



**Pittwater House**

# Secondary School Subjects for 2017

## Academic Subjects

For 2017 Pittwater House continues to offer subjects from all of the Key Learning Areas of the NSW Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards (BOSTES). 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 BOSTES. The exception to this is the Year 7 Elective and the choice between French and Mandarin in Year 8. For Years 9 and 10 each student must take the mandatory core set by the BOSTES. 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 Open High School. 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](mailto:james.walmsley@tphs.nsw.edu.au)

Yours sincerely

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Deputy Principal

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_

## 2017 Year 7 Subjects

Students must study each of the following mandatory subjects as per the BOSTES Guidelines:					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> English	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mathematics	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Science	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Geography	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> History	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Technology
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Music	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Visual Arts	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> French/Mandarin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PDHPE - Personal Development, Health and Physical Education		
Students must choose one elective from below.					
<input type="checkbox"/> Dance	<input type="checkbox"/> Drama	<input type="checkbox"/> Latin	<input type="checkbox"/> Philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> STEM – Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths	

## 2017 Year 8 Subjects

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

## 2017 Year 9 Subject Lines

Students must study each of the following mandatory subjects as per the BOSTES Guidelines:					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> English	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Science	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> History			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Geography
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mathematics (Level 5.1, 5.2 or 5.3)	<input checked="" 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.					
<b>Block A</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Commerce <input type="checkbox"/> Design and Technology <input type="checkbox"/> French <input type="checkbox"/> Drama <input type="checkbox"/> Photography and Digital Media <input type="checkbox"/> Food Technology	<b>Block B</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Commerce <input type="checkbox"/> Physical Activity & Sports Studies <input type="checkbox"/> History Elective <input type="checkbox"/> Information Software and Technology <input type="checkbox"/> Visual Arts <input type="checkbox"/> Design and Technology	<b>Block C</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Commerce <input type="checkbox"/> Food Technology <input type="checkbox"/> Information Software and Technology <input type="checkbox"/> Music <input type="checkbox"/> Dance <input type="checkbox"/> History Elective <input type="checkbox"/> French <input type="checkbox"/> Chinese

## 2017 Year 10 Subject Lines

Students must study each of the following mandatory subjects as per the BOSTES Guidelines:					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> English	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Science	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> History			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Geography
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mathematics (Level 5.1, 5.2 or 5.3)	<input checked="" 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>					
<b>Block A</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Commerce <input type="checkbox"/> Design and Technology <input type="checkbox"/> French <input type="checkbox"/> Physical Activity & Sports Studies <input type="checkbox"/> Visual Arts	<b>Block B</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Commerce <input type="checkbox"/> Drama <input type="checkbox"/> Food Technology <input type="checkbox"/> History Elective <input type="checkbox"/> Information Software and Technology <input type="checkbox"/> Photography and Digital Media	<b>Block C</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Commerce <input type="checkbox"/> Design and Technology <input type="checkbox"/> Food Technology <input type="checkbox"/> Information Software and Technology <input type="checkbox"/> Music <input type="checkbox"/> Dance

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_

## 2017 Year 11 Subject Lines

Unless stated, all subjects are 2 units. A minimum of 12 units is required. The study of English is compulsory.					
<b>Group 1</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> English - Standard <input type="checkbox"/> English - Advanced <input type="checkbox"/> English as a Second Language	<b>Group 2</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Mathematics (2 Unit) <input type="checkbox"/> General Mathematics (2 Unit) <input type="checkbox"/> Modern History	<b>Group 3</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Chemistry <input type="checkbox"/> Business Studies <input type="checkbox"/> Legal Studies <input type="checkbox"/> Drama <input type="checkbox"/> General Mathematics (2 Unit)
<b>Group 4</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Ancient History <input type="checkbox"/> Modern History <input type="checkbox"/> Biology <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial Technology (Multimedia) <input type="checkbox"/> French <input type="checkbox"/> PDHPE <input type="checkbox"/> Physics	<b>Group 5</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Music (Course 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Music (Course 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Business Studies <input type="checkbox"/> Earth and Environmental Science <input type="checkbox"/> Economics <input type="checkbox"/> Senior Science <input type="checkbox"/> Information Processes & Technology	<b>Group 6</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Visual Arts <input type="checkbox"/> PDHPE – Personal Development, Health and Physical Education <input type="checkbox"/> Economics <input type="checkbox"/> Legal Studies <input type="checkbox"/> Geography <input type="checkbox"/> Chinese (Background Speakers)
<b>EXT</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Mathematics Ext. 1 (1 Unit) <input type="checkbox"/> English Ext. 1 (1 Unit)	<b>Offline</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Studies of Religion (1 Unit) <input type="checkbox"/> Dance (2 Unit)	<b>Other</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Open High School Language (2 Unit) <input type="checkbox"/> TAFE / TVET (2 Unit)

## 2017 Year 12 Subject Lines

Unless stated, all subjects are 2 units. A minimum of 10 units is required. The study of English is compulsory.					
<b>Group 1</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> English - Standard <input type="checkbox"/> English – Advanced <input type="checkbox"/> English as a Second Language	<b>Group 2</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Mathematics (2 Unit) <input type="checkbox"/> General Mathematics (2 Unit) <input type="checkbox"/> Geography	<b>Group 3</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Ancient History <input type="checkbox"/> Chinese <input type="checkbox"/> Economics <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial Technology – Multimedia <input type="checkbox"/> General Mathematics <input type="checkbox"/> Modern History
<b>Group 4</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Biology <input type="checkbox"/> Design and Technology <input type="checkbox"/> French <input type="checkbox"/> Legal Studies <input type="checkbox"/> Software and Design	<b>Group 5</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Music (Course 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Music (Course 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Business Studies <input type="checkbox"/> Chemistry <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial Technology – Multimedia <input type="checkbox"/> Modern History <input type="checkbox"/> PDHPE – Personal Development, Health and Physical Education	<b>Group 6</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Biology <input type="checkbox"/> Business Studies <input type="checkbox"/> Drama <input type="checkbox"/> Earth and Environmental Science <input type="checkbox"/> Physics <input type="checkbox"/> Visual Arts
<b>EXT</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Mathematics Ext. 1 (1 Unit) <input type="checkbox"/> Mathematics Ext. 2 (2 Unit) <input type="checkbox"/> French Extension (1 Unit)	<b>EXT</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> English Ext. 1 (1 Unit) <input type="checkbox"/> English Ext. 2 (2 Unit) <input type="checkbox"/> History Extension (1 Unit) <input type="checkbox"/> Music Extension (1 Unit)	<b>Other</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> TAFE / TVET <input type="checkbox"/> Open High School Language