



Warracknabeal Secondary College

Curriculum Policy

Rationale:

Schools have discretion about the structure of school programs.

Aims:

- To ensure that AusVELS and VCE curriculum is documented and reported against
- To ensure that students have a breadth of subject options to give them options for the future

Implementation:

Time allocations are based on 50 minute periods.

Year	Core	Time	Block 1	Block 2	Block 3	Block 4	Block 5	Block 6
VCAL	Literacy Numeracy PDS WRS Workforce VET	5 5 4 4 6 6						
12	English	5	Further Specialist	Studio Art Biology History D&Tech	Business Psychology Outdoor Ed Methods	Literature PE Food Tech Physics	Chemistry VCD Health	VET
11	English	4	General	Physics Literature PE Food	Chemistry VCD Health Geography	Psychology Methods Outdoor Ed	Biology Studio Art D&Tech History Business	VET Study Hall
10	English Maths	4 4						
9	English Maths Science Humanities HAPE Pastoral	5 5 4 4 3 1	Art Tech Food Japanese	Tech VCD HAPE Drama	Yr9 Electives are Semester long for 3 periods per week		Yr9/10 Electives are 2 periods per week	Enviro Energy B/T Journalism Advance WORDS
8	English Maths	5 5	Media Art/VCD	Systems Textiles	Yr7 & 8 students rotate through 4 semester long practical subjects each year			
7	Science Humanities HAPE/Sport Japanese	4 3 5 2	Food Wood	Drama Art/VCD				

Middle School:

The Curriculum in Year 7 & 8 is designed to expose students to a range of subjects that they may not have considered to be of interest or use to them previously. In Year 9, students have 3 elective blocks to choose subjects that they have been exposed to in Year 7 & 8. There is one period for Pastoral Care in Year 9 to help students develop their career action plans and to explore pathway options as they transition to the senior school. The combined Year 9 and 10 elective block has a major focus on community participation and partnerships.

Senior School:

In order to prepare students for post-secondary school pathways, the senior school curriculum is blocked to encourage pathway focused subject selections. Students in Year 10 are enrolled in VCE Unit 1 and/or 2 classes (except English and Maths) in order to gain exposure to more advanced content, preparing them for future success. Year 11 students can choose a practical pathway (VCAL) or academic (VCE). Our VCAL program is project based, with one day dedicated to completing a VET course (Wednesday) and another day to participate in the workforce (Thursday). Year 11 students who choose to do VCE have the option to choose Year 12 subjects (Unit 3 & 4) as well as their Year 11 subjects. Senior subjects are also offered through the Grampians Virtual School and also distance education units to provide more options and flexibility. VETis is offered to all Senior Secondary Students (Yr10-12), primarily out of Horsham. Yr10s and 11s on Wednesday participate in Study Hall for private study, practicing exam questions and developing study skills. Yr10s have an elective option on Wednesday to combine with the Year 9 electives in Block 6.

Period Allocation

	English	Maths	Science	Humanities	Tech/Art	HAPE	LOTE	Electives	Total
Yr12	5		Elective	Elective	Elective	Elec.	Elec.	20	25
Yr11	4	4	Elective	Elective	Elective	Elec.	Elec.	16	24+VET/study
Yr10	4	4	Elective	Elective	Elective	Elec.	Elec.	18	26+Study
Yr9	5	5	4	4	Elective	3	Elec.	8	29+PC
Yr8	5	5	4	3	6	5	2		30
Yr7	5	5	4	3	6	5	2		30

Evaluation: This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three-year review cycle.

Ratified by School Council

Date:

21/3/16

Signed:

Principal:





School Council President: