



Pittwater House

Secondary School Subjects for 2020

Academic Subjects

For 2020 Pittwater House continues to offer subjects from all of the Key Learning Areas of the NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA). All Subjects taken in Years 11 and 12 lead to the awarding of the NSW Higher School Certificate after the completion of the State exams at the end of Year 12.

A wide range of subject choices is outlined for each year group in the detailed list overleaf. In Years 7 and 8 most subjects are compulsory as prescribed by NESA. The exception to this is the choice between French and Mandarin in Year 8. For Years 9 and 10 each student must take the mandatory core set by the NESA. Aside from the mandatory core subjects' students in Year 9 and 10 must also choose a number of elective subjects as shown in the tables overleaf. The number and choice of elective subjects for students in Year 9 and above in both the Grammar School (boys) and the Girls' College is restricted to those subjects listed in the lower portions of the columns overleaf.

For Years 11 and 12, each of the subjects are assigned 'units' to contribute to the NSW Higher School Certificate. Each candidate is required to undertake a minimum of twelve units in Year 11 (excluding extension subjects) and a minimum of 10 units in Year 12 (although many continue to carry twelve). University entrance or the ATAR is calculated from the student's best 10 units, and this must include two units of English.

All subject choices and changes should be discussed with the Deputy Principal during normal term time. For enrolling, students' subject selections and completed selection forms should be discussed at the Enrolment Interview.

Note: Students in Years 11 and 12 also have the opportunity to study a range of courses through TAFE which can contribute to their ATAR. Additional Language Courses are also available in Years 11 and 12 for background speakers through the Saturday School of Community Languages at Chatswood. Courses may also be taken through the NSW School of Languages. Courses available include Korean, Japanese, German, Russian and Indonesian to name a few.

Any questions or concerns please contact myself on james.walmsley@tphs.nsw.edu.au

Yours sincerely

James Walmsley
Deputy Principal

Student Name: _____ Year: _____

2020 Year 7 Subjects

Students must study each of the following mandatory subjects as per the NESA Guidelines:						
<input type="checkbox"/> English	<input type="checkbox"/> Mathematics	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	<input type="checkbox"/> Geography	<input type="checkbox"/> History	<input type="checkbox"/> Technology	
<input type="checkbox"/> Music	<input type="checkbox"/> Visual Arts	<input type="checkbox"/> French/Mandarin	<input type="checkbox"/> PDHPE - Personal Development, Health and Physical Education			

2020 Year 8 Subjects

Students must study each of the following mandatory subjects as per the NESA Guidelines:					
<input type="checkbox"/> English	<input type="checkbox"/> Mathematics	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	<input type="checkbox"/> Geography	<input type="checkbox"/> History	<input type="checkbox"/> Technology
<input type="checkbox"/> Music	<input type="checkbox"/> Visual Arts	<input type="checkbox"/> PDHPE - Personal Development, Health and Physical Education			
Students must choose one language from below.					
<input type="checkbox"/> French			<input type="checkbox"/> Mandarin		

2020 Year 9 Subject Lines

Students must study each of the following mandatory subjects as per the NESA Guidelines:					
<input type="checkbox"/> English	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	<input type="checkbox"/> History	<input type="checkbox"/> Geography		
<input type="checkbox"/> Mathematics (Level 5.1, 5.2 or 5.3)		<input type="checkbox"/> PDHPE - Personal Development, Health and Physical Education			
Students choose THREE electives. ONE must come from each block. Subjects carry forward to Year 10 as part of a two year course.					
Block A	<input type="checkbox"/> Commerce <input type="checkbox"/> Chinese <input type="checkbox"/> Dance <input type="checkbox"/> Drama <input type="checkbox"/> History Elective <input type="checkbox"/> Information Software and Technology <input type="checkbox"/> Physical Activity & Sports Studies <input type="checkbox"/> Photography and Digital Media	Block B	<input type="checkbox"/> Commerce <input type="checkbox"/> Music <input type="checkbox"/> French <input type="checkbox"/> Food Technology <input type="checkbox"/> Design Technology <input type="checkbox"/> History Elective <input type="checkbox"/> Physical Activity & Sports Studies	Block C	<input type="checkbox"/> Commerce <input type="checkbox"/> French <input type="checkbox"/> Music <input type="checkbox"/> STEM <input type="checkbox"/> Visual Arts <input type="checkbox"/> Information Software and Technology <input type="checkbox"/> Photography and Digital Media

2020 Year 10 Subject Lines

Students must study each of the following mandatory subjects as per the NESA Guidelines:					
<input type="checkbox"/> English (<i>please circle</i>) L1 L2 L3 <input type="checkbox"/> Mathematics (<i>please circle</i>) Level 5.1, 5.2 or 5.3 <input type="checkbox"/> Science (<i>please circle</i>) L1 L2 L3 <input type="checkbox"/> History <input type="checkbox"/> Geography <input type="checkbox"/> PDHPE - Personal Development, Health and Physical Education					
Students choose THREE electives. ONE must come from each block. <i>If selecting a subject not undertaken in Year 9, the subject's inclusion on the ROSA Certificate may be affected. This is only relevant if the student intends to leave schooling prior to the HSC. For further information see Deputy Principal.</i>					
Block A	<input type="checkbox"/> Commerce <input type="checkbox"/> Drama <input type="checkbox"/> Food Technology <input type="checkbox"/> History Elective <input type="checkbox"/> French <input type="checkbox"/> Information Software and Technology	Block B	<input type="checkbox"/> Chinese <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce <input type="checkbox"/> Dance <input type="checkbox"/> Design and Technology <input type="checkbox"/> Music <input type="checkbox"/> French <input type="checkbox"/> STEM – Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths <input type="checkbox"/> Open High School	Block C	<input type="checkbox"/> Commerce <input type="checkbox"/> Information Software and Technology <input type="checkbox"/> Visual Arts <input type="checkbox"/> Physical Activity & Sports Studies <input type="checkbox"/> Photography and Digital Media <input type="checkbox"/> Music

Student Name: _____ Year: _____

2020 Year 11 Subject Lines

Unless stated, all subjects are 2 units. A minimum of 12 units is required. The study of English is compulsory.			
Group 1	<input type="checkbox"/> English - Standard <input type="checkbox"/> English - Advanced <input type="checkbox"/> English as an Additional language & Dialect (EAL/D) <input type="checkbox"/> English Studies	Group 2	<input type="checkbox"/> Mathematics (2 Unit) <input type="checkbox"/> Mathematics Standard (2 Unit)
Group 3	<input type="checkbox"/> Music (Course 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Music (Course 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Biology <input type="checkbox"/> Information Processes & Technology <input type="checkbox"/> Business Studies <input type="checkbox"/> Geography <input type="checkbox"/> Food Technology	Group 4	<input type="checkbox"/> Business Studies <input type="checkbox"/> Chemistry <input type="checkbox"/> Modern History <input type="checkbox"/> Dance <input type="checkbox"/> French <input type="checkbox"/> Information Processes & Technology <input type="checkbox"/> Legal Studies
Group 5	<input type="checkbox"/> Ancient History <input type="checkbox"/> Business Studies <input type="checkbox"/> Chemistry <input type="checkbox"/> Design Technology <input type="checkbox"/> Economics <input type="checkbox"/> Modern History <input type="checkbox"/> Visual Arts	Group 6	<input type="checkbox"/> Biology <input type="checkbox"/> Business Studies <input type="checkbox"/> Community & Family Studies <input type="checkbox"/> Legal Studies <input type="checkbox"/> PDHPE <input type="checkbox"/> Physics
EXT	<input type="checkbox"/> Mathematics Ext. 1 (1 Unit) <input type="checkbox"/> English Ext. 1 (1 Unit)	Offline	<input type="checkbox"/> Studies of Religion (1 Unit)
Other	<input type="checkbox"/> NSW School of Languages (2 Unit) <input type="checkbox"/> TAFE / TVET (2 Unit)		

2020 Year 12 Subject Lines

Unless stated, all subjects are 2 units. A minimum of 10 units is required. The study of English is compulsory.			
Group 1	<input type="checkbox"/> English - Standard <input type="checkbox"/> English - Advanced <input type="checkbox"/> English as an Additional language & Dialect (EAL/D) <input type="checkbox"/> English Studies	Group 2	<input type="checkbox"/> Mathematics (2 Unit) <input type="checkbox"/> Mathematics Standard (2 Unit)
Group 3	<input type="checkbox"/> Music (Course 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Music (Course 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Biology <input type="checkbox"/> Dance <input type="checkbox"/> Economics <input type="checkbox"/> Information Processes & Technology <input type="checkbox"/> Modern History <input type="checkbox"/> Visual Arts	Group 4	<input type="checkbox"/> Ancient History <input type="checkbox"/> Business Studies <input type="checkbox"/> Chemistry <input type="checkbox"/> Geography <input type="checkbox"/> Modern History
Group 5	<input type="checkbox"/> Ancient History <input type="checkbox"/> Earth & Environmental Sciences <input type="checkbox"/> Investigating Science <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial Technology Multimedia <input type="checkbox"/> Legal Studies <input type="checkbox"/> Physics	Group 6	<input type="checkbox"/> Business Studies <input type="checkbox"/> Drama <input type="checkbox"/> Design Technology <input type="checkbox"/> Economics <input type="checkbox"/> French <input type="checkbox"/> Legal Studies <input type="checkbox"/> PDHPE
EXT	<input type="checkbox"/> Mathematics Ext. 1 (1 Unit) <input type="checkbox"/> Mathematics Ext. 2 (1 Unit) <input type="checkbox"/> English Ext. 1 (1 Unit) <input type="checkbox"/> English Ext. 2 (1 Unit) <input type="checkbox"/> Music Ext (1 Unit) <input type="checkbox"/> Science Ext (1 Unit) <input type="checkbox"/> History Ext (1 Unit)	Offline	<input type="checkbox"/> Studies of Religion (1 Unit)
Other	<input type="checkbox"/> NSW School of Languages (2 Unit) <input type="checkbox"/> TAFE / TVET (2 Unit)		

