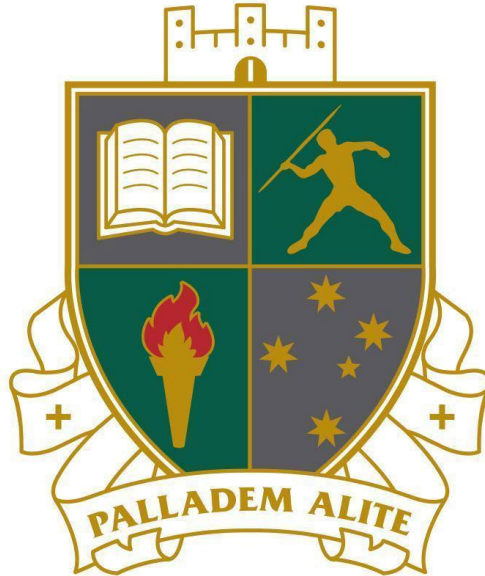




STRATHMORE SECONDARY COLLEGE

YEAR 8 - 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 8 STUDENTS

The aim of Year 8 is for students to continue to broaden and build their skill base by participating in individual program units that allow students to experience a variety of subjects and learning environments. Alongside this, students will continue in their core subjects to ensure they develop proficiency in these critical areas.

WHAT YOUR CHILD WILL STUDY IN 2027

Our program for Year 8 students is divided into two parts.

The core program that all students will study

- English
- Mathematics
- Science
- Humanities (History, Geography, Economics & Business, and Civics & Citizenship).
- Health & Physical Education and Sport

The individual program that students will select into so that they can specialise in subjects that suit their individual abilities, interests and needs. Students will study three subjects per semester (six per year) within this Individual Program.

- Languages (Greek, Italian, or Japanese) or Literacy Intervention Program (Support for Literacy). These units are for the whole year.
- All students will have access to studies in several subjects within Visual Arts, Technology, and Performing Arts, Music & Media.
- Extension units in Advanced English, Advanced Maths, and STEAM Project.

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 and families need to enter course preferences into the Edval Choice portal, using "How to complete your child's individual program preferences" on p.7 of this booklet as a guide

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.

All students will also complete a career action plan, which must be discussed with a parent and should then be shown to the counsellor at the Preference Confirmation early in Term 3

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 and Teaching & Learning Leader

EXAMPLES OF POSSIBLE INDIVIDUAL PROGRAMS

All Year 8 students will study a set of core subjects, but a part of their course will include Individual Program Units.

THE PROGRAM FOR ALL STUDENTS EACH SEMESTER

English	Health & Physical Education & Sport
Mathematics	Individual Program Unit (Languages or Literacy Intervention Program)
Humanities	Individual Program Unit
Science	Individual Program Unit

EXAMPLES OF INDIVIDUAL PROGRAMS

Example 1: A student with a particular interest in English					
Year 8	Semester 1	Italian		Digital Technology	Advanced English
	Semester 2	Italian		Drama	Design & Technology
Example 2: A student with a particular interest in Art					
Year 8	Semester 1	Japanese		Art 1	Visual Communication Design
	Semester 2	Japanese		Art 2	Media
Example 3: A student requiring Literacy Intervention					

Year 8	Semester 1	Support for Literacy		Artist in Residence		Design & Technology
	Semester 2	Support for Literacy		Systems Technology		Art 2
Example 4: A student with mixed interests						
Year 8	Semester 1	Greek		Systems Technology		Food Technology
	Semester 2	Greek		Art 2		Drama

Example 5: A student with mixed interests						
Year 8	Semester 1	Japanese		Music		Media
	Semester 2	Japanese		Music		Performance Project - Broadway

HOW TO COMPLETE YOUR CHILD'S INDIVIDUAL PROGRAM PREFERENCES

Preferences will be entered online using the Edval Choice portal. Each student will be allocated a unique webcode to access this portal.

To ensure that all students gain a broad range of skills and knowledge, students will be expected (as a general rule) during Year 8 to study a minimum of:

- Two units of Languages
- Two units of Visual Arts or Performing Arts, Music & Media
- Two units of Technology

Languages or Literacy Intervention Program

Students studying Greek, Italian or Japanese will continue that same language in Year 8. Recommendations for the Literacy Intervention Program will be given to the student by their counsellor.

Visual Arts

- Art 1: My Pop Culture
- Art 2: Myths & Me
- Visual Communication Design

Technology

- Design & Technology
- Food Technology
- Systems Technology
- Digital Technology

Performing Arts, Music & Media

- Dance
- Drama
- Performance Project- Broadway
- Music Ensemble- Strings, Wind & Brass, or Voice
- Media

Note: Music Ensemble is a full-year subject. Students who learn to play an instrument at the school must enrol in Year 8 Music Ensemble. 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 8 Music Ensemble is successful completion of Year 7 Music. Students who did not study Year 7 Music will be required to audition to be considered for entry into Year 8 Music Ensemble.

Enrichment

- Advanced English
- Advanced Maths
- STEAM Project

Please note that students may not select both Advanced English and Advanced Maths.

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
Languages or Support for Literacy	This selection must remain consistent with your Year 7 study. This selection will be part of your course in 2027.
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	These should be your next most favoured preferences
Reserve Preferences 1-3	Reserve preferences will be utilised if your higher preferences are not able to be fulfilled.