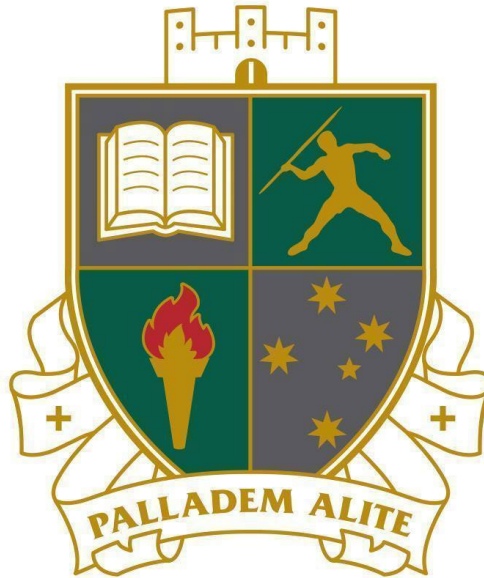




STRATHMORE SECONDARY COLLEGE

YEAR 9 - 2027

CURRICULUM BOOKLET

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Please note: College Council reviews and updates fee schedules annually in September. The fees will be published on the college website shortly afterwards.

INDIVIDUAL PROGRAMS FOR YEAR 9 STUDENTS

The aim of Year 9 is that students begin to focus on areas that interest them and will extend their learning. Year 9 is a critical year in preparation for senior school pathways so it is important that students select subjects that will engage them and challenge them to achieve their best.

By the middle of Year 9, students will begin making decisions about their Year 10 subjects, VCE pathways, and their Year 10 work experience. It is important that they use their individual program to extend their experience, broaden their skill base and seek support so they are prepared to make these decisions. Some students may wish to consider taking an accelerated VCE subject in Year 10. Students will only be permitted to do this if their performance and approach to learning are of a high standard in the first half of Year 9.

WHAT YOUR CHILD WILL STUDY IN 2027

Our program for Year 9 students is divided into two parts.

The core program that all students will study

- English
- Mathematics
- Science
- Humanities
- Health & Physical Education, and Sport

The individual program units offer students the opportunity to specialise in subjects that suit and challenge their individual abilities, interests, and needs. Students will study three Individual Program Units per semester (six per year) within this Individual Program.

- All students may choose to continue a whole year study in a Language (Greek, Italian and Japanese).
- Students in need of literacy support will be able to take part in a Literacy Intervention Program (Support for Literacy) for a whole year.
- All students will have access to single semester studies in Visual Arts, Technology, and Performing Arts, Music & Media. Note that Music is a whole-year study for those who play an instrument.
- The Enrichment Program is aimed at extending students who are academically advanced in a particular area and are available in Advanced English, Advanced Maths, STEAM Project, and Coaching & Fitness.
- Humanities Elective Units offer subjects that are of interest for students considering Commerce subjects in Year 10.

Counsellors will support students in the design of their programs. The full range of subjects available to students in 2027 is shown on page 7.

HOW YOUR CHILD'S PROGRAM WILL BE DEVELOPED

Each class will have a counsellor to assist all students in the process of developing their individual program for 2027. The counsellor will meet with your child's class to fully discuss the program and answer their questions.

A brief description of all subjects in the Individual Program is provided for you and your child to read.

Students must complete a Career Action Plan (CAP) so that they can reflect on their school experience in Year 8 and begin to plan some steps for Year 9 and beyond. They should carefully consider the success they've had in different subject areas, as well as those that they have enjoyed or for which they have found a passion.

Students and families need to enter course preferences into the Edval Choice portal, using "Entering Your Program Preferences" on p.8 of this booklet to guide you.

The online submission to Edval Choice will be completed in Term 3. It's important to ensure that preferences are submitted on time. Late submission will limit the choices in your child's program. Current students and their families are contacted early in Term 3 to advise of the process and due dates.

Once you have entered course preferences on the Edval Choice portal, you may print or email your preferences for your records. If your child has any questions about this process, they should see their counsellor to discuss their individual program.

Please note that once courses are finalised, **changes of subjects will generally not be made**, so it is important that you and your child consider the preferences entered carefully.

If you require more information, please contact:

- Your Team Coordinator
- Mr Rohan Nicholls, Assistant Principal - Teaching & Learning

EXAMPLES OF INDIVIDUAL PROGRAMS

All Year 9 students will study a set of core subjects, but a part of their course will be designed as an Individual Program.

THE PROGRAM FOR ALL STUDENTS

English	Mathematics	Humanities	Science
Health & Physical Education & Sport	Individual Program Unit	Individual Program Unit	Individual Program Unit

SAMPLE INDIVIDUAL PROGRAMS

Example 1: A student with a particular interest in Science/Language					
Year 9	Semester 1	Italian		Advanced English	Art 1
	Semester 2	Italian		STEAM Project	Media

Example 2: A student with a particular interest in Art					
Year 9	Semester 1	Digital Technologies (The Internet and You)		Art 2	Snap & Sketch
	Semester 2	Design & Technologies (Timber)		Visual Communication Design	Digital Technologies (Game Development and Design)

Example 3: A student needing Literacy Intervention					
Year 9	Semester 1	Support for Literacy		Music	Food Technology
	Semester 2	Support for Literacy		Music	Drama

HOW TO COMPLETE YOUR CHILD'S INDIVIDUAL PROGRAM

Individual Program units include Languages, Literacy Intervention Program, Visual Arts, Technology, Performing Arts, Music & Media, Enrichment Units and Humanities units. To ensure that all students gain a broad range of skills and knowledge, students will be generally expected during Year 9 to study a minimum of:

- Two units of Arts [Performing Arts, Music & Media OR Visual Arts]
- Two units of Technology

Languages were generally compulsory at Years 7 and 8 but are optional in Year 9. Students are not permitted to choose more than one Humanities Elective Unit. Students are not permitted to choose more than one of Advanced English or Advanced Maths.

Languages

- Greek
- Italian
- Japanese

Literacy Intervention Program

- Support for Literacy

(Recommendations for Support for Literacy will be given to students by their counsellor.)

Visual Arts

- Art 1: Street Art
- Art 2: Dreams & Distortions
- Snap & Sketch
- Visual Communication Design

Technology

- Design & Technologies (Textiles)
- Design & Technologies (Timber)
- Design & Technologies (3D Printed Design)
- Food Technology
- Digital Technologies (The Internet and You)
- Digital Technologies (Game Development and Design)

Performing Arts, Music & Media

- Dance
- Drama
- Music
- Media

Note: Students who learn to play an instrument at the school must enrol in Year 9 Music. Students who learn instruments outside the school can also further develop their musicianship through this subject.

Students will play in a variety of ensembles and will be required to take part in school concerts. Rehearsals may be held after school and during lunchtime.

The prerequisite for Year 9 Music is successful completion of Year 8 Music. Students who did not study Year 8 Music will be required to audition to be considered for entry into Year 9 Music.

Enrichment Units

- Advanced English
- Advanced Maths
- STEAM Project
- Coaching & Fitness

Humanities Elective Units

- Commerce
- Infamous History
- Ethics, Politics, and the Law

ENTERING YOUR PROGRAM PREFERENCES

After reading the unit descriptions, please login to Edval Choice using your individual webcode and nominate your course preferences from the drop-down lists provided. All preferences should be entered in your order of preference, with your most favoured selections being entered first.

When constructing your course, Edval will attempt to fulfil your higher-listed preferences first.

The preferences are arranged in Edval Choice as follows:

Preference category	Description
Visual Arts or Performing Arts, Music & Media Preference	All students must preference at least one subject from the range of Visual Arts or Performing Arts, Music & Media subjects
Technology Preference	All students must preference at least one subject from the range of Technology subjects
Course Preferences 3-6	These should be your next most favoured preferences
Reserve Preferences 1-4	Reserve preferences will be utilised if your higher preferences are not able to be fulfilled.