

June 2009

Dear Parents of Year 7 students,

Please find attached the **Year 8 Subject Choice Form** (buff colour) for the **elective choices** for 2010, most of which carry on into Year 9 (2011) and Year 10 (2012).

All students must study the following **Board of Studies Mandatory Subjects for Year 8:**

- *English, Mathematics, Science, History, Geography, PDHPE and Technology (Mandatory)*
- *Biblical Studies* is a TKS requirement.

Information regarding the Year 8 pattern of study and a general description of all Mandatory and Elective courses may be found in the **Junior Handbook: Guide to Courses (Years 8, 9 & 10) 2010** which has been distributed to all Year 7 students and is accessible on the School's intranet at <http://intranet.kings.edu.au/curriculum/index.htm>

Electives

All boys must choose **TWO (2) Elective Subjects**. In selecting Elective Courses, students are encouraged to choose courses appropriate to their needs, interests and abilities. The wide variety of courses available at The King's School caters for the differing interests and ability levels of our diverse student population.

Four (4) boxes must be numbered in order of preference ("1" being the highest priority). Each boy is asked to select their preferences from the courses available but there can be no guarantee that every boy will get their first preferences. Students should therefore ensure they give careful thought to the priority they give to their choices. **These preferences will be submitted online next term – details will be provided to students.**

Students who have displayed an aptitude for languages in Year 7 are encouraged to continue with their language in Year 8, as the study of one of Chinese, French, German or Latin in Year 8 is a pre-requisite for its study in Years 9 and 10. Students should seek advice from the Director of Studies and the Head of Languages when considering studying two languages.

Students with special needs may choose Language Arts as one of their elective subjects. Parents should discuss any concerns with Mrs Williams, Acting Educational Support Services Coordinator.

The **Year 8 Subject Choice Form** will need to be completed online next term. Details of the process involved, and your confirmation, will be given to students during Term 3. The completion date will be on or before **Friday 28 August 2009**.

Yours sincerely

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