

Year 10 Compulsory Subjects

English

Contact: Kirrily Martin

Course Length	Full Year	Australian Curriculum Year Level	10
Description	English will develop students' abilities to engage with increasingly complex texts across a range of contexts. Students will engage with prose texts, poetry, drama, film and other media. They will develop skills in the use of the English language for a variety of purposes focusing on improved accuracy and fluency. Students will be assessed using the Australian Curriculum Achievement Standards for English.		
Recommended Background	Nil		
Possible Pathways	Stage 1 English, Stage 1 Essential English		
Additional Costs/Information	Nil		

English as an Additional Language (EAL)

Contact: Kirrily Martin

Course Length	Full Year	Australian Curriculum Year Level	10
Description	EAL gives students the opportunity to develop their skills in listening, viewing, reading, speaking and writing, so as to develop their ability to make choices in English that are accurate, to express ideas in English and to interact confidently with other people. Students will study three interrelated areas: Texts and Contexts, Language, and Strategies. Because of student numbers, this subject will be vertically grouped.		
Recommended Background	This subject is designed for students for whom English is not their first language.		
Possible Pathways	Stage 1 EAL		
Additional Costs/Information	Nil		

Health and Physical Education

Contact: Josh Coulter

Course Length	1 Semester	Australian Curriculum Year Level	10
Description	The aim of this subject is to prepare students for Year 11 Physical Education. Practical topics will be covered in depth. Theory components are designed to prepare students for the key concepts such as skill acquisition, biomechanics and exercise physiology studied in Year 11 and 12 PE classes.		
Recommended Background	Nil		
Possible Pathways	Stage 1 Physical Education, Stage 1 Health and Peer Support, Certificate III Sport & Recreation		
Additional Costs/Information	All students must change into the Murray Bridge High School PE uniform for practical lessons. Students may be offered an opportunity to attend a recreational day trip.		

Humanities & Social Science

Contact: Kirrily Martin

Course Length	1 Semester	Australian Curriculum Year Level	10
Description	Students further develop their historical knowledge and thinking skills in Year 10 through their study of the History of the Modern World and Australia from 1918 to the present. Compulsory depth studies include World War II (1939-45) and Rights and Freedoms, and one of: Popular Culture (1945 – present), Migration Experiences (1945 – present), or The Environment Movement (1960s – present). Assessment types vary but include: analytical writing, source analysis, oral and multi-modal forms of response.		
Recommended Background	Nil		
Possible Pathways	Stage 1 History: Ancient and/or Stage 1 History: Modern		
Additional Costs/Information	Students are encouraged to participate in competitions, as well as an excursion for History, if arranged, at a cost of approximately \$15 for transport and entry fees.		

Mathematics**Contact:** Steven Barclay

Course Length	Full Year	Australian Curriculum Year Level	10
Description	Mathematics provides students with essential mathematical skills and knowledge in Number and Algebra, Measurement and Geometry, and Statistics and Probability. The curriculum focuses on developing increasingly sophisticated and refined mathematical understanding, fluency, logical reasoning, analytical thought and problem-solving skills. These proficiencies enable students to respond to familiar and unfamiliar situations by employing mathematical strategies to think critically and creatively and to solve problems efficiently.		
Recommended Background	Nil		
Possible Pathways	Stage 1 Specialist Mathematics, Stage 1 Mathematical Methods, Stage 1 General Mathematics, Stage 1 Essential Mathematics		
Additional Costs/Information	Students require their own scientific calculator for use in class. Scientific calculators are available from the Student Services Office for an approximate cost of \$22 (GST free). Students considering pursuing higher level maths in the senior years are encouraged to consider purchasing a graphics calculator available at the SSO for approximately \$170.		

Personal Learning Plan**Contact:** Kara Stevens

Course Length	Full Year	SACE Stage	1	SACE Credits	10
Description	The Personal Learning Plan (PLP) is a compulsory subject at Stage 1 SACE, undertaken at Year 10. The PLP helps students to plan for their future and assists them in choosing the subjects they will study in Years 11 and 12. Students must achieve a C grade or better to successfully complete the subject.				
Recommended Background	Nil				
Additional Costs/Information	Stage 1 compulsory subject. Students must achieve a C grade or better to gain their SACE.				

Science**Contact:** Steven Barclay

Course Length	Full Year	Australian Curriculum Year Level	10
Description	In the Year 10 curriculum students explore systems at different scales and connect microscopic and macroscopic properties to explain phenomena. Students explore the biological, chemical, geological and physical evidence for different theories. Students develop their understanding of atomic theory. They understand that motion and forces are related by applying physical laws. They learn about the relationships between aspects of the living, physical and chemical world. Students develop a range of inquiry skills such as questioning, planning, processing, analysing and evaluating.		
Recommended Background	Nil		
Possible Pathways	Stage 1 Biology, Chemistry, Physics , Psychology and Earth and Environmental Science		
Additional Costs/Information	Nil		
