (1 semester of each)
- Language A - English
- Language B - either Chinese, French or Italian (2 Semesters)
- Mathematics
- MYP Personal Project
- Personal Learning Plan (PLP - SACE, Stage 1)
- Physical Education
- Science
- Technology - either Food Technology, Movie Making, Textiles Technology or Website Creation (1 Semester)

**Choices**

Students then also choose 2 semesters from the following list:
- Art
- Computer Animation*
- Design Technology - Textiles
- Digital Tools*
- Drama
- Food Technology
- Movie Making*
- Music

*If you intend studying these subjects in Year 11 it would be advisable to choose them for a full year.*

**Please note:** Subjects with an * can only be taken for 1 semester.

Year 10s will be required to complete one week of Work Experience in Term 3 of 2011 as part of their Personal Learning Plan.

The students have a day retreat during the year and it is expected that all students attend this as part of their personal spiritual development. In addition, all Year 10 students are required to commence service towards their Social Justice Passport – Senior Years. Students are expected to undertake a minimum of 5 hours of service in Terms 1 to 3 and reflect on their experiences.

**Homework**

Students should spend at least two and a half hours on homework each night of the week or on revision of that day’s work. At least four subjects should be set each night.
Subject Criteria Overview

The Arts
Criterion A: Knowledge and Understanding (8)
Criterion B: Application (10)
Criterion C: Reflection and Evaluation (8)
Criterion D: Personal Engagement (8)

Humanities
Criterion A: Knowledge (10)
Criterion B: Concepts (10)
Criterion C: Skills (10)
Criterion D: Organisation and Presentation (8)

Language A
Criterion A: Content - Receptive and Productive (10)
Criterion B: Organisation (10)
Criterion C: Style and Language Mechanics (10)

Language B
Criterion A: Oral Communication- Message and Interaction (8)
Criterion B: Oral Communication- Language (8)
Criterion C: Writing- Message and Organisation (8)
Criterion D: Writing- Language (8)
Criterion E: Reading Comprehension (16)

Mathematics
Criterion A: Knowledge and Understanding (8)
Criterion B: Investigating Patterns (8)
Criterion C: Communication in Mathematics (6)
Criterion D: Reflection in Mathematics (6)

PE
Criterion A: Knowledge and Understanding (8)
Criterion B: Movement Composition (6)
Criterion C: Performance (10)
Criterion D: Social Skills and Personal Engagement (8)

RE
Criterion A: Knowledge (10)
Criterion B: Conceptual Strands (10)
Criterion C: Organisation and Presentation (8)

Science
Criterion A: One World (6)
Criterion B: Communication in Science (6)
Criterion C: Knowledge and Understanding of Science (6)
Criterion D: Scientific Enquiry (6)
Criterion E: Processing Data (6)
Criterion F: Attitude in Science (6)

Technology
Criterion A: Investigate (6)
Criterion B: Design (6)
Criterion C: Plan (6)
Criterion D: Create (6)
Criterion E: Evaluate (6)
Criterion F: Attitude to Technology (6)
English is a full year subject for Years 8, 9 and 10. At SACE Stage 1 students can choose English Studies or English Communications. These are all offered as 10 credit subjects but students must complete 20 credits of English at Stage 1 or Stage 2 at C standard to complete their SACE.

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French B and Italian B are only offered to new students who have not studied either of the languages in their previous school.
Running of any of the options offered for Stage 1 Mathematics is dependent on sufficient numbers choosing a particular option to ensure a viable class size.

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Science and Science for Life in Year 10 differ in some content details and in the depth of treatment of some topics. Science is generally more analytical and mathematical in its approach.
History and Geography are core subjects and are a semester each in length in Years 8, 9 and 10.
Art

Contact Teacher: Mrs W Muir

What will I learn?

In Year 10 students can elect to do either 1 semester or a full year of Visual Art. Different programs are devised for each semester.

The thematic emphasis of Exploration of Culture is interpreted in its broadest context. Culture can refer to ethnicity, social structures & traditions, diversity & difference, gender-based practices, culturally determined customs/habits/behaviours.

The key reference points are an understanding that:

- Culture is a socially created form of human interaction and cohesion
- Cultures are shared systems, but inherently diverse
- Being dynamic, not static, cultures change over time; they adapt and accommodate to other cultures, environments available, resources and technologies
- Culture isn't simply a factor, or influence, or a dimension: it's a process in everything we do.

You are encouraged to independently research the focus of the semester theme and from this research determine how you visualise your concept. Suitable exhibitions and/or reference artists form the basis for Criteria A and this knowledge base is then considered in the production of artworks.

Reflecting and evaluating your learning is a continuous process. Regular written records in your Developmental Workbook are required to formally demonstrate this. You are encouraged to verbalise your reflections on your work in group discussions, evaluations and in discussion with teachers.

In addition, you will be supported in developing critiquing strategies that reflect on themes encountered during the course – an artist statement is required. Students are encouraged to develop this over time and use a drafting process to refine the expression of their ideas.

How will I be assessed?

Types of assessment:

- The production of practical work
- Developmental Workbook – recording the development of your ideas, the progress of your practical work and writing reflections on your learning
- Writing and talking about artists’ works
- Writing an artist’s statement

Using MYP Arts assessment criteria:

Criterion A: Knowledge and Understanding
Criterion B: Application
Criterion C: Reflection and Evaluation
Criterion D: Personal Engagement
**Pathways**

Leads to Stage 1 Visual Arts.

**Computer Animation**

*Contact Teacher: Ms A M Tippins*

**One Semester**

Technology exists as a single subject in the MYP in terms of its aims, objectives and assessment criteria. Inquiry and problem solving are at the heart of the MYP technology course.

Students are expected to solve problems through the creation of animations. Students investigate problems and use the technology design cycle as a tool to design, plan, create and evaluate products/solutions.

This course is undertaken as a one semester unit. The course has a practical base and emphasises further development of a broad range of Information and Communication Technology skills that can be used in all other curriculum areas. The development of an effective ICT skill set is fundamental in all learning situations.

**Pre-requisite**

None

**What will I learn?**

In this course students will gain skills in computer animation techniques and explore the creation of animated movies using both Flash and Clay animations. This course will give students an insight into how the creation of animations can be a powerful and creative learning process and introduce the potential uses of animation to improve learning outcomes. It will also demonstrate and provide hands on experiences with the utilisation of still images and provide participants with ideas in the creation of their own digital resources.

Students will develop skills to be able to use, edit and modify their creations. Focus will be on the artistic aspects including sound, presentation and visual communication.

Storyboards are part of the theory component of the course. Other topics covered will be animation techniques, planning and editing of presentations as well as how to incorporate sound and music into tasks. At the end of this course students will gain an understanding of the potential of animation creation to support and extend student learning, gain increased skills in the use of image editing programs, and understand the transferable potential of utilizing created works to demonstrate a more complex concept.

**How will I be assessed?**

Assessment will be mostly practical based starting with small projects that introduce the techniques of computer animation leading up to a final project. Students will undertake a range of tasks that will be assessed against the MYP Level 5 Technology Criteria using
rubrics, checklists and observations and the successful completion of assigned tasks:

Criterion A: Investigate
Criterion B: Design
Criterion C: Plan
Criterion D: Create
Criterion E: Evaluate
Criterion F: Attitude to technology

Pathways

General skills are useful across the curriculum. Computer Animation skills can be applied in the presentation of assignments in other subjects. Technological skills gained in this course will provide a background for Technology in Years 11 and 12.

Curriculum Enrichment

Contact Teacher: Mrs E Smith

Pre-requisite

Negotiated placement dependent on demonstrated specific learning needs (Years 6-12).

Content/Learning Outcomes

Curriculum Enrichment provides individualised or small group learning support, including extension, across all learning areas for students in Years 6-12. Students with identified learning needs may select Curriculum Enrichment on a subject line in negotiation with the Inclusive Education Coordinator. This option provides students with opportunity to work at their own pace, on tasks set by their subject teachers, with the support of Curriculum Enrichment staff as needed. Students in Years 11 and 12 may only select this option if they have sufficient units to meet the SACE requirements.

Assessment

None

Further Study

As a support programme, Curriculum Enrichment enables students to access most subject areas by negotiation.
**Design Technology – Textiles**

Semester 1 and 2.

*Contact Teacher: Ms Hearnden*

**What will I learn?**

Students will use the Design Cycle to identify, analyse, design and plan garments and textile items to meet specific end uses for themselves and others. They will learn to devise systems and apply quality control measures in the construction of and evaluation of textile products. Students will focus on designing and producing environmentally ethical and sustainable products. Areas of Study will include textile properties and performance, consumer rights and responsibilities, pattern making principles, product labelling and the value of textiles to our lives.

There is scope for students to extend previous textiles skills and knowledge through the degree of difficulty of their garments and items chosen.

**How will it be assessed?**

Two textile items will be investigated and constructed per semester using the Design Cycle.

The Level 5 MYP Assessment Criteria will be used to determine the level of achievement.

- Criterion A: Investigate
- Criterion B: Design
- Criterion C: Plan
- Criterion D: Create
- Criterion E: Evaluate
- Criterion F: Attitude to Technology

**Pathways**

This can stand alone or be of value for study at Stage 1 Design and Technology - Textiles (Material Products 1 and 2) and Stage 2 Design and Technology - Textiles (Material Products).

**Digital Tools**

*Contact Teacher: Ms A M Tippins*

One Semester

Technology exists as a single subject in the MYP in terms of its aims, objectives and assessment criteria. Inquiry and problem solving are at the heart of the MYP technology course. Students are expected to solve problems through the creation of products.
This course is undertaken as a one semester unit. The course has a practical base and emphasises further development of a broad range of Information and Communication Technology skills that can be used in all other curriculum areas. The development of an effective ICT skill set is fundamental in all learning situations.

**Pre-requisite**
None

**What will I learn?**

In this course students will explore a range of digital tools that aid in the creation of products that can be used to communicate information. They will also explore the ethical implications behind the creation of such products in the wider world of cyber-space and the media.

They will:
- Use designing principles and the technology cycle of plan, investigate, design, create, evaluate to produce products.
- Manipulate digital images with Adobe Photoshop CS4
- Manipulate sound with Audacity
- Learn techniques in graphic manipulation using tables
- Create a website using online tools
- Investigate the vast array of web 2.0 and 3.0 tools and their impact
- Reflect on the impact of technological change upon the community
- Examine and reflect on their own work and that of others by producing a reflective piece that describes their learning journey and future goals.

**How will I be assessed?**

Students will undertake a range of tasks that will be assessed against the MYP Level 5 Technology Criteria using rubrics, checklists and observations and the successful completion of assigned tasks:

Criterion A: Investigate
Criterion B: Design
Criterion C: Plan
Criterion D: Create
Criterion E: Evaluate
Criterion F: Attitude to technology

**Pathways**

This subject gives good grounding for SACE Stage 1 and Stage 2 Information Processing and Publishing. It also develops general skills that are useful across the curriculum and specific skills that can be applied in the presentation of assignments in other subjects.
Drama

Contact Teacher: Mr M Randell

What will I learn?

Year 10 Drama consolidates the skills of performance, audience and the devising of theatre and develops the practical elements of theatre production. Students explore different genres in their historical context from which they evolve or devise representative performances.

Written work is designed as a means of reflecting both process and problem solving with a greater depth of analytical skill.

How will I be assessed?

You will be assessed in line with the MYP Criteria:
Criterion A: Knowledge and understanding
Criterion B: Application
Criterion C: Reflection and Evaluation
Criterion D: Personal Engagement

Through practical workshops, performance, written processes, research and reflection.

Pathways

This course leads to Stage 1 Drama.

Food Technology

Contact Teacher: Ms P Minchin / Ms K Stoodley

What will I learn?

The general objectives relate to factors influencing food habits such as availability of foods, customs and traditions, advances in technology and the science of nutrition. Students apply their knowledge of nutrition and are encouraged to look beyond their immediate environment to study cultural differences as they relate to food patterns. Through this study the students should develop a sense of responsibility towards the nutritionally deprived.

The course also examines the effect of technology on food preparation by introducing the elements of design, make and appraisal using the computer, the microwave oven and a variety of small kitchen appliances.

How will I be assessed?

Two major tasks will be assessed during the semester using the Design Cycle.
The Level 5 MYP Assessment Criteria will be used to determine the level of achievement.

Criterion A: Investigate
Criterion B: Design
Criterion C: Plan
Criterion D: Create
Criterion E: Evaluate
Criterion F: Attitudes to Technology

**Pathways**
This can stand alone or be of value for the study of Stage 1 Nutrition or Food and Hospitality or Stage 2 Nutrition or Food and Hospitality.

**Geography**

*Contact Teacher: Mr P Foley*

**What will I learn?**
Geography is a study of environments, and human activities, and the connections between them. In particular, the aims of Geography are:

- Understanding how people affect the environment, using local, national and global examples.
- Awareness that these features and their distributions change.
- Skills in planning, investigating and communicating information on issues.
- Awareness of technologies available to geographers.
- Attitudes and values in relation to environmental, democratic and social justice issues.

The topics covered at this year level introduce students to key geographical skills and concepts.

The continuation of the aims, with skill and knowledge development, is incorporated into such topics as:

- Mapping skills / Geographic Information Systems / weather map interpretation
- Population
- Hazards and Disasters
- Coastal environments

**How will I be assessed?**
Assessment is continuous and various activities will be incorporated including:

- Written research assignments
- Statistical Interpretation
- Oral presentations
• Audio-Visual interpretations
• Mapping Exercises
• Field investigations
• Tests

Students work will be assessed against the following MYP criteria;
Criterion A: Knowledge
Criterion B: Concepts
Criterion C: Skills
Criterion D: Organisation and Presentation

Pathways

Satisfactory achievement in this course provides students the opportunity to study Geography at Stage 1 either as 1 or 2 units.

History (Asia and the Pacific)

Contact Teacher: Mr P Foley

What will I learn?

Topics from:
1. Indonesia / East Timor
2. Vietnam
3. Option: Choose one of North and South Korea, Cambodia, Philippines, New Zealand, Papua/New Guinea, Malaysia, Thailand, Myanmar, China, Japan, Sri Lanka, India.

Focus issues for each topic
• Colonisation, European Impact
• Conflicts (Internal & External)
• Independence
• Relationships with Australia (Aid, Trade, Political Alliances, Diplomatic, Culture, Migration)

How will I be assessed?

Research assignments, empathic responses, short answer tests, source analysis, group task, essays and examination.

Students work will be assessed against the following MYP criteria.

Criterion A: Knowledge
Criterion B: Concepts
Criterion C: Skills
Criterion D: Organisation and Presentation
Pathways
Leads to a study of Stage 1 History.

Language A

English

Contact Teacher: Ms L Mulligan

What will I learn?
The course is designed to create increasing awareness of different kinds of texts. Students will be challenged to interpret increasingly complex meanings, produce longer texts, interpret and produce different text types in a wider range of contexts, and critically analyse the relationship between the purpose of a text, its intended audience and how it has been constructed. They will read a wide range of classic and contemporary text, as well as media and everyday texts and will be required to respond in a variety of forms and styles.

How will I be assessed?
Assessment will be based on a wide range of written, oral and multimedia responses. Criteria for assessment are:

Criterion A: Content (receptive and productive)
Criterion B: Organisation
Criterion C: Style and Language Mechanics

Pathways
The course leads to English Studies or English Communications at SACE Stage 1.

Language B

Chinese - Mandarin

Contact Teacher: Ms M Foster

Pre-requisite
Year 9 Chinese.

What will I learn?
Expanding the knowledge acquired in Year 9, major emphasis will be placed on creative and individual writing, conversation and language understanding. Focus is also placed on broadening students’ understanding of Chinese language and culture throughout the
Asian region, China and other Mandarin-speaking countries.

**How will I be assessed?**
Students will be assessed according to the following MYP Language B criteria:

- **Criterion A: Oral communication – message and interaction**
- **Criterion B: Oral communication - language**
- **Criterion C: Writing – message and organisation**
- **Criterion D: Writing – language**
- **Criterion E: Reading comprehension**

Criteria A to D will be assessed through a variety of extended written and oral responses using a variety of genres. Criterion E will be assessed through a variety of responses to texts, developing students’ understanding of different text types and text features.

Criteria A, B, C and D are scored on a continuum up to 8, Criterion E is initially scored on a continuum up to 8 and the score is then doubled.

The total score for Language B is 48.

**Pathways**
Leads to Chinese Continuers at Stage 1.

**English as a Second Language**

*Contact Teacher: Ms M Foster*

**What will I learn?**
This program is designed to develop students’ communication skills in both spoken and written English in a variety of everyday and academic contexts. A key focus of this course will be to develop students’ ability to critically analyse written texts and produce their own formal texts. This course is aimed at students for whom English is not their first language. Students who have grown up in Australia may require an assessment of their English language skills to determine eligibility for this course.

**How will I be assessed?**
Students will be assessed according to the following MYP Language B criteria:
- **Criterion A: Oral communication – message and interaction**
- **Criterion B: Oral communication - language**
- **Criterion C: Writing – message and organisation**
- **Criterion D: Writing – language**
- **Criterion E: Reading comprehension**

Criteria A to D will be assessed through a variety of extended written and oral responses
using a variety of genres. Criterion E will be assessed through a variety of responses to texts, developing students’ understanding of different text types and text features.

**Pathways**

Leads to Stage 1 and Stage 2 English as a Second Language.

**French**

*Contact Teacher: Mrs C Emblem*

**Pre-requisite**

Year 9 French (Language B)

**What will I learn?**

Expanding the knowledge acquired in Year 9, major emphasis will be placed on creative and personal writing, conversation, and understanding spoken and written texts. The topics explored will include food and good health, friendship, and talking about the past. The students’ knowledge and appreciation of French language and culture are broadened through the study of French-speaking communities and their ways of life.

**How will I be assessed?**

Students will be assessed continuously on their ability to communicate orally and in writing. Their comprehension of written and spoken texts will be tested. There will also be vocabulary and grammar tests and an end of year exam.

Students in Year 10 will be assessed using the Criteria for Year 5 of the program throughout the whole year. Students who completed Beginners’ Italian or French in Year 9 will be assessed for the whole year using the Criteria for Year 3 of the program.

The International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme assessment criteria will continue to be used:

- Criterion A: Oral Communication – Message and Interaction
- Criterion B: Oral Communication - Language
- Criterion C: Writing – Message and Organisation
- Criterion D: Writing – Language
- Criterion E: Reading Comprehension

Criteria A, B, C and D are scored on a continuum up to 8, Criterion E is initially scored on a continuum up to 8 and the score is then doubled.

The total score for Language B is 48.

**Pathways**

Leads to Stage 1 French Continuers.
Italian

Contact Teachers: Mrs M Ugolini / Ms C Kenny

Pre-requisite

Year 9 Italian

What will I learn?

Students will continue to build on the skills and knowledge acquired in Year 9. They will continue to enhance their listening, reading, writing and oral skills.

Through the study of different text types such as emails, dialogues, articles, advertisements and film, students will learn about the Italian school system and explore the attitude of Italians on issues such as health and lifestyle, technology and why the “Made in Italy” symbol is synonymous with quality products and innovative design. They will also study aspects of modern Italian history. There will be major emphasis on learning to produce different text types and a focus on developing conversation skills.

How will I be assessed?

Students will be continuously assessed on grammar, vocabulary, written and oral skills. The students’ ability to understand information presented in an oral or written form will be assessed with each theme studied.

Students in Year 10 will be assessed using the Criteria for Year 5 of the program throughout the whole year. Students who completed Beginners’ Italian or French in Year 9 will be assessed for the whole year using the Criteria for Year 3 of the program.

There will be an examination in Term 4.

The International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme assessment criteria will continue to be used:

Criterion A: Oral Communication – Message and Interaction
Criterion B: Oral Communication - Language
Criterion C: Writing – Message and Organisation
Criterion D: Writing – Language
Criterion E: Reading Comprehension

Criteria A, B, C and D are scored on a continuum up to 8, Criterion E is initially scored on a continuum up to 8 and the score is then doubled.

The total score for Language B is 48.

Pathways

This subject leads to Italian Continuers at Stage 1.
**Levels of Mathematics**

MYP Mathematics should be accessible to and be studied by all students. The mathematics curriculum allows all students the opportunity to reach their full potential and achieve the final aims and objectives of MYP Mathematics. In order to achieve this, the concepts and skills of the framework for mathematics are organised so that students can work at two levels of ability: **Standard Mathematics** and **Extended Mathematics**.

**Standard Mathematics** aims to give all students a sound knowledge of basic mathematical concepts while allowing them to develop the skills needed to meet the objectives of MYP mathematics.

**Extended Mathematics** consists of the standard mathematics framework supplemented by additional concepts and skills. This level provides the foundation for students who wish to pursue further studies in mathematics.

**Mainstream Mathematics**

*Contact Teacher: Mr J Roberts*

**What will I learn?**

- Algebra
- Lines and linear equations
- Surds
- Indices and logarithms
- Surface area and Volume
- Quadratic algebra
- Quadratic graphs
- Trigonometry
- Probability
- Statistics

**How will I be assessed?**

MYP schools follow a criterion-referenced approach. Students’ work is therefore assessed against four defined assessment criteria: Knowledge and Understanding, Investigating patterns, Communication in Mathematics, Reflection in Mathematics.

**Pathways**

Movement between Mainstream and Extended Mathematics is available when deemed appropriate by a student’s Mathematics teacher in consultation with the Mathematics Coordinator.

Year 10 Mainstream Mathematics can lead to any choices of Mathematics in Year 11, and provides the basis for further study in Year 12.
**Extended Mathematics**

*Contact Teacher: Mr J Roberts*

Students are placed in this course by teacher recommendation. Parents will be notified of a student’s placement in this class.

**What will I learn?**

Students will cover the core work done by students in the mainstream classes (see above) but at a faster rate, enabling them to explore extra content:

- Vectors
- Congruence
- Codes
- Matrices
- Sequences and series
- Normal Distributions
- Topology
- Directed Networks

**How will I be assessed?**

MYP schools follow a criterion-referenced approach. Students’ work is therefore assessed against four defined assessment criteria: Knowledge and Understanding, Investigating patterns, Communication in mathematics, Reflection in mathematics.

**Pathways**

Movement between Mainstream and Extended Mathematics is available when deemed appropriate by a student’s Mathematics teacher in consultation with the Mathematics Coordinator.

Year 10 Extended Mathematics can lead to any choices of Mathematics in Year 11, and provides the basis for further study in Year 12. Students achieving highly enough in Extended mathematics may be considered for acceleration in line with the College’s acceleration policy.

**Mathematics for Living**

*Contact Teacher: Mr J Roberts*

**What will I learn?**

- To use and apply algebraic models to Mathematical problems.
- To manipulate and use formulae to solve everyday problems in various contexts.
- The properties and theories relating to geometrical figures and how they apply to real life situations and aid in problem solving.
- Decision making based on financing and different buying options.

**How will I be assessed?**

MYP schools follow a criterion-referenced approach. Students’ work is therefore assessed against four defined assessment criteria: Knowledge and Understanding, Investigating patterns, Communication in mathematics, Reflection in mathematics.

**Pathways**

Provides for students who will take only one unit of Stage 1 Mathematical Pathways. This subject does not provide a pathway to any other Year 11 or 12 Mathematics courses. Students take this course on teacher recommendation.

**Movie Making**

*Contact Teacher: Ms A M Tippins*

*One Semester*

Technology exists as a single subject in the MYP in terms of its aims, objectives and assessment criteria. Inquiry and problem solving are at the heart of the MYP technology course.

Students are expected to solve problems through the creation of movies. Students investigate problems and use the technology design cycle as a tool to design, plan, create and evaluate products/solutions.

This course is undertaken as a one semester unit. The course has a practical base and emphasises further development of a broad range of Information and Communication Technology skills that can be used in all other curriculum areas. The development of an effective ICT skill set is fundamental in all learning situations.

**Pre-requisites**

No prerequisite skills are required.

**Content/Learning Outcomes**

In this course students will focus on capturing video on a digital video camera, importing it into a computer, and mixing it with graphics, sounds, and music. Transitions and titles are added to create a short movie.

Students will gain skills using software, such as Audacity, Movie Maker and ULead Video Studio. Storyboards are part of the theory component of the course.

At the end of this course students will be able to capture video and sound, create graphics and use digital photos, edit videos, add transitions, titles and effects to video, and understand how to use all components in a classroom context.
Assessment

Students will undertake a range of tasks that will be assessed against the MYP Level 5 Technology Criteria using rubrics, checklists and observations and the successful completion of assigned tasks:

Criterion A: Investigate
Criterion B: Design
Criterion C: Plan
Criterion D: Create
Criterion E: Evaluate
Criterion F: Attitude to technology

Pathways

General skills are useful across the curriculum. Movie Making skills can be applied in the presentation of assignments in other subjects. Technological skills gained in this course will provide a background for Technology in Years 11 and 12.

Music

Contact Teacher: Ms C Trahair

Students must currently be undertaking tuition on an instrument or voice to study this subject. It would be beneficial for students to participate in an extra-curricular vocal or instrumental ensemble. Satisfactory completion of a full year of Year 9 Music is a pre-requisite. New students should consult the contact teacher to discuss appropriate background knowledge for the course.

What will I learn?

The Year 10 Music Course includes the following Learning Activities:

- Applied Musical skills (integrated into a study of theory at AMEB grade 2-3 level): Developing Theory and Aural skills
- Performance: Individual study, concert practice, instrumental and vocal ensemble
- Composing / Arranging
- Music in context: History, score reading, listening and analysis
- Music Technology

How will I be assessed?

Assessment tasks include solo and ensemble performance and participation in group activities, written assignments and theory tests, research and composition projects, aural tests.

Arts (Music) MYP Level 5
The four criteria by which you will be assessed are as follows:

Criterion A: Knowledge and understanding
Criterion B: Application
Criterion C: Evaluation and Reflection
Criterion D: Attitude and personal engagement

Pathways

To undertake Stage 1 Music students need to have satisfactorily completed a full year of Music at Year 10 and have studied an instrument for a minimum of 2 years.

MYP Personal Project

Contact Teacher: Ms R Jans

What is it?

The Personal Project is the culmination of the student’s experience with the MYP. It is a significant body of work produced over three terms (2010-2011) and is a reflection of the student’s own initiative. The students began working on the Personal Project in Term 3, 2010 and will complete it by the end of Term 1, 2011 in time for the exhibition in Term 2, 2011. This project holds a very important place in the MYP and should reflect the student’s experience of the programme. It provides an excellent opportunity for students to produce a truly creative piece of work of their own choice and to demonstrate the skills they have developed through Approaches to Learning.

The Personal Project gives students the opportunity to share with others something that is of interest to them as individuals, as well as sharing some of what they have learned as a result of being in the Middle Years Program.

New Year 10 students to the College in 2011, will not undertake the Personal Project unless they participated in an IB MYP school prior to attending Loreto and they wish to complete a project they have already begun.

What does it involve?

The Personal Project is an Inquiry Cycle learning experience and may take many forms. The finished project allows the student to investigate and focus on a topic they would like to learn more about. This is closely connected to at least one Area of Interaction of the MYP. Whilst the students are using the Inquiry Cycle, they will maintain a Process Journal for reflection, conduct research, achieve the goals they have identified and complete a Structured Writing Report.
Most of the work involved in the Personal Project will be done outside class time. However, the school will ensure that each student receives direct supervision from a qualified person in the school, who can provide appropriate guidance and confirm the authenticity of the work submitted.

**How is it assessed?**

The following assessment criteria have been established by the IB for the Personal Project in the MYP.

Criterion A: Planning and development  
Criterion B: Collection of information/resources  
Criterion C: Choice and application of techniques  
Criterion D: Analysis of information  
Criterion E: Organisation of the written work  
Criterion F: Analysis of process and outcome  
Criterion G: Personal engagement

The criteria descriptors concentrate on positive achievement, although failure to achieve may be included in the description for the lower levels.

**Personal Learning Plan (PLP - SACE, Stage 1)**

*Contact Teacher: Ms J Parkinson*

One Semester (10 credit)

**Pre-requisite**

None

**What will I learn?**

The Personal Learning Plan (PLP) is a subject designed to help students make informed decisions about their personal development, education and training. The students work with their mentor teachers, parents and experts to plan their own SACE program, tailored to their learning needs and chosen career pathways. The aim of the PLP is to help students to learn strategies to successfully complete their SACE, and to prepare for future life.

The broad aims of the PLP are:

- To develop in students knowledge that will help them identify future options
- To help students choose appropriate subjects and courses for SACE, both within the school and beyond
- To develop in students the skills to identify goals and plans for improvement
- To help students to develop the skills to monitor and reflect on their own progress, and to adjust plans
To review students strengths and weaknesses for the development of literacy, numeracy and ICT skills.

This course at Loreto is designed around 4 units; Learning and Self, Careers, Work and Citizenship. These four units are designed to enable students to demonstrate their skills in relation to the five capabilities (Work, Personal Development, Communication, Citizenship, and Learning) that underpin the principles of the new SACE.

Some of the topics to be covered in the 4 units described above include:

- Learning Styles
- NAPLAN data analysis- strengths and weaknesses in literacy and numeracy
- Exploration of Career Pathways and Course Counselling
- Work - applying for jobs, including letters of application, resume, mock interview and work experience
- Community Service

**How will I be assessed?**

This subject is assessed against performance standards. Methods of assessment include research, assignment work, role plays, debates, mock interviews and round table discussions.

**Pathways**

PLP is a compulsory subject for students to achieve their SACE. Students who achieve a C grade standard or above will obtain 10 credits.

**Physical Education**

*Contact Teachers: Mrs G Rigney*

**What will I learn?**

Physical Education aims to facilitate the physical, mental, social and intellectual development of students. Experiences in Physical Education will provide both immediate and long term opportunities for students:

- to develop skills and attitudes which promote physical, mental, social and emotional health.
- to develop a coherent set of personal and social values to which they commit themselves, including honesty, consideration for others, self discipline, acceptance of responsibility, self reliance and initiative.
- to participate in a range of physical activities while planning and evaluating various roles they can take in the community to develop their interests and assist others.

Students will be provided with various practical unit experiences throughout the school
year. Topics such as Athletics, Archery, Touch, Orienteering, Badminton, Non-traditional sports, Soccer, Volleyball and Self Defense will be undertaken. Unit selection can vary from year to year.

**How will I be assessed?**

The following assessment criteria have been established by the IBO for Physical Education in the MYP. The final assessment required for IBO - validated grades and certification at the end of the MYP must be based on these assessment criteria.

Criterion A: Use of knowledge  
Criterion B: Movement composition  
Criterion C: Performance  
Criterion D: Social skills and personal engagement

**Pathways**

Leads to Stage 1 Physical Education.

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**Religious Education**

*Contact Teacher: Mrs N Rodi*

**What will I learn?**

- Church History  
- Christian Discipleship  
- Sacraments of Commitment  
- Good and Evil  
- Affluenza and the Catholic School Antedote  
- God as Communion

**How will I be assessed?**

Students will be assessed as in any other humanities subject on:

- Written tasks  
- Oral multi-media presentations  
- Group and Individual tasks  
- Role play  
- Debates  
- In-class discussion

Assessment tasks will be marked according to Religious Education criteria set for each task.

All students participate in a one day Reflection Day as part of their studies.
Pathways

Year 10 religious Education leads to Stage 1 Religion Studies.

Science

Contact Teacher: Dr J Wright

Year 10 students pursue one of two possible courses "Science" or "Science for Life". These two courses differ in some content details and in the depth of treatment in some topics and the background they provide for the study of Science subjects in SACE Stages 1 and 2. "Science" students are expected to take the full Year 10 Mathematics course. Assessment results in Year 8 and 9 Science and Mathematics will indicate which of the two Year 10 courses is appropriate for a particular student.

What will I learn?

The aims of the teaching and study of sciences are to encourage and enable students to:

- Develop inquiring minds and curiosity about science and the natural world
- Acquire knowledge, conceptual understanding and skills to solve problems and make informed decisions in scientific and other contexts
- Develop skills of scientific inquiry to design and carry out scientific investigations and evaluate scientific evidence to draw conclusions
- Communicate scientific ideas, arguments and practical experiences accurately in a variety of ways
- Think analytically, critically and creatively to solve problems, judge arguments and make decisions in scientific and other contexts
- Appreciate the benefits and limitations of science and its application in technological developments
- Understand the international nature of science and the interdependence of science, technology and society, including the benefits, limitations and implications imposed by social, economic, political, environmental, cultural and ethical factors
- Demonstrate attitudes and develop values of honesty and respect for themselves, others, and their shared environment.

The skills and attitudes listed above will be developed in a variety of contexts including the structure and properties of materials and their reactions, genetic continuity, light, motion, energy transfer, the Universe, the electromagnetic spectrum, learning principles and applications and defending the body against disease.

In addition, some option and extension work may be included at particular stages in the course. Students are encouraged to participate in Science activities beyond the classroom, such as competing in the Oliphant Science Awards and in the Australian Schools Science Competition.
**How will I be assessed?**

Students will be assessed using the six MYP Sciences criteria:

- Criterion A: One World
- Criterion B: Communication in Science
- Criterion C: Knowledge and understanding of Science
- Criterion D: Scientific inquiry
- Criterion E: Processing data
- Criterion F: Attitudes in Science

Assessment is continuous and carried out using a variety of tasks, - topic tests, research and investigation tasks, practical work, assignments, essays and an end of year examination.

**Pathways**

Science provides the necessary grounding for Stage 1 Biology, Chemistry, Nutrition, Physics and Psychology.

**Science for Life**

*Contact Teacher: Dr J Wright*

This subject has been specifically designed for students who in Years 8 and 9 Science have shown a preference for practical activities rather than abstract concepts. The class will cover the same topics as other Year 10 Science classes, but the activities have been designed to be especially relevant to the students, often requiring them to engage with and appreciate how contemporary social debates are informed by scientific knowledge. Group work will provide an opportunity for the development of collaborative interpersonal skills. Assessment results in Year 8 and 9 Science and Mathematics will indicate which of the two Year 10 courses is appropriate for a particular student.

**What will I learn?**

- Develop inquiring minds and curiosity about science and the natural world
- Acquire knowledge, conceptual understanding and skills to solve problems and make informed decisions in scientific and other contexts
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Criterion F: Attitudes in Science

Assessment is continuous and carried out using a variety of tasks, - topic tests, research and investigation tasks, practical work, assignments, essays and an end of year examination.

**Pathways**

"Science for Life" allows progression to Stage 1 Scientific Studies and Stage 1 Nutrition.

**Extension Science**

*Contact Teacher: Dr J Wright*

A group of students, identified as successful in Science by their results in both Year 9 Science and the Australian School Science Competition will form an extension class which will be scheduled at the same time as the other classes. Parents will be notified of their daughter's placement in this class.

**What will I learn?**

Students will cover the same material as other Year 10 Science classes and take the same tests but in addition they will tackle extension work to deepen and broaden their understanding of Science. Generally this will be related to the topic under study, but sometimes it will be of a different nature such as long term experiments, entries in science awards or science challenges.
**How will I be assessed?**

Students will be assessed using the six MYP Sciences criteria:

Criterion A: One World  
Criterion B: Communication in Science  
Criterion C: Knowledge and understanding of Science  
Criterion D: Scientific inquiry  
Criterion E: Processing data  
Criterion F: Attitudes in Science  

Assessment is continuous and carried out using a variety of tasks, - topic tests, research and investigation tasks, practical work, assignments, essays and an end of year examination.

**Pathways**

Movement between Science and Extension Science will occur when deemed appropriate by a student’s Science teacher in consultation with the Science Coordinator.

Both Year 10 Science and Year 10 Extension Science provide a basis for further study in Stage 1 Biology, Physics, Chemistry, Nutrition and Psychology.
Vocational Education & Training (VET)

Contact teacher: Vanessa Hearnden

Students considering a VET subject need to select a line of VET, stating their chosen VET course on the subject choice sheet.

An Expression of Interest form needs to be submitted at the course conference for any of the EASC programs.

EAST ADELAIDE SCHOOLS CLUSTER

2011 VET PROGRAMS

The East Adelaide Schools’ Cluster (EASC) represents the collaborative partnership and regional provision of Vocational Education and Training (VET) across all schooling sectors in the East of Adelaide. Comprising 18 schools and a range of training partners, the EASC compile courses that complement student interests, school specialisations, regional and national skill shortage areas and experiences that lead to the development of transferable skills.

For 2011 the EASC continues to offer a broad range of courses across a variety of learning environments for senior students to study.

What is VET?

VET refers to the national vocational qualifications that are endorsed by industry. VET courses deliver industry-endorsed units of competence from nationally endorsed training packages. This training is recognised nationally. VET courses provide students with the opportunity to:

- Personalise their learning pathways;
- Develop and practice business and industry specific skills, often including on the job structured workplace learning;
- Work to attain nationally accredited certification against the Australian Qualifications Training Framework, and;
- Achieve their New South Australian Certificate of Education through diverse and rigorous learning experiences.
**When and where will the training occur?**

- EASC schools have made the commitment to hold as many programs as possible on a Thursday;
- EASC schools have agreed to avoid the setting tests or exams, starting new work, holding excursions or key practical sessions on the agreed VET days;

VET courses will be held across a range of settings from schools, purpose built skill centres, TAFE sites, on-the-job or a combination.

**How do I get more information?**

- More information on each course and its selection process is available from Vanessa Hearnden, the VET Coordinator and student course counsellors.
- Visit the Loreto web site: www.loreto.sa.edu.au
- Visit the SACE Board web site: www.sace.sa.edu.au

Attend the regional information evenings, related industry visits and VET program sessions as publicised through the college.

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**EAST ADELAIDESCHOOLS CLUSTER PROGRAM (EASC)**

For further information see the East Adelaide Schools Cluster booklet or follow the links under ‘Learning’…. ‘Vocational Education’ on the college website and speak with the VET Coordinator, Ms Hearnden.

Students are subsidised $50.00 by the College, for each 10 SACE Credits undertaken, to a maximum of $200.00 per year.