GLEN WAVERLEY SECONDARY COLLEGE

YEAR 9 COURSE SELECTION INFORMATION 2015
THE YEAR 9 PROGRAM

In Year 9, the core curriculum program of Years 7 & 8 changes to a core and elective program. As well as compulsory core subjects, students will be given the opportunity to choose electives from a broad range of subjects covering all Key Learning Areas.

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<th>CORE SUBJECTS</th>
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<td>English EAL*</td>
<td>5 electives (maximum)</td>
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<td>5 ppw</td>
<td>Each semester-based elective is 3 ppw</td>
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<td>Science</td>
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<td>Humanities</td>
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<td>Health &amp; Physical</td>
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<td>Education</td>
<td>3 ppw</td>
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<tr>
<td>Food Technology (1 Semester only)</td>
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THE YEAR 9 CORE PROGRAM

Students will study core subjects comprising English, Mathematics, Humanities, Science, Health and Physical Education throughout the year. Food Technology is a semester length core subject which is timetabled within the elective block.

* English as an Additional Language (EAL)
This subject is for five periods a week and ONLY students who are eligible can take this. Students will be identified and assessed prior to being placed in an EAL class.
Students will study this instead of English. The advantage of this course is that it makes it easier for students, who have been using the English language for only a limited period of time, to develop their language skills in a small class with targeted skill-building tasks.

THE 2020 PROGRAM

All Year 9 students participate in the 2020 Program for a four week period in Semester 2 in House Groups. During this time students spend all of their core subject time developing, undertaking and reporting on a research question that they have developed with guidance and direction from facilitating teachers. Students also meet experts in the field, participate in community service activities and successful applicants will have the opportunity to participate in a research camp. Throughout the 4 week program students continue to participate in their elective classes (9 lessons each week).

THE YEAR 9 ELECTIVE PROGRAM

Students will study a maximum of five electives. The number of electives will depend on students' elective selection. A list of elective subjects on offer is attached.

Electives are subjects that students choose to do. They provide students with the opportunity to have ownership of areas of learning through the choices they make. Through the elective program students are able to explore individual areas of interest beyond the scope of core work and to further enhance their skills and understanding. Electives provide an opportunity for students to experience a range of subjects and have been designed for this purpose.

With the exception of Languages, Year 9 electives are not prerequisite studies for any Year 10 or VCE subjects.

INFORMATION AND GUIDELINES FOR ELECTIVE COURSE SELECTION

1. A planning sheet is attached. Students should use this to plan an elective program which best suits their particular needs and interests. Although every effort is made to accommodate students in the electives of their choice, this may not be possible where there are timetable clashes or if available places in electives fill up. Also, electives may not go ahead if there are insufficient numbers. For this reason we ask you to nominate two alternative electives in case any of your selections are unavailable to you.

2. Arts and Technology Elective Requirement
Students must do at least ONE elective from the Arts area and ONE elective from the Technology area (see list on page 3).

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3. **Sequential elective units (1 & 2 units)**
These are units that must be taken in both semesters of a particular year. Language units are sequential and must be taken over both semesters.

4. **Languages**
Students who have demonstrated competence in studying a foreign language are strongly encouraged to continue LANGUAGE studies. Students should be aware that to study a Language in Year 11 & 12 they will usually need to continue language studies in Years 9 & 10.

**Note:** A Language study must be undertaken for the whole year (over two semesters).
Students can study a language outside of the school if the language is not offered at the Year 9 level.

5. **Enhancement Studies**
The elective subjects **Creative Expression**, **Maths Extension** and **Research Science**, which are regarded as enhancement subjects, are designed for students who have a passion and ability in these areas of study and a desire to further enhance their knowledge, understanding and skills in the area. These **subjects are not prescribed pathways or prerequisite subjects for any Year 10 subjects or VCE Units**. As the number of students gaining access to these subjects will be limited, students must meet the entry requirements described below:

**Creative Expression:** Students should have a demonstrated passion and interest in English, proficient writing skills and exemplary work practices.

**Maths Extension:** Students should have a demonstrated passion and aptitude for Mathematics. As places in this subject are limited, students should have achieved an average grade of excellent or above for assessment tasks in Years 7 and 8 and a recommendation from the Year 8 Mathematics teacher will be used to help with the selection of students.

**Research Science:** Students should have a demonstrated interest in Science, an average grade of excellent or above for all assessment tasks in Years 7 and 8 and exemplary work practices.

6. **Safety and Survival Skills (SASS)**
This practical subject provides students with the opportunity to complete qualifications in water safety/rescue and first aid. Both the Bronze Medallion and Level 1 First Aid (CPR) are nationally recognized certificates. Students participate in two compulsory day excursions involving beach safety and surfing. Students must turn 14 years of age by the completion of the SASS Course and MUST be a competent swimmer. As this subject employs specialist instructors there is an extra cost of approximately **$390-$450 per student**, dependent on the number of enrolments. This may be paid in instalments if necessary. **Students must collect an "Application to Enrol in SASS" form, available from Mr Maycock in the Middle School Office.**

7. **“Duke of Edinburgh’s Award” Elective:** www.dukeofed.org.au
This elective presents a balanced program of voluntary activities which encourage personal discovery and growth through self-reliance, perseverance, responsibility to themselves and service to the community. The “Expeditions” and “Community Service” components of the Bronze Level Award will/can be completed during organized school activities. The “Skills” and “Physical Recreation” will need to be completed in the student’s own time. The cost will be approx **$200, Students must collect an "Application to Enrol in Duke of Edinburgh" form, available from Mr Maycock in the Middle School Office.**

8. **Coaching, Leadership and Sport**
This elective provides students with the opportunity to complete the Community coaching: General Principles through the Australian Sports Commission. An interest in sport is beneficial; however the focus of this elective is on coaching and leadership. Students will receive general leadership training which attends to public speaking, development of time management, organization and communication skills. Students need to be aware that this is not a traditional PE or Sport class. While this course is practical in nature, there is a significant theoretical component. NB: Class size will be limited to 20 for each semester. **Students must write an “Expression of Interest” to enrol in CLAS, and deliver it to Mr Maycock in the Middle School Office by Friday 29th August.** Refer to course description for further details.
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| Science        | Research Science  
|                | Psychology - My World, Your World *(New elective 2015)* |
| Humanities     | History – Power, People and the Past  
|                | Small Business  
|                | Dollar$ and $ense  
|                | Sustainable Living |
| Arts           | Visual Communication Design  
|                | Art: Drawing and Painting  
|                | Sculpture: Exploring 3D Design  
|                | Film, Television and Advertising  
|                | Printmaking: Making an Image  
|                | Digital Photography  
|                | Music Performance  
|                | Music Solo Performance  
|                | Drama: Developing a Character |
| Technology     | Information & Communication Technology  
|                | Programming  
|                | Game Design  
|                | Flash  
|                | Design, Creativity & Technology  
|                | Wood  
|                | Textiles  
|                | Electronics  
|                | Design Engineering |
| LANGUAGE       | Advanced Chinese I and 2 (2 semester sequence)  
|                | Chinese I & 2 (2 semester sequence)  
|                | French I & 2 (2 semester sequence)  
|                | Italian I & 2 (2 semester sequence) |
| HEALTH & PE    | * Safety and Survival Skills  
|                | Coaching Leadership and Sport  
|                | * Duke of Edinburgh’s Award |

* This elective has a cost involved.
ONLINE ELECTIVE COURSE SELECTION PROCEDURE

1. Access Course Descriptions through
   Internet: www.gwsc.vic.edu.au/courses/index.cfm

   If you do not have the Internet at home, you may borrow a hard copy of the Course Descriptions from the Middle School Office.

2. Consider the various electives on offer. Read the subject outlines carefully.

3. Choose your electives in accordance with the guidelines outlined in this document. Students should make two additional Year 9 elective choices in case any of the chosen electives are not available.

4. Discuss your proposed elective program with your parents and consult with the Middle School House Leaders if necessary. Consult with class teachers for subject specific information. For general careers advice, see Mrs Tsalikis.

5. Enter your elective selection in order of preference ONLINE from Monday 18th August – Friday 29th August.

   Instructions for making online selections:
   ➢ Go to intranet.gwsc.vic.edu.au/selections/
   ➢ Carefully read the instructions on screen and fill in the online form.

   If you have any difficulties with the online process please see Mr Maycock in the Middle School office.

   VERY IMPORTANT
   DO NOT enter your elective selection until you are absolutely certain about the electives you want to do. The selection you make will determine the subjects that will be offered in the elective program next year. You will not be able to make any changes to your course selection after 4pm on Friday 29th August

If you are definitely not returning to GWSC in 2015, please indicate this on the online form, and forward a note providing exit details to Ms. Coad. The note must be signed by a parent/guardian.
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ELECTIVE SELECTION PLANNING SHEET

YEAR 9 - 2015

Enter your elective choices in the table below in **order of preference**. You are to choose 5 electives to study.

Remember: - **you must do at least one** elective from the Arts area and **one** elective from the Technology area.

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NB: Subjects which have a 2 Semester Sequence (any languages) should be listed twice.

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<th>FOOD TECHNOLOGY</th>
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<td>(Core subject which is timetabled in the elective block)</td>
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Please make two additional choices in case any of your chosen electives are not available (also in order of preference):

1. ____________________________

2. ____________________________

**KEEP THIS FORM FOR YOUR RECORDS**

Note: This is a planning document only. **You will enter your Year 9 elective selection online.**
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COURSE INFORMATION EVENING

Tuesday August 12th 2014

Who: For parents/guardians of students currently in Year 8 and entering Year 9 in 2015

Where: Lecture Theatre, Science & Technology Building

Time: Parents are requested to attend the session allocated to their child’s house:
6.30 - 7.15pm parents of students in Bradman & Elliott Houses
7.30 – 8.15pm parents of students in Fraser & Goolagong Houses

What: The presentation will provide information about the Year 9 curriculum, including core subjects and electives.

To support students and parents in making informed decisions, Heads of Learning Areas and the Director of Pathways will also be present in the Foyer of the Science & Technology Centre from 7.00 – 9.00pm to answer any questions.

Yr 9 2015 Elective EXPO

Monday 11th August
Period 6 in MU 19-21

Current Year 9 students will be available to answer Year 8 student’s questions about each of the electives.