

Year 10 2026 Subject Selections Evening

SEPTEMBER 2025





These slides are accessible on the school website at:
<https://sydneyhigh.school/curriculum/subject-choices>

NESA requirements

- ▶ The Record of School Achievement (RoSA) is a cumulative credential containing a student's record of academic achievement
- ▶ RoSA is for eligible students who leave school before completing the HSC (rare at SBHS)



NESA requirements



To be eligible for a RoSA, students must have:

- ▶ Completed the mandatory curriculum requirements for Years 7 to 10
- ▶ Completed courses of study that satisfy Education Standards' curriculum and assessment requirements for the RoSA

Mandatory Year 10 RoSA Curriculum Requirements

- ▶ English
- ▶ Mathematics
- ▶ Science
- ▶ PDHPE
- ▶ History (completed in Year 9)
- ▶ Geography (completed in Year 9)

RoSA includes an A to E grade for all Year 10 courses based on student achievement in their assessment work

Students also required to complete electives that appear on the RoSA if satisfactorily completed



Criteria for satisfactory completion of a course



The student is considered to have satisfactorily completed a course if he has:

1. followed the course developed or endorsed by NESAs;
2. applied themselves with diligence and sustained effort to the set tasks and experiences provided in the course by the school; and
3. achieved some or all of the course outcomes.

N.B Satisfactory completion of the Year 9 component of a course is a pre-requisite for entry into the Year 10 component of the same course

What if students don't complete a course's requirements?



- ▶ Students receive “N Award warnings” via a letter from school to provide time to complete course requirements and rectify the problem
- ▶ If a student receives an ‘N’ determination in a mandatory curriculum requirement course, they won’t be eligible for the RoSA
- ▶ If a student is given an ‘N’ determination in a non-mandatory course, the course will not appear on their RoSA

SBHS Electives

- ▶ Year 9
 - ▶ TWO Electives
- ▶ Year 10
 - ▶ THREE Electives



Year 9 Courses Currently Studied



Core Subjects	Two Electives	
English	Chinese	Graphics Technology
Mathematics	Classical Greek	Japanese
Science	Commerce	Latin
History	Design & Technology	Music
Geography	Drama	Photographic & Digital Media
PDHPE	French	Visual Arts
Values Education	German	Visual Design

Year 10 Courses Offered at SBHS



Core Subjects	Three Electives	
English	Business Studies (Accelerated) ←	Japanese
Mathematics	Chinese	Latin
Science	Chinese Advanced	Latin Continuers (Accelerated) ←
PDHPE	Chinese Continuers (Accelerated) ←	Modern History (Accelerated) ←
Careers Ed	Classical Greek	Music
	Commerce	Music 2 (Accelerated) ←
	Computing Tech (Games & Simulations)	NSW School of Languages (See Ms Matsos) ←
	Computing Tech (Mechatronic Systems)	Online Open Course ←
	Design & Technology	Philosophy ←
	Drama	Photographic & Digital Media ←
	French	Photographic & Digital Media Advanced ←
	Geography	Physical Activity & Sports Studies
	Geography (Accelerated) ←	Visual Arts
	German	Visual Design
	German Continuers (Accelerated) ←	
	Graphics Technology	
	Health & Movement Science (Accel) ←	
	History Elective	

Approval & ILP needed for all accelerated courses

Subject choices should be based on:



1. Interests

- ▶ What provides enjoyment
- ▶ Willing to work harder

2. Strengths

- ▶ More likely to succeed

3. Career or future study needs (including HSC or University)

- ▶ Should align with points 1 & 2 anyway
- ▶ Information on Year 11 and 12 subjects is on the school website under Curriculum/Subject Choices

Subject choices should NOT be based on:

- ▶ What your friends choose
 - ▶ Different interests, strengths & potentially different classes
- ▶ A specific teacher
 - ▶ The teacher might not teach the subject next year or may teach a class that you are not in

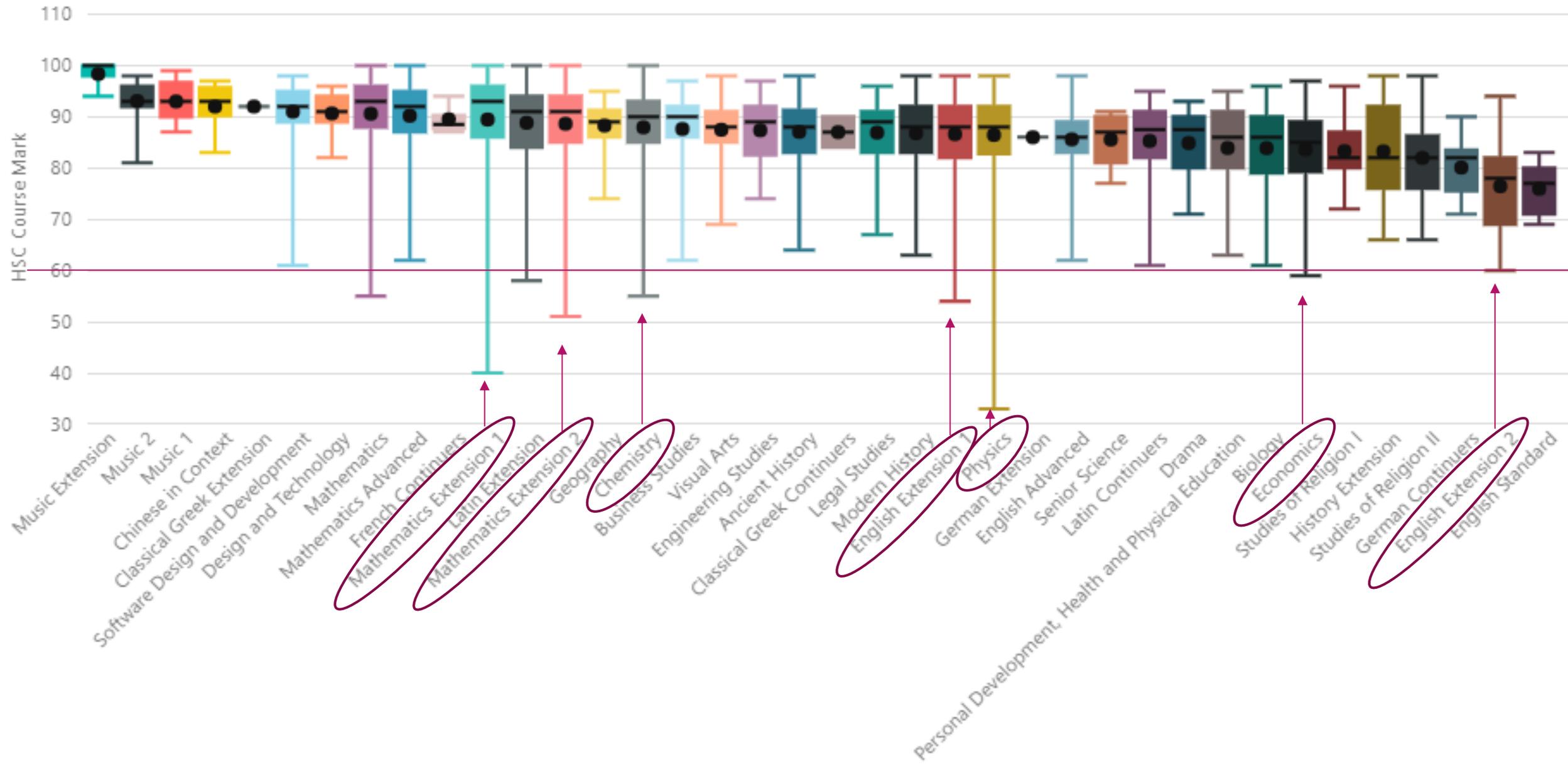


How to Pick Courses (for parents)

- ▶ Your son will be studying the course
- ▶ Happier children perform better
- ▶ Success and enjoyment filters to other courses studied
- ▶ Students often struggle doing courses not suited to them



Distribution of HSC Course Marks by Course



Which subjects are prerequisites for HSC study?



- ▶ Study of Continuers Languages in Years 11 & 12 assumes study at Year 10 level
- ▶ Preliminary Music 2 (and HSC Music Extension) require study at Year 10 level

Therefore:

- ▶ If a boy wishes to study Continuers Languages or Music at HSC level, he should continue to study that subject in Year 10
- ▶ For other subjects it may be an advantage to study the subject in Stage 5, but is not a requirement

Choosing Electives



- ▶ Students make their preference choices online
- ▶ Nominate FIVE preferences (SIX for those requesting extension or acceleration courses)
 - ▶ the first three preferences are used unless some problem arises
 - ▶ If there is a problem, the fourth preference (or if necessary fifth) will replace the preference with the problem
 - ▶ Those applying for acceleration or in-demand extension courses need a sixth preference

N.B.

- ▶ Computing Technology cannot be 2nd or 3rd Reserve as always full and needing to be culled
- ▶ Only one accelerated course can be chosen and must be 1st preference

How are these preferences used?



- ▶ Subjects are grouped into timetable lines based on student preferences to maximise student choice
- ▶ It's not always possible for every student to study what he has chosen
 - ▶ Some subjects often have only one class or may not run at all if insufficient interest e.g French, Music, German, Latin, Visual Design
 - ▶ Some of these subjects will have to appear in the same line causing "clashes"
 - ▶ Highly demanded courses may have limits due to staffing
e.g. 32 boys might choose a subject and only one class of 30 may be running. 2 boys will have to be eliminated.

Boys who have given the subject the lowest ranking will be identified and 2 boys will be removed.

Subject Lines

Based on student needs & change every year – irrelevant to your subject decisions



2023

Line J	Line K
Commerce	Classical Greek
D&T	Chinese Adv
D&T (Acc)	Commerce
Drama	D&T
Geography El	Geography El
Geography (Acc)	Graphics Tech
IST (Robotics)	History El
Latin	IST (Games)
Photography Adv	Modern Hist (Acc)
Visual Arts	Music
	Photography Adv
	Visual Design

2024

Line J	Line K
Commerce	Business St (Acc)
D&T	Chinese Adv
Geography El	Commerce
Geography (Acc)	D&T
Graphics Tech	French
History El	Geography El
Modern Hist (Acc)	German
Music	Latin
Music 2 (Acc)	Photography Adv
PASS	Visual Design
PDHPE (Acc)	
Photography Adv	

2025

Line J	Line K
Commerce	Business St (Acc)
Computing Tec (Games)	Chinese Adv
Computing Tec (Mech)	Commerce
Graphics Technology	Computing Tec (Mech)
History Elective	D&T
Modern History (Acc)	Geography (Acc)
Music	Geography El
PDM Advanced	German (Acc)
	History El
	Latin
	PASS
	PDM
	Visual Design

Some considerations

- ▶ Always place subjects in order of preference – THREE + reserves
- ▶ No decisions on subjects are made until 9am Tuesday Week 10 – just enter preferences on time
- ▶ You may choose to discontinue an elective subject after completing Year 9 requirements and select a different subject for Year 10
- ▶ Photographic & Digital Media (Advanced) must be studied in Year 9 to take in Year 10:
 - N.B. Students seeking direct entry into Advanced must demonstrate requisite knowledge
- ▶ You cannot do the standard Photographic & Digital Media if studied in Year 9
- ▶ You cannot do both Computing Technology courses
 - ▶ Both can be in main preferences but only the first (or none) accepted



Additional Information



- ▶ Don't blindly list reserves you have no interest in
- ▶ Many students thought they entered different courses so be careful what you enter and research what each involves
 - e.g. Visual Design vs Visual Art (very different courses)
 - Photographic & Digital Media can only be listed once
- ▶ Class numbers based on original interest
 - ▶ Your later change may be for a course not even running
- ▶ Enter Edval early to confirm access
 - ▶ Enter preferences well before cut-off date
 - ▶ go back and change later if needed
- ▶ Put reserves in order
 - ▶ if you don't get into Music 2 Accelerated but would want Music instead, list Music as your second preference
- ▶ NSW School of Languages applications are required by the end of October

Extension or accelerated courses:



- ▶ Cut-off criteria for all courses listed in booklet e.g. top 75/100 for some courses
 - ▶ Be mindful if apply for an accelerated course (top 75), Computing Technology, OCC or Philosophy, if not in top 100 sometimes students miss out on top 4 of 6 preferences straight away
- ▶ Cut-off for Accelerated is approval by faculty HT using ILP **AND** top 75 in year
- ▶ Acceleration **CANNOT** be applied for **AFTER** the ILP cut-off date (Friday 31/10/25)
 - ▶ You **MUST** submit an ILP for accelerated courses
- ▶ Add a **THIRD** reserve option if selecting one of the following courses within your first three preferences:
 - ▶ Accelerated courses
 - ▶ Computing Technology (Mechatronic Systems or Games & Simulations)
 - ▶ Online Learning
 - ▶ Philosophy

If not choosing one of the above, only **TWO** reserve options are needed

- ▶ ILPs are **ONLY** needed for Prelim Acceleration courses

Acceleration questions answered



- ▶ You may only undertake ONE accelerated course and it must be 1st preference
- ▶ If accepted into your accelerated course, you will be automatically removed from the similar Stage 5 elective – you've met the outcomes:
 - ▶ Business Studies – Commerce
 - ▶ Geography – Geography Elective
 - ▶ Modern History – History Elective
 - ▶ Music 2 – Music
 - ▶ PDHPE - PASS
 - ▶ Languages
- ▶ Students notified following Semester 2 reports whether accepted into accelerated courses
- ▶ Acceleration to challenge and provide opportunities rather than replace other activities e.g. co-curricular programs

Acceleration

- ▶ You must send ILP (found on the website under curriculum/Subject Acceleration) to the Head Teacher of the respective faculty
- ▶ Due date for ILPs Friday the week after yearly exams (Friday 31/10 Week 3) – on calendar & cannot apply after this date
- ▶ Acceleration should be your preferred option hence 1st preference – dedication needed so need to really want to do it
- ▶ If you aren't reaching the required standard, you will be directed to change into the corresponding elective course in Year 10



Acceleration questions answered



If applying for an accelerated course, it's advised to list the Stage 5 equivalent in order within your preferences, allowing you to do this if not accelerating.

Main Units			Reserve Units		
	Subject	Units		Subject	Units
1st Preference	Business Studies (Prelim Accelerated) ▾	2	1st Reserve	Geography Elective ▾	2
2nd Preference	Commerce ▾	2	2nd Reserve	Drama ▾	2
3rd Preference	History Elective ▾	2	3rd Reserve (for extension courses)	Japanese ▾	2

Class Groupings

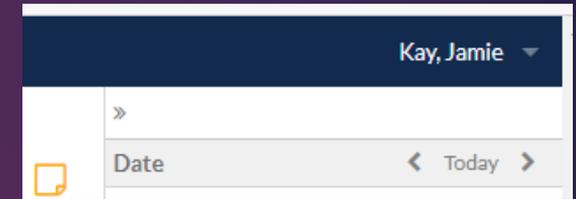
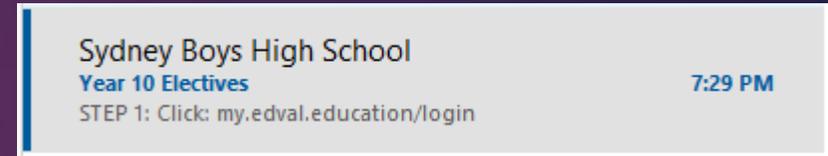
- ▶ Year 10 electives not grouped by ability
- ▶ Year 10 core classes have three grouped classes
 - ▶ English & Science combined score
 - ▶ English
 - ▶ Science
- ▶ Mathematics
 - ▶ 3 grouped classes



What next?



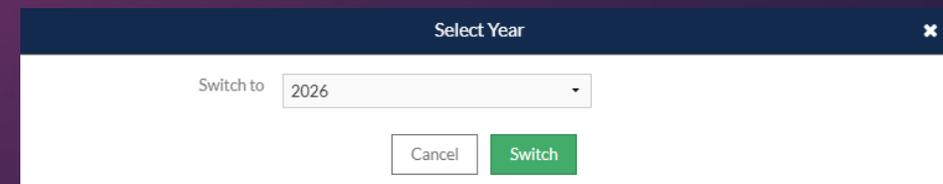
1. Consider your subject choices
2. Speak with subject teachers as needed to gain further information
3. Webcodes will be available following presentation
 - ▶ Check your @sbhs.nsw.gov.au email **SAVE THIS EMAIL**
 - ▶ ensure the correct year is **2026** by clicking your name on the top right)



4. Fill in your preferences online
 - ▶ Cut-off for preferences is **9am Tuesday Week 10 (23/9)**

Note the date and time due

- ▶ You can change your preferences in Edval until this time





Choice

Peter Pan (Test student Yr10)

YEAR 10 ELECTIVES 2026

Open for submission

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✉ noreply@edval.education



Year 10 Electives

Main Units	Subject	Units
1st Preference	<input type="text" value="No selection"/>	0
2nd Preference	<input type="text" value="No selection"/>	0
3rd Preference	<input type="text" value="No selection"/>	0
		Total 0

Reserve Units	Subject	Units
1st Reserve	<input type="text" value="No selection"/>	0
2nd Reserve	<input type="text" value="No selection"/>	0
3rd Reserve (for extension courses)	<input type="text" value="No selection"/>	0
		Total 0

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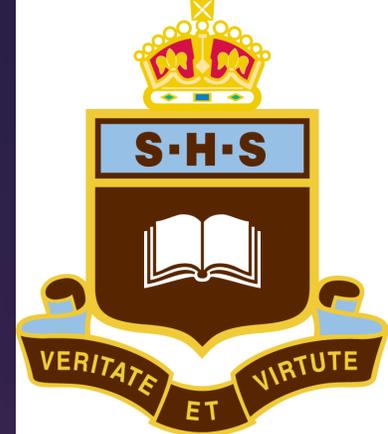


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Year 10 Electives

Main Units	Subject	Units	Reserve Units	Subject	Units
1st Preference	Commerce	2	1st Reserve	Commerce	2
2nd Preference	Design & Technology	2	2nd Reserve	Chinese Advanced	2
3rd Preference	Latin	2	3rd Reserve (for extension courses)	No selection	0
		Total			Total
		6			4

or...



You are not allowed to have more than 2 units from the following subjects: Photography & Digital Media - not in Yr 9, Photography & Digital Media - Advanced (Yr 9 students ONLY) ×

Year 10 Electives

Main Units	Subject	Units
1st Preference	Commerce	2
2nd Preference	Photography & Digital Media - Advanced	2
3rd Preference	Photography & Digital Media - not in Yr 9	2
		Total 6

Reserve Units	Subject	Units
1st Reserve	Drama	2
2nd Reserve	Chinese Advanced	2
3rd Reserve (for extension courses)	No selection	0
		Total 4

Cancel

Submit

or...



You must select at least 4 reserve units.



Year 10 Electives

Main Units	Subject	Units
1st Preference	Commerce	2
2nd Preference	Photography & Digital Media - Advanced	2
3rd Preference	German	2
		Total 6

Reserve Units	Subject	Units
1st Reserve	Drama	2
2nd Reserve	No selection	0
3rd Reserve (for extension courses)	No selection	0
		Total 2

Cancel

Submit

What if I change my mind?



- ▶ Preferences close 9am Tuesday Week 10
- ▶ In Week 5 of Term 4 ONLY, after reports distributed, students may email any course change requests to Mr J Kay
- ▶ Students may change courses in first 3 weeks of Term 1

N.B. Once timetable lines are formed and the timetable is underway your new preferences may or may not be possible

- In demand-courses
- Line clashes

Confirmed Electives

- ▶ Course places finalised end of Term 4
- ▶ Confirmation of places in courses emailed Term 4 Week 9
- ▶ Students are NOT permitted to change courses after Week 3 of Term 1

N.B. NSWSL see Ms Matsos to apply at start of next term





Questions?

Use microphone with camera on

Subject-specific information should be directed to teachers within the faculty