YEAR 10 @ MESC

Subject Selection process for 2015
STUDENT SUPPORT

- **Head of Year 10**
  - Mr Aaron Prior

- **Head of Year 9**
  - Mr Micah Davis

- **Year 9 Mentors**

- **VCAL Coordinator**
  - Ms Petra Fankhauser

- **Student Pathways & Transition Coordinator**
  - Mrs Leanne Paterson
The Year 9 & 10 curriculum at Mount Eliza Secondary College is based on a core and elective program. It is designed to provide students with a breadth of experiences, skills and knowledge for entry into VCE, VCAL or employment.
Year 10 students must complete a total of 12 study units (6 per semester).

Students are required to complete the following 5 compulsory units:

- **ENGLISH** Semester 1 & 2
- **MATHEMATICS** Semester 1 & 2
- **VCE Unit 1 & 2 Subject** Semester 1 & 2
- **SCIENCE** Semester 1 or 2
  
* PERSONAL FUTURES

- **OR A VCAL PROGRAM** Semester 1 & 2
Students are required to complete an additional 5 study units:

The recommendation is to choose subjects which:

- you like and are interested in;
- you are good at; and ones where
- you would like to further develop your skills.

We recommend that students pick subjects from a broad range of learning areas: The Humanities, Health and Physical Education, The Arts, Science, Technology and Languages other than English.

Some subjects incur additional materials costs $$$$.
THE HANDBOOK

- What is VCE, VCAL and VET
- Alphabetical Listing of all subjects including VET offerings
- Material charges
- IMPORTANT DATES
ACCESSING THE HANDBOOK

- Desktop of Netbooks
- Website
- Student and Parent Compass Portal (via News)
Click on ‘Documents and Downloads’ (Our Parents section)
DOCUMENTS AND DOWNLOADS

College Prospectus
Mount Eliza Secondary College Prospectus

Senior School

9-12 Course Selection Guide

College Payment Methods
BPay Agreement
Credit Card Full Payment or Payment Plan
Direct Debit User Request

Strategic Plan
What our school is doing
2011-14 Mount Eliza Secondary College School Strategic Plan

School Council Minutes
Council Minutes 371 18 July 2013 website

Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA)
EMA Information
EMA Eligibility
EMA Amounts
EMA Application Form

Parent Occupation Information
Parent Occupation Letter
Parent Occupation Group Codes
Parent Occupation Form

Netbook Program
Netbook Incident Report
Netbook Operation Issue Report
MESC Acceptable User Agreement (Summary)
MESC Acceptable User Agreement (Full)
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## ENGLISH

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*Year 10 students need to choose at least one semester of Science in 2015*

## MATHEMATICS

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### THE ARTS

- Art
- Sound Engineering
- Visual Communication Design
- Performance Arts (Music, Dance, Drama)

### TECHNOLOGY

- Industrial Design and Technology
- Food Technology
- Textiles
- Multimedia Authoring
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VCE AT MESC

What is the VCE?

- Normally undertaken over 2 years
- Administered by the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority (VCAA).
- Year 10 Students (not VCAL) are required to undertake a VCE Unit 1 & 2 Subject in 2015.
A VCAL PROGRAM

At Mount Eliza SC we offer

- Foundation VCAL
- Intermediate VCAL
- Senior VCAL

Levels are suited to ability, interest, experience and learning goals
VCAL

Students will usually study:

1. Literacy
2. Numeracy
3. Personal Development and Work Related Skills
4. VET
5. Structured Workplace Learning or SBAT

1-3 completed over 2-3 days at school
4 and 5 often completed offsite on the other 2 days
VCAL PATHWAY

Students suited to taking the VCAL Pathway could include:
- Those interested in pursuing a trade (hairdressing, beauty therapy, building and construction, computer game design, horticulture)
- Those interested in attending TAFE and/or structured work placement 2 days a week. For example, The Briars.
- Those that don’t require a VCE certificate or particular subjects as entry requirements for their pathway. For example, Events, Hospitality & Tourism.
Types of activities that the VCAL students will be involved in this year:

- Try-a-trade Expo
- Formula One Grand Prix
- Mental Health Exhibition at Melbourne Museum
- Creating an outdoor garden design for the school
- Clean Up MESC Day
- Pyjama Foundation Charity Walk
COMPLETION OF VCAL

- Student must complete 10 credits for each certificate.
ACCESSING SUBJECT SELECTIONS

IMPORTANT DATES

- **21st May:** Online Course Selection Opens
- **3rd June:** Online Course Selection Closes
- **4th June:** Last date to bring your selection sheet (you should have printed this) and planning sheet to be handed to your mentor teacher.
- Online interview bookings open
- **9th June:** Last day to sign up for course counselling appointments
- **10th June:** Individual course counselling appointments held and final subject selections made by students.