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# *Year 11 Subject Handbook*

A CATHOLIC CO-EDUCATIONAL COLLEGE  
*Educating in the Salesian Tradition*

*Dear Families,*

This Handbook presents information which will assist Students and Parents of the Xavier College Community to understand the purpose, structure and ethos of this Catholic School.

Family, School and Church are the partners in this educational enterprise. To choose Xavier College as the environment in which one will work, study, live for the better part of each weekday, is to choose a situation permeated with the spirit of the Gospel; a situation which aims at the total well-being of the young, that is, education in its widest sense.

The Handbook gives a detailed overview of the Year 11 Curriculum. This is a critical time for students as the choices that are made will have a huge impact on the direction they take in the next few years. I encourage students and families to read the Handbook carefully and seek clarification whenever there is doubt.

Let us support each other in this task, whether we are parents, educators or students. We are all Co-workers in the saving mission of the Church.



Mr Mark Flaherty  
**Principal**







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# South Australian Certificate of Education (SACE)

Students who successfully complete their senior secondary education are awarded the South Australian Certificate of Education (SACE). The SACE is an internationally recognised qualification that paves the way for young people to move from school to work or further training and study. The certificate is based on two stages of achievement: Stage 1 (predominantly undertaken in Year 11) and Stage 2 (predominantly Year 12).

## How do students get the SACE?

To gain the SACE, students complete about two years of full-time study which most students spread over three years. There are two stages:

- Stage 1, with most subjects undertaken in Year 11
- Stage 2, with most subjects undertaken in Year 12

Note that students will undertake compulsory Stage 1 Personal Learning Plan and Religious Education as Stage 1 Integrated Learning in year 10. Students will also undertake compulsory Stage 2 Research Project and Religious Education as Stage 2 Integrated Learning in Year 11.

Each subject or course successfully completed earns 'credits' towards the SACE, with a minimum of 200 credits required for students to gain the certificate.

Students will receive a grade from A to E for each subject in Stage 1 and A+ to E- for each subject in Stage 2.

## For compulsory subjects, students will need to achieve a C- grade or better

The compulsory elements are:

- Exploring Identities and Futures (10 credits at Stage 1 level – subject completed in Year 10)
- Literacy – at least 20 credits from a range of English subjects or courses (Stage 1)
- Numeracy – at least 10 credits from a range of Mathematics subjects or courses (Stage 1)
- Activating Identities and Futures – and in-depth major individual project (10 credits at Stage 2)
- Other Stage 2 subjects totalling at least 60 credits.

The remaining 90 credits can be gained through additional Stage 1 or Stage 2 subjects or SACE Board-recognised courses of a student's choice.

## What is Community Learning?

Students are able to earn SACE credits for learning undertaken in the community. Information on community-based courses can be found at: <https://www.sace.sa.edu.au/learning/community-learning>.

Students can also count recognition for learning gained through informal community activities such as coaching a sporting team, being the primary carer of a family member, or leading an environmental project in the community. Students will need to provide evidence of their learning for assessment so that the SACE Board can recognise these other kinds of community learning.

## SACE Planner

You can download the SACE planner as a pdf document at the SACE Board website. Follow this link to find it: [SACE Planner \[PDF\]](#).

### University and TAFE Entry

Students who complete the SACE are eligible for university entry, provided they meet certain requirements. For university entry, students must complete at least 90 credits at Stage 2. Of these 90 credits, at least 70 credits must be from Tertiary Admissions Subjects (TAS) and the other 20 either from TAS subjects, Recognised Studies, or a mix of the two. Universities also specify required subjects for some of their courses.

TAFE SA recognises the SACE as meeting the entry requirements for most of its courses. It also considers a variety of other qualifications and experiences in its entry and selection processes.

### Studying Successfully in Secondary School

The key ingredients to successful completion of school are:

- Regular attendance;
- Organisation and time management skills;
- Involvement in a range of well-balanced activities;
- Persistence.

Students who do not attend school regularly place themselves at serious risk of not completing school successfully. Such students fall behind with class work, miss important input and frequently fail to complete required assessment tasks. Students should work with subject and oratory teachers to ensure that they meet deadlines for assessment tasks.

It is essential that parents who plan to take family holidays with students during term time discuss those plans and the likely impact on the student's study program with the student's House Director of Teaching & Learning.

As students move up through the school they will be required to manage a fairly substantial work load and must therefore have good organisation and time management skills. The use of SEQTA will assist students to keep track of what must be done and when.

Students should work with subject and oratory teachers to ensure that they meet deadlines for assessment tasks.

Students should continue to be involved in all aspects of a balanced adolescent life including attendance at school, completion of homework, participation in social activities and involvement in some physical exercise. There is no reason why that well balanced life can't include part-time work as well for senior students. What is important is keeping the balance right. Obviously, for success a student's study must be the first priority.

# Vocational Education and Training

## What is VET and how can I do it?

Vocational Education and Training (VET) brings industry and schools together to clearly articulate pathways through secondary school to employment, enhance career education and improve outcomes for students and employers. VET pathways have been designed in partnership with industry to identify qualifications appropriate for school students that contain the skills, knowledge and experience valued by employers.

Depending on the needs of employers, VET pathways include qualifications at Certificate II and III level that industry considers suitable for school students. VET pathways can also be undertaken in the workplace through an apprenticeship or traineeship. Importantly, the pathways allow for school subjects and VET to be delivered concurrently so that students can complete their qualification and their SACE.

VET pathways are reviewed annually to ensure that they remain relevant to students and industry and lead to meaningful employment. VET pathways do incur costs to the individual, although depending upon student option subsidies can be accessed through the VETRO process. If interested in following a VET pathway, students are encouraged to discuss this with their House Director – Teaching & Learning and the Coordinator-Careers Transition, and VET.

## Expectations of Senior Students

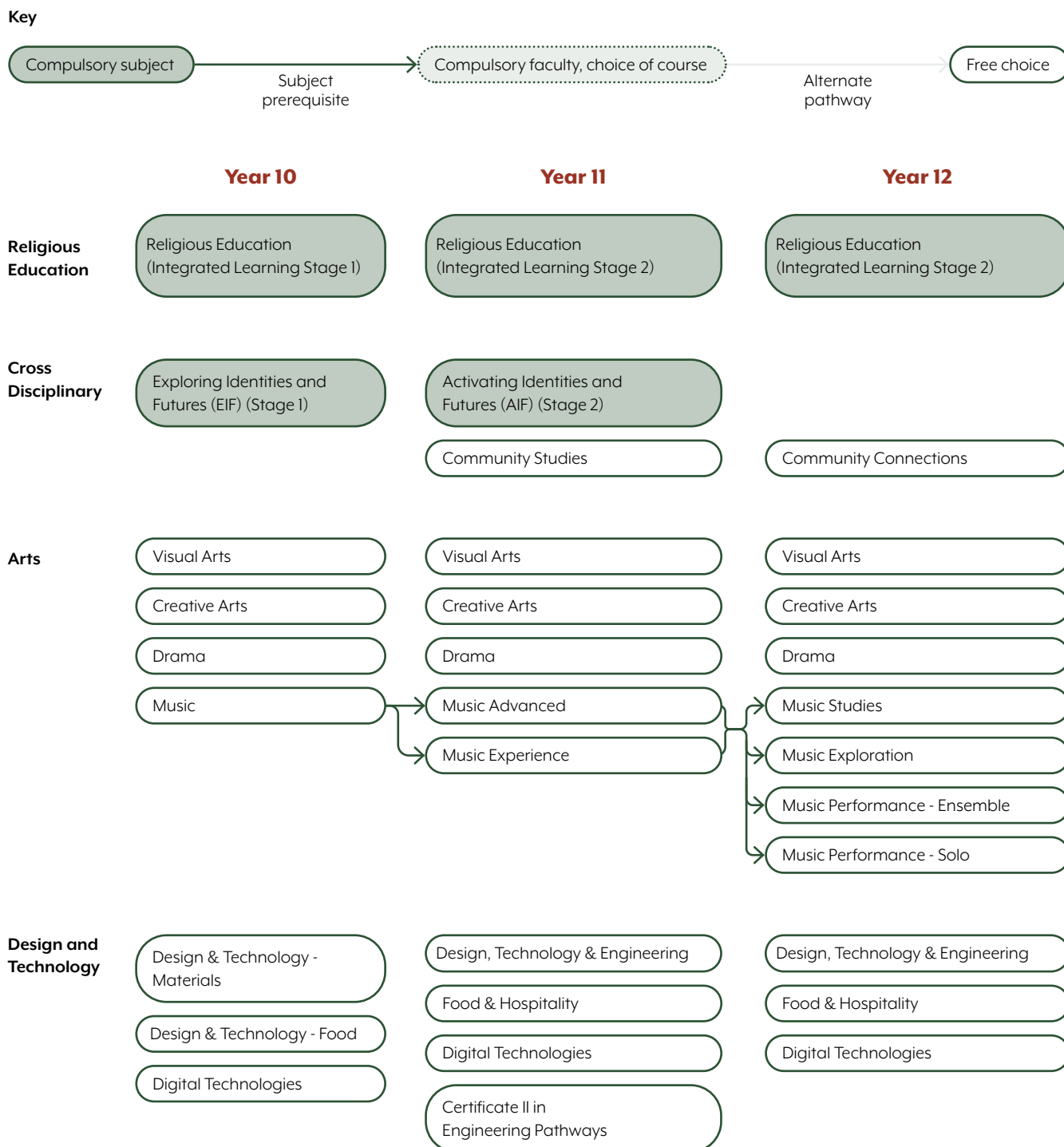
Students at Year 11 and 12 are expected to demonstrate leadership within the life of the school. This includes participation in all school activities (eg: Year 12 Retreat, Sports Days, Liturgical celebrations etc), wearing the uniform correctly and supporting younger students in any difficulties they face.

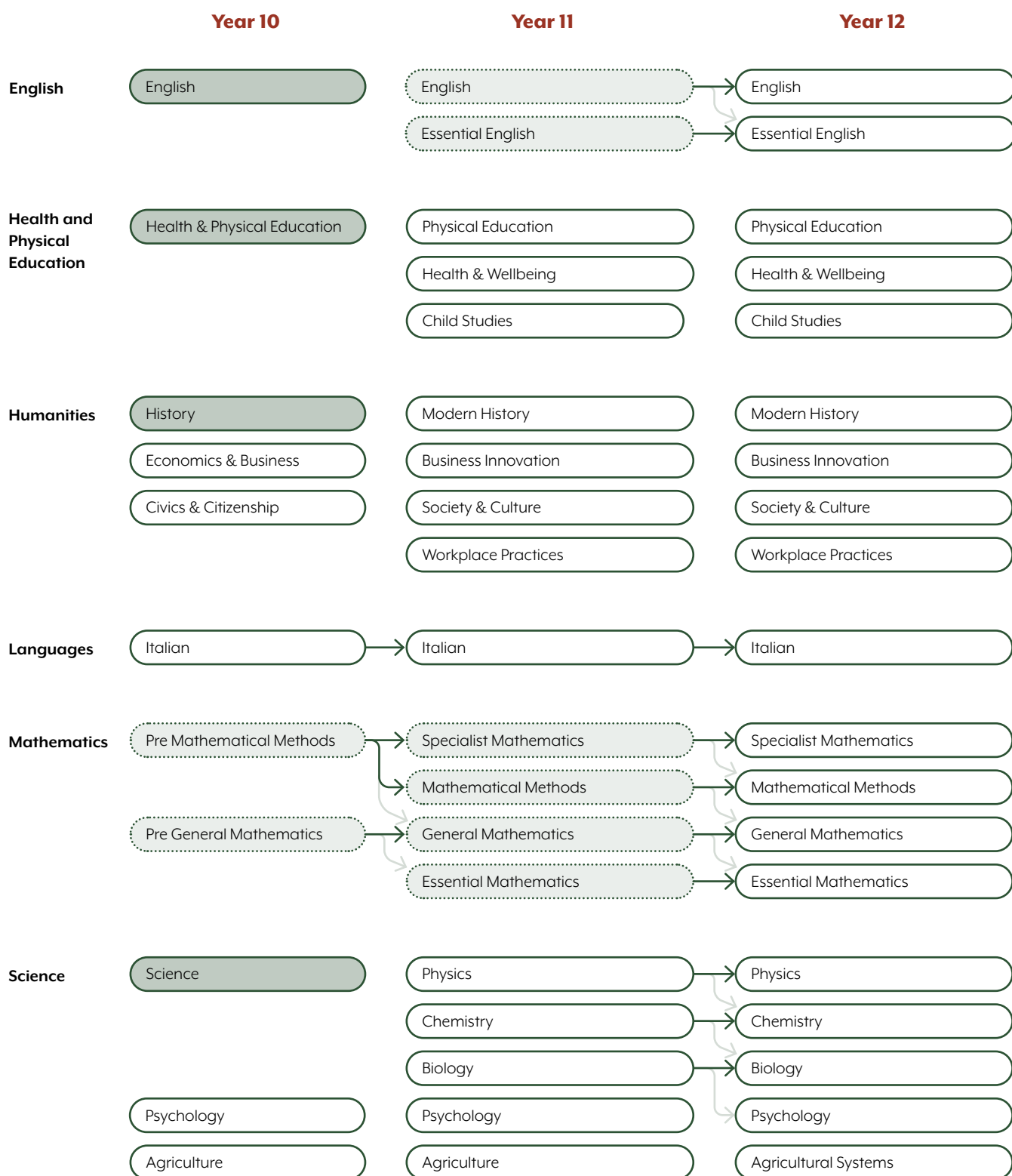
Senior School students are generally considered to have made a positive choice to remain at school. This is a choice, which we at Xavier College strongly encourage. Senior students are expected to demonstrate a desire and intention to learn. This desire and intention to learn will be demonstrated by:

1. Attending lessons punctually;
2. Being prepared for lessons with the appropriate materials and equipment;
3. Conducting oneself in class such that other students can learn and the teacher can teach;
4. Completing required in class and homework tasks;
5. Submitting all required work according to the Assessment Deadlines Policy;

# Year 10-12 Pathways

The following tables shows pathways from year 10 to year 12 including prerequisites for some subjects.







## Choosing a Course for Year 11

Students will make initial choices in Term 3 and final subject choices will be confirmed towards the end of Semester 2. Subjects will be offered on the basis of student choices and the ability of the College to resource those subjects.

In selecting your course students should:

1. Ensure choices fit the SACE rules;
2. Ensure that any pre-requisite study has been completed;
3. Check pathways and pre-requisites for further study in Years 11 and 12;
4. Choose units which will allow success but also be challenging;
5. Consider their own talents, abilities and interests – not what friends are doing;
6. Consider the recommendations of previous subject teachers.

### Who to contact for advice

#### Directors of Teaching and Learning

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#### Future Pathways, VET, Careers & Transition from School to Work or Further Study

For information on vocational education and training, please speak to the relevant House Director.

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## Religious Education (Integrated Learning)

Religious Education is a compulsory part of Year 11 at Xavier College and will be taught using the Integrated Learning SACE subject. Integrated Learning allows students to learn and explore more about the Catholic faith in conjunction with developing their capabilities in the SACE. Students have the opportunity to delve into the Crossways curriculum in the following areas: God Us and Faith, Sacred Texts, Church for the World, and Moral Life. Students gain an appreciation of, and respect for, the different ways in which people develop an understanding and knowledge of religion as something living and dynamic, and the ways in which they think, feel and act because of their religious beliefs.

### SACE Credits

10

### Stage 2 Assessment

Students demonstrate evidence of their learning through the following assessment types:

School-based Assessment	Weighting
Practical Inquiry	40%
Connections	30%

External Assessment	Weighting
Personal Endeavour	30%

### Information on the External Assessment at Stage 2

#### Personal Endeavour

The personal endeavour is a report of a maximum of 1000 words for a 10-credit subject. This assessment will be marked by an external assessor appointed by the SACE Board. The teacher and the external assessor make a decision about the quality of the personal endeavor with reference to performance standards.

## Creative Arts

In Creative Arts, students have opportunities to specialise in study within and across the arts disciplines of dance, drama, music, filmmaking, digital media, and the visual arts: art and design. Students participate in the processes of development and the presentation of finished or realised creative arts products. Creative arts products may take the form of musical productions, plays, or concerts, visual artefacts, digital media, film and video, public arts projects, community performances, presentations and installations, and in vocal groups or other ensembles. This subject outline gives schools the opportunity to vary the content and/or school-based assessment to develop local programs that suit their needs and interests.

In Creative Arts students undertake a specialised study within or across one or more arts disciplines.

### SACE Credits

One semester of Creative Arts contributes 10 credits towards the SACE. It can be selected for one semester.

### Content

Creative Arts is highly self-directed and requires students to be capable of working independently. Students choose the focus of their own Art discipline. They actively participate in the development and presentation of creative arts products. These may take the form of (but not limited to), visual art, craft and design works, digital media, film and video, public arts projects, presentations and installations. Students analyse and evaluate creative arts products in different contexts and from various perspectives, and gain an understanding and appreciation of the ways in which creative arts contribute to and shape the intellectual, social, and cultural life of individuals and communities.

## Drama

Telling stories and representing our humanity to each other are basic human activities. They are the essence of drama. Students learn by participating in creative problem-solving; generating, analysing, and evaluating ideas; developing personal interpretations of texts; learning to set goals and working collaboratively to achieve them; rehearsing, workshoping, and improvising solutions; as well as presenting their product or performance. Students have the opportunity to develop their curiosity and imagination, creativity, individuality, personal identity, self-esteem, and confidence. They also have opportunities to improve their skills in experimentation, communication, self-discipline, collaboration, teamwork, and leadership. Students learn to acknowledge and respect diversity and different perspectives on the world.

### SACE Credits

One semester of Drama contributes 10 credits towards the SACE. It can be selected for one semester.

### Content

Students explore the ways in which theories and practices have shaped, and continue to shape, the dramatic arts. Through written, oral, and practical tasks, students deepen and personalise their understanding of the genre. Students investigate, research, develop, and demonstrate their understanding of an area of interest by creating a product (e.g. a performance, a design brief), for a real or hypothetical presentation. In this area of study, students learn to discuss, analyse, and reflect on dramatic elements in their own work and/or the work of other people. They explore the ways in which theatre styles enhance the relationship of text–actor–audience, from the perspective of writer, director, designer, or technician.

Drama students need to be capable of working independently and collaboratively, and also have the confidence and ability to present to an audience in the roles of actor, writer, designer and technician.

## Music Experience and Music Advanced

Students develop an understanding of the elements of music and apply this understanding to create their own music as performances, arrangements, or compositions. They develop their musical literacy through responding to and reflecting on their own and others' musical works.

Students can enrol in Stage 1 – Music Experience programs or Stage 1 – Music Advanced programs.

Music Experience is designed for students with emerging musical skills and provides opportunities for them to develop their musical understanding and skills in creating and responding to music. Music Experience programs provide pathways to Stage 2 Music Performance – Ensemble, Music Performance – Solo, and/or Music Explorations.

Music Advanced is designed to extend students' existing musical understanding and skills in creating and responding to music. They provide pathways to Stage 2 Music Performance - Ensemble, Music Performance - Solo, Music Explorations and/or Music Studies.

### SACE Credits

One semester of Creative Arts contributes 10 credits towards the SACE. It can be selected for one semester.

### Content

The subject consists of the following strands:

- Understanding music
- Creating music
- Responding to music

Students will present at least two creative works, one of which should be a performance and one should be an arrangement or a composition.

Students should undertake at least one musical literacy task, which enables them to demonstrate their musical literacy skills, communicate their musical ideas, and use appropriate musical terminology.

## Visual Arts

In Visual Arts students express ideas through practical work using drawings, sketches, diagrams, models, prototypes, photographs and/or audio visual techniques leading to resolved pieces. Students have opportunities to research, understand and reflect upon visual art works in their cultural and historical contexts.

The broad area of Art includes both artistic and crafting methods and outcomes, including the development of ideas, research, analysis and experimentation with media and techniques, resolution and production.

### SACE Credits

One semester of Visual Arts contributes 10 credits towards the SACE. It can be selected for one or two semesters.

### Content

In the Visual Arts - Art Course at Xavier College students continue to develop their own personal style and expand their skills in both 2D and 3D art medias and techniques including (but not limited to) clay, printmaking, drawing, painting and produce finished art works.

Students research, analyse, explore and experiment with media and technique, and resolve and produce practical work. They use visual thinking and investigation to develop ideas and concepts, refine technical skills, and produce imaginative solutions. Students learn to communicate personal ideas, beliefs, values, thoughts, feelings, concepts and opinions, and provide observations of their lived or imagined experiences in visual form.

## Design, Technology, and Engineering

In Design, Technology, and Engineering, students use the design and realisation process to engineer solutions for the development of products or systems. Design, Technology, and Engineering has four contexts: digital communication solutions, industry and entrepreneurial solutions, material solutions, and robotic and electronic systems.

The subject provides a flexible framework that encourages students to be creative, innovative, and enterprising in their chosen context. They apply critical thinking and problem-solving skills and incorporate technologies to address design problems and challenges. This subject incorporates the transfer of interdisciplinary skills and knowledge and promotes individualised and inquiry-based learning. Design, Technology, and Engineering provides opportunities for students to apply engineering processes and use new and evolving technologies.

### SACE Credits

One semester of Design, Technology, and Engineering contributes 10 credits towards the SACE. It can be selected for one semester.

### Content

Students will learn to create a design brief that provides the basis for the development of potential solutions to design problems and challenges, and review design features, processes, materials, and production techniques to assist with the realisation of the solution. Students will analyse influences on a product or system including ethical, legal, economic, and/or sustainability issues. They will consider the practical implications of these issues on society or on design solutions.

## Food and Hospitality

In Food and Hospitality, students focus on the dynamic nature of the food and hospitality industry in Australian society. They develop an understanding of contemporary approaches and issues related to food and hospitality. Students work independently and collaboratively to achieve common goals. They develop skills and safe work practices in the preparation, storage and handling of food, complying with current health and safety legislation. Students investigate and debate contemporary food and hospitality issues and current management practices.

### SACE Credits

One semester of Food and Hospitality contributes 10 credits towards the SACE. It can be selected for one or two semesters.

### Content

For a 10-credit subject, students complete two practical activity tasks and one investigation. Stage 1 Food and Hospitality consists of the following concepts:

- Local and Global Issues
- Trends in Food Culture
- Food Safety and Hygiene
- Food and the Hospitality Industry
- Food, the Individual and the Family

Possible topics to explore include food preparation and poisoning, food allergies and intolerances, contemporary trends in food and cultural street foods.



## Digital Technologies

The study of Digital Technologies provides a platform for deep interdisciplinary learning. Students make connections with innovation in other fields and across other learning areas. In Digital Technologies students create practical, innovative solutions to problems of interest. By extracting, interpreting, and modelling real-world data sets, students identify trends and examine sustainable solutions to problems in, for example, business, industry, the environment, and the community. They investigate how potential solutions are influenced by current and projected social, economic, environmental, scientific, and ethical considerations, including relevance, originality, appropriateness, and sustainability.

### SACE Credits

One semester of Digital Technologies contributes 10 credits towards the SACE. It can be selected for one semester.

### Content

Students use computational thinking skills and strategies to identify, deconstruct, and solve problems that are of interest to them. They analyse and evaluate data, test hypotheses, make decisions based on evidence, and create solutions. Through the study of Digital Technologies, students are encouraged to take ownership of problems and design, code, validate, and evaluate their solutions. In doing so, they develop and extend their understanding of designing and programming, including the basic constructs involved in coding, array processing, and modularisation.

## Certificate II in Engineering Pathways - MEM20413

This qualification delivers broad-based underpinning skills and knowledge in a range of engineering and manufacturing tasks which will enhance the graduates' entry-level employment prospects for apprenticeships, traineeships, or general employment in an engineering-related workplace. To complete the qualification, students are required to complete all 4 core units and 8 elective units.

Please note that the course is delivered on site at Xavier College one day a week for the full year by a qualified TAFE lecturer.

Please note that this course attracts additional costs.

Units of Competency	
MEMI3014A	Apply principles of occupational health and safety in the work environment
MEMI6006A	Organise and communicate information
MEMI6008A	Interact with computing technology
MEMI8001C	Use hand tools
MEMI8002B	Use power tools/handheld operations
MEMPE001A	Use engineering workshop machines
MEMPE002A	Use electric welding machines
MEMPE003A	Use oxy-acetylene and soldering equipment
MEMPE004A	Use fabrication equipment
MEMPE005A	Develop a career plan for the engineering and manufacturing industry
MEMPE006A	Undertake a basic engineering project
MEMPE007A	Pull apart and re-assemble engineering mechanisms
MSAENV272B	Participate in environmentally sustainable work practices
MSAPCII01A	Adapt to work in industry
MSAPMSUP106A	Work in a team

# Activating Identities and Futures

Students will:

- explore ideas related to an area of personal interest through a process of self-directed inquiry.
- draw on knowledge, skills and capabilities developed throughout their education that they can apply in this new context and select relevant strategies to progress the learning to a resolution.
- focus on exploration with the aim of developing capabilities to support their chosen pathways.

The purpose of Activating Identities and Futures is for students to take greater ownership and agency over their learning (learning how to learn) as they select relevant strategies (knowing what to do when you don't know what to do) to explore, create and/or plan to progress an area of personal interest towards a learning output..

## SACE Credits

The Research Project is a 10 credit compulsory subject of the SACE and as such must be completed with a C- grade or better.

## Assessment

Students demonstrate evidence of their learning through the following assessment:

School-based Assessment		Weighting
Portfolio (exploration of ideas, experimentation, trials, planning, problem solving etc.)		35%
Progress Checks		35%
External Assessment		Weighting
Appraisal		30%

# Community Connections

Students learn in a community context and interact with teachers, peers, and community members. They decide the focus of their community activity/community application activity, which begins from a point of personal interest, skill, or knowledge.

By setting challenging and achievable goals in their community activity/community application activity, students enhance their knowledge and understanding in a guided and supported learning program. They develop their capacity to work independently and to apply their skills and knowledge in practical ways in their community.

**This subject does not attract an ATAR and is negotiated with the House Director of Teaching and Learning.**

## SACE Credits

Stage 2 Community Connections can be studied as a 10-credit subject or a 20-credit subject in various areas of study. Students who study Community Studies or Community Connections may not be able to achieve an ATAR score. They will be able to achieve their SACE.

## Stage 2 Content

Students develop their program from any of the following ten areas of study:

### Community Connections

- Humanities and Social Sciences Connections
- Interdisciplinary Connections
- Practical Connections
- STEM Connections

## Stage 2 Assessment

Students demonstrate evidence of their learning through the following assessment types:

School-based Assessment		Weighting
<b>Community Studies</b>	<b>Community Connections</b>	
Contract of Work	Folio and Reflection	70%
External Assessment		Weighting
<b>Community Studies</b>	<b>Community Connections</b>	
Reflection	Community Application Activity	30%

## Information on the External Assessment at Stage 2

### Community Studies – Reflection

Students review and evaluate their learning experiences. After completing the community activity and receiving feedback from their community contact(s) and others (including the audience of their presentation), students reflect in detail on what they have learnt and the value of their community activity to themselves and to the community. This reflection may be presented using one or a combination of the following forms: written, oral, visual, or digital.

### Community Connections – Community Application Activity

Students undertake a community application activity. This assessment is designed by the student. The student takes an aspect or area of interest from the selected Stage 2 subject, and applies the knowledge, skills, and understanding of the aspect or area of interest to a community context. As a guide, the student undertakes this community application activity in approximately 20 hours of programmed time for a 20-credit subject, and approximately 10 hours of programmed time for a 10-credit subject.

## Essential English

Stage 1 Essential English is designed from the Senior Secondary Australian Curriculum. The subject caters for students with a range of preferred learning styles.

Students will be recommended for this course by their Year 10 English teacher in consultation with their House Director – Teaching and Learning.

### SACE Credits

One semester of Essential English contributes 10 credits towards the SACE. If selected, it must be for both semesters to meet the literacy requirement of the SACE.

### Content

In this course students will respond to and create texts in and for a range of personal, social, cultural, community, and/or workplace contexts. The content includes Responding to Texts and Creating Texts. Students will also focus on how language choices are used to create meaning and how to use language to establish and maintain connections with people in different contexts including social, cultural, community, workplace, and/or imagined contexts.

## English

Stage 1 English is designed from the Senior Secondary Australian Curriculum. The subject caters for students with a range of preferred learning styles and prepares students for all Stage 2 English subjects.

### SACE Credits

One semester of English contributes 10 credits towards the SACE. It can be selected for both semesters to meet the literacy requirement of the SACE.

### Content

The content includes Responding to Texts, Creating Texts and an Intertextual Study. Students will analyse the interrelationship between author, text and audience with an emphasis on how language and stylistic features present ideas and perspectives of our world through the study of novels, films, drama and poetry. Students also explore how the purpose of a range of text types is achieved through the application of textual conventions and stylistic features which work to position the audience to respond to ideas and perspectives. Students also have the opportunity to reflect on their personal values in response to ideas and perspectives presented in texts.

Students demonstrate their learning through a range of written, oral and multimodal assessments. Students will complete four assessments in each semester, including one intertextual study pairing two or more texts based on author, genre or text type.



## Child Studies

In Child Studies, students focus on children and their development from conception to 8 years. Students will develop knowledge and understanding of young children through individual, collaborative, and practical learning. Students will be exposed to broad themes such as those related to children who are migrants or refugees, displacement, health issues for children in Indigenous communities, access to education, the exploitation of children, literacy and numeracy, disability and equity, child protection, gender stereotyping in play, clothing, textiles, and merchandising, and children's television. Students have opportunities to build their understanding of the range of attitudes, values, and beliefs of people in the wider community in relation to children and child-rearing practices.

### SACE Credits

One semester of Child Studies contributes 10 credits towards the SACE. It can be selected for one semester.

### Content

The content includes exploration of concepts such as the development, needs, and rights of children, the value of play, concepts of childhood and families, and the roles of parents and care-givers. Students will investigate contemporary issues that are relevant to children and their development, analyse current trends in relation to children, and critique government and global initiatives and strategies for the well-being and protection of children.

## Health and Wellbeing

In Health and Wellbeing students develop their knowledge, skills, and understanding and make decisions regarding health and wellbeing. They consider the role of health and wellbeing in different contexts and explore ways of promoting positive outcomes for individuals, local communities, and global society. Through Health and Wellbeing, students individually and collaboratively explore and develop skills as agents and advocates for change and consider moral and ethical perspectives, as well as evaluating current trends and issues that impact health and wellbeing.

### SACE Credits

One semester of Health and Wellbeing contributes 10 credits towards the SACE. It can be selected for one semester.

### Content

For a 10-credit subject, students complete one Practical Action task and two Issue Inquiry tasks. Stage 1 Health and Wellbeing consists of the following concepts:

- Health and Literacy
- Health and Detriments
- Social Equity
- Health Promotion

Possible topics to explore include mental and emotional health, personal wellbeing, first aid (both physical and mental), and adolescent health.

## Physical Education

In Physical Education students gain an understanding of human functioning and physical activity, and an awareness of the community structures and practices that influence participation in physical activity. Students explore their own physical capacities and analyse performance, health, and lifestyle issues. They develop skills in communication, investigation, and the ability to apply knowledge to practical situations.

### SACE Credits

One semester of Physical Education contributes 10 credits towards the SACE. It can be selected for one or both semesters.

### Content

For a 10-credit subject, students complete two or three practicals.

The focus areas provide the scope for the knowledge, skills and capabilities that students develop. Learning is delivered through an integrated approach in which opportunities are provided for students to undertake, and learn through, a wide range of authentic physical activities. Students explore movement concepts and strategies through these physical activities to promote performance and participation outcomes.

- Focus Area 1: In movement
- Focus Area 2: Through movement
- Focus Area 3: About Movement

## Business Innovation

Students begin to develop the knowledge, skills, and understandings to engage in business contexts in the modern world. Students collect and analyse financial and business information and develop and extend their financial awareness and skills in decision-making. Students apply these skills in the development of business models for start-up and existing businesses. They consider how digital and emerging technologies may present opportunities to enhance business models and analyse the responsibilities and impact of proposed business models on global and local communities. Students develop these skills through participating in the exciting “Shark Tank” program.

### SACE Credits

One semester of Business Innovation contributes 10 credits towards the SACE. It can be selected for one semester.

### Content

The learning strands are:

1. Finding and solving problems
2. Financial awareness and decision-making
3. Business information and communication
4. Global, local, and digital connections

These are studied through:

1. Start-up business
2. Existing business

## Modern History

The study of history gives students the opportunity to make sense of a complex and rapidly changing world by connecting past and present. Through the study of past events, actions, and phenomena students gain an insight into human nature and the ways in which individuals and societies function. Students research and review sources within a framework of inquiry and critical analysis.

In Modern History students explore changes to the world since 1750.

The Semester 1 course focuses on the history of the Cuban and Palestinian Revolutions, and the world's Indigenous Peoples. The Semester 2 course focuses on the history of the US Civil Rights Movement, the Suffragette Movement, and the Russian Revolution.

### SACE Credits

One semester of Modern History contributes 10 credits towards the SACE. It can be selected for one or both semesters.

### Content

Students study two or more topics, one of which may be an elective topic.

- Topic 1: Imperialism - The British or Ottoman Empires.
- Topic 2: Decolonisation - in Asia or Africa.
- Topic 3: Indigenous peoples - in the Americas or Australia.
- Topic 4: Social Movements - the civil rights movements in the USA, workers' movements, women's movements, student movements, LGBTQ rights movements, peace and anti-war movements, environmental movements, language rights movements.
- Topic 5: Revolution - Russia, China, Cuba.
- Topic 6: Elective - may be designed by the teacher or negotiated with the student.

## Society and Culture

In Society and Culture, students explore and analyse how people, societies, cultures, and environments interact. Using an interdisciplinary approach, they analyse the structures and systems of contemporary societies and cultures.

Students learn about the ways in which societies constantly change and are affected by social, political, historical, environmental, economic, and cultural factors. They investigate the ways in which people function in groups and communicate within and across cultural groups. They develop the skills and experience to understand how individual and group involvement can influence change, and to consider the consequences of a range of possible social actions. Students will explore how factors such as gender, ethnicity, racism, class, and power structures affect the lives and identities of individuals and groups.

### SACE Credits

One semester of Society and Culture contributes 10 credits towards the SACE. It can be selected for one semester.

### Content

Students study two topics:

- one topic with a focus on an Australian context e.g., advantage and disadvantage in contemporary Australia
- one topic with a focus on a global context e.g., terrorism, human trafficking.

# Italian

In Italian, students will study and be assessed on modern standard Italian. Italian belongs to the family of Romance languages, and a great deal of terminology in science, technology, medicine, pharmacy, and law derives from its Latin ancestor, while musical terminology draws directly on Italian. Apart from being the language of everyday communication, modern standard Italian is the language of education, all levels of government, and the mass media in Italy.

## **SACE Credits**

One semester of Italian contributes 10 credits towards the SACE. It can be selected for one or two semesters.

## **Content**

There are three prescribed themes in Italian:

- The Individual
- The Italian-speaking Communities
- The Changing World.

Students will become familiar with and be able to produce the following kinds of writing in Italian: descriptive, narrative, personal, informative, persuasive, evaluative, imaginative.



## Workplace Practices (Stage 2)

In Workplace Practices students develop knowledge, skills, and understanding of the nature, type and structure of the workplace. They learn about the changing nature of work, industrial relations, legislation, safe and sustainable workplace practices, and local, national, and global issues in an industry and workplace context. Students can undertake learning in the workplace and develop and reflect on their capabilities, interests, and aspirations. The subject may include the undertaking of vocational education and training (VET) as provided under the Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF).

### SACE Credits

One semester of Workplace Practices contributes 10 credits towards the SACE. It must be selected for both semesters.

### Stage 2 Content

There are three focus areas of study of this subject:

- Industry and Work Knowledge
- Vocational Learning
- Vocational Education and Training (VET)

Students must include the following areas of study:

Industry and Work Knowledge, and

Vocational Learning and/or Vocational Education and Training (VET).

For the Industry and Work Knowledge component, students undertaking:

Workplace Practices A (10-credits) and/or Workplace Practices B (10 credits), study two or more negotiated topics in each subject;

Workplace Practices (20-credits), study the three or more topics from the list below:

Topic 1: Work in Australian Society

Topic 2: The Changing Nature of Work

Topic 3: Industrial Relations

Topic 4: Finding Employment

Topic 5: Negotiated Topic.

### Stage 2 Assessment

Students demonstrate evidence of their learning through the following assessment types:

School-based Assessment	Weighting
Folio	25%
Performance	25%
Reflection	20%
External Assessment	Weighting
Investigation	30%

### Information on the External Assessment at Stage 2

#### Investigation

The Investigation may be either a practical investigation or an issues investigation.

#### Practical Investigation

Students undertake a practical investigation based on a product, task, or service in which they have been involved. The practical investigation may be presented in written, oral or multimodal form. Students complete a report on their practical investigation in which they document the process of planning, making, delivering, and evaluating.

The report should be up to a maximum of 1000 words for a 10-credit subject, or 2000 words for a 20-credit subject, if in written form, or the equivalent in other forms.

#### Issues Investigation

Students undertake an investigation of a local, national, and/or global issue, culture or environment relating to the focus industry. It should be based on one or more of the topics studied. The issues investigation may be presented in written, oral or multimodal form.

The report should be up to a maximum of 1000 words for a 10-credit subject, or 2000 words for a 20-credit subject, if in written form, or the equivalent in other forms.

The investigation is double marked, firstly by the student's teacher and secondly by an external assessor appointed by the SACE Board. The teacher and the external assessor make a decision about the quality of the investigation with reference to the performance standards.

## Essential Mathematics

Mathematics at Stage 1 is a compulsory subject and Essential Mathematics will be offered as two 10-credit units at Stage 1 and a 20-credit subject at Stage 2. The first unit of Essential Mathematics will provide students with opportunities to meet the compulsory components of SACE requirements. The second unit will focus on preparation for Stage 2 Essential Mathematics. This subject is intended for students planning to pursue a career in a range of trades or vocations.

### SACE Credits

One semester of Essential Mathematics contributes 10 credits towards the SACE. If selected, it must be for both semesters. Completion of 10 credits of Stage 1 Essential Mathematics with a C grade or better, or 20 credits of Stage 2 Essential Mathematics with a C- grade or better, will meet the numeracy requirement of the SACE.

**Recommendations:** Students should successfully complete the Year 10 General Mathematics course or the Year 10 Essential Mathematics course.

### Content

Stage 1 Essential Mathematics consists of the following list of six topics:

- Topic 1: Calculations, Time, and Ratio
- Topic 2: Earning and Spending
- Topic 3: Geometry
- Topic 4: Data in Context
- Topic 5: Measurement
- Topic 6: Investing

## General Mathematics

Mathematics at Stage 1 is a compulsory subject and General Mathematics will be offered as two 10-credit units at Stage 1 and a 20-credit subject at Stage 2. The first unit of General Mathematics will provide students with opportunities to meet the compulsory components of SACE requirements. The second unit will focus on preparation for Stage 2 General Mathematics. Successful completion of this subject at Stage 2 prepares students for entry to tertiary courses requiring a non-specialised background in mathematics.

### SACE Credits

One semester of General Mathematics contributes 10 credits towards the SACE. If selected, it must be for both semesters. Completion of 10 credits of Stage 1 General Mathematics with a C grade or better, or 20 credits of Stage 2 General Mathematics with a C- grade or better, will meet the numeracy requirement of the SACE.

**Recommendations:** Students should complete the Year 10 General Mathematics course to a level of a C grade or better, and worked in consultation with the House Director of Teaching and Learning.

### Content

Stage 1 General Mathematics consists of the following list of six topics:

- Topic 1: Investing and borrowing
- Topic 2: Measurement
- Topic 3: Statistical Investigation
- Topic 4: Applications of Trigonometry
- Topic 5: Linear Functions and their Graphs
- Topic 6: Matrices and Networks.

## Mathematical Methods

Mathematics at Stage 1 is a compulsory subject and Mathematical Methods will be offered as two 10-credit units at Stage 1 and a 20-credit subject at Stage 2. The first unit of Mathematical Methods will provide students with opportunities to meet the compulsory components of SACE requirements. The second unit will focus on preparation for Stage 2 Mathematical Methods. Successful completion of Stage 2 Mathematical Methods provides the foundation for further study in mathematics, economics, computer sciences, and the sciences. It prepares students for courses and careers that may involve the use of statistics, such as health or social sciences. When studied together with Specialist Mathematics, this subject can be a pathway to engineering, space science, and laser physics.

### SACE Credits

One semester of Mathematical Methods contributes 10 credits towards the SACE. If selected, it must be for both semesters. Completion of 10 credits of Stage 1 Mathematical Methods with a C grade or better, or 20 credits of Stage 2 Mathematical Methods with a C- grade or better, will meet the numeracy requirement of the SACE.

**Recommendations:** Students should complete the Year 10 Mathematical Methods course to a level of a B grade or better.

### Content

Stage 1 Mathematical Methods consists of the following list of six topics:

- Topic 1: Functions and graphs
- Topic 2: Trigonometry
- Topic 3: Counting and Probability
- Topic 4: Statistics
- Topic 5: Growth and Decay
- Topic 6: Introduction to Differential Calculus.

## Specialist Mathematics

Specialist Mathematics will be offered as two 10-credit units at Stage 1 and a 20-credit subject at Stage 2. Specialist Mathematics is designed to be studied in conjunction with Mathematical Methods at both Stage 1 and Stage 2. Successful completion of this subject leads to study in a range of tertiary courses such as mathematical sciences, engineering, computer science, and physical sciences. Students envisaging careers in related fields will benefit from studying this subject.

### SACE Credits

One semester of Specialist Mathematics contributes 10 credits towards the SACE. If selected, it must be for both semesters. Completion of 10 credits of Stage 1 Specialist Mathematics with a C grade or better, or 20 credits of Stage 2 Specialist Mathematics with a C- grade or better, will meet the numeracy requirement of the SACE.

**Recommendations:** Students should complete the Year 10 Mathematical Methods course to a level of a B grade or better.

### Content

Stage 1 Specialist Mathematics consists of the following list of six topics:

- Topic 1: Arithmetic and Geometric Sequences and Series
- Topic 2: Geometry
- Topic 3: Vectors in the Plane
- Topic 4: Trigonometry
- Topic 5: Matrices
- Topic 6: Real and Complex Numbers

# Agriculture

Students analyse benefits and risks of different methods of agricultural production, and develop their awareness of how agriculture impacts on their lives, society, and the environment. They develop skills in critical thinking that inspire them to explore strategies and possible solutions to address major challenges now and in the future related to the global food supply. They explore and understand agricultural science as a human endeavour, and are encouraged to pursue future pathways, including in agriculture, horticulture, land management, agricultural business practice, natural resource management, veterinary science, food and marine sciences, biosecurity, and quarantine.

## SACE Credits

One semester of Agriculture and Horticulture contributes 10 credits towards the SACE. It can be selected for one or both semesters.

## Content

Students study topics within one, or a combination of, the following themes:

Topic 1: Principles of Agriculture

- Anatomy and Physiology
- Plant and Animal Health
- Agriculture Production Skills
- Innovation and Technology.

Topic 2: Enterprise Management

- Plant and Animal Production
- Marketing Methods
- Business Planning
- Environmental Management.

# Biology

In Biology, students develop their understanding of biological systems, the components of these systems and their interactions, how matter flows and energy is transferred and transformed in these systems, and the ways in which these systems are affected by change at different spatial and temporal scales.

## SACE Credits

One semester of Biology contributes 10 credits towards the SACE. It can be selected for one or both semesters.

## Content

There are four topics:

- Topic 1: Cells and Microorganisms
- Topic 2: Infectious Disease
- Topic 3: Multicellular Organisms
- Topic 4: Biodiversity and Ecosystem Dynamics

In Units 1 and 2, students examine the continuity of biological systems and how they change over time in response to external factors. In Unit 1, students analyse the similarities and differences between cells of all living things. Students also learn about the conditions necessary for the growth and survival of microorganisms, their role in decomposition and food spoilage, and innovative uses of microorganisms. In Unit 2, students investigate system change and continuity in response to changing external conditions and pathogens; they investigate homeostasis and the transmission and impact of infectious disease at cellular and organism levels; and they consider the factors that encourage or reduce the spread of infectious disease at the population level.

In Units 3 and 4, students build on prior learning to develop their understanding of relationships between structure and function in a range of biological systems, from ecosystems to single cells and multicellular organisms. In Unit 3, students investigate the interdependent components of the cell system and the multiple interacting systems in multicellular organisms. In Unit 4, students analyse abiotic and biotic ecosystem components and their interactions, using classification systems for data collection, comparison and evaluation.

# Chemistry

In Chemistry, students develop their understanding of chemical systems, and how models of matter and energy transfers and transformations can be used to describe, explain and predict chemical structures, properties and reactions.

## SACE Credits

One semester of Chemistry contributes 10 credits towards the SACE. It must be selected for both semesters. To study Chemistry at Year 12, 20 credits at Year 11 must be taken.

## Content

There are six topics:

- Topic 1: Materials and their atoms.
- Topic 2: Combinations of atoms.
- Topic 3: Molecules.
- Topic 4: Mixtures and solutions.
- Topic 5: Acid and bases.
- Topic 6: Redox reactions.

In Topic 1, students investigate the physical properties of a range of materials and how these properties relate to their uses. Students explore and discuss how scientists attempted to represent and organize data about elements in meaningful and useful ways, leading to the development of the modern periodic table of elements as a means of identifying trends, patterns, and relationships.

In Topic 2, students explore the different types of primary bonding - metallic, ionic, and covalent - as well as secondary interactions, and use models of bonding to develop and extend their understanding of the chemistry behind the macroscopic properties of materials.

In Topic 3, students explore the three-dimensional arrangement of simple molecules and the principles that explain these structures.

In Topic 4, students investigate the properties of polar and non-polar liquids, their miscibility with other liquids, and their capacity to act as solvents.

In Topic 5, students use contemporary models to investigate and explain the nature of acids and bases, and their properties and uses.

In Topic 6, students examine redox reactions using a variety of approaches, and explore a range of redox reactions and differences in metal reactivity.

# Physics

In Physics, students develop their understanding of the core concepts, models, and theories that describe, explain, and predict physical phenomena.

## SACE Credits

One semester of Physics contributes 10 credits towards the SACE. It must be selected for both semesters. To study Physics at Year 12, 20 credits at Year 11 must be taken.

## Content

There are five topics:

- Topic 1: Linear motion and forces
- Topic 2: Electric circuits
- Topic 3: Energy and momentum
- Topic 4: Waves
- Topic 5: Nuclear models and radioactivity.

# Psychology

The study of psychology enables students to understand their own behaviours and the behaviours of others. It has direct relevance to their personal lives. Psychological knowledge can be applied to improve outcomes and the quality of experience in various areas of life, such as education, intimate relationships, child rearing, employment and leisure.

Stage 1 and Stage 2 Psychology build on the scientific method by involving students in the collection and analysis of qualitative and quantitative data. By emphasising evidence-based procedures (i.e. observation, experimentation and experience) the subject allows students to develop useful skills in analytical and critical thinking, and in making inferences.

## **SACE Credits**

One semester of Psychology contributes 10 credits towards the SACE. It can be selected for one or both semesters.

## **Content**

The subject consists of the Introduction to Psychology topic and two topics:

Topic 1: Introduction to Psychology

Topic 2: Lifespan Psychology

Topic 3: Forensic Psychology

Topic 4: Sport Psychology

Topic 5: Emotion