



St Francis
CATHOLIC COLLEGE

Year 10 2027
Information Evening



Acknowledgement of Country

St Francis Catholic College honours our First Nations Peoples by fostering a shared sense of belonging for all Australians. We acknowledge the Wurundjeri People of the Kulin Nation, the Traditional Custodians of the lands on which St Francis Catholic College Melton and Cobblebank stand.

We pay our respects to Elders past and present and extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples, recognising their enduring connection to land, waters, and community.





Prayer

Creator God,

I ask for Your wisdom as I face choices.

Give me discernment to see clearly and the courage to act on Your will.

Help me trust Your timing and not my own understanding.

In Jesus' name,

Amen.



Jennifer Frisardi
Deputy Principal Learning and Teaching



Selecting your Year 10 course

Remember

- Year 10 2027 forms the foundation for your VCE (Victorian Certificate of Education), VCE VM (Vocational Major) or VPC (Victorian Pathways Certificate)

Consider

- What do you enjoy?
- What are you good at?
- What are your interests outside of school?
- What career aspirations do you have? (e.g., plumber, electrician, nurse, game designer, marine biologist, teacher)



Year 10 Home Study

Year 10 students are expected to complete 60-90 minutes of home study each weeknight.

There is an increased expectation on home study time for students accelerating in a VCE or VCE-VET subject.



Student Devices

- All families purchase an updated laptop from the College when students commence Year 10. The mandated device meets the needs of students across the curriculum.
- Students own the laptop when they complete Year 12.
- Support can be provided to families who are experiencing financial difficulty.
- Further information about the process of purchasing the device will be provided later in the year.
- It is important that families **do not purchase their Year 10 device on their own**. Only the College device is permitted for classes.
- Please email IT Manager abeale@sfcc.vic.edu.au if you have any questions.



Year 10 2027

The selection of a suitable course involves:

- Core subjects
- Elective subjects
- VCE options – acceleration
- VCE VET options – acceleration

How do I make the right decisions for me?

- Subject teachers, domain leaders and mentor teachers can advise.
- Refer to the Acceleration and Promotions policies, available on our website:
<https://www.sfcc.vic.edu.au/our-story/policies>



Year 10 Core Subjects

All students must study:

1. Religious Education (Religion and Society Unit 1 over two semesters) OR Faith in Action (School based Religious Education)
2. English
3. Mathematics
4. Health and PE
5. Science (at least one semester)



Religious Education at Year 10

All Year 10 students study Religious Education. They can select from one of the following:

VCE Unit 1 Religion and Society

This is a VCE level subject. Students explore the origins and purpose of religion and how it intersects with society. They study Christianity and other religious traditions. Recommended for students intending to take a VCE pathway.

Faith in Action: Youth Ministry

Designed to inspire students to engage with our college motto, "Faith in Action." It focuses on ministry and leadership. Students who are passionate about social justice, community service and eager to deepen their understanding of Franciscan values are encouraged to select this subject.

Students should discuss the best option for them with their current RE teacher and read the subject handbook closely before making their decision.



English

- English is the only subject that remains compulsory through to the end of the VCE and as literacy in VCE VM.
- It is important that all students apply themselves in English and keep up to date with all work to ensure they can successfully move into Year 11 and 12 levels.

Year 10 English Enhancement: Words and their Power

- Opportunity for students to enrich their studies through an introduction to literary and linguistic skills and concepts.
- Students who are considering Literature or English Language at VCE level and those with strong results in English are encouraged to consider selecting this elective.
- This subject is taken in addition to the core English Subject.



Mathematics

All Year 10 students will study Mathematics.

This enables students to select any VCE Mathematics subject in Year 11. However, their scores and success will be taken into account when making a recommendation for a VCE Mathematics subject.

Year 10 Core Plus Mathematics (Elective)

Students also have the option of selecting Core Plus Mathematics. This is a year-long elective (using two elective options) and is recommended for students with an average score of 70% or more on their Year 9 Mathematics assessments.

Core Plus Mathematics is:

- An opportunity for students to extend their mathematical studies.
- A complementary subject to Core Mathematics.
- Focused on extending skills and knowledge for students hoping to study VCE Mathematical Methods and Specialist Mathematics.



Science

All Year 10 students will study **General Science 1** for one semester. This subject covers Biology, Chemistry, Physics and Astronomy.

In addition, students can also select an elective, semester-long science subject. This is strongly recommended for students planning to do a VCE Science subject in the future.

The science electives available are:

General Science 2: Is **strongly recommended** for students who wish to study a VCE science subject in Years 11 & 12.



Science

Pre-Biology: strongly recommended for those students who wish to study VCE Biology. Pre-Biology is designed to provide students with specific knowledge and skills required to successfully undertake VCE Biology.

Human behaviour and the mind: This subject is **strongly recommended** for those students who wish to study VCE Psychology. Human Behaviour and the Mind is designed to provide students with specific knowledge and skills required to successfully undertake VCE Psychology.

If a student wants to study Chemistry or Physics in VCE, it is strongly recommended that they complete General Science 2.



Year 10 Electives

Students select **five** semester-length elective subjects across the year.

There are some Year 10 electives that run for the full year, using two of the five available spots, including:

- Language - Italian
- Elite Sports Academy (application required)
- Core Plus Mathematics.

The Subject Selection Form enforces these rules — selections that do not comply cannot be submitted.



Acceleration Policy

	Overall percentage of Year 9 Assessment Tasks	Offering
Standard Year 10 Program	Successful completion of all Year 9 Assessment Tasks.	A standard Year 10 program
Year 10 Program with a VET Subject, VCE Unit 1/2 Outdoor and Environmental Studies OR Elite Sports Academy	An average of 70% or more for all Year 9 Assessment Tasks.	A standard Year 10 program with a VCE VET subject (from the prescribed list), Unit 1/2 VCE Outdoor and Environmental Studies OR Elite Sports Academy (ESA)** <i>**Please note that ESA has additional requirements, refer to the Subject Selection Handbook for details.</i>
Year 10 Program with a VCE Unit 1/2 Subject	An average of 85% or more for all Year 9 Assessment Tasks.	A standard Year 10 program while undertaking a VCE Unit 1/2 subject from the prescribed list.



Standard Year 10 Program	Year 10 Program with a VET Subject, VCE Unit 1/2 Outdoor and Environmental Studies OR Elite Sports academy	Year 10 Program with a VCE Unit 1/2 Subject
<p>Example 1 English Mathematics - Core Faith in Action Health & Physical Education General Science 1* Business Commerce* Political Law* Media* History* Geography*</p>	<p>Example 1 English Mathematics - Core Faith in Action Health & Physical Education General Science 1* VCE Outdoor and Environmental Studies Unit 1/2 Business Commerce* Political Law* Media*</p>	<p>Example 1 English Mathematics - Core Religion & Society Unit 1 Health & Physical Education General Science 1* VCE Legal Studies Unit 1/2 Business Commerce* Art* Italian*</p>
<p>Example 2 English Mathematics - Core Faith in Action Health & Physical Education General Science 1* Business Commerce* Political Law* Media* Italian</p>	<p>Example 2 English Mathematics - Core Faith in Action Health & Physical Education General Science 1* Elite Sports Academy Design Technology Wood* Business Commerce* Political Law*</p>	<p>Example 2 English Mathematics - Core Religion & Society Unit 1 Health & Physical Education General Science 1* VCE Biology Unit 1/2 Business Commerce* Art* Italian*</p>
<p>Example 3 English Mathematics - Core Faith in Action Health & Physical Education General Science 1* Art* Design Technology Wood* Business Commerce* Mathematics Core Plus</p> <p>* = Subjects with an asterisk run for one semester only. All other subjects are year long.</p>	<p>Example 3 English Mathematics - Core Faith in Action Health & Physical Education General Science 1* VET Sport, Aquatics & Recreation Business Commerce* Political Law* Health & Human Development*</p>	<p>Example 3 English Mathematics - Core Religion & Society Unit 1 Health & Physical Education General Science 1* Elite Sports Academy VCE Health & Human Development VCE Unit 1/2 Political Law*</p>



Acceleration at Year 10

There are some advantages to accelerating a subject in Year 10.

- Experience in the requirements and processes for successful completion of VCE.
- Practice in workload management and study skills.
- More challenging work – many students enjoy the challenge of extending their skills.

There are also some challenges to consider.

- The workload is significantly greater for VCE subjects; students may find this difficult to manage along with keeping up with Year 10 subjects and developing their skills across all subject areas.
- Students miss the benefit of studying the subject at a Year 10 level.



Acceleration at Year 10

Each student needs to consider the advantages and challenges of taking on Unit 1/2 studies at Year 10.

Students who want to complete a VCE Unit 1/2 study in Year 10 are required to complete an application form which must be approved prior to the student selecting the accelerated subject.

The list of subjects available for acceleration is included in the Subject Selection Handbook which is available on the College website.



Kris Vallak
Pathways Coordinator



Work Experience

Year 10 is one of the senior secondary years during which students can complete optional work experience.

In Term 4 of Year 9, students begin looking for suitable work experience placements for the end of Term 2 of Year 10.

All students will meet with our Pathways team during Semester 1 to discuss:

- Their career and employment interests, skills, and talents.
- The subjects they are good at and are interested in pursuing.
- Ideas they have about work experience.

Work experience allows students to explore possible career options and start thinking about VCE and subject selection.

It also gives students an understanding of the work environment and what employers expect of their employees.



Subject selection dates 2026

Wednesday 6 May

Subject pre-selection forms were emailed to all Year 9 students to assist with planning for 2027 subjects.

Wednesday 24 June

Subject Selection EXPO – **3.30pm-8.30pm**

Thursday 25 June

Online Year 10, VCE and VCE VM subject selection opens at 8am. Students receive their unique code via College email.

Friday 17 July

Online Year 10, VCE and VCE VM subject selection closes at 9am.



What if I don't get my first choices?

Occasionally, subjects may not go ahead due to a variety of reasons for example low student interest.

While this can be disappointing, it's a normal part of the process.

To help manage this, we encourage you to thoughtfully choose reserve subjects, so you have strong alternatives available.



Subject changes

There are allocated dates when subject changes are possible for students to request. These dates will be provided to students and families using the Simon Calendar.

Subject changes will not be approved outside of those dates. It is important that students select carefully, as they will need to remain in those subjects until subject changes are open.

When a subject change is requested, there is no guarantee it can be made. The subject may be full or may not run at a time that allows the student to move over to it.



External Subjects (VSV & VSL)

Students who undertake external subjects through Virtual School Victoria (VSV) or the Victorian School of Languages (VSL) are required to complete a VCE External Subject Approval Application Form prior to enrolling.

Students in these programs are accessing subjects beyond the standard school timetable, including:

- specialist VCE subjects not offered on-site
- language courses delivered externally.

Costing and Enrolment Process

- Application must be approved by the Director of Learning and Teaching, Senior Years Leader and Languages Domain Leader (for VSV enrolments).
- Parent/guardian approval and informed consent are required.
- These subjects may incur additional course or administrative costs for the student.



Subject selection process

Year 9 into Year 10 Pathways Planning Sheet 2027


Name: _____ **Homeroom:** _____

What do you want to do when you finish school? _____


YEAR 9 CORE SUBJECTS – To Learn				
English		Humanities		
Health and Physical Education		Languages: Italian (One Semester or Year Long)		
Mathematics		Religious Education		
Science				
YEAR 9 ELECTIVE SUBJECTS – To Discover				
<i>What electives did you do in Semester 1 and what electives are you doing in Semester 2?</i>				
DESIGN Design and Technology – Food Design and Technology – Wood Design and Technology – <u>Fibre</u> Digital Technology		CREATE Art Media Visual Communication Design Dance Drama Music		EXPLORE Global Health Human Development (The Early Years) Outdoor and Environmental Interconnections Leadership through Coaching Athlete Development Program
To Grow - My Journey				
YEAR 10 CORE SUBJECTS 2027				
English		Religious Education (Religion and Society Unit 1 OR Faith in Action (School based RE))		
Health and Physical Education		Mathematics – CORE		
General Science				
YEAR 10 ELECTIVE SUBJECTS 2027				
ELECTIVE 1	ELECTIVE 2	ELECTIVE 3	ELECTIVE 4	ELECTIVE 5
Or Accelerated VCE / VET / Language: Italian / ESA		Or Accelerated VCE / VET / Language: Italian / ESA		
RESERVE 1:		RESERVE 2:		



Completing your subject selection form online

- Go to www.schooldata.com.au
- Your login is your College email address (STUDENTID@sfcc.vic.edu.au)
- No password is required – if an additional login step is asked for, please go to the Microsoft symbol 
- This will bring you to your SchoolData Dashboard – the Subject Selection form will be at the bottom under ‘My Forms’
- Access needs to be OPEN (Green) in order for you to complete it






My SchoolData Dashboard

Good afternoon 

My details

School St Francis Catholic College (Melton and Cobblebank)
Name 
Email 
Year 9
Student Code 
Home Group
House

My forms

Access	Status	Form Title
		Melton: Year 10 Standard Program 2027 Subject Selection Form
 		2027 Pre-Selection Form - Year 10 2027 (M)

SchoolData – intention for 2027

- Your name and Student ID number will appear at the top
- Please indicate if you will be a student at the College in 2027

Are you intending to be a student at St Francis Catholic College in 2027?

YES

NO

If you answered no above please give a reason why.

SchoolData – Core Subject Instructions

- Core Subject information and instructions are provided.
- ***Please note: your form will display your campus. Below is an example only.***

Subject Preferences

Year 10 Core Subjects

In Year 10 the following subjects are compulsory:

- English
- Health and Physical Education
- Mathematics CORE
- General Science A
- Religious Education (Religion and Society Unit 1 or Faith in Action)

Core Subjects

You must select all core subjects for study in Year 10.

The screenshot displays the 'Subject Preferences' interface. It is divided into two main panes. The left pane, titled 'Item Picker - MinUnits:7 - MaxUnits:7', contains a list of four core subjects for Year 10 Melton, each with a selection checkbox:

- (ENG10) - (M) - English - Year 10 - Melton - (U:2) - (F:ENG)
- (HPE10) - (M) - Health & Physical Education - Year 10 Melton - (U:2) - (F:HPE)
- (MTC10) - (M) - Mathematics Core - Year 10 Melton - (U:2) - (F:MAT)
- (SCA10) - (M) - Science: General A - Year 10 Melton - (U:1) - (F:SCI)

The right pane, titled 'Selected Items - U:0', is currently empty and contains the instruction: 'Drag items to change order or click item to unselect.' Above this pane is a search bar.

SchoolData – Core Subject Instructions (RE)

- Core Subject (RE) options are provided

Religious Education Preferences

*Religious Education is compulsory for one semester.

Item Picker - MinUnits:2 - MaxUnits:2

Search:

Selected Items - U:0

Drag items to change order or click item to unselect.

(FIA10) - (M) - Faith in Action: Youth Ministry - Year 10 Melton - (U:2) - (F:REL)

(RAST1) - (M) - Religion & Society - Unit 1 Melton - (U:2) - (F:REL)

SchoolData – Elective Preferences

- Please select your remaining elective subjects, in order of preference.
- Please ensure there are a minimum of 8 units listed on the **Selected Items** side of the page.

Year 10 Electives

All Year 10 students will study five elective subjects. You will need to select five, plus three reserves, in case we cannot place you into your first five options. It is important you consider your reserves just as carefully as the rest of the electives you choose.

Please ensure you rank your elective choices in your order of preference, with the subject you most want to study at the top of the list. Please select electives which you are good at, interest you and lead you closer to your chosen pathway, if you have already decided on one. Don't choose subjects just because your friends are. We are not always able to facilitate subject changes so you might not be able to move if you change your mind later.

Item Picker - MinUnits:8 - MaxUnits:8

(ARA10) - (M) - Art 2D - Year 10 Melton - (U:1) - (F:ARTS)
(ARB10) - (M) - Art 3D - Year 10 Melton - (U:1) - (F:ARTS)
(BCO10) - (M) - Business Commerce - Year 10 Melton - (U:1) - (F:HUM)
(POL10) - (M) - Crime & Democracy - Year 10 Melton - (U:1) - (F:HUM)
(DAN10) - (M) - Dance - Year 10 Melton - (U:1) - (F:ARTS)
(DTM10) - (M) - Design & Technologies - Metal - Year 10 Melton - (U:1) - (F:TECH)
(DTE10) - (M) - Design & Technologies - Textiles - Year 10 Melton - (U:1) - (F:TECH)
(DWA10) - (M) - Design & Technologies - Wood A - Year 10 Melton - (U:1) - (F:TECH)
(DWB10) - (M) - Design & Technologies - Wood B - Year 10 Melton - (U:1) - (F:TECH)
(DRA10) - (M) - Drama - Playmaking - Year 10 Melton - (U:1) - (F:ARTS)
(DRB10) - (M) - Drama - Scripted Drama - Year 10 Melton - (U:1) - (F:ARTS)
(ENE10) - (M) - English Enhancement - Words & Their Power - Year 10 Melton - (U:1) - (F:ENG)
(HOS10) - (M) - Food Design and Catering - Year 10 Melton - (U:1) - (F:TECH)

Search:

Selected Items - U:0

Drag items to change order or click item to unselect.

SchoolData – submit form


- Once all sections have been completed, click the blue **Submit Form** button, then click OK to submit the form.



- You change the form as many times as you wish. The choices in the form on the closing date are what will be used to create your 2027 timetable.
- When you have submitted your preferences, you will receive a PDF confirming your preferences – this will sit in the **Downloads** folder on your laptop.
- Your parent/guardian will receive an email from admin@mail.schooldata.com.au asking them to approve or reject your selections. This must be completed for your selections to be approved.

SchoolData – Acceleration Form

- If you are permitted to study an accelerated subject – based on Year 9 academic performance – you will see this form in your SchoolData dashboard, instead of the regular form.

My forms		
Access	Status	Form Title
Open		Melton: Year 10 Accelerated Program 2027 Subject Selection Form

SchoolData – Acceleration Form

- If you are permitted to study an accelerated subject, you will see a list of accelerated subjects to choose from
- You may only select **one** subject to accelerate in

Accelerated Options

Only students who have been approved for this pathway will be added to this form. Approval must be confirmed before completing the subject selection process.

The screenshot displays a web interface for selecting accelerated subjects. It features two main panels side-by-side. The left panel, titled 'Item Picker - MinUnits:2 - MaxUnits:2', is currently empty. The right panel, titled 'Selected Items - U:0', contains a search bar at the top and a message below it: 'Drag items to change order or click item to unselect.' The interface uses a blue header for the search bar and a teal header for the selected items section.



Help completing your subject selection form

Subject questions – teachers, House Leaders, Domain Leaders

Senior Years Leader, Ms Carissa Lock

Applied Learning Leader, Ms Narelle Layton

VET Coordinator, Ms Nikki Fuller

Pathways questions

Pathways Coordinator, Mr Kris Vallak

Careers Practitioner, Ms Belinda Abela

SchoolData questions –

Deputy Principal Learning and Teaching, Ms Jennifer Frisardi,

Director of Campus Operations Cobblebank Campus Mr Bradley Heeps

Assistant to the Deputy Principal Learning and Teaching, Ms Mal Allison

**Subject selection
forms are open from
Thursday 25 June –
Friday 17 July**



Subject Selection Handbook

All subjects offered at the College can be found in the [Subject Selection Handbook](#) available on our website.



Domain Leaders

Domain

Director of Learning and Teaching

Middle Years Curriculum Leader

Senior Years Leader

Applied Learning Leader (VCE-VM)

VET Coordinator

Pathways Coordinator

Religious Education

English

Mathematics

HPE (including Outdoor Education)

Humanities

Elite Sports Academy

Science

Technology

Arts

Languages

Melton

Victoria Kamcev-Nicdao

Ranish Chand

Carissa Lock

Narelle Layton

Nikki Fuller

Kris Vallak

Simone Taylor

Kezi Todd

Margaret Fury

Mikaela Hurst

Nirasha Pandi

Stephanie Bertalmio

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Jess Attard

Daniel Askew

Josh Bach

Cobblebank

Henryk Slosarski

Melissa Staley

Please refer to Director of Learning and Teaching

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Kris Vallak

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Natalie Malle

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Questions

*This presentation will be available on the College website at:
www.sfcc.vic.edu.au/community/publications*