



**Pittwater House**

# Secondary School Subjects for 2025

## Academic Subjects

For 2025 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](mailto:james.walmsley@tphs.nsw.edu.au)

Yours sincerely

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Deputy Principal

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

## 2025 Year 7 Subjects

Students must study each of the following subjects:					
English	Mathematics	Science	Geography	History	Technology
Music	Visual Arts	French/Mandarin	Drama	PDHPE - Personal Development, Health and Physical Education	

## 2025 Year 8 Subjects

	Students must study each of the following subjects:					
	English	Mathematics	Science	Geography	History	Technology
	Music	Visual Arts	PDHPE - Personal Development, Health and Physical Education			
	Student must choose one language from below.					
	<input type="checkbox"/> French			<input type="checkbox"/> Mandarin (At capacity for the Grammar School)		

## 2025 Year 9 Subject Lines

Students must study each of the following mandatory subjects as per the NESA Guidelines:								
English		Science		History				
Mathematics (Level 5.1, 5.2 or 5.3)		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		Block B	<input type="checkbox"/> Computing Technology		Block C	<input type="checkbox"/> Additional Studies	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Dance (Accelerated Stage 5 Course)			<input type="checkbox"/> Commerce			<input type="checkbox"/> Chinese	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Design and Technology			<input type="checkbox"/> Drama			<input type="checkbox"/> Commerce	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Food Technology			<input type="checkbox"/> Food Technology			<input type="checkbox"/> French	
	<input type="checkbox"/> French			<input type="checkbox"/> French			<input type="checkbox"/> NSW School of Languages	
	<input type="checkbox"/> History Elective			<input type="checkbox"/> Music			<input type="checkbox"/> Photography and Digital Media (FULL)	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Music			<input type="checkbox"/> Physical Activity and Sports Studies			<input type="checkbox"/> Physical Activity and Sports Studies	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Physical Activity and Sports Studies			<input type="checkbox"/> Photography and Digital Media			<input type="checkbox"/> Visual Arts	
<input type="checkbox"/> Visual Arts								

## 2025 Year 10 Subject Lines

Year 10 Subjects							
	Students must study each of the following mandatory subjects as per the NESA Guidelines:						
	English	Science	History	Geography			
	Mathematics (Level 5.1, 5.2 or 5.3)		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"/> Chinese		Block B	<input type="checkbox"/> Additional Studies		Block C	<input type="checkbox"/> Computing Technology
	<input type="checkbox"/> Computing Technology			<input type="checkbox"/> Commerce			<input type="checkbox"/> Commerce
	<input type="checkbox"/> Commerce			<input type="checkbox"/> Design and Technology (FULL)			<input type="checkbox"/> Dance (Accelerated Preliminary Course)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Drama			<input type="checkbox"/> French			<input type="checkbox"/> Design and Technology (FULL)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Design and Technology (FULL)			<input type="checkbox"/> History Elective			<input type="checkbox"/> Food Technology
	<input type="checkbox"/> French			<input type="checkbox"/> Music			<input type="checkbox"/> French
	<input type="checkbox"/> NSW School of Languages			<input type="checkbox"/> Physical Activity and Sports Studies			<input type="checkbox"/> Music
	<input type="checkbox"/> Physical Activity and Sports Studies			<input type="checkbox"/> Photography and Digital Media			<input type="checkbox"/> Physical Activity and Sports Studies
	<input type="checkbox"/> Visual Arts				<input type="checkbox"/> Photography and Digital Media	<input type="checkbox"/> Visual Arts	

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

## 2025 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"/> Business Studies <input type="checkbox"/> Mathematics Advanced <input type="checkbox"/> Mathematics Accelerated <input type="checkbox"/> Mathematics Standard <input type="checkbox"/> Visual Arts	<b>Group 2</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> English Advanced <input type="checkbox"/> English Standard <input type="checkbox"/> English Studies	<b>Group 3</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Ancient History <input type="checkbox"/> Business Studies <input type="checkbox"/> Chemistry <input type="checkbox"/> Design and Technology <input type="checkbox"/> Enterprise Computing <input type="checkbox"/> Health and Movement Science <input type="checkbox"/> Legal Studies <input type="checkbox"/> Society and Culture
<b>Group 4</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Biology <input type="checkbox"/> Dance (Accelerated HSC Course) <input type="checkbox"/> Drama <input type="checkbox"/> Design and Technology <input type="checkbox"/> Economics <input type="checkbox"/> French <input type="checkbox"/> Geography <input type="checkbox"/> Health and Movement Science <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial Technology – Multimedia <input type="checkbox"/> Modern History	<b>Group 5</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Biology <input type="checkbox"/> Business Studies <input type="checkbox"/> Community and Family Studies <input type="checkbox"/> Geography <input type="checkbox"/> Legal Studies <input type="checkbox"/> Music 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Music 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Physics <input type="checkbox"/> Visual Arts	<b>Group 6</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Biology <input type="checkbox"/> Chemistry <input type="checkbox"/> Economics <input type="checkbox"/> Mathematics Standard <input type="checkbox"/> Modern History <input type="checkbox"/> Physics <input type="checkbox"/> Society and Culture <input type="checkbox"/> Software Engineering
<b>EXT</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Mathematics Extension 1 (1 Unit) <input type="checkbox"/> English Extension 1 (1 Unit)	<b>Other</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> NSW School of Languages (2 Unit) <input type="checkbox"/> TAFE / TVET (2 Unit)		

## 2025 Year 12 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	<b>Group 2</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Mathematics Advanced <input type="checkbox"/> Mathematics Standard 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Mathematics Standard 2	<b>Group 3</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Biology <input type="checkbox"/> Business Studies <input type="checkbox"/> Chemistry <input type="checkbox"/> Drama <input type="checkbox"/> Economics <input type="checkbox"/> Food Technology <input type="checkbox"/> Modern History <input type="checkbox"/> Software Engineering (UTS) <input type="checkbox"/> Visual Arts
<b>Group 4</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Ancient History <input type="checkbox"/> Design and Technology <input type="checkbox"/> Enterprise Computing <input type="checkbox"/> Geography <input type="checkbox"/> Legal Studies <input type="checkbox"/> Modern History <input type="checkbox"/> Personal Development, Health and Physical Education <input type="checkbox"/> Visual Arts	<b>Group 5</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Biology <input type="checkbox"/> Business Studies <input type="checkbox"/> Economics <input type="checkbox"/> French <input type="checkbox"/> Personal Development, Health and Physical Education <input type="checkbox"/> Physics <input type="checkbox"/> Society and Culture	<b>Group 6</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Biology <input type="checkbox"/> Business Studies <input type="checkbox"/> Community and Family Studies <input type="checkbox"/> Chemistry <input type="checkbox"/> Design and Technology <input type="checkbox"/> Legal Studies <input type="checkbox"/> Music 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Music 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Physics
<b>EXT</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Mathematics Extension 1 (1 Unit) <input type="checkbox"/> Mathematics Extension 2 (1 Unit) <input type="checkbox"/> English Extension 1 (1 Unit) <input type="checkbox"/> English Extension 2 (1 Unit) <input type="checkbox"/> Music Extension (1 Unit) <input type="checkbox"/> History Extension (1 Unit) <input type="checkbox"/> Science Extension (1 Unit)	<b>Offline</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> NSW School of Languages (2 Unit) <input type="checkbox"/> TAFE / TVET (2 Unit)	<b>Other</b>	