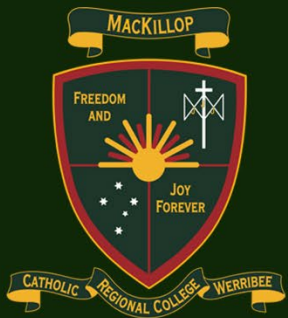


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Presented by
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Acknowledgement of Country

I wish to acknowledge the custodians of this land, the Bunurong people of the Kulin nation and their elders past and present. I acknowledge and respect their continuing culture and the contribution they make to the life of this city and this region




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Creator God,
Today is your gift and your challenge.
Open our hearts to the needs of
others;
Help us use today to make a difference
to them and to our world.

Jesus, word of God,
Model of what it is to be human.
May the words we speak bring
understanding, peace and
reconciliation.



Spirit of God,
Source of freedom and joy.
Shape our lives as you shaped the life
of Mary MacKillop:
Guide us to be, like her, your
compassion and mercy.

St Joseph - Guide Us

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop -
Pray for us



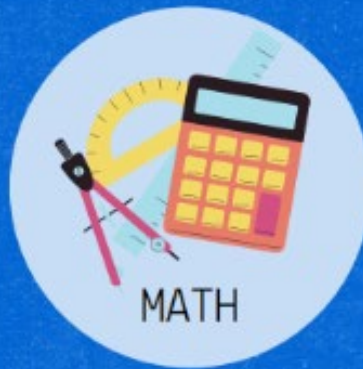
YEAR 8 → 9

SUBJECT SELECTION

PASSPORT



ENGLISH



MATH



H+PE



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Think and Reflect



What subjects am I good at?



What subjects do I enjoy?



What are my career interests?



What are the abilities and skills required in the subjects I may choose?



What subjects does MacKillop offer?



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Advice to Students

Keep your selections broad, especially if you are unsure of your future pathway – try a variety of subjects to discover your strengths and determine your skills



Select subjects:

Personal interest – not because of a friend

Known ability and past success in a particular area of study

Assist you in your future studies / career



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Core Subjects

All Year 9
students will
study the
following
subjects all
year:

- English
- Mathematics
- Health and Physical Education
- Languages
 - Continued from Year 8





Main Campus

One semester course

Core studies

- Maths - General or Enhanced (select entry)
- Language
- English - General or Enhanced (select entry)
- Health & Physical Education

Select 3 Elective Units from all those offered

In 2026 Electives will be offered to both Year 9 and 10 students, classes will be mixed

This gives Year 9 students the largest group of subjects to choose from ever offered!



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HPE		Tech	
	PE: Advanced Sport Science		Food Studies: Food choices
	PE: Health, Wellbeing and Fitness		Food Studies: Cultural foods
	PE: Leading and Coaching		Food Studies: Food for Fitness
	PE: Sport and People		PDT: Textiles
	Advanced Health and Human Development		PDT: Emerging materials
			PDT: Wood
Science			
	Chemistry and Physics (core option 1 and/or elective)		DigTech: Game design and development
	Biology and Environmental Science (core option 2 and/or elective)		DigTech: Software Development
	Psychology		DigTech: Tech Start-up
	Rocket Science		
OED		Languages (Year 10 only)	
	OE: Sea to Summit		French (Sem 1)
	OE: River to Sea		French (Sem 2 – Pre VCE)
English			Italian (Sem 1)
	English Language		Italian (Sem 2 – Pre VCE)
	Literature		Japanese (Sem 1)
			Japanese (Sem 2 – Pre VCE)
Arts	Studio Art: Painting and Ceramics		
	Creative Art: Sculpture and Photography	LLP (Year 10 only)	
	Music Performance		LLP: Work Skills
	Music: Recording and Mixing		LLP: Being Enterprising
	VCD: Brand Identity and Architectural Design		LLP: Advice for Life
	VCD: Industrial Design and Interior Design	Humanities	Legal Studies
	Drama: Professional Acting		Business and Finance
	Dance		History: World Wars and the Holocaust
	Media: Film Analysis and Film Production		History: Rights and Freedoms
	Media: Photography and Visual Media		History: Empires and Revolution
			Geography



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St Mary's Campus



One semester course



New in 2026!



Individual subject specific skills will be explored in the integrated subjects e.g. Science and Technology will be 'integrated' together and students will be required to demonstrate skills from both areas



More community connections and experiential learning



There will be exams at Year 9 in 2026 at SMC and Main



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Integrated Studies



Integrated Units combine the curriculum from different Learning Areas:



Personal projects



English/ Media Arts



RE/ History/ Geography



Science/ Digital Technologies



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Outdoor Education

One **compulsory** Outdoor Education experience:

- Goulburn River system Canoe trip
- *Completed during your semester at SMC*
(4 day trip)



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Expectations

General and Academic expectations are the same

SMC is well resourced eg. ICT, local area, equipment

Excursion forms (Operoo)

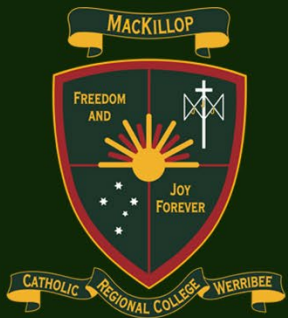
- Need to be authorised or students cannot attend excursions and activities



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Examples of Courses at Year 9



Mackillop Sports Oval

Tenison Woods Centre

Moreno Performing Arts

Josephite Complex

Tappeiner Centre

Anderledy Centre

Winella Building

John D. ...



Example 1

Semester 1	Semester 2
Mathematics	
Health & Physical Education	
Language	
English	Outdoor Education
Elective 1	St Mary's Integrated Studies
Elective 2	Personal Project
Elective 3	





Example 2

Semester 1	Semester 2
Mathematics	
Health & Physical Education	
Language	
Outdoor Education	English
St Mary's Integrated Studies	Elective 1
Personal Project	Elective 2
	Elective 3



How do I complete my Subject Selections?



Mackillop Sports Oval
Tension Woods Centre
Moreno Performing Arts
Josephite Complex
Tapeiner Centre
Anderledy Centre
Winella Building

How does MacKillop support you in making your selections?

Note all of the important dates for you

SUBJECT SELECTION TIMELINE

DATE	TIME	EVENT	VENUE	PURPOSE
June 17	4:00pm	2026 Year 9 & 10 Subject Handbook released on the College website	College website	The Year 9 & 10 Curriculum Handbook 2026 outlines the structure of Year 9 and also the subjects available for students to choose from. It is a very important Subject Selection resource.
June 18	Period 3	Subject Selection Assembly	Moreno Auditorium	To outline the subject selection process, distribute booklets and ensure students are clear about how to make the best choices possible.
June 19	9:00am	Subject Taster Sessions selection portal opens	Online	The Subject Taster Sessions are a new initiative for 2025 and provide our Year 8 students with the opportunity to find out more information and try out elective subjects they may not have had the chance to, before having to make selections. Across the day they will have 6 different Tasters, one each period. It is hoped that this day will support students in making more informed choices about their Year 9 electives.
June 24	4:00pm	Subject Taster Sessions selection portal closes	Online	
June 30	All Day	Subject Taster Sessions	In classrooms	



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New for Subject Selection in 2025?



Subject Taster Sessions – June 30



Subject Selection Weekend – July 19-20



Subject Selection Booklets Due – July 21



Subject Selection Individual Counselling (online) – July 28



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New for Subject Selection in 2025?



Your Subject Selection passport is your responsibility



It must be submitted fully complete to your Homeroom Teacher on July 21



You will not be able to complete your Subject Selections until it is submitted – this will mean you are at the back of the line for the subjects you want to get into. Next Year both Year 9s and 10s will be trying to get places in subjects – I recommend you get this in on time!



Your parents must sign the Form at the back of the book



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SUBJECT REFLECTION

TASTER

MONDAY 30TH JUNE



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Period	Subject I Tried	What is the subject about (from my experience today)	My reflection on the experience <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What did I enjoy?• What do I think I might find challenging?• Is the subject connected to my interests?• Does it connect to my future pathways?	Am I thinking of putting this in: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• as one of my selections?• A reserve?• Or not at all?
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SUBJECT SELECTION *EXPO*

THURSDAY 3RD JULY



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Subject Selection Expo

- **Subject Selection expo – during the day July 3**
 - All of the Learning Areas represented
 - An opportunity to learn about the subjects on offer in year 10
 - Will be able to speak to students doing those subjects now



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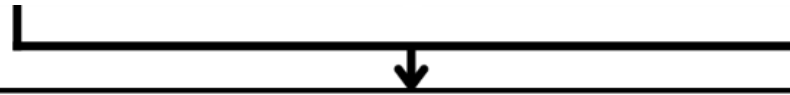
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Backwards Mapping Your Future Pathway

- 1. Begin with the career you would like to do in the future**
 - Do you need to attend Uni, TAFE, do an apprenticeship or traineeship or go straight into the workforce? This might change...that's ok!
- 2. Which subjects do you need in VCE to access that pathway?**
- 3. Which subjects do you need in Year 10 to access those VCE subjects?**
- 4. Which subjects do you need in year 9 to access those year 10 subjects?**





Beyond school, 2030

What possible pathways after secondary school are supported by the subject selections you have made in Year 9?
Do some research and note down your preferred pathways below.

Q4: What questions could you ask during the expos?

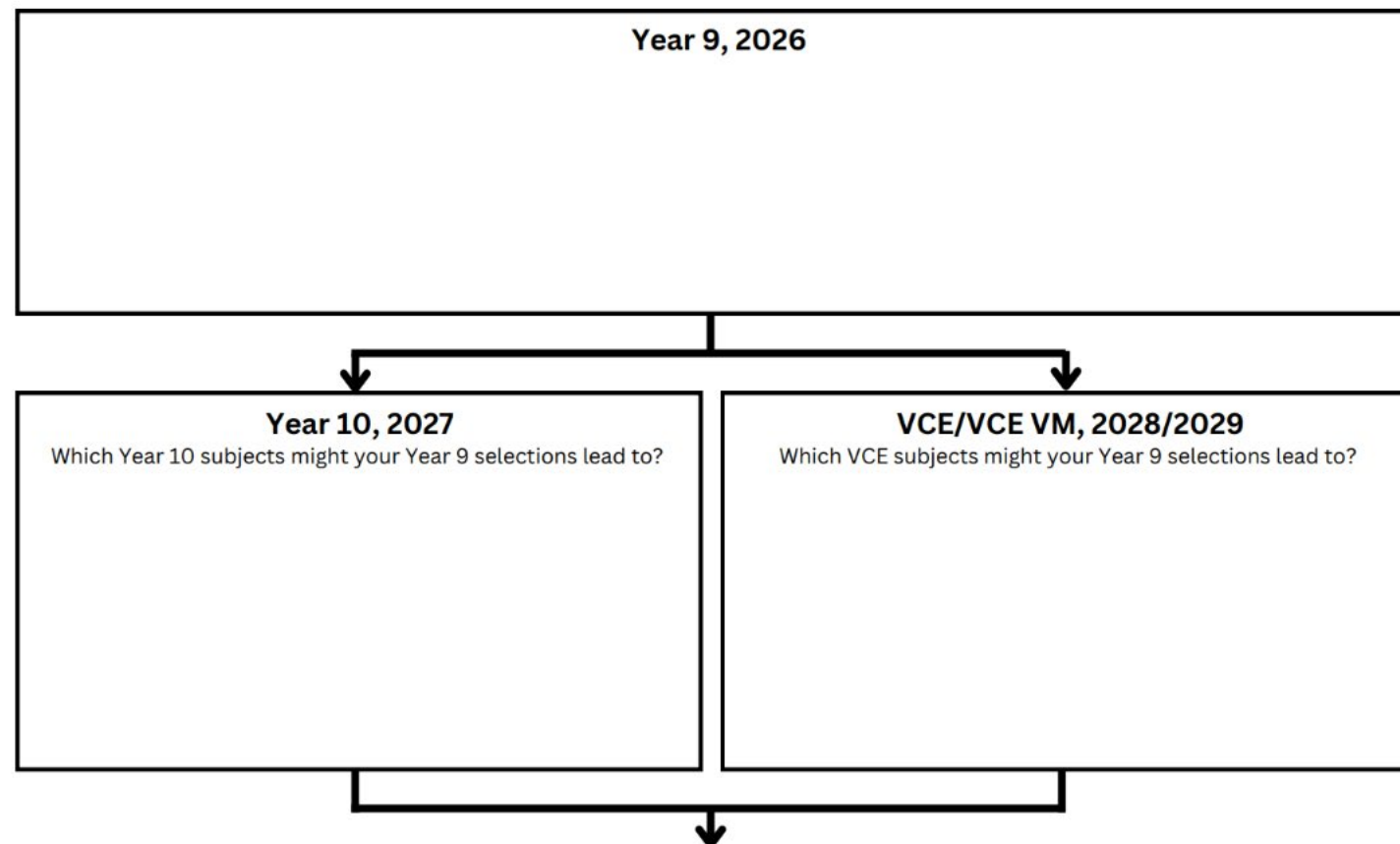


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THRIVE SESSION 1 PREPARE FOR THE EXPO

Future planning



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YEAR 9 AND 10 SUBJECT HANDBOOK



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Enhanced Subjects at Year 9



Mathematics Enhanced



English Enhanced



Need to complete appropriate application



These forms are completed online



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Something to think about for Year 10...



Students who wish to study a VCE subject in Year 10, must have an average of **80% in English** and obtain the relevant **average % in the subject area** throughout Year 9 for the VCE subject they wish to complete



Meet all eligibility criteria



Attendance: **90 % or above**



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Attendance

Minimum 90 % attendance is required

Consistent attendance at school is vital if students are to reach their potential

Attendance less than 70% (Approved or unapproved) may result in an 'N' for that unit





How can Careers Help?

Open a general discussion about general interests, hobbies and how this may guide your future subject\career choices.

Provide an explanation and an understanding about future Academic Vs Vocational options.

Assisting with preparation for first job, Tax File number application and more.





First Point of Contact

Year Level Leaders

- Mr Ramsay **or** Ms Sweeney

Accelerated and Enhanced Subjects

- Ms Pham

Careers and Pathways

- Mr Davis, Mrs Martin **or** Mr Stehn



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