

Navigating the Journey: Phases of Secondary Schooling

PHASE OF SECONDARY SCHOOLING	KEY FOCUS AREAS
<p>YEARS 7-8 – BREADTH PHASE</p> <p>A time of exploration. Students settle into Secondary School life and build foundational knowledge across a wide range of subjects, setting the stage for later personalisation.</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A sampling of subjects across the breadth of the Australian Curriculum across all key learning areas.• Exposure to a wide range of subjects before choice and specialisation commences.• Focus on building skills in literacy, numeracy, and general capabilities.• Structured support for transition into Secondary School structures and expectations.
<p>YEAR 9 – PROGRAMS PHASE</p> <p>Students start shaping their path. Through core subjects and electives, they explore new areas of interest, build independence and begin discovering what lights them up.</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Continuation of core curriculum with increasing opportunities for elective choices.• Development of academic skills and independence in learning.• Encouragement to explore interests and passions through elective subjects.• Building metacognitive skills, resilience, and self-management.• Support in understanding how learning connects to future goals and pathways.
<p>YEAR 10 – PATHWAYS PHASE</p> <p>Students begin preparing for the senior years - building skills, identifying strengths and mapping out potential future directions through SET Planning and tailored electives.</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Core curriculum continues with options for electives tailored to interests and strengths.• Focus on career awareness and preparation for senior subject selection.• SET Planning process to map individual learning and career pathways.• Increasing subject depth, assessment rigour, and personal responsibility.• Development of skills for successful transition to Year 11 and 12.
<p>YEARS 11-12 – SENIOR PHASE</p> <p>Students commit to a specialised study pathway - academic, vocational or a combination of both, working toward their QCE and (if chosen) an ATAR for University.</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Study of QCAA General, Applied, and/or VET subjects.• Completion of QCE.• ATAR pathway for tertiary entrance.• Strong focus on real-world readiness and post-school transition.