



Year 8 Home Group Course Counselling Form 2023, Wed 27th July

Over the next couple of weeks, you will be asked to select the course that you will do in Year 9. Please complete this form in readiness for subject counselling interviews scheduled Wednesday, 27th July. It is highly recommended that you sit with your family and discuss the subject selection together. Subject selection should be completed in consultation with the 2023 Curriculum Handbook, which is located on the schools website under 'publications' and on [School Resources | Compass](#)

SECTION A: Student Information

Student Name: _____ Home Group: _____

Parent / Caregiver Name: _____ Contact Number: _____

SECTION B: Personal Strength and Attributes

In considering your course, we are asking you think about your strengths, favourite subjects and possible career pathways that interest you. This information will help guide your subject selection.

Name your favourite subjects at school _____

Name subjects that you excel at _____

Name five careers/jobs which you would like to do when you have finished school

SECTION C: Subject Selection Notes

Compulsory subjects

- Throughout the year, students study **twelve units**; six units are compulsory, and have been selected for you.
 - Two units in core Mathematics (full year)
 - Two units in core English (full year)
 - One unit in core Science (one semester)
 - One unit in core HAPE (one semester)
- Students must select **one unit** from **each** of the following Learning Areas: **Humanities, Arts and Technology**. This results in three units of study.

Elective Subjects

- Students select three elective choices, in order of preference from any of the eight Curriculum Learning Areas. Each elective will take up one unit of study. With the exception of Language and GPEP which are two units each.
- Students that select to study a language as an elective can choose not to study one of Humanities, Arts or Technology. Languages will take up two units, as you must study the course for the whole year. This means selecting a language will take up one free choice.
- Students who elect to study GPEP as an elective, will use up two units. There are no special allowances given for the study of GPEP.
- Students who elect to study both Languages and GPEP will not have any further elective choices.
- Students may wish to accelerate by selecting a Year 10 elective subject. This could potentially make it easier for a student to attempt a VCE subject when they are in Year 10. However, for this to occur students must be 'At Level' or above in English, and excelling in the subject already.
- Science focused students are strongly encouraged to choose a Year 10 Science elective or Year 9 Sports Science – otherwise they **only** have one semester of Science.



SECTION D: Subject Selection Form

Remember, throughout the year students study **twelve units**: six units each semester.

Compulsory Subjects (six units already selected)

Subject	Number of units	Semester or Full Year
Core Mathematics	2	Full Year
Core English	2	Full Year
Core Science	1	Semester
Core HAPE	1	Semester
Total = 6 units		

Humanities, Art and Technology Subject

Make sure you have selected **at least one unit**/subject in Humanities, Arts and Technology. This results in three units of study. Note: if you choose a language, you can choose not to study one of Humanities, Arts or Technology.

Subject	Number of units	Subject Choice
Humanities subject		
Arts subject		
Technology subject		

Elective Subject Selection *(in order of preference)*

(*GPEP takes 2 units from your three choices)

Elective Subjects	Number of units	Subject Choice
Choice 1		
Choice 2		
Choice 3		

Back Up Subject. My two back up subjects in preference order are:

Back Up Subject 1	
Back Up Subject 2	

Other Important Information

- Visit the GHS Careers Website www.geelonghscareers.com and complete interests quizzes, your resume, explore pathway options from a GAP year, Universities, Apprenticeships and TAFE
- Keep your options open (your ideas could change in the next year or two)
- Select subjects which interest you and you succeed at
- Select subjects which are important for your preferred career path
- Consider GPEP and go through the interview process BEFORE course counselling day

Student signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Caregiver name: _____ Parent/Caregiver signature: _____