

Parklands Christian College



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Subject Information: Grade 11, 2017

Dear Parents & Students,

The College is pleased to provide information regarding Senior College subject selection. Senior students are to select subjects that they will undertake in Grades 11 and 12. Subjects, OPs, the QCE, and options following school, are discussed at the Senior Subject Information night, 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 Grade 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.

For students to be eligible for an OP (to gain entry to university and some TAFE courses), they 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 two weeks in semester two.

It is important for students and parents to realise that the senior years of study are difficult and it is vital that students have a quiet, clean place to study and complete assessment at home. Students in Grades 11 and 12 will typically undertake around 3 to 4 hours of homework every night and at least a couple of 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 elect 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 quite 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 elect to take five (5) senior subjects rather than the six (6) normally required. 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.

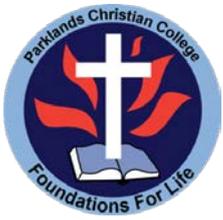
Students must study 6 senior subjects unless they have an apprenticeship, traineeship, TAFE course, IEP or other qualification they are enrolled in during that semester. Documentary evidence of these courses or programmes must be provided.

Kindest Regards,

Mrs Rebecca Wallis
Coordinator of Senior College
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Through the Head of Secondary

Ms Jess Grounds



Subject Selection Information Guide

Grade 11, 2017

Select **one option on each line**. Classes are offered on a first-in first served basis, so it is essential to fill in the online form as soon as possible. Students are invited to complete an online selection form.

- 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 11 students must study **six (6) subjects** unless you supply evidence of being enrolled in an external course, apprenticeship, traineeship or certificate programme. Students with an IEP may also qualify to drop one subject line.
- All students must also study Christian Life Skills (non-OP subject), Career Development and participate in Senior Options (Sports / Activities programme) in addition to the subject lines listed below.

		- S U B J E C T S -				
- L I N E S -	1	English	English Communication*			
	2	Mathematics B	Mathematics A		Pre-Vocational Mathematics*	
	3	Mathematics C	Biology		Visual Art Or Visual Art Studies*	Cert I Construction* & Cert I Engineering*
	4	Chemistry	Home Economics		Hospitality Practices*	Graphics
	5	Economics	Certificate III Business*		Music	Technology Studies
	6	Physical Education	Drama	Physics	Information Technology Systems	Cert II Sport & Recreation*

Pre-requisites

- Students wishing to study **Mathematics C, Physics** and/or **Chemistry** must also study **Mathematics B** and have passed Gr10 Mathematics Advanced.
 - This prerequisite is monitored as a case by case scenario for each student.
- There are strict criteria for choosing the **Cert I Construction & Cert I Engineering**. The student must be OP-ineligible, have an interest in working with trades, and be willing to complete 1-2hrs extra per week in the school workshop, above class time, to complete weekly requirements.
- There is strict criteria for choosing **Cert II Sport and Recreation**. The student must be OP-ineligible, have an interest in sports and outdoor activities, and be willing to complete practical sport programs.
- The school reserves the right to ask a student to change courses of study, if not achieving a pass.

Notes

- Subjects marked * are non-OP subjects. These do NOT count towards university. You must study, and pass, at least 5 OP subjects over Grades 11 and 12 to gain an OP for university entry. These subjects DO count towards the QCE.
- You must pass (C- or higher) five subjects or complete certificate courses to gain the QCE (Queensland Certificate of Education).
- Students may be asked to change subjects, if consistently not meeting course expectations to gain a pass.
- There are literacy, numeracy and core requirements to gaining the QCE.
- Three subjects **must** stay the same throughout Grades 11 and 12.
- Subjects are offered when minimum student number requirements have been fulfilled.