The following information is to assist parents and students make appropriate decisions when choosing elective subjects. Students complete three (3) elective subjects during Year 9.

Choose subjects:

- you believe you will enjoy
- in which you expect to do well
- which give you skills, knowledge and attitudes useful in life
- that match your strongest “intelligences” and passions

Do not take subjects simply because:

- another person says they are good or bad
- your friends are, or are not, taking them
- you like or dislike a teacher
- you think it is only for boys or only for girls.

Prerequisites for Years 11 / 12 subjects

If students intend to study any of the following subjects in Years 11 and 12 it is recommended that they also study that subject for Years 9 and 10 or have other practical and theory qualifications or skills that waiver this requirement.

- Visual Art, Dance and Drama
- French and Chinese
- Music

The compulsory subjects studied by all students ensure that all other prerequisites for Years 11 and 12 are met. However, students are advised to aim for a minimum of HA in Year 9 Maths and do Advanced Maths in Year 10 to prepare for Maths B (and Maths C) in Senior. Similarly, it is advisable to follow this plan for Mathematics if students are considering subjects like Economics, Physics, Chemistry, Engineering Technology and IPT in Senior.

Changing Subjects

Students in Year 9 should expect that they would continue with their chosen subjects through to the end of the year. Occasionally, it may be necessary to adjust a student’s academic program. Changes can only be made at the end of the semester as changing subjects during a semester is not permitted. There is often very limited choice when changing subjects as not all subjects are available: many will be full or not timetabled at the same time as the current subject. Each request for a subject change is considered carefully and is subject to approval by the relevant Head of
Learning Area and Director – Studies, Mr Ross Philipson. If information about changing subjects is required, students should contact the Director - Studies.
During Year 9 students undertake career interest profiling (via the Career Voyage tool) and attend a morning Careers Expo incursion held in the Secondary library. This is a trigger for students to focus more specifically on their career and life interests and aids in the SET Planning processes detailed below.

Details of careers related to each subject are best found via the Job Guide or the following link:

http://www.planitplus.net/schoolzone/subjects/ (Scottish web-site)

The following online references contain jobs and career information that may help students with career pathway planning.

- **Ace Day Jobs**  
  Online videos featuring Australians working in jobs they are passionate about.

- **Apprenticeships Info**  
  A "one stop shop" for information on apprenticeships and traineeships in Queensland.

- **Australian Apprenticeships**  
  Comprehensive information about Australian apprenticeships.

- **Australian Apprenticeships Pathways**  
  Find out where Australian apprenticeships are available and follow links to job pathways charts and job descriptions.

- **Australian JobSearch**  
  One of Australia's largest free online job websites. It helps job seekers find jobs and career information.

- **Career Bullseye posters**  
  Posters linking 30 school subjects with potential jobs and information about the education and training levels required.

- **CareerOne**  
  Job listings, career advice, job hunting tips and company profiles designed to help you with your job search.

- **Enya**  
  Promotes the active participation of young people in business.

- **Group Training Australia**  
  Information about traineeships and apprenticeships available through Group Training Australia. Includes video from Australian apprentices about their experiences.

- **Hobsons Course Finder**  
  Guide to education, training and career pathways in Australia.

- **JobAccess**  
  Comprehensive information relating to the employment of people with a disability.

- **Job Guide**  
  Provides an in-depth look at a range of occupations, and their education and
training pathways. It also gives useful information about how to work out what occupations suit you best, based on your interests and abilities.

- **Job Outlook**
  A careers and labour market research information site covering around 350 individual occupations. Includes an interactive CareerQuiz that helps you identify what types of work you most like doing and matches these to occupations you are most likely to enjoy or be good at.

- **myfuture**
  Australia’s free career information and exploration service. It can help you explore career options based on your skills and interests, and find information about occupations, and the further education and training required for each job.

- **MySkills**
  Australia’s directory of training - connecting students with employers and training organisations that best suit their needs.

- **MyUniversity**
  MyUniversity provides students with a broad range of information about Australian universities and other higher education providers.

- **Queensland Skills Gateway**
  Information on vocational education and training available across Queensland including courses, training providers, government funding and career pathways. The site features a simple questionnaire to help individuals find out if they are eligible for government subsidised training.

- **Seek**
  Contains an extensive listing of job vacancies, career development resources, training information and tips on how to look for and apply for jobs.

- **Skills training.gov.au**
  Provides information about courses, qualifications, competencies, training packages and Registered Training Organisations.

- **skillsone.com.au**
  Hundreds of videos about getting a trade or skill.

- **Study assist**
  A website for students about Australian Government assistance for financing tertiary study.

- **Youth.gov.au**
  Provides useful links to young Australians who are looking for work and thinking about the future.