Choosing subjects in Junior

Subject choices should be based upon:

- past achievement (ie year 8 results)
- interest in subject areas
- realistic career aspirations
- subject entry requirements for course of study in years 11 & 12
- employer requirements
- motivation to succeed

Wherever possible, the subject should be chosen so that the greatest number of options after Year 10 may be left open (see previous page).

Students are advised not to choose subjects on interest alone, but to consider the chances of satisfactory results and the requirements of tertiary institutions and employers, junior results are not carried over into years 11 and 12. Assessment starts afresh.

Entry requirements for tertiary courses in Queensland

Explanation of entry requirements can be provided by the guidance officer and is also given in the Queensland tertiary prerequisites booklet.

Copies of this booklet are kept by the guidance officer and in the school library.

Brief subject summary

Below is a very brief summary of both core and elective subjects. For more detailed information, please refer to the subject selection handbook (PDF, 842 KB) which can be downloaded from this site or collected from the school administration building.

Core subjects

These subjects constitute the core curriculum for years 9 and 10, and are studied by all students.

- English
- Mathematics
- Science
- Studies of society and environment
- Health and physical education

English

The goal of junior English is to develop and refine students’ ability to compose and comprehend spoken and written English, fluently, appropriately and critically.

Mathematics

Junior mathematics is compulsory for year 8, 9 and 10 students and, as such, reflects the importance of mathematics in our society. The aim of mathematics at this level is to provide a basis for using mathematics in a variety of life roles, in other subject areas and in the further study of mathematics in Years 11 and 12.
**Science**
This core subject aims to develop students understanding of basic scientific knowledge and apply it to everyday situations. Students learn about the natural world and the effects of technology on their lives.

**S.O.S.E.**
SOSE is studies of society and environment. It is a compulsory course to the end of year 10. It deals with how people react with each other and their environment in the past, present and into the future.

**& physical education**
HPE the future.

**Health** deals with activities that encourage students to be a well balanced individual with skills to choose behaviours which promote a healthy lifestyle.

**Elective subjects**
Supplementing the core subjects, all students select three elective subjects. It is advised that students should select one subject from each of the arts and technology.

The elective subjects being offered for 2006 are:

**The Arts**
- Art
- Drama
- Graphics
- Living design
- Music

**Technology**
- Agricultural mechanics
- Agricultural science
- Business education
- Catering
- Computer applications
- Home economics
- Metal design systems
- Wood design systems

**LOTE (language other than English)**
- Italian

**The arts subjects**

**Art**
Art is a means of communication. It is about learning how to use art mediums to express an idea. Knowledge and skills are creatively applied to every type of design. Art teaches students how to use the elements and principles to design art.
Drama
Drama gives students an opportunity to learn about themselves and the world they live in through participation with others in a creative environment.

Graphics
Graphics is a practically based subject that allows the opportunity to be creative in design through the use of drawing techniques, rendering techniques and computer technologies. It develops the practice of sketching into the skill and art of graphical communication.

• Living design
• Are you creative?
• Do you like working with fabric, craft and food?
• Yes? Then this is the subject for you.

Music
The arts in general are recognised as being powerful tools of education, which help the development of the individual. Music offers a unique form of self-expression and communication. The junior music course assists students to enjoy, appreciate and make music. It does this by developing an awareness of sound as well as developing skills in practical music production and composition.

Technology subjects
Agricultural mechanics
Agricultural mechanics is a subject in which students learn about modern agricultural technology and develop a range of useful practical skills.

Agricultural science
Agricultural science explores the ways people manage natural resources such as plants, animals, climate, soil and water to meet their basic needs.

Business education
Business education provides an understanding and awareness of the business and financial world.

Catering
......... if you have a passion for food and entertaining.

Computer applications
Computer applications provides an introduction to the senior subjects of IPT, ITS, accounting and business.

Home economics
If you have a passion for food, fashion and families then this is the subject for you.

Metal design systems
Metal design systems forms a foundation for a possible career in the metals engineering industry. Engineering is a popular career prospect with the engineering industry being one of Australia’s major employers of highly skilled workers. The industry is active in training their employees to a high standard. In this course you will get an insight into some of the careers on offer in industry today.
Wood design systems
The timber industry is one of Australia’s major employers of highly skilled workers. The industry is active in training their employees to a high standard. In this course you will get an insight into some of the careers on offer in industry today. You will also get to develop many different skills through a range of interesting projects.

LOTE subjects
Italian
Italian is the national language of over 60 million people living in Italy and it is spoken by millions who have migrated from Italy to all parts of the world. It is universally recognised as a language of culture, art, music, opera and cuisine.