



St Francis
CATHOLIC COLLEGE

Year 10 2027
Student Subject Selection Session



Acknowledgement of Country

St Francis Catholic College honours our First Nations People by fostering a shared sense of belonging for all Australians, and we acknowledge the Wurundjeri people, traditional custodians of the land on which St Francis Catholic College stands.





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.



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? (eg plumber, electrician, nurse, game designer, marine biologist, teacher)



Year 10 home study

Year 10 students are expected to complete 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, as our expectation for Year 11 students is 120-150 minutes of home study each evening.



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 in Year 10

All Year 10 students study Religious Education.

Select one of these two:

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 which 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 study through an introduction to literary and linguistic skills and concepts.
- Students who are hoping to study 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 subject will allow students the option to select any of the VCE Mathematics subjects in Year 11, however, their scores and success will be considered 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 (will use two elective options) and is recommended for students with an average score of 70% or more for their Mathematics assessments in Year 9.

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, which includes a combination of 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: this is **strongly recommended** for students who wish to study VCE Chemistry or Physics in Years 11 & 12.

Pre-Biology: this is **strongly recommended** for students who wish to study VCE Biology. Pre-Biology provides the specific knowledge and skills required to successfully undertake VCE Biology.

Human Behaviour and the Mind: this is **strongly recommended** for students who wish to study VCE Psychology. Human Behaviour and the Mind provides the specific knowledge and skills required to successfully undertake VCE Psychology.



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 (Melton Campus)/Elite Cricket Academy (Cobblebank Campus) *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.



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 a suitable placements, which they will undertake at 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 to start thinking about VCE and subject selection. It also gives students an understanding of the work environment, what employers expect of their workers, and life experiences outside the classroom.



Subject selection dates 2026

Wednesday 6 May

Subject pre-selection forms were emailed to all Year 9 students to assist us in planning 2027 subjects. The forms were due on Friday 8 May.

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 to receive their unique code via 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 dates allocated for subject changes during the year. These dates are provided to students and families via 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 a student would like to change into might already be full. It might also not run at a time that allows them, within their own timetable, to switch to it.



Subject selection process

Year 9 into Year 10 Pathways Planning Sheet 2027


Name: _____ Homeroom: _____

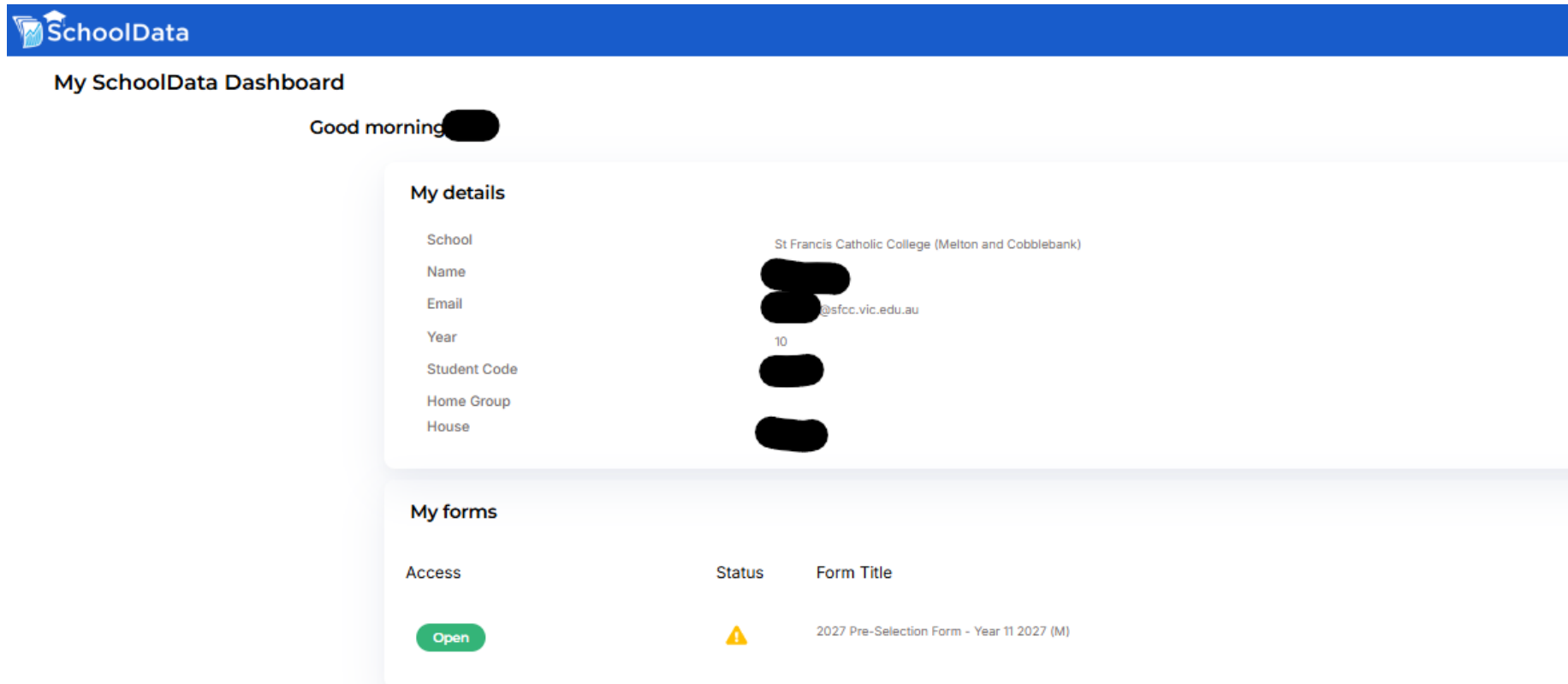
What do you want to do when you finish school? _____

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		CREATE		EXPLORE
Design and Technology – Food Design and Technology – Wood Design and Technology – Fibre Digital Technology		Art Media Visual Communication Design Dance Drama Music		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 Pre-Selection form will be at the bottom under ‘My Forms’
- Access needs to be OPEN (Green) in order for you to complete it



SchoolData


My SchoolData Dashboard

Good morning [Redacted]

My details

School	St Francis Catholic College (Melton and Cobblebank)
Name	[Redacted]
Email	[Redacted]@sfcc.vic.edu.au
Year	10
Student Code	[Redacted]
Home Group	[Redacted]
House	[Redacted]

My forms

Access	Status	Form Title
Open		2027 Pre-Selection Form - Year 11 2027 (M)



Help completing your subject selection form

If you have any questions, please reach out to the following people.

Subject questions: teachers, House Leaders, Domain Leaders, Applied Learning Leader, Middle Years Leaders, Directors Learning and Teaching.

Pathways questions: Mr Kris Vallak and Ms Belinda Abela.

SchoolData questions: Ms Jennifer Frisardi, Mr Bradley Heeps and Ms Mal Allison.

**Subject Selection will be 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.

The updated handbook for 2027 will be available during the last week of Term 2.



Staff contacts

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/Elite Cricket 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

Jason Rowley

Jess Attard

Daniel Askew

Josh Bach

Cobblebank

Henryk Slosarski

Melissa Staley

Please refer to Director of Learning and Teaching

Please refer to Director of Learning and Teaching

Please refer to Director of Learning and Teaching

Kris Vallak

Mitch Taylor

Maddison Attard

Mai Nguyen

Peter Commisso

Mitch Taylor

Michael Bretag

Mai Nguyen

Natalie Malle

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