

Application for Permission to study VCE Units 1 and 2 or Anticipate an IB subject

Due in: 8.30am on Tuesday 4 August 2009 with appropriate documentation to Middle School Curriculum office

Who needs to fill out this form?

You need to fill out this form if you wish to anticipate an IB subject or if you wish to study a VCE Unit 1 and 2 **other than:**

- Mathematical Methods, where you have been enrolled in the Year 9 Accelerated Mathematics class in 2009
- a LOTE, where you will have completed Year 10 in 2009
- International Studies Unit 2 – which is offered as a Year 10 Unit semester elective



Why make an application?

Year 9 is a year in which some important decisions are made which affect your future, so it is vital that you choose a course that interests you and is suitable for your stage of development as well as meeting your future needs.

When students decide that they would like to undertake an accelerated course it is very important that we look carefully at their past achievements and decide whether this is really in their best interests. You should also consider where this pathway will lead your Senior School studies.

What you need to do

1. Understand that the quality and quantity of work will be set at Year 11 level. Check to see if you meet the following criteria (if you don't you probably should not be completing this application):
 - a high level of achievement in all subjects in Year 9 (A or nearly so, across subjects)
 - demonstrated talent in the subject area of the proposed IB/VCE unit of study
 - motivation and sound organisational skills.
2. If you meet these criteria you then need to complete the application form overleaf.
3. You must also complete the Subject Selection Planning Sheet to show that you have thought about the impact on your Year 11 and 12 studies.
4. Ensure that **copies** (not originals) of **all** of your Semester One Reports are attached. Your application will not be considered if it is incomplete – this is your responsibility.
5. Deliver your application (together with supporting documentation) to the Deputy Head – Curriculum, Ms Brooks, **by 8.30 am on Tuesday 4 August.**

What happens once your application is lodged?

1. Your application will be considered at a meeting attended by the Middle School Deputy Head – Curriculum (Ms Brooks), the Senior School Curriculum Co-ordinators and the relevant Senior School Heads of Learning. Your current teachers will also be asked for feedback on your performance.

2. If your application is not successful then you will need to discuss your alternatives with your Mentor.

Subjects available for acceleration in the VCE

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accounting • Biology • Business Management • Chemistry • Economics • Geography • History: 20th Century • Information Technology 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International Studies and Politics • Legal Studies • Philosophy • Physical Education • Physics • Psychology • Theatre Studies • Other subjects by negotiation
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All students undertaking the International Baccalaureate complete six subjects from various groupings as well as completing Theory of Knowledge (ToK) and Creativity, Action and Service (CAS) activities. Normally students will study a subject for two years before taking the final examinations. A minimum of three subjects must be undertaken at Higher Level the remainder are taken at Standard Level.

It is possible, however, to anticipate, but only at a Standard Level and only in one subject. To 'anticipate' means to complete a subject in the year before the remainder of the subjects are completed. To do this the student will usually begin the subject in Year 10 and sit for the examination at the end of Year 11, although there are other possibilities – for example a VCE subject in Year 10 with the IB to follow in Year 11.

We also had an interesting sequence completed recently:

Year 10: German Units 3 and 4

Year 11: University German and IB Year 11 German

Year 12: IB Higher Level German

Subjects available for anticipation in the International Baccalaureate

Group	Subjects Available
Group 1 – Language A1 (first language)	English, Indonesian, other languages by negotiation
Group 2 – Language B (second language)	Chinese, French, German, Indonesian, Spanish
Group 3 – Individuals and Societies	Business and Management, Economics, Geography, History, Information Technology in a Global Society, Philosophy, Psychology
Group 4 – Experimental Sciences	Biology, Chemistry, Physics
Group 6 – Arts and Electives	Film, Theatre, Music

APPLICATION FORM - VCE UNITS 1 AND 2 OR AN IB SUBJECT

All sections of this form must be completed in your own handwriting before it is submitted or considered.

Name: _____ House: _____

Name of VCE/IB subject you wish to undertake: _____ VCE IB

Why do you want to undertake this subject?

What do you believe are your strengths that would enable you to succeed in this particular subject?

Explain how you believe you meet the required criteria?

Please nominate two semester electives which you would take if your application is not successful.

Note: to be considered, you must attach copies (not original documents) of ALL of your Year 9 Semester One reports to this application. You may also attach other supporting documentation, for example copies of awards, to support your application.

A Year 10 student studying a VCE Unit 1/2 Science subject would normally study the Year 10 Chemistry/Physics or Biology/Psychology core Science unit. It may be possible to study both Year 10 core Science units. If you wish to do so, please tick

Please indicate below your reasons for this choice:

Signed: _____ (Student signature)