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Dear Parents and Guardians

RE: 2024 Year 7 Subject Choice

Year 7 students in 2024 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 in Year 7 2024 will study the following per week. (Note: each week consists of 25 periods).

Core subjects:3

- 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)
- Languages (1 Period)
- Digital Technology (2 Periods – 1 semester only)

Specialist subjects:

- Performing Arts (Music, Dance or Drama) (2 Periods – 1 Semester only)
- Visual Arts (Visual Art or Media Arts) (2 Periods – 1 Semester only)
- Design Technology (Food or Woodwork) (2 Periods – 1 Semester only)

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

- What subjects I have 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?

Subject course outlines have been provided to you so you may assist your child in selecting their 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 provided Course Outlines documentation. Alternatively, for general counsel, I encourage you and/or your child to speak with your class teacher or Mrs Tonev, as the Director of Teaching and Learning - Middle School.

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How to Select Subjects

For 2024 the School will be using a program called Edval Choice. 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 a number 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 Foods as her preference for Year 7.

Paul Bloggs - Paul loves creating things in the shed at home and thinks he may like to work on the mines or as a tradie in the future. Paul has always been a member of the bands during his Primary 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 Trailblazer program is a unique set of sequential, academic and personal growth opportunities. It supplements the core curriculum and pastoral experiences and allows students to grapple with who they are, allowing them to discover their purpose and be upskilled to take on the challenges of tomorrow. This program in 2024 will be focused on elements such as Positive Education (Well-being) and a program of work titled Heroic Habits. This provides an opportunity to explicitly teach a range of skills not covered in the traditional School curriculum.

Yours sincerely

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