

Parklands Christian College



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Re: Subject Information – Grade 10, 2017

Dear Parents & Students,

The College is pleased to provide information regarding Senior College subject selection. It is recommended that Grade 10 students select elective subjects that they may pursue in Grades 11 and 12. Subjects, OPs, the QCE, and options following school, are discussed at the Senior Subject Information Evening, and all senior students have the opportunity to work through subject and career options. Information is also provided to students during SETPlan meetings, commencing in Year 10. Booklets covering subject requirements for university and some TAFE courses, as well as descriptions of Senior College subjects on offer, are made available for students to take home and talk through with their families.

To be eligible for an OP (to gain entry to university and some TAFE courses), students must study a minimum of five (5) OP subjects for two (2) years in Grades 11 and 12. Three (3) of these subjects must not change during those two years, however, changes are possible with the other subjects. It is not advisable to change a subject, once well into the two year Grade 11 and 12 course. Students are only able to change subjects within the first three weeks at the start of the year in Grades 10 to 12 and the first week in semester two.

It is important for students and parents to realise that the senior years of study are difficult. Students in Grades 11 and 12 will typically undertake approximately 3 to 4 hours of homework every night and at least 2 hours each night on the weekends. The senior years of study are very important years in which students must commit to putting in a lot of effort to achieve the goals they have set for themselves.

School Based Apprenticeships / Traineeships:

Senior College students may choose to undertake a school-based apprenticeship or traineeship provided they can arrange the apprenticeship or traineeship with an appropriate employer. There are some organisations that can provide assistance to students and employers in establishing these programmes.

Parklands Christian College has a number of students involved in school-based traineeships or apprenticeships. Further information can be obtained from Mrs Deanne Hudson our Vocational Education Officer. In the instance where a student does undertake an apprenticeship or traineeship, that student can choose to take 5 senior subjects rather than the required 6. They should also nominate a whole day where they will be attending the workplace rather than the College (this must be agreed upon by the employer). Students should realise that they will be missing some classes of the subjects that they are undertaking that are scheduled for the day they are in the workplace. Hence, students must agree to catch up on the work covered in missed classes. This work will include homework and assessment items. Students must study 6 senior subjects unless they have an apprenticeship, traineeship, TAFE course, IEP or other qualification they are enrolled in during that semester. Documentary evidence of these courses or programmes must be provided.

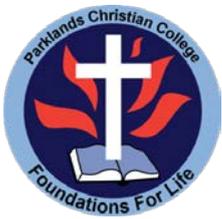
I trust this information on the Grade 11-12 course of study assists with making decisions on elective subjects in Grade 10. Should you have any questions, feel free to contact me via email at: rwallis@parklands.qld.edu.au or through the College office on 3380 4200.

Kindest Regards,

Through the Head of Secondary

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Ms Jess Grounds



Subject Selection Information Guide

Grade 10, 2017

This page is a guide to assist student subject selection choices. Subject selection is completed online. Students are invited via email to complete an online selection form.

Select **one option** on lines 6-8.

- Classes are offered on a first-in first served basis.
- Note: Online subject selection has closed for the year. Please see Mrs Wallis for subject selection.
- Grade 10 students must study English, Maths, Science, Modern History, Health & Physical Education (HPE) + 3 elective subjects (unless ascertained or appraised by the school, or undertaking a Vocational Education program).
- All students must study Christian Life Skills (non-OP school based subject), Career Development & Study and participate in Senior Options (Sports / Activities programme).

- S U B J E C T S -				
1-3	Science	Modern History	Health & Physical Education	Each subject on this line is compulsory
4	Mathematics	Mathematics Advanced		Choose Mathematics to align with anticipated Gr11 pathway
5	English	English Advanced		English classes streamed early in Term 1
Elective Subjects: Choose one subject from each line				
6	Visual Art	Drama	Physical Ed Extension	Information Technology
7	Home Economics	Graphics	Certificate II Active Volunteering	
8	Business Studies	Music	STEM Studies	Trade Taster

Important Information

- Subject offerings are subject to meeting minimum student numbers.
- In Grade 10, English Advanced is slightly more challenging and designed for the majority of students. English is more practical and designed for students who experience some difficulty in a standard English course of study.
- In Grade 10, Mathematics Advanced is a different course to 'Mathematics' and contains some extra content and is designed for students planning on studying Mathematics B and Science subjects in Grade 11 and 12.
 - Parklands Christian College reserves the right to select or change a student's English & Mathematics class based on assessment results, effort and attitude.
- Students may be asked to change elective subjects if they are consistently not meeting course expectations to gain a pass.
- It is strongly recommended that students planning on studying HPE in Grade 11-12, choose Physical Ed Extension on line 6.
- All subjects listed above may lead on to courses in Years 11 and 12 that count for university entrance and/or a certificate/VET qualification.