Preston Campus

Year 7 into Year 8 (2021)

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How does subject selection work?

- Subject selection commences on **Friday 24th July**. Students will be introduced to the process and the subject selection website during their first subject selection Tutor Workshop. They will have a second tutor workshop to discuss subject choices.

- Students and their parents/guardians need to select the appropriate year level on the home page of the subject selection website and follow the steps outlined to access the relevant subject information and contacts for enquiries.

- Students will also receive in their school email account, an email containing their 'Web Preferences Subject Selection Access Guide' link. This is how your son will submit his subjects choice. It needs to be completed by **Wednesday 5th August (11:59pm)**.

- The final part of subject selection is the submission of the printed receipt from Web Preferences with the signature of a parent/guardian. This needs to be submitted to your son’s Tutor Teacher by **Thursday 6th August**.
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| Friday 24th July    | *Tutor Workshop #1*  
*Introduction to Subject Selection.*  
*Email with Web Preferences subject selection link sent.*  
*Web Preferences is now active.* |
| Friday 31st July    | *Tutor Workshop #2*  
*Tutor Teacher and student discussion of potential subject choices.* |
| Wednesday 5th August| *DUE DATE for online subject selection.*  
*Subjects must be entered into Web Preferences (by 11:59pm).* |
| Thursday 6th August | *DUE DATE for submission of printed and signed subject selection receipt.* |
# Year 8 Curriculum Structure

## Year 8 Core Units

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- 1 Unit = Semester
Core and Elective Units

**Core Subjects**
- English
- Religion
- Mathematics
- Science
- Language choice
- Humanities
- Health

**Electives**
- PE or ACC High Performance
- Technology:
  - Design Technologies
  - Digital Technologies (Make IT Happen)
- The Arts
  - Visual Arts
  - Media
  - Performing Arts (Music/Drama)

Students complete 18 Units
Languages

- All students continue with one Language
  - Italian
  - French
  - Students are not able to change Language during the year.
Four Units choices

One from:
- The Arts
  - Art & Visual Communication
  - Music Performance
  - Media

And one from:
- Technology
  - Materials Design and Production
  - Make IT Happen

And two from:
- Health & PE
  - Health & PE (Semester 1)
  - Health & PE (Semester 2)
  - ACC High Performance Sport (Semester 1)
  - ACC High Performance Sport (Semester 2)
Special Provisions

- Intervention Mathematics
  - Note. This pathway does not allow VCE Maths choices
- Intervention English
  - Replaces Languages
- Altior program in English, Maths, Humanities & Science
  - Note: If you’re currently doing an Intervention or Altior subject, you will continue in these next year.
- Selection of students into High Performance is based on certain criteria.
- The Mr Paul Groves, Director of High Performance Sport oversees and approves the selection of students in High Performance Sport.
Selecting Subjects Using Web Preferences

- Each student will be sent an email to their school email account with a direct link to Web Preferences.

- To use Web Preferences:
  - 1) Go to your Parade email with a direct link to open the Web Preferences Access Guide.
  - Look for ‘noreply@selectmysubjects.com.au’
Selecting Subjects using Web Preferences

• Subjects are selected online using Web Preferences.

• An email with a link to Web Preferences, your code and password emailed to each student's Parade email account.
  • If you are unable to locate the email search for ‘noreply@selectmysubjects.com.au’

• There are five steps in the process.
  Step 1 – Log onto Web Preferences.
  Step 2 – Select your subject preferences.
  Step 3 – Confirming your subject preferences.
  Step 4 – Printing and signing your ‘Web Preferences Receipt’.
  Step 5 – Hand in to your Tutor Teacher your signed ‘Web Preferences Receipt’

• A step-by-step guide on how to select subjects on Web Preferences for each year level may be found on the subject selection website.
This is a quick overview of how to use Web Preferences. Please refer to the step-by-step instructions if needed.

Step 1 – Logging onto Web Preferences

• Check your Parade student email account after Friday 24th July for the ‘Web Preferences Access Guide for 2021 Subjects’.
• Both your code and password have been emailed to your Parade email account today.
  o If you are unable to locate the email search for ‘noreply@selectmysubjects.com.au’
• Click directly on the link.
Step 2 – Selecting your subject preferences.

- Students must select two semesters of Health and Physical Education and/or High-Performance Sport.

- High Performance Sport should be selected in the semester of the ACC sport that you wish to participate in.

- **Please Note:** There are limited places in High Performance Sport. Mr Paul Groves (Director of High Performance) will determine according to a set of criteria which students will be selected for High Performance Sport. All inquiries regarding this should be directed to Mr Paul Groves.

- The next step here is choosing an ‘Arts’ elective and a ‘Technology’ elective subject.
Step 3 – Confirming your subject preferences.

- This summary screen will now show ONLY the choices that you made.
- If you made any incorrect or invalid choices, a message in RED will show you why these choices were removed.
- It is best to then click on Cancel and fix the selection problems before proceeding.

If everything looks okay, click on **Submit Valid Preferences**.

![Submit Valid Preferences button](image)
Step 4 – Printing and signing your ‘Web Preferences Receipt’.

- Step 5 – Hand in to your Tutor Teacher your signed ‘Web Preferences Receipt’.
  - Parents and students sign the ‘Web Preferences receipt’ and students submit the form to their Tutor Teacher (who also signs it) by Thursday morning Aug. 6 (or earlier).

- Please note: It is important to note that there is no advantage in submitting your web preferences completed early, it will not increase your chances. Everyone’s preferences will be considered together equally, so long as you’ve completed it online by August 5.
Using the 2021 Subject website via SIMON

- Research and explore the subjects available on the 2021 Year 8 Subject Selection Web Page on SIMON.
Subject Selection receipts for Year 8 (2020) are

Please refer to the email sent to your Parade Student email

(Web Preferences site available from July - August

YEAR 8

This page contains information about courses and subjects that Parade College offers for both the core studies and the Year 8 Elective Curriculum structure.

We ask Year 7 students to choose a course for Year 8 electives, plus reserves. Students have an opportunity to exercise more choice in Year 9 electives.

You will notice that Parade College offers a wide choice of units, however, it must be stressed that final offerings will, of course, depend on student numbers and availability of both staff and resources. Although the courses are correct at the time of posting, it should be understood that courses are revised on a systematic basis and some of these details will, from time to time, undergo revision. Please also note that all courses (including core subjects) are semester-based and will not necessarily have the same student cohort or teacher for subjects that run for two semesters.

If you have any questions relating to the Year 8 Curriculum which this website does not address, please do not hesitate to contact the Assistant Principal Teaching & Learning or the Dean of Learning (Years 7-9) at the College.

Click here for the Year 8 Subjects @ Bunyip Campus

Click here for the Year 8 Subjects @ Preston Campus

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TECHNOLOGY

ASSESSMENT

Units in Materials & Systems Technology are assessed using a range of methods including the following:
- Investigation
- Design Folio
- Production

Units in Information Technology are assessed using a range of methods including the following:
- Folio
- Problem Solving
- Impact Project
- Research Task

* NB. All offerings in Technology are subject to the availability of specialist teaching staff. There will be limited numbers of classes with preference given to those who submit their forms earliest.

MAKE IT HAPPEN: BIT

This course is designed for students who wish to increase their computer skills and knowledge including learning a general programming language. Based upon the new Victorian Curriculum Digital Technologies, students will learn about different types of networks and the hardware and software required to manage a network. They will use tools to organise complex data and identify patterns and trends. Students will be required to solve an information problem using the problem solving methodology – analysis, design, development and evaluation. Through their work on projects students will reinforce their communication skills and the integration of all available software tools to produce a comprehensive solution. As part of the course students will expand on their introduction to programming (coding) in Year 7 using other programming platforms such as Python and Visual Basic.

MATERIALS DESIGN & PRODUCTION – CODE: 8TMD

This unit focuses on the development of knowledge and skills in designing and manufacturing practical solutions to identified needs. Students follow the Technology Process to investigate, design, produce and evaluate solutions to design problems. They learn about design and are introduced to design briefs. They study materials and apply this knowledge to their work, use a range of graphic communication techniques and are introduced to a variety of basic hand tools and equipment. They develop their production skills while observing safe working procedure.

ELECTRONICS – CODE 8TEL

This unit focuses on basic electrical and electronic areas of Technology, Design and Creativity. By applying the Technology Process of investigating, designing, producing, and evaluating, students develop basic skills in circuit production, modelling, testing and printed circuit board manufacture. Students become aware of microcontrollers and their role in society. Safe work practices are required in the workshop environment.
Further advice

• View the Year 8 Curriculum Website on SIMON
• Discuss your subjects with your subject Teachers and with your Tutor Teacher.
• High Performance Sport questions, contact Mr Paul Groves (Director of High Performance).
• Deleted or lost your Web Preferences email: Contact Ms Kerry Mulvogue (Kerry.mulvogue@parade.vic.edu.au)
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**VIEW**

Subject selection presentations and information

**DISCUSS**

Subject choices and/or pathway choices with Subject Teachers and Tutor Teacher

**SELECT SUBJECTS**

- Select subjects on Web Preferences
- Return printed signed receipt to your Tutor Teacher