



# ALEXANDRA SECONDARY COLLEGE

Year 10 - 2024  
Course Information

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# What is different about Year 10?

- Entering the Senior School.
- Selecting all of your electives.
- Opportunity to accelerate into a Year 11 subject.
- Begin planning your pathway into VCE or VCE Vocational Major.



# Your 2024 Course

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- English and Mathematics for the whole year.
- Two periods per week of Lifeskills/Workskills for the year.
- One semester each of Traffic Safety and Health (3 periods)
- Six electives chosen from –  
Science, Languages, Health and Physical Education, Arts, Technology, English, Humanities, English.

## Year 10 Subjects by Learning Area and Year 11 Accelerated Subjects

ENGLISH	MATHEMATICS	PHYSICAL EDUCATION	SCIENCE	ARTS	TECHNOLOGY	HUMANITIES	LANGUAGE
English	Mathematics	Physical Education	Science 101	Studio Arts: 2D, 3D	Digital Technologies	ABLE	Japanese
Literature		Recreation	Science 102	Visual Comm (Graphics)	Food for Life	History/ Geography	
				Drama/ Theatre	Weld it Make it Use it.		
				Music: Band Class			
Literature 1,2	General Maths 3,4	Physical Education 1,2	Biology 1,2	Art Making, Exhibiting 1,2		Business Studies 1,2	
		Health & Hum Dev 1,2	Psychology	Visual Comm 1&2	VET Hospitality	Legal Studies 1,2	
		VET Sport & Rec 1,2		Theatre Studies 1,2	VET Auto 1,2	Geography 1,2	
				Music 1,2	VET Construction	History 1,2	

Year 11 Accelerated subjects



# A Sample Year 10 Course

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Semester 1	Semester 2
English	English
Mathematics	Mathematics
Workskills/Lifeskills	Workskills/Lifeskills
Traffic Safety	Health
Studio Art	Food for Life
Weld It, Make It, Use It.	Science 101
Physical Education	Geography/History



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My preferences
1. Food for Life
2. Weld it, Make it, Use it.
3. Science 101
4. Science 102
5. Drama
6. History/Geography

**Select two Reserve preferences.** These are in case you have clashes or subjects don't run.

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My Reserve preferences
1. Japanese
2. Digital Technologies

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# Acceleration

You have the option of applying to study a Year 11 subject.

This would result in you obtaining a Unit 1,2 subject in Year 10 and then possibly a Unit 3,4 subject in Year 11.

Why? Challenge, interest, start obtaining credit for VCE early, end up with 6 Unit 3,4 subjects instead of the standard 5. Completing a two-year TAFE Certificate by the end of Year 11.



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# Criteria for acceleration

You need to have demonstrated:

- ✓ A strong work ethic – able to cope with the increased work demands of VCE/VET. This includes in class and also the homework requirements.
- ✓ Good skills in the chosen subject. Are you an Honour student in that subject at Year 9?
- ✓ Mature behaviour in class and the ability to work alongside older students.
- ✓ Approval from the subject learning area.





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# A Sample Year 10 Course - with acceleration.

Semester 1	Semester 2
English	English
Mathematics	Mathematics
Workskills/Lifeskills	Workskills/Lifeskills
Traffic Safety	Health
Psychology Unit 1	Psychology Unit 2
Science 101	ABLE – Accounting/Business/Legal/Econ
Recreation	Literature



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My preferences
1. Recreation
2. Psychology 1
3. Psychology 2
4. Science 101
5. Literature
6. ABLE

Note the two units of Year 11 Psychology.

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1. Physical Education
2. Studio Art

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# Where To From Here?

- Year 10 is a great opportunity for trying a variety of subjects at a higher level. You might be surprised at what you enjoy.
- Your pathway is not set in stone!
- What skills do you need for VCE?
- Listen carefully today to the representatives of each subject area.
- Ask questions.
- Begin to pencil in a three-year plan.
- Investigate workplace , university, TAFE options. It is never too early to start looking and asking for advice.



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- Meet with Philip Stevenson (Careers Coord) for a chat on your pathway interests.
- Consider your Morrisby Assessment – what strengths did it show for you?
- Investigate workplace , university, TAFE options. It is never too early to start looking and asking for advice.
- Select what YOU enjoy, not what others enjoy.



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## Year 10 – 2024

You will study 6 electives during the year. Make a list below of subjects that are sounding interesting for you today during your discussions at the tables. Are they subjects that will provide you with a strong base for your year 11 and 12 course?

Learning Area	Notes: Subjects of interest
Arts	
Health and Physical Education	
Humanities	
Science	
Technology	
Languages	

Accelerated subjects (Year 11) that I might be interested in:

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Who I need to speak to, to get more information/ advice on these subjects:

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Note: English teachers will be asked for feedback on every student applying for an accelerated subject due to the written nature of EVERY Year 11 subject.



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