

Year 10 2026 Subject Preferences Student Handbook

Senior School



Carey
Baptist Grammar School

TIMELINE TERM 3, 2025

DATE	EVENT	DETAIL
Thursday 24 July	MS House – Community Time	Deputy Head of Senior School – Student Learning presentation to Year 9 2025 students about Year 10 2026 subject choices
Monday 28 July	Year 10 2026 Information Evening (parents and students) 6.30-8.30 pm	6.30-7.30 pm in the Memorial Great Hall Year 10 2026 Information Session 7.30-8.30 pm in the Quad Meet Leaders of Learning, Careers Practitioners and Curriculum Coordinators
Tuesday 29 July	Online Subject Preferences portal opens.	Information emailed to Year 9 2025 students and parents.
Thursday 31 July	MS House visitations by SS/MS leadership teams 1.20-1.45 pm	Senior School staff available during Community Time sessions for subject selection queries
Friday 1 August	MS House visitations by SS/MS leadership teams. 1.20-1.45 pm	Senior School staff available during Community Time sessions for subject selection queries
Thursday 7 August	Online Subject Selection Forms deadline	Students should discuss their plans with parents and Mentor and complete the Year 10-12 planning sheet at the end of this booklet.

SUBJECT PREFERENCES FOR YEAR 10 IN 2026

In Year 10, students will study some core subjects (10 compulsory units) and some electives (up to 5 units). A semester elective equals 1 unit. This booklet will inform you about the makeup of the Year 10 curriculum.

You will receive an email with information to access the web preference portal and indicate your subject preferences for 2026. This will include your co-curricular choices and your elective subjects' preferences. You will indicate 8 electives (Languages count as two electives), **in order of preference**, from which up to 5 will be allocated. You will also be required to make a selection for some of the compulsory subjects.

Every effort is made to accommodate student preferences; however, we cannot guarantee that all students will receive their first-choice subjects. final allocations are determined by enrolment numbers, staff availability, and timetabling constraints. Students are therefore strongly advised to make their selections with care, and in consultation with relevant staff, as opportunities for changes later in the process may be limited.

Student Online subject preferences are to be completed by Thursday 7 August 2025.

CORE SUBJECTS (10 COMPULSORY UNITS)

English (2 units)

- English
- EAL - English as an Additional Language

Mathematics (2 units)

- Mathematical Methods and Analysis, Mathematics
- General Mathematics and Applications
- Foundation Mathematics

Science (2 units equivalent to a term of Biology, Chemistry, Physics, and a Science Project)

Humanities (1 unit which will be studied in either Semester 1 or Semester 2)

- American History
- World History – Conflict, Protest and Change
- Geography
- International Studies
- Philosophy

Physical Education (year-long 1 unit)

Health (year-long 1 unit)

Zero at Kew (year-long 1 unit)

ELECTIVE SUBJECTS (5 ELECTIVE UNITS)

Languages (2 units)

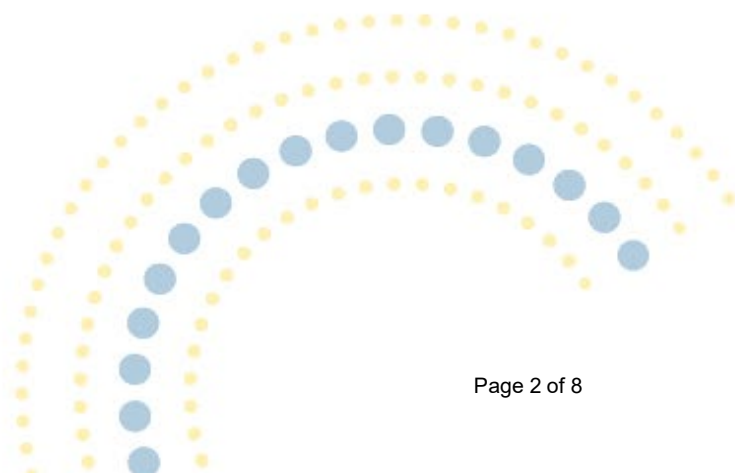
- French
- Indonesian
- Chinese First Language
- Chinese Second Language
- Chinese Second Language Advanced

English as an Additional Language (EAL) Support (2 units)

compulsory for students selecting EAL

Electives (1 unit)

- Art
- Food Studies
- Media
- Product Design and Technology: Design Engineering
- Product Design and Technology: Fashion and Textiles
- Product Design and Technology: Wood/Metal
- Visual Communication Design
- Business Studies
- Computer Science in Action
- Drama
- Learning Literacies * (by invitation)
- English Language
- English Literature
- American History
- World History: Conflict, Protest and Change
- Geography
- International Studies
- Philosophy
- Worldviews: Beliefs & Beyond
- Music
- Problems and Proofs
- Psychology: Human Behaviour
- Global Health
- Improving Sports Performance



STEPS TO EFFECTIVE SUBJECT PREFERENCES

- Access [Pathways](#) for specific details about the Year 10 program, subject offerings, course content, assessment methods and requirements. The website also contains details about the IB and VCE programs and subjects offered, which will be useful for future planning.
- Contact relevant Leaders of Learning or Teachers if you have questions about specific subjects.
- Contact your Mentor to discuss your preferences.
- Use the Year 10 2026 subject preferences planning sheet (page 8)
- Discuss your options with your parents.
- When choosing Year 10 subjects:
 - Select subjects that you like and are interested in.
 - Keep a language if you can.
 - Select the mathematics subject that provides you with the most appropriate level of challenge.

CHOOSING A MATHEMATICS COURSE

Option 1 - Year 10 Mathematical Methods and Analysis

10 Mathematical Methods and Analysis is a prerequisite for Year 11 IB Mathematics Analysis and Approaches (MAA) or VCE Mathematical Methods Units 1 and 2. This course is for students who have achieved an average of C or above in Year 9 Mathematics.

Option 2 - Year 10 General Mathematics and Applications

10 General Mathematics and Applications follows on from Mainstream Year 9 Mathematics. This course prepares students for Year 11 IB Mathematics Applications and Interpretations (MAI) or VCE General Mathematics. Students who have achieved an average below C over the course of Year 9 Mainstream Mathematics or above a C in Foundation Mathematics are encouraged to select this course.

Option 3 - Year 10 Foundation Mathematics

10 Foundation Mathematics follows on from the Foundation and Mainstream Year 9 Mathematics courses. Students who have achieved an average below E over the course of Year 9 Mathematics or have studied Year 9 Foundation are encouraged to select this course. The course focusses on preparing students with the breadth of knowledge they will be required to understand to study the new VCE Foundation Mathematics Units 1-4 course and does not have a pathway into the IB.

Tertiary Prerequisites

Some courses at University list Mathematics Analysis and Approaches (IB) or Mathematical Methods (VCE) as a prerequisite. These are courses that require this level of mathematical aptitude for success. While it is good to be mindful of University pre-requisites, choosing the most appropriate level of mathematics for Year 10 should be the priority. Students will work with their Careers Practitioner in Year 10 to explore post-school pathways based on their strengths, passions, and aspirations. Your Mathematics teacher can help you choose the most appropriate level of Mathematics for Year 10.

Students intending to study Chemistry or Physics in Year 11 are advised that Mathematics Analysis and Approaches SL (MAA SL), Mathematics Analysis and Approaches HL (MAA HL) or VCE Mathematical Methods are strongly recommended.

Should you wish to explore potential pre-requisites we recommend using VTAC CourseSearch: <https://delta.vtac.edu.au/coursesearch/#/search>

SCIENCE

Science is a core subject for all students at Year 10. Students will study a term of Physics, Chemistry and Biology with specialist teachers of these subjects to give them a true understanding of the knowledge, skills and approaches required to successfully undertake these in Years 11 and 12. Students will complete a major project based on their areas of interest and also the experiences and information they gather during the extended Zero expedition.

ACCELERATION OF VCE SUBJECTS IN YEAR 10

The elements of our Year 10 program support our students' holistic development and it is important students are involved in the whole program.

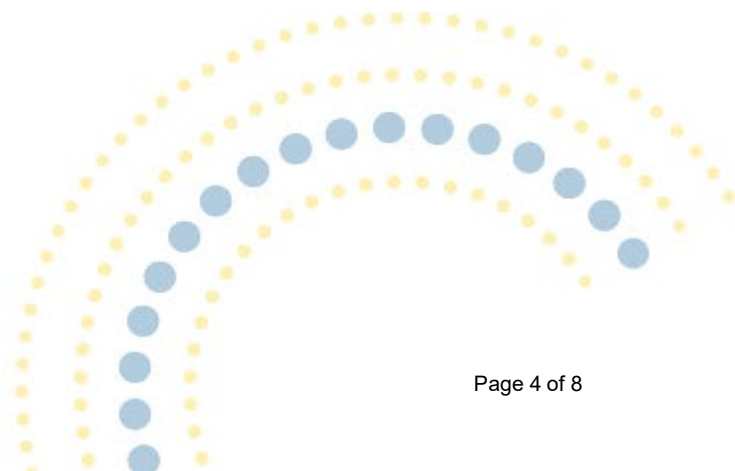
One aspect of students' development is preparation for studying the International Baccalaureate or the Victorian Certificate of Education in Year 11 and 12.

Each year, a few Year 10 students are invited to consider studying a Year 11 level VCE subject in Year 10. This selection process is based on the student's academic performance across both Semesters 1 and 2, and is undertaken in consultation with teachers, mentors and the Talent Development Team. Studying a Year 11 subject in Year 10 means students are not able to participate in all elements of the core Year 10 experience and will miss multiple weeks of Year 11 classes during the year.

Whilst teachers may implement modifications, a Year 10 student accelerating a VCE unit is NOT exempt from completing the Year 10 program, content and assessment.

For students who choose the VCE, depending on their Year 10 results, there may be an opportunity to include the study of one of a number of subjects at Year 12 level when they are in Year 11.

Please refer to Carey's [Acceleration Guidelines for VCE studies](#)



EXAMPLES OF POSSIBLE COURSES OF STUDY AT YEAR 10

	CORE SUBJECTS	YEAR LONG ELECTIVES	SEMESTER LONG ELECTIVES
1.	English (2 Units) Maths Methods (2 units) Health (1 Unit) Physical Education (1 Unit) World History (1 Unit) Science (2 Units) Carey Zero (1 Unit)	Year 10 French (2 Units)	Business Studies Media Geography (3 Units)
2.	English (2 Units) General Maths (2 Units) Health (1 Unit) Physical Education (1 Unit) American History (1 Unit) Science (2 Units) Carey Zero (1 Unit)	-	International Studies PDT Fashion & Textiles Psychology Improving Sports Perf Art (5 Units)
3.	EAL - English as an Additional Language (2 Units) Foundation Maths (2 Units) Health (1 Unit) Physical Education (1 Unit) Geography (1 Unit) Science (2 Units) Carey Zero (1 Unit)	English as an Additional Language (2 Units)	Psychology Improving Sports Perf Computer Science in Action (3 Units)

HELP AND ADVICE FROM THE CAREERS DEPARTMENT

In Year 10, students participate in a range of programs run by our Careers Practitioners which are designed to give students the confidence to make decisions about their Year 11 and 12 study choices and their future beyond Carey. In preparation for Year 10, it is important that students choose subjects based on their interests and strengths whilst thinking about subjects that will provide flexibility for future directions. The Year 10 program gives students the opportunity to experience a range of subjects prior to deciding on an IB or VCE program. Year 10 Students will have the opportunity to participate in the following Careers program events:

- Year 10 Morrisby Career Profile
- Attend a careers counselling interview with Careers Practitioner
- Carey Careers Expo

The Careers Practitioners have created a bespoke Canvas site called 'The Careers Hub' which is available to all Senior School Students and Parents/Guardians. You can access curated resources to support your research as well as read the fortnightly Careers Newsletter via this site. Careers planning has also been built into the Carey Zero program.

BEYOND YEAR 10 WE OFFER TWO MAIN PATHWAYS

IB International Baccalaureate



- Suits 'all-rounders' who are organised.
- The IB Learner profile attributes combined with the IB methods of assessment are an excellent preparation for university.
- Students must select a course from each subject group: English, Second Language Beginners or Advanced, Humanities/Business, Science, Mathematics, and the Arts. You can replace Arts with an additional language, a second Humanities or a second Science.
- International dimension to all course content.
- Students study Theory of Knowledge (ToK), a critical thinking course.
- Students write an Extended Essay (EE) on a topic of their choice linked to one of their subjects.
- Students' co-curricular activities are recognised through the completion of Creativity, Activity, Service (CAS).
- Criterion based Assessment made of Internal and External Assessment (not ranked).
- Students are examined on the knowledge from two years of study.

VCE Victorian Certificate of Education



- Provides students with flexibility in their Year 11 and 12 studies (unit-based courses).
- Allows for specialisation in particular Learning Areas: e.g. you could study 3 Englishes, Maths, Humanities etc.
- Students must study at least one of the English subjects.
- Various combinations of subjects are permitted.
- Students can change some subjects for Year 12.
- Students do between 4 and 6 Year 12 subjects.
- There is the possibility of studying VET subjects and VCE subjects taught outside Carey.
- State-wide subject ranking of results.
- Assessments on Year 12 material only.

CONTACT DETAILS

If you have questions about selecting Year 10 subjects, you can contact any of the following staff:

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YEAR 10 SUBJECT PREFERENCES - PLANNING SHEET

YEAR 10 SUBJECTS (SELECT 18 UNITS IN TOTAL)	YEAR 11 SUBJECTS IB OR VCE	YEAR 12 SUBJECTS IB OR VCE
COMPULSORY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> English (2 units) Humanities* (1 unit) Mathematics - Mathematical Methods General Mathematics Foundation Mathematics - (2 units) Physical Education (1 unit) Health (1 unit) Science (2 units) Zero (1 unit) 		
SUBJECT PREFERENCES Year Long Elective (2 units) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Languages_____ Year 10 semester electives (1 unit per semester) to total 18 units overall <ol style="list-style-type: none"> _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ * Humanities: students may include additional Humanities units as electives		



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