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SUBJECT PREFERENCES

Year 9 – 2017

During Year 9 all students will study five core subjects which are compulsory and two elective subjects.

When selecting two (2) elective subjects, students need to take into account:
- future goals and career pathways
- past results, successes and interests
while remaining realistic about success.

CORE SUBJECTS

| English | Mathematics | Science | Humanities and Social Sciences | Health & Physical Education |

ELECTIVE SUBJECTS

CHOOSE ANY TWO OF THE FOLLOWING:

- Art
- Business Studies
- Dance
- Drama
- Extension Health & Physical Education
- Graphics
- Home Economics
- Industrial Technology (Manufacturing)
- Information & Communication Technologies
- Japanese

NOTE:

1. PLEASE CHOOSE CAREFULLY. Subject preferences are required for planning for Year 9 in 2017. It is important to be aware that subject classes and timetable blocks will be created based on these subject preferences.
2. If parent(s)/guardian(s) would like to discuss any aspect of their son's/daughter's subject selection with the subject teachers or the administration, please contact the school as soon as possible to arrange a phone or a personal interview.
3. Most subject fees are covered under the Base Resource Scheme Levy. Additional levies apply to elective practical subjects. 2016 subject levies for practical subjects are listed over the page as a guide.
4. SUBJECT OFFERINGS
   Following analysis of subject preferences, classes will be formed provided enough students select the subject.

PLEASE NOTE
Some students may have to revise their subject preferences if not enough students select a subject and a class cannot be formed. In this instance the Deputy Principal will contact the student to re-select.
SUBJECT LEVIES

Mossman State High School is committed to providing quality curriculum programs for all students. To support the programs the P&C Association and school staff set subject levies each year to ensure adequate resources are available. These levies are set as part of the consultative budget process.

The levies provide resources for students, which enable them to achieve quality outcomes in the subjects that they choose to study.

As a guide, the subject levies for 2016 were

BASE RESOURCE SCHEME - $230.00

ELECTIVE PRACTICAL SUBJECT SCHEME LEVIES

Art $55.00
Home Economics $145.00
Industrial Technology (Manufacturing) $45.00

If you have any questions regarding subject levies, please contact the school.

CHANGING SUBJECTS

When a subject is chosen, the student has contracted for a full semester’s study in that subject.

Mid Semester subject changes will only be considered following the Term 1 of Year 9 if results indicate that an inappropriate subject choice has been made.

Students wishing to change subjects should contact the Deputy Principal. Parental permission will be required for students to change subjects.
ENGLISH (ENG)

AIM
- To develop student’s abilities to compose and comprehend spoken and written English fluently and effectively, for a wide range of personal and social purposes.

COURSE CONTENT
- The course is structured around the Australian Curriculum for English.
- Each semester is based on a broad theme related to the texts under consideration.
- Students will be actively engaged in a range of texts including novels, poetry, drama and media.

ASSESSMENT
- Student’s assessment will be composed of a wide range of literary and non-literary genres including:
  - Short Story
  - Magazine Articles
  - Persuasive Speech
  - Analytical Exposition (Essay)
  - Play Performance
  - Poetry Anthology
  - Parody

LEVIES
- The levy for English is included in the Base Resource Scheme Levy. This covers entrance to Arts Council performances.

RELATED SUBJECTS IN YEAR 10 – English, English Communication
RELATED SUBJECTS IN YEAR 11 & YEAR 12 – English, English Communication

MATHEMATICS (MAT)

AIMS
- To further develop student’s knowledge about Mathematics, how to do Mathematics and when and where to use Mathematics.
- To develop student’s ability to communicate their understanding of Mathematics in a coherent and logical way using Mathematical and everyday language.

COURSE CONTENT
Students will study a variety of units based around the Australian Curriculum:
- NUMBER & ALGEBRA
- MEASUREMENT & GEOMETRY
- STATISTICS & PROBABILITY

Year 9 Mathematics will cover a variety of topics that build upon studies in Year 8 and students will be working in groups most appropriate to their ability. Achievement in Year 9 Mathematics will be vital in determining appropriate course choices for Year 10 Mathematics studies.

Achievement in Year 9 Mathematics will indicate which strand/s should be studied in Years 10, 11 and 12.

ASSESSMENT
- Assessment will be continuous and occur through
  - Supervised Tests
  - Written Assignments
  - Portfolio of Activities

LEVIES
- The levy for Mathematics is included in the Base Resource Scheme Levy.

RELATED SUBJECTS IN YEAR 10 – Mathematics General Preparation, Mathematics Methods & Specialist, Mathematics Essential Preparation.
RELATED SUBJECTS IN YEAR 11 & YEAR 12 – Mathematics General, Mathematics Methods, Mathematics Specialist, Mathematics Essential.
SCIENCE (SCI)

AIM
➢ To develop student’s interest in science and an appreciation of how science provides a means of exploring and understanding the changing world in which they live.

COURSE CONTENT
The Year 8, 9 and 10 science course from 2013 will be structured around the Australian Curriculum, which is organised into three interrelated strands:

- Science understanding
- Science inquiry skills
- Science as a human endeavour

The content is based around the understanding of biological sciences, chemical sciences, earth and space sciences and physical sciences, and units are being developed around these sub-strands.

ASSESSMENT
→ There will be a balance between supervised assessment (examinations), experimental investigations, representations (models), presentations and reports, as applicable to each unit.

LEVIES
♦ The levy for Science is included in the Base Resource Scheme Levy.

RELATED SUBJECTS IN YEAR 10 – Biology Preparation, Chemistry Preparation, Physics Preparation.
RELATED SUBJECTS IN YEAR 11 & YEAR 12 - Biology, Chemistry, Physics.

HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES (HUM)

AIM
Studies of Society and the Environment (SSE) provides students with opportunities to explore environmental, cultural, economic and political systems across a range of settings and periods of time.

COURSE CONTENT
Although SSE incorporates a range of subjects, the primary focus in Years 8 and 9 is the National Curriculum History and Geography.

- National Curriculum History aims to develop student’s awareness of past ideas, events and actions that impact the way in which the world functions. It helps ensure students think critically about information, improving both their ability to comprehend, analyse and use historical sources. Students investigate periods of time and civilisations, starting with the medieval world and ending in the latter half of the 20th century.
- National Curriculum Geography aims to explore, analyse and understand the characteristics of the places that make up our world, using the concepts of place, space, environment, interconnection, sustainability, scale and change. It helps students plan an enquiry, collect, evaluate, analyse and interpret information in order to formulate responses. Students conduct field work, map and interpret data, appreciate perspectives and construct ethical research principles that can be applied to everyday life and work.

In Year 10, students complete a semester of National Curriculum history, and a semester of a senior SOSE elective in one of the following fields:

- Geography
- Ancient History
- Legal Studies
- Tourism

ASSESSMENT
→ Research assignments, field reports, practical exercises, oral presentations, debates, response to stimulus, essays, short answer tests, multi-media presentations.

LEVIES
♦ The levy for Studies of Society and the Environment is included in the Base Resource Scheme Levy.

RELATED SUBJECTS IN YEAR 10 – History/Legal Studies Preparation, Geography/Tourism Preparation, Agriculture Preparation.
RELATED SUBJECTS IN YEAR 11 & YEAR 12 – Geography, Legal Studies, Tourism, Agricultural Practices.
HEALTH & PHYSICAL EDUCATION (HPE)

AIMS
Students will be able to:

- engage in and enjoy regular movement-based learning experiences and understand and appreciate their significance to personal, social, cultural, environmental and health practices and outcomes.
- access, evaluate and synthesise information to take positive action to protect, enhance and advocate for their own and other’s health, wellbeing and safety across their lifespan.
- develop and use personal, behavioural, social and cognitive skills and strategies to promote a sense of personal identity and wellbeing and to build and manage respectful relationships.
- engage in a range of activities and experiences to determine personal interest areas for subject choices.

COURSE CONTENT
Students cover a range of areas from the Health and Physical Education: Australian Curriculum. These are:
1. Alcohol and other drugs
2. Food and nutrition
3. Health benefits of physical activity
4. Mental health and wellbeing
5. Relationships and sexuality
6. Safety

Each of the above issues are covered in detail, using a range of engaging and educational resources to allow maximum participation in a safe and supportive environment.

Each term, students participate in a range of sports. These sports include but are not limited to:

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ASSESSMENT
→ Practical and theoretical work is weighted equally for each term (50% each).
→ Practical work is assessed through demonstration of skills and abilities in both practice and performance environment.
→ Theory work is assessed by written tests, multi-model presentations and assignments.

LEVIES
♦ The levy for Health & Physical Education is included in the Base Resource Scheme Levy.

RELATED SUBJECTS IN YEAR 10 – Physical Education Preparation, Dance
RELATED SUBJECTS IN YEAR 11 - Physical Education, Dance, Recreation, Certificate III in Fitness, Certificate III in Sport & Recreation
BUSINESS STUDIES (BST)

AIMS
- This course focuses on developing real and relevant skills that will equip students to function in the business world as informed, responsible citizens.
- It will also provide students with nationally recognised qualifications.
- Many of the learnings will embed appropriate information technology skills.

COURSE CONTENT
Throughout Years 9 and 10, students study a variety of topics which may include:
- *Who Wants to be a Millionaire?* – personal finance & investing.
- *Marketing* – marketing analysis.
- *Entrepreneurs* – investigating real-life entrepreneurs & their qualities.
- *International Trade* – business from an international perspective.
- *Buyer Beware* – rights and responsibilities of consumers.
- *Connect with the World* – business communication.

ASSESSMENT
- Practical & theoretical exams, assignments and project work.
- Competency-based tasks and teacher observation.

LEVIES
- The levy for Business Education is included in the Base Resource Scheme Levy.

RELATED SUBJECTS IN YEAR 10 – *Business Education Preparation.*
RELATED SUBJECTS IN YEAR 11 & YEAR 12 - *Business Communications & Technologies, Business Studies*

DANCE (DAN)

AIMS
This subject aims to:
- Facilitate the development and expression of the individual – physically, intellectually, socially and emotionally.
- Enable students to value the human body as an instrument of communication through awareness and control of physical movement.
- Explore and develop abilities and skills appropriate to a range of work and other life paths.

COURSE CONTENT
Students will undertake learning experiences through:
- **Performing** dances from a range of contexts, demonstrating a wide range of movement skills and style-specific techniques, and use the elements of dance with appropriate expressive qualities for choreographic intent.
- **Choreographing** through increased understanding of movement and of how the elements of dance work together to communicate meaning. Furthermore, through improvising, selecting, organising, rehearsing and refining movement/dance they will express their own and others’ ideas and artistic intentions.
- **Appreciating** through discussion and analysis of how dance takes place in various artistic and cultural contexts, responding critically to dance by comparing the content and meaning of dance works from a variety of contemporary and historical contexts.

These experiences will be undertaken in the context of a range of dance genres and styles such as:
- Hip Hop and popular dance
- Jazz Dance
- Contemporary Dance

ASSESSMENT
Students have 3 types of assessment:
- Performance of taught choreography
- Devising of individual and group choreography
- Appreciation is assessed through written tasks and assignments

LEVIES
- The levy for Dance is included in the Base Resource Scheme Levy.
- Students may be required to provide costumes, attend workshops and live performances where an additional cost will be involved.

RELATED SUBJECTS IN YEAR 10 – *Dance.*
RELATED SUBJECTS IN YEAR 11 & YEAR 12 – *Dance.*
DRAMA (DRA)

AIMS
- To improve speaking and communication skills.
- To develop greater confidence and self-control.
- To foster creativity and the imagination.
- To develop observation and research skills, and the ability to analyse and critically evaluate dramatic texts as well as real life situations.
- To confidently speak and perform for an audience.
- To develop an appreciation of the performing arts.

COURSE CONTENT
Year 9
- **Semester 1**
  - Unit 1 Playbuilding: Improvisation (characters, elements of drama, acting skills)
  - Unit 2 Mime and Movement (skills and techniques of mime)
- **Semester 2**
  - Unit 3 Review of a Performance: (responding to a live performance)
  - Unit 4 Performance of a Scene: (acting from scripts)
  - Unit 5 Collage Drama Script and Collage Drama Performance: (group creation)
  - Unit 6 Review of own performance (public performance)

Year 10
- **Semester 1**
  - Unit 1 Play Study: (performance of a scene)
  - Unit 2 Melodrama Script (individual creation) and Melodrama Performance (group creation)
  - Unit 3 Review of a Performance: (responding to a live performance)
- **Semester 2**
  - Unit 4 Political Theatre Performance: (creation of a documentary drama)
  - Unit 5 Independent Production Performance
  - Unit 6 Dramaturgy Program Notes (public performance)

ASSESSMENT
→ The achievement levels in Drama are mostly obtained from evaluating a student's practical performances. However a written assignment usually accompanies each practical task and poor achievement on the written tasks will adversely affect an overall result.
→ Assessment is usually carried out in pairs or in groups although each student is only assessed on the demonstration of individual skills and contributions.

LEVIES
- The levy for Drama is included in the Base Resource Scheme Levy.

RELATED SUBJECTS IN YEAR 10 – Drama, Film, Television & New Media.
RELATED SUBJECTS IN YEAR 11 & YEAR 12 – Drama, Film, Television & New Media.
EXTENSION HEALTH & PHYSICAL EDUCATION (HPX)

AIMS
This subject provides all students with the opportunity to engage in the Health & Physical Education. Students undertake both practical and theoretical lessons to develop their knowledge and understanding of Health and Physical Activity, with the focus on the human body and how it reacts with movement. Students will spend a lot of time analysing their own movement and recommendations for improvement.

Over the course of each term, students will engage in an average of two hours per week of physical activity.

COURSE CONTENT: Practical
Students will have the opportunity to engage in a range of physical activities and sports from the Health and Physical Education: Australian Curriculum throughout Year 9.
- Volleyball
- Rugby League
- Cricket
- Swimming
- Netball
- European Handball
- AFL
- Gymnastics
- Fitness
- Touch
- Soccer
- Athletics
- Weightlifting
- Racquet Sports
- Ultimate Frisbee

COURSE CONTENT: Theory
The following topics are studied, with the focus on improving physical performance:
- Nutrition
- Fitness Components
- Training Principles
- Biomechanics
- Exercise Physiology
- Body Systems

ASSESSMENT
→ Practical and theoretical work is weighted equally for each term (50% each).
→ Practical work is assessed through demonstration of skills and abilities in both practice and performance environment.
→ Theory work is assessed by written tests, multi-modal presentations and assignments.

LEVIES
♦ The levy for Extension Health & Physical Education is included in the Base Resource Scheme Levy.

RELATED SUBJECTS IN YEAR 10 – Physical Education Preparation.

GRAPHICS (GPH)

AIMS
➢ To develop student’s knowledge and understanding of:
  - graphical communication.
  - the importance of graphical languages as a way of communicating.
  - the use of mathematical concepts in graphics (eg space and measurement).
  - the use of technology to present graphical information.
  - the design process.
➢ To develop student’s ability to:
  - solve problems.
  - collect, select, organise and present information in graphical forms.
  - work independently and as a team member.
  - manage, plan and execute tasks efficiently and effectively.
➢ Graphics also promotes a student’s sense of self-worth and self-reliance.

COURSE CONTENT
- Presentation methods
- 3 D viewing systems
- Field studies
- 2 D viewing systems
- Animations
- The design process
- Diagrams, graphs, & charts
- Surface development

N.B. Computer Aided Drafting (C.A.D.) and multimedia equipment and techniques will be used extensively throughout the course in line with current industry practice.
ASSESSMENT
→ Class work folio
→ Research projects/assignments
→ Tests

LEVIES
♦ The levy for Graphics is included in the Base Resource Scheme Levy.

RELATED SUBJECTS IN YEAR 10 - Graphics, Industrial Technology Preparation.
RELATED SUBJECTS IN YEAR 11 & YEAR 12 - Graphics, Technology Studies and Industrial Technology Studies.

HOME ECONOMICS (HEC)

AIMS
➢ To promote understanding of nutritional concepts, healthy eating and consumer awareness.
➢ To develop a range of food preparation skills.
➢ To extend knowledge of garnishing and decoration techniques.
➢ To foster safe and hygienic practices in the kitchen.

COURSE CONTENT
Students will study three (3) units over two semesters.
▪ Semester 1: Nutrition and Healthy Eating
▪ Semester 2: Combating the Fast Food Epidemic and Consumer Awareness

ASSESSMENT
→ Practical Cookery Assessment.
→ Research Investigations.
→ Written Examinations.

LEVIES
♦ Enrolment in this course is conditional upon payment of a levy during Term 1 to help offset the cost of materials used during the course.
♦ As a guide, the 2016 levy was $145.00. This covers all ingredients for the year, except two practical exam tasks.

RELATED SUBJECTS IN YEAR 10 – Foundations for Hospitality.
RELATED SUBJECTS IN YEAR 11 & YEAR 12 - Hospitality Studies, Hospitality, Certificate II in Hospitality.

INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY (MANUFACTURING) (ITM)

AIMS
To develop in students:-
➢ Knowledge, understanding and skills related to course content
➢ Problem solving skills
➢ Responsible attitudes
➢ Self reliance
➢ A sense of personal worth through the manufacture of various set exercises and projects, utilising a variety of materials and techniques. This course has replaced Woodwork and Metalwork and is similar to a combination of both.

COURSE CONTENT
▪ Safety in workshop and industrial environments
▪ Nature, properties and characteristics of industrial materials (eg wood, metal, plastics, electronic componentry etc)
▪ Techniques for manipulating industrial materials
▪ Techniques for manipulating industrial systems
▪ Elements and principles of design

ASSESSMENT
→ Finished projects
→ Project notes/related work sheets
→ Project related research, planning and design

LEVIES
♦ Enrolment in this course is conditional upon payment of a levy during Term 1 to help offset the cost of materials used during the course.
♦ As a guide 2016 levy for Year 9 was $45.

RELATED SUBJECTS IN YEAR 10 - Graphics, Industrial Technology Preparation.
INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES (ICT)

AIMS
To develop students knowledge and skills in the use of ICT:
- Select and use ICT to inquire, create and communicate with others.
- Understand the impact of ICT on society, including potential risks to health and safety.
- Develop a range of skills that can be selected for different demands and can be recombined and built upon to meet new challenges.

COURSE CONTENT
ICT is a multi-media subject with an emphasis on ‘hands-on’ learning. Students are encouraged to apply their knowledge in a flexible and creative way.

The areas of study include:
- Animation
- The Information Age
- Media
- Visual Communication
- Digital Imaging
- Online Words
- Web Design
- Programming
- Game Design
- Multimedia

ASSESSMENT
→ A combination of exams, assignments, project work and challenges.

LEVIES
♦ The levy for Information & Communication Technologies is included in the Base Resource Scheme Levy.

RELATED SUBJECTS IN YEAR 11 & YEAR 12 – Business Education Preparation.
RELATED SUBJECTS IN YEAR 11 & YEAR 12 – Business Communications and Technologies, Business Studies.

JAPANESE (JAP)

AIMS
- To communicate in Japanese at an introductory level.
- To increase awareness of other cultures and races and broaden world views.
- To acquire language-learning strategies that can be applied in further formal and informal studies.
- To enhance post-school options and meet the growing needs of industry for language skills and cultural understanding.

COURSE CONTENT
- The course is taught in a communicative context with each term being centred around a specific topic.
- Topics include: travel, entertainment, food, music, school, home, overseas travellers and national parks.
- Over the course of study the 4 macro-skills of reading, writing, listening and speaking are developed equally.
- Approximately 80 KANJI will be learnt for recognition and reproduction.
- Students have the opportunity to participate in student exchange programs, inbound study tour visits and speaking competitions, restaurant visits, language and essay competitions and the two-yearly trip to Japan.

ASSESSMENT
Assessment is focused on, but not limited to, the production of writing and speaking of language.
→ Writing
  - Poster
  - Itinerary
  - book/movie review
→ Speaking
  - presentation
  - role-play

LEVIES
♦ The levy for Japanese is included in the Base Resource Scheme Levy.
VISUAL ARTS (ART)

AIMS
- Develop visual expression and creative potential.
- Develop skills and techniques with visual art forms and media.
- Acquire knowledge of visual arts history and practise.
- Develop an appreciation of visual art scope.

COURSE CONTENT
- Basic skills are introduced in Year 7 and are built upon throughout the junior program.
- Making areas build the student’s expertise and experiences in:
  - painting, drawing, sculpture, printmaking, ceramics, fabric and textiles, design and illustration. All units are handled with a thematic base.
- Theoretical areas include the elements and principles of design, visual literacy and visual communication, history of art, cultural diversities in art.
This course helps students not only in the making of art but also in critically analysing and investigating art practices.

ASSESSMENT
→ Making and theoretical folios.
→ Progressive.

LEVIES
- Enrolment in this course is conditional upon payment of a levy during Term 1 to help offset the cost of materials used during the course.
- As a guide, the 2016 levy was $55.

RELATED SUBJECTS IN YEAR 10 – Art Preparation.
RELATED SUBJECTS IN YEAR 11 & 12 - Visual Art, Certificate II in Visual Arts, Media Arts in Practice.
HOW TO ENTER SUBJECT PREFERENCES ON ONSCHOOL

➢ **From School -**

1. Log on using your username and password.
2. Double click on the OneSchool Icon.
3. Click on the [My Education Plan] Tab.
4. Click on the [Surveys] Tab.
5. Click on the [Subject Selection] Tab.
6. If it is the first time you have attempted to select subjects, the following message “You currently have no subject selection model selected. Click [here] to select a new model”.
7. Click on [here] to select a new model.
9. Save.
10. Click on [Edit] Tab.
    ➢ The Subject Selection Form will appear.
11. Select two (2) Subjects.
12. Save.
13. Check that you have saved successfully. (If not error messages will appear at the top of the screen in red.)

➢ **From Home –**

1. Open Internet Explorer.
2. Type in the address – [https://oslp.eq.edu.au](https://oslp.eq.edu.au)
3. Enter.
4. Enter your username and password as requested.
5. Follow steps 3 – 13 as above.
Mossman State High School
Subject Selection Structure - Subject Selection Yr 9 2017

Number of Lines: 2
Additional Preferences: 0

Mandatory KLAs:

Student Instructions:
1. Students must study 5 mandatory subjects - Maths, English, Science, Humanities, Health & Physical Education
2. Students must choose 2 elective subjects - one from each line

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