

Middle Years Subject Selection Information



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Welcome to the country

On behalf of Westall Secondary College, I wish to acknowledge and pay our respects to Elders and all Victorian Aboriginal communities. We pay our respects to the Kulin nation and recognise them as the custodians of the land on which we are meeting. We honour, respect, and value the rich culture and history of the First Peoples of this land.

Subject descriptions and course selection information

**For all documents and information please follow
the link to our school webpage.**

<https://www.westallsc.vic.edu.au/course-counselling>



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Curriculum information

2023

Core Subjects

These are compulsory studies that provide a broad general education for all students.

Year 9 Core Subjects	Year 10 Core Subjects
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• English/EAL• Mathematics• Science• Global Literacy (Humanities)• Health & Physical Education• Sport Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• English/EAL• Mathematics• Science• Global Literacy (Humanities)

Electives Program

The electives provide you with an opportunity to pursue and develop skills in areas you are interested in.

Art	BioGreen	Bridging EAL
Chinese	Design Arts	Design & Technologies- Woodwork
Electronics	Financial Literacy, Economics and the Law	Food Studies
Forensic Science	How the Mind and Body Functions	Lit Histories
Maths and Numeracy Extension	Media Arts	Performing Arts
PhysChem	Sports and Recreation	Visual Arts

i-Create



- The iCreate provides you with more choice with your learning
- It is self-directed and inquiry based
- There may be a community component

Aviation	# Code
Construction and Technology	Kidpreneur
Taekwondo	Westall Café
Outdoor Adventures	Singing, Dance and Drama
Sport	STEM
Study Space	Visual Arts

VCE & VET options

Accounting
Biology
Business Management
Chinese (first language)
Environmental Science
Food Studies
Geography
Health & Human Development
History: 20th Century
Legal Studies

VCE & VET options

Mathematics- General
Mathematics- Methods
Physical Education
Product Design
Psychology
Studio Arts
Systems Engineering
Visual Communication Design
VET – Hospitality
VET - Sport and Recreation

Year 10 students have the option of selecting a VCE subject in place of an elective subject, **providing that students meet the selection criteria.**

Year 10 students have the option of selecting a VET program in place of an iCreate elective.

In order for a Year 10 student to be approved to study a VCE or VET subject, they **must demonstrate their capacity to cope with the increased demands** that will be placed on them.

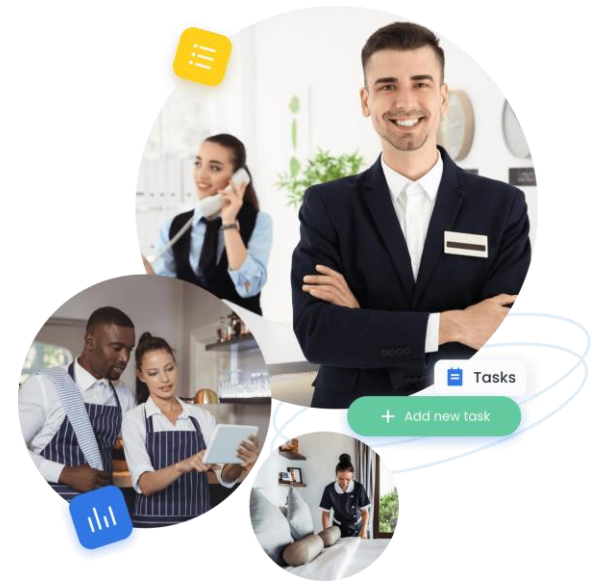
Senior School coordinators will **take into account the student's grades, progress and semester reports, learning behaviours, and attendance data** in conducting the approval process during course counselling.

As a first step, interested students must discuss their suitability to study a VCE/VET subject with their Year Level Coordinator and Middle School Director of Learning. This needs to happen before selections are submitted online. Please be aware that **additional costs may be associated in completing VCE/VET subjects.** For further information, see the VCE subject description in the Senior School Handbook and the External VET description handbooks.

Year 10

Vocational Preparation Program

Year 10s have the opportunity to be part of this specialised program that offers an introduction to vocational learning. Students who undertake the Vocational Preparation Program (VPP) are more likely to be interested in going to on training at TAFE, doing an apprenticeship, or transitioning into employment post-secondary studies.



Process & timeline

Term Three Week 2: Monday 18th July

Course Selection Assembly (Today)

Term Three Week 3: Tuesday 26th July

Parent information session outlining course selection process and timelines

You will have access to all documents and information via our school webpage

Between Tuesday 19th July & Sunday 31st July

You will need *to research and talk with key people* regarding your subject selections – teachers, family and careers coordinator.

Input your preferences on the portal located on our school webpage (all links will be sent to you).

Remember the portal closes on Sunday 31st July and if your preferences are not entered you may miss out on subjects.

Course counselling interviews – Thursday 4th August period one and two.

You may be asked to attend an interview if we require more information.

In summary

- You will be enrolled in the core subjects. Year 9 core subjects
- Year 9s will be enrolled in **one elective** subject for the entire year.
- Year 10s will be enrolled in **two elective** subjects for the entire year. Year 10 core subjects

Students must **fill out all preference spaces offered** online in order of preference.

- Year 9s and 10s will be enrolled in **one iCreate** elective for the entire year.

Students must **fill out all preference spaces offered** online in order of preference.

- **Selections will occur online**: you will be provided with a link to access the online portal. The portal will be open from Tuesday 19th July and it **will close Sunday 31st July**.
- Students may require an interview to discuss their selections, these interviews will take place during periods one and two on Thursday 4th August.

Things to consider

What subjects you are interested in?

Select the subjects that will help you get skills, knowledge and experiences linked to your future aspiration(s).

Talk with key people (family, teachers & careers coordinator) for further information and advice.

Students who are eligible to do EAL may need to choose the Bridging EAL elective
(this is determined by the EAL learning team)

Students interested in doing a senior school subject (VCE, VCAL or VET) must meet certain criteria

Conclusion



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***Time to continue conversations, continue
with your research and ask questions.***