Pittwater House

Secondary School Subjects for 2020

Academic Subjects

For 2020 Pittwater House continues to offer subjects from all of the Key Learning Areas of the NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA). All Subjects taken in Years 11 and 12 lead to the awarding of the NSW Higher School Certificate after the completion of the State exams at the end of Year 12.

A wide range of subject choices is outlined for each year group in the detailed list overleaf. In Years 7 and 8 most subjects are compulsory as prescribed by NESA. The exception to this is the choice between French and Mandarin in Year 8. For Years 9 and 10 each student must take the mandatory core set by the NESA. Aside from the mandatory core subjects' students in Year 9 and 10 must also choose a number of elective subjects as shown in the tables overleaf. The number and choice of elective subjects for students in Year 9 and above in both the Grammar School (boys) and the Girls' College is restricted to those subjects listed in the lower portions of the columns overleaf.

For Years 11 and 12, each of the subjects are assigned 'units' to contribute to the NSW Higher School Certificate. Each candidate is required to undertake a minimum of twelve units in Year 11 (excluding extension subjects) and a minimum of 10 units in Year 12 (although many continue to carry twelve). University entrance or the ATAR is calculated from the student's best 10 units, and this must include two units of English.

All subject choices and changes should be discussed with the Deputy Principal during normal term time. For enrolling, students' subject selections and completed selection forms should be discussed at the Enrolment Interview.

Note: Students in Years 11 and 12 also have the opportunity to study a range of courses through TAFE which can contribute to their ATAR. Additional Language Courses are also available in Years 11 and 12 for background speakers through the Saturday School of Community Languages at Chatswood. Courses may also be taken through the NSW School of Languages. Courses available include Korean, Japanese, German, Russian and Indonesian to name a few.

Any questions or concerns please contact myself on james.walmsley@tphs.nsw.edu.au

Yours sincerely

James Walmsley
Deputy Principal

Student Name: _____ Year: _____

2020 Year 7 Subjects

Students must study each of the following mandatory subjects as per the NESA Guidelines:

- ❒ English
- ❒ Mathematics
- ❒ Science
- ❒ Geography
- ❒ History
- ❒ Technology
- ❒ Music
- ❒ Visual Arts
- ❒ French/Mandarin
- ❒ PDHPE - Personal Development, Health and Physical Education

2020 Year 8 Subjects

Students must study each of the following mandatory subjects as per the NESA Guidelines:

- ❒ English
- ❒ Mathematics
- ❒ Science
- ❒ Geography
- ❒ History
- ❒ Technology
- ❒ Music
- ❒ Visual Arts
- ❒ PDHPE - Personal Development, Health and Physical Education

Student must choose one language from below.

- ☐ French
- ☐ Mandarin

2020 Year 9 Subject Lines

Students must study each of the following mandatory subjects as per the NESA Guidelines:

- ❒ English
- ❒ Science
- ❒ History
- ❒ Geography
- ❒ Mathematics (Level 5.1, 5.2 or 5.3)
- ❒ PDHPE - Personal Development, Health and Physical Education

Students choose THREE electives. ONE must come from each block. Subjects carry forward to Year 10 as part of a two year course.

Block A

- ☐ Commerce
- ☐ Chinese
- ☐ Dance
- ☐ Drama
- ☐ History Elective
- ☐ Information Software and Technology
- ☐ Physical Activity & Sports Studies
- ☐ Photography and Digital Media

Block B

- ☐ Commerce
- ☐ Music
- ☐ French
- ☐ Food Technology
- ☐ Design Technology
- ☐ History Elective
- ☐ Physical Activity & Sports Studies

Block C

- ☐ Commerce
- ☐ French
- ☐ Music
- ☐ STEM
- ☐ Visual Arts
- ☐ Information Software and Technology
- ☐ Photography and Digital Media

2020 Year 10 Subject Lines

Students must study each of the following mandatory subjects as per the NESA Guidelines:

- ❒ English (*please circle*) L1 L2 L3
- ❒ Mathematics (*please circle*) Level 5.1, 5.2 or 5.3
- ❒ Science (*please circle*) L1 L2 L3
- ❒ History
- ❒ Geography
- ❒ PDHPE - Personal Development, Health and Physical Education

Students choose THREE electives. ONE must come from each block. *If selecting a subject not undertaken in Year 9, the subject's inclusion on the ROSA Certificate may be affected. This is only relevant if the student intends to leave schooling prior to the HSC. For further information see Deputy Principal.*

Block A

- ☐ Commerce
- ☐ Drama
- ☐ Food Technology
- ☐ History Elective
- ☐ French
- ☐ Information Software and Technology

Block B

- ☐ Chinese
- ☐ Commerce
- ☐ Dance
- ☐ Design and Technology
- ☐ Music
- ☐ French
- ☐ STEM – Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths
- ☐ Open High School

Block C

- ☐ Commerce
- ☐ Information Software and Technology
- ☐ Visual Arts
- ☐ Physical Activity & Sports Studies
- ☐ Photography and Digital Media
- ☐ Music

Student Name: _____ Year: _____

2020 Year 11 Subject Lines

	Unless stated, all subjects are 2 units. A minimum of 12 units is required. The study of English is compulsory.				
Group 1	☐ English - Standard ☐ English - Advanced ☐ English as an Additional language & Dialect (EAL/D) ☐ English Studies	**Group 2**	☐ Mathematics (2 Unit) ☐ Mathematics Standard (2 Unit)	**Group 3**	☐ Music (Course 1) ☐ Music (Course 2) ☐ Biology ☐ Information Processes & Technology ☐ Business Studies ☐ Geography ☐ Food Technology
Group 4	☐ Industrial Technology - Multimedia ☐ Chemistry ☐ Modern History ☐ Dance (HSC) ☐ French ☐ Information Processes & Technology ☐ Legal Studies	**Group 5**	☐ Ancient History ☐ Business Studies ☐ Chemistry ☐ Design Technology ☐ Economics ☐ Modern History ☐ Visual Arts	**Group 6**	☐ Biology ☐ Business Studies ☐ Community & Family Studies ☐ Legal Studies ☐ PDHPE ☐ Physics
EXT	☐ Mathematics Ext. 1 (1 Unit) ☐ English Ext. 1 (1 Unit)	**Offline**	☐ Studies of Religion (1 Unit)	**Other**	☐ NSW School of Languages (2 Unit) ☐ TAFE / TVET (2 Unit)

2020 Year 12 Subject Lines

	Unless stated, all subjects are 2 units. A minimum of 10 units is required. The study of English is compulsory.				
Group 1	☐ English - Standard ☐ English - Advanced ☐ English as an Additional language & Dialect (EAL/D) ☐ English Studies	**Group 2**	☐ Mathematics (2 Unit) ☐ Mathematics Standard (2 Unit)	**Group 3**	☐ Music (Course 1) ☐ Music (Course 2) ☐ Biology ☐ Economics ☐ Information Processes & Technology ☐ Modern History ☐ Visual Arts
Group 4	☐ Ancient History ☐ Business Studies ☐ Chemistry ☐ Geography ☐ Modern History	**Group 5**	☐ Ancient History ☐ Earth & Environmental Sciences ☐ Investigating Science ☐ Industrial Technology Multimedia ☐ Legal Studies ☐ Physics	**Group 6**	☐ Business Studies ☐ Drama ☐ Design Technology ☐ Economics ☐ French ☐ Legal Studies ☐ PDHPE
EXT	☐ Mathematics Ext. 1 (1 Unit) ☐ Mathematics Ext. 2 (1 Unit) ☐ English Ext. 1 (1 Unit) ☐ English Ext. 2 (1 Unit) ☐ Music Ext (1 Unit) ☐ Science Ext (1 Unit) ☐ History Ext (1 Unit)	**Offline**	☐ Studies of Religion (1 Unit)	**Other**	☐ NSW School of Languages (2 Unit) ☐ TAFE / TVET (2 Unit)