



**SUBJECT CHOICE
WORKBOOK
for
HSC COURSES
Years 11-12**

Year 10, 2009

NAME: _____

HOUSE: _____

TUTOR: _____

THE GOLDEN RULES OF SUBJECT CHOICE ARE...

- Choose what you are good at
- Choose what interests you
- Choose the subjects you really **NEED** to provide for further study at the tertiary level

Remember, if you really need to do a subject just so you are prepared for a course at University, but you don't like that subject or do not do well at it, you should reconsider your tertiary choice **first**.

UNITS

- You must choose 12 or 13 units of study for Year 11.
- In Year 12, you can choose to drop a subject and/or pick up one or more extensions, where they are available.

Let's start with what you already know...

ENGLISH

You must study at least 2 units of English for the HSC. There are three options:

- **English Advanced (2U)**
- **English Standard (2U)**
- **English ESL (2U) [strict eligibility rules apply]**

You may also choose, on approval from the English Head of Department, to study **Extension 1 English** in Year 11. It can be studied in one of the following combinations only for the HSC:

YEAR 11	YEAR 12
English Adv & Ext 1	English Adv & Ext 1
English Adv & Ext 1	English Adv & Ext 1 & Ext 2
English Adv & Ext 1	English Adv

You cannot add Extension 2 English in Year 12 without having studied Extension 1 English in Year 11 & 12.

Students will be offered the **2 Unit Advanced** course for Year 11. All students will be assessed on their abilities during Year 11 and those who have struggled with the Advanced course in Year 11 will be placed in the **2 Unit Standard** course for Year 12. As a guide, approximately 50% of the State's students undertake the Advanced course for the HSC. It is a demanding course, requiring high level skills in analysis, synthesis and evaluation and should be considered by able and motivated students of English.

For a student to enter the **Extension 1 English** course, he needs to be placed in the top 25 of his current year group.

Complete the following table for English:

<i>Your strengths</i>	<i>Areas you need to work on</i>	<i>Opportunities this opens for me</i>

MATHEMATICS

This subject is NOT compulsory for either the HSC or to get a UAI.

You can choose from two options:

- **Mathematics (2U)**
- **General Mathematics (2U)**

There is also an **Extension 1 Mathematics Course** that you can choose, on approval from the Mathematics Head of Department, in Year 11 with the possibility of adding an **Extension 2 Mathematics Course** in Year 12, providing you have studied **Extension 1 Mathematics** in both Years 11 & 12 (just like English).

Students who are ranked in the top 80 places for Year 10 will be offered the **Mathematics Course**. As a guide, approximately 40% of the State's students undertake the **Mathematics Course**. It is a demanding course, requiring high level skills particularly in algebra and should only be considered by very able and motivated students of Mathematics. Those students who have been studying Mathematics at Level 2 in Year 10 may find the **General Mathematics Course** more suitable.

All other students electing to study Mathematics will be placed in the **General Mathematics Course**. Approximately 55% of the State's students undertake this course. Most students who have been studying Mathematics at Level 1 in Year 10 will find the **General Mathematics Course** too difficult. Students in this situation should consider choosing an elective other than Mathematics in Years 11 and 12. Mathematics is *not* a compulsory subject in Years 11 and 12 but students will only be able to select another subject on the same line if numbers permit, otherwise students will have to do Mathematics until the end of the Preliminary Course.

For a student to enter the **Extension 1 Mathematics Course**, he needs to be ranked in the top 40 places of his current year group. Approximately 15% of the State's students undertake the **Extension 1 Course**.

Complete the following table for Mathematics:

<i>Your strengths</i>	<i>Areas you need to work on</i>	<i>Opportunities this opens for me</i>

SCIENCE

There are 5 Science courses to choose from with a maximum of 6 Units of Science to be studied:

- **Biology** (2U)
- **Chemistry** (2U)
- **Earth and Environmental Science** (2U)
- **Physics** (2U)
- **Senior Science** (2U)

Senior Science cannot be studied in conjunction with any other Science subject in Year 11, but can be studied in Year 12 if one other Science is studied in Year 11.

E.g. Year 11 – Biology
Year 12 – Biology **or** Senior Science

There is also the option of taking Primary Industries as a Category B course.

Complete the following table for Science:

<i>Your strengths</i>	<i>Areas you need to work on</i>	<i>Opportunities this opens for me</i>

HISTORY

There are two History courses offered:

- **Ancient History** (2U)
- **Modern History** (2U)

There is also a 1 Unit History Extension Course that can be chosen in Year 12 for *either Ancient or Modern History.*

Complete the following table for History:

<i>Your strengths</i>	<i>Areas you need to work on</i>	<i>Opportunities this opens for me</i>

GEOGRAPHY

There is a 2 Unit course in Geography.

Complete the following table for Geography:

<i>Your strengths</i>	<i>Areas you need to work on</i>	<i>Opportunities this opens for me</i>

PDHPE

There is a 2 Unit course available in PDHPE. You will need to read the Senior Handbook to discover more about this course as it is quite different from what you have studied in Years 7-10.

Complete the following table for PDHPE:

<i>Your strengths</i>	<i>Areas you need to work on</i>	<i>Opportunities this opens for me</i>

COURSES THAT CONTINUE FROM YOUR CURRENT ELECTIVES

Most of the Year 9/10 electives lead into courses in Years 11 & 12.

Year 10 Electives		Possible Options Years 11 + 12
Agricultural Technology	→	Agriculture, Primary Industries
Commerce	→	Business Studies, Economics, Legal Studies
Drama	→	Drama
Chinese, French, German, Latin	→	Chinese (SSL), French, German, Latin
Information & Software Technology	→	Information Processes & Technology, Software Design & Development
Music	→	Music
PDHPE	→	PDHPE
Design and Technology, Technics, Technical Drawing, Graphics Technology, Industrial Technology	→	Design and Technology, Engineering Studies, Industrial Technology
Visual Arts	→	Visual Arts

List the courses that you currently study and any possible options for later study.

e.g. Commerce → Business Studies / Economics

Your Current Year 10 Electives		Possible Options
1	→	
2	→	
3	→	

Complete the following table for EACH of your electives:

ELECTIVE 1		
<i>Your strengths</i>	<i>Areas you need to work on</i>	<i>Opportunities this opens for me</i>

ELECTIVE 2		
<i>Your strengths</i>	<i>Areas you need to work on</i>	<i>Opportunities this opens for me</i>

ELECTIVE 3		
<i>Your strengths</i>	<i>Areas you need to work on</i>	<i>Opportunities this opens for me</i>

Select two other subjects offered in Years 11 & 12 that interest you and analyse them in the same way using the following table:

SUBJECT:		
<i>Your strengths</i>	<i>Areas you need to work on</i>	<i>Opportunities this opens for me</i>

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YOUR FUTURE CAREER OPTIONS

Which career area/s interest you the most at the moment?

What sort of training would you prefer to enter this career with? University / TAFE / Private Provider / Apprenticeship/Cadetship / Other (please specify)

In your opinion, what subjects should you choose to maximise your chances of entering this career area?

VET/HSC Courses

As an alternative, students may wish to pursue a **TAFE course** as part of their pattern of study.

The **Vocational Education and Training** courses cover the following Industrial Frameworks:

Business Services
Construction
Entertainment
Information Technology

Metal and Engineering
Primary Industries
Retail
Tourism and Hospitality

These Courses are in turn divided into two categories:

◆ **Framework:**

These courses are 2 units for each year of study. If done for two years (ie 240 hours), they may be *counted as part of the UAI*. They have mandatory Work Placement of 35 hours per Year. Students must sit an external HSC examination.

◆ **Non-Framework:**

These courses are 2 units for each year of Study but *do not count towards a UAI*. They do not have a mandatory work placement unless otherwise stated. They are suitable for both Year 11 and New Year 12 students. Students do not sit an external HSC exam.

- The VET/HSC program includes a combination of Board Developed courses and Board Endorsed courses. The Board Endorsed courses will include *Vocational Education* courses that will be offered through TAFE colleges in the local area.



Name: _____

Tutor Group: _____

From the table overleaf, list 12 or 13 units you wish to study **in order of preference**.

Subject expression of interest	Number of units
ENGLISH (only compulsory subject)	2

In case of line clashes, please list 4 extra units in order of preference:

1	3
2	4

Please include in the list above any subjects that you are accelerating and wish to continue.

Do you wish to study any units outside school? If so, please list them below.

Subject	Who teaches it?	Where is it taught?
Example only: Korean Background Speakers	Saturday School of Community Languages	Dulwich Hill HS

If you wish to study a TAFE delivered VET course, a language at Saturday School or Open High School next year, please list your intention in the table above but you will not be committed to this until you are confirmed with the appropriate institution at the start of next year. In the meantime, you must do 12 units at Kings during Term 1 to ensure you meet the Board of Studies requirements.

ACTION POINTS:

- Complete all sections of this workbook
- Discuss the information on this page with your Tutor, Year Coordinator and/or Director of Studies
- Complete the **Year 11 Subject Choice Form *online*** (Form is sent home with Term 2 Reports) **on or before:**

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HSC COURSES / SUBJECTS

offered at The King's School in 2010 & 2011

Subject	Preliminary & HSC Courses (2 Unit)	Preliminary Extension Courses (1 Unit)	HSC Extension Courses (1 Unit)
Agriculture	Agriculture		
Ancient History	Ancient History		HSC History Extension ¹
Biology	Biology ²		
Business Studies	Business Studies		
Chemistry	Chemistry ²		
Design and Technology	Design and Technology		
Drama	Drama		
Earth and Environmental Science	Earth and Environmental Science		
Economics	Economics		
Engineering Science	Engineering Science		
English	English Standard # English Advanced # English as a Second Language #	Preliminary English Extension 1	HSC English Extension 1 HSC English Extension 2
French	French Continuers		HSC French Extension
Geography	Geography		
German	German Continuers		HSC German Extension
Industrial Technology	Industrial Technology: Metal, Timber (Cat B)		
Information Processes and Technology	Information Processes and Technology		
Latin	Latin Continuers		HSC Latin Extension
Legal Studies	Legal Studies		
Mathematics	General Mathematics # Mathematics #	Preliminary Maths Extension 1	HSC Mathematics Extension 1 HSC Mathematics Extension 2
Modern History	Modern History		HSC History Extension ¹
Music	Music 1 # Music 2 ³ #		HSC Music Extension
PD/Health/PE	PD/Health/PE		
Physics	Physics ²		
Primary Industries	Primary Industries (Cat B)		
Senior Science	Senior Science ²		
Software Design and Development	Software Design and Development		
Studies of Religion	Studies of Religion		
Visual Arts	Visual Arts		

Vocational Education Training (VET)

Hospitality Operations etc	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All count toward HSC. Only one subject can count toward UAI if student sits the optional examination. • Universities categorise these courses as Category B.
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An explanation for the codes in this table can be found in the *Senior Handbook and Guide to HSC Courses*.