

Year 9
2023

Information
Meeting



Introduction

Mr Louis Goutos
Head of Valdocco



Acknowledgement of Country

I would like to respectfully acknowledge the traditional owners of this land on which our school is built. These people are called Wurundjeri.

We acknowledge the Elders, past and present, and ask the Creator God to challenge us to open our eyes to see the stories written, and to open our ears and hear the songs sung.

Prayer

Lord, you call us by name and you call us to holiness, as you did St Joseph and St John Bosco.

We ask you to fill us with your spirit so that we, too, may reflect the life of your Son in our thoughts, attitude, words and actions.

Let us grow more aware of your presence in our lives and empower us to bring the good news of your love and salvation to all those you have entrusted to us, so that we may all become good Christians and honest citizens.

Amen.

Principal's Welcome

Catherine Livingston



Brian Martin
Year 9 Leader



April Rogers
Year 9 Learning Leader



Valdocco Team

2023

Graeme Tucker



Brian Martin



Martin Judd



Jordan Tailby



April Rogers



Chris Williams



Umberto Bucalossi



Valdocco Team

2023

Debbie Fowkes
Valdocco Office/First
Aid



James Whiting
Outdoor Programs
Leader



Kathleen McCrae
(Occhiena Teacher)



Gerard Quinn
(Occhiena Learning
Tutor)



Brief History of our Valdocco

Mr Andrew Cooper
Deputy Principal (Learning)





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Legacy
Passed on



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Purpose of the unique Valdocco Program

Rationale for the Valdocco program

Values education in the Valdocco Program

Relationships, Responsibility , Rehearsal and
Reflection

Valdocco

Purpose of the Valdocco Program

“The motivation and engagement of students should be the core objective of a successful teaching and learning model in order for students to have a depth of understanding that is beyond the knowledge about ‘facts’ and to allow them to apply their learning across disciplines.”

Publication: Understanding Year 9 Students, 2006

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A Rationale for Action

*young adolescents have a physical
and biological
need for movement ... learn best
through engagement and interaction
(and from) ... hands-on experiences*

*... students will work longer and more
productively in activities that have a
physical component or in which they
are particularly interested.*

Middle Years of Schooling p1

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The Valdocco Four 'R's

Relationships

Responsibility

Rehearsal

Reflection

A Focus on Relationships



A Focus on Responsibility



A Focus on Rehearsal



A Focus on Reflection



Year 9 Expedition 2023











The Valdocco Way



Policy & Processes

High expectations

‘Keeping The Peace’

‘Hands Off’

Uniform Expectations

Period 9 Detentions

‘Homework Club’

Wellbeing

Critical role of Homeroom Teacher

Teacher Partnerships

Role of Year 9 Leader

Tracey Ashton Head of Counseling

Liam O'Keefe Director of Students

Guido Piotti Deputy Principal Wellbeing

Three Key Principles

Gratitude

Empathy

Mindfulness

Wellbeing and Personal Development Programs

Digital Citizenship

Job Ready

Respectful Relationships

Making The Link

Curriculum at Valdocco

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'Understanding Year 9 Students, 2006, p12'

Introduction

Handbooks

Overview of the Timetable

Foundations Program

Discovery Program

Friday Thematic Program

(Challenge Program)

Handbooks

(Available now on SIMON)

Year 9 Handbook

Valdocco Subject Selection Handbook

An example of a Valdocco student timetable

P	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Homeroom	8.42 AM – 8.50 AM	8.42 AM – 8.50 AM	10.17 AM – 10.25 AM	8.42 AM – 8.50 AM	8.42 AM – 8.50 AM
1	8.50 AM - 9.25 AM Mind & Body	8.50 AM - 9.25 AM Mathematics	10.25 AM – 11.05 AM English	8.50 AM - 9.25 AM Mind & Body	8.50 AM - 9.25 AM THEMATIC
2	9.25 AM – 10.05 AM English	9.25 AM – 10.05 AM Mathematics	11.05 AM – 11.45 AM English	9.25 AM – 10.05 AM RE	9.25 AM – 10.05 AM THEMATIC
3	10.05 AM – 10.45 AM RE	10.05 AM – 10.45 AM English	11.45 AM– 12.05 PM RECESS	10.05 AM – 10.45 AM Challenge Elective 2	10.05 AM – 10.45 AM THEMATIC
Recess	10.45 AM – 11.15 AM RECESS	10.45 AM – 11.15 AM RECESS	12.05 PM – 12.45PM Discovery	10.45 AM – 11.15 AM RECESS	10.45 AM – 11.15 AM RECESS
4	11.15 AM – 11.50 AM Mathematics	11.15 AM – 11.50 AM English	12.45 PM – 1.25PM Discovery	10.05 AM – 10.45 AM Challenge Elective 2	11.15 AM – 11.50 AM THEMATIC
5	11.50 AM – 12.30 PM Challenge Elective 1	10.05 AM – 10.45 AM Challenge Elective 2	1.25 PM – 1.50 PM LUNCH	11.50 AM – 12.30 PM RE	11.50 AM – 12.30 PM THEMATIC
6	12.30 PM – 1.05 PM Challenge Elective 1	10.05 AM – 10.45 AM Challenge Elective 2	1.50 PM – 2.30 PM Challenge Elective 1	12.30 PM – 1.05 PM Mass/ Community Meeting	12.30 PM – 1.05 PM THEMATIC
Lunch	1.05 PM – 1.45 PM LUNCH	1.05 AM – 1.45 PM LUNCH	2.30 PM – 3.10 PM Challenge Elective 1	1.05 PM – 1.45 PM LUNCH	1.05 PM – 1.45 PM LUNCH
7	1.45 PM – 2.25 PM Discovery	1.45 AM – 2.25 PM SPORT		1.45 PM – 2.25 PM Mathematics	1.45 AM – 2.25 PM THEMATIC
8	2.25 PM - 3.05 PM Discovery	2.25 PM - 3.05 PM SPORT		2.25 PM - 3.05 PM Mathematics	2.25 PM - 3.05 PM THEMATIC

Foundations Program

Core studies including Mathematics, English and Religious Education are explored (to a large extent) during the first part of the school day where student attention and energy levels are arguably at their greatest.

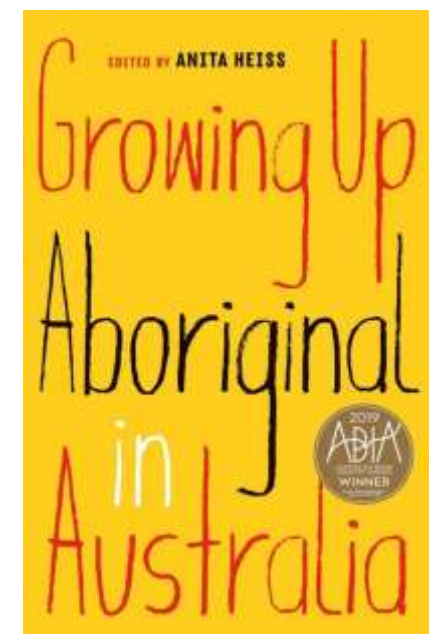
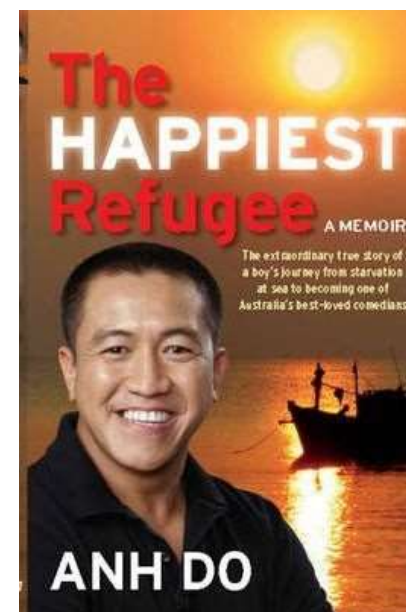
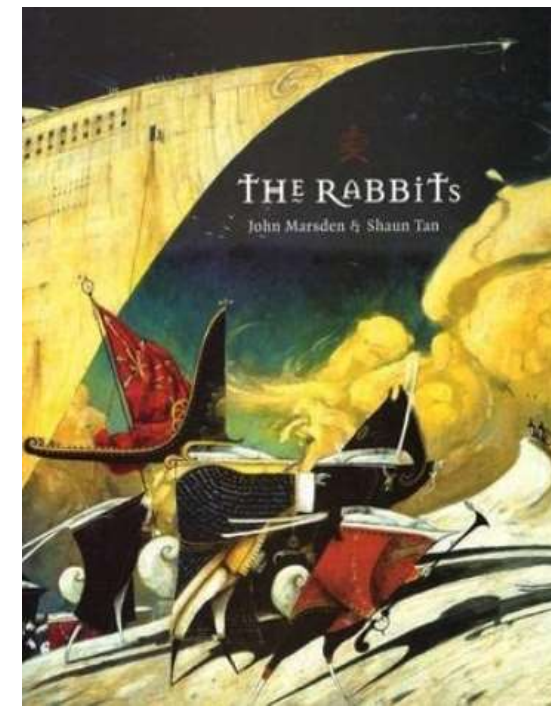
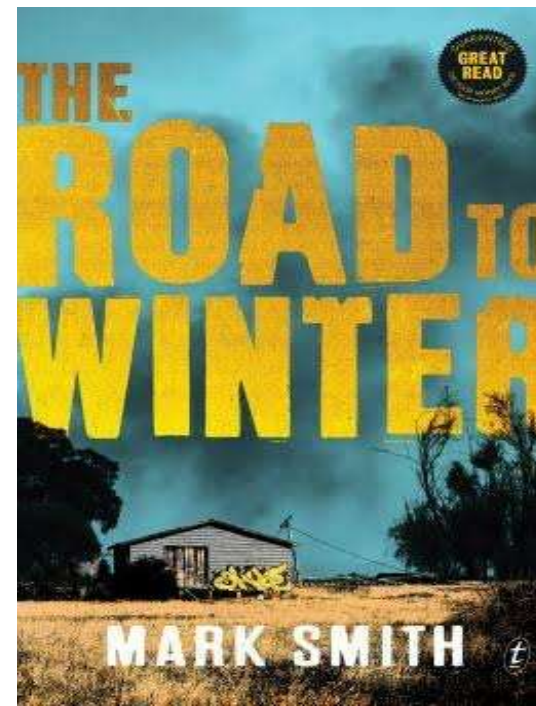
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Religious Education

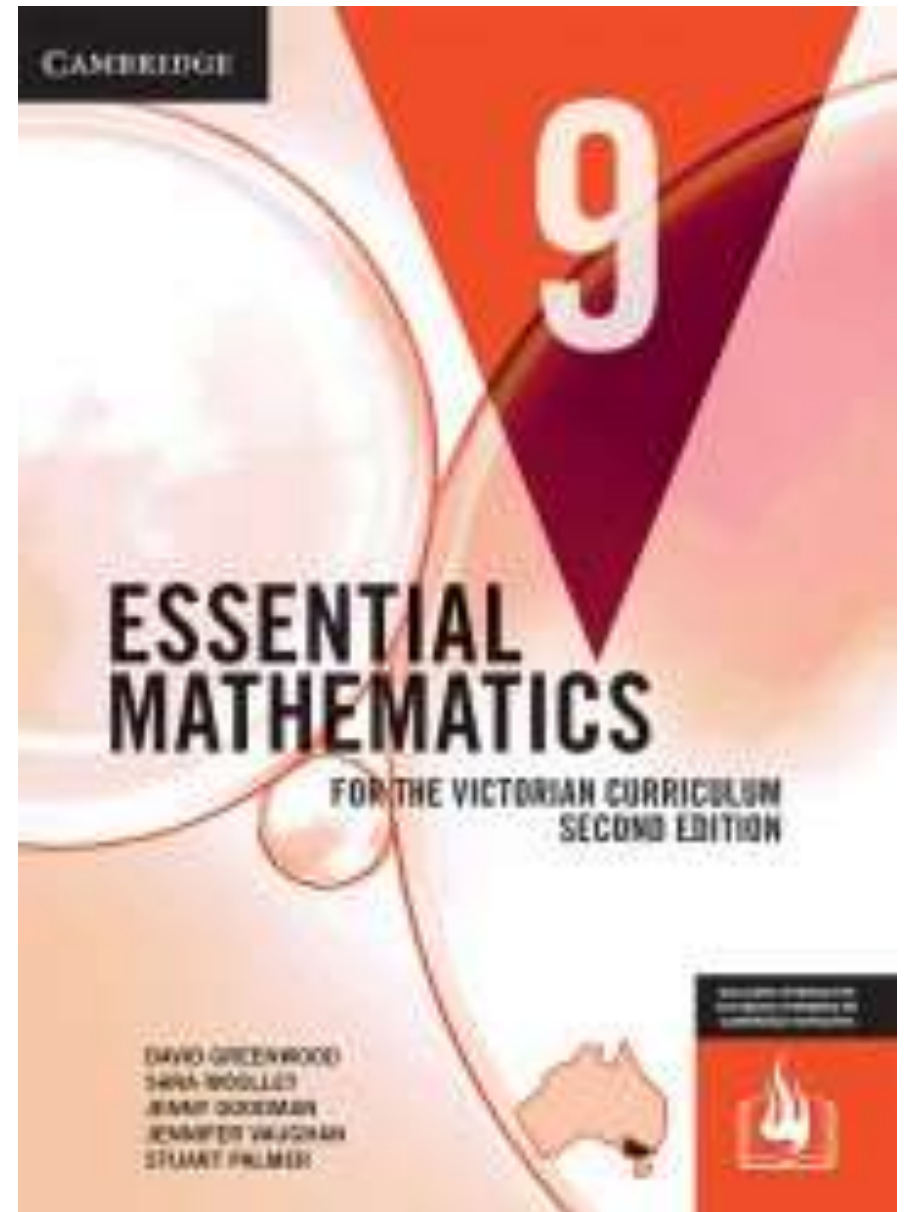
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Mathematics

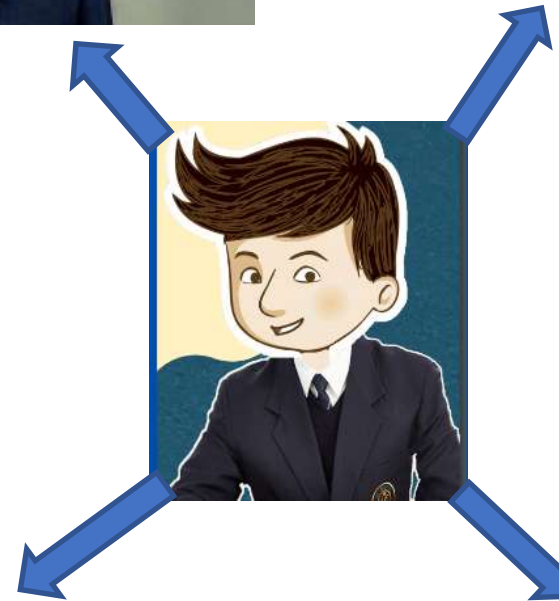
English



Mathematics



Religious Education



Mind & Body



Community Meetings



Discovery Program







Friday Thematic Program

My Homeroom

My Town

My City

My Market









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Acceleration and Consolidation

*Valdocco learning tutors work
alongside teachers to provide
academic support across all
subject areas and across each
homeroom*

Within class OR withdrawal support

Small Group Tutoring

Exam Support

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After School Support

Homework Club Tuition
Program runs:

Monday to Thursday nights

Assisting with completion of work

Assisting with preparation for
assessments and examinations

Small Group Tutoring

Challenge Program

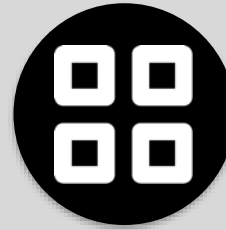


Challenge Program

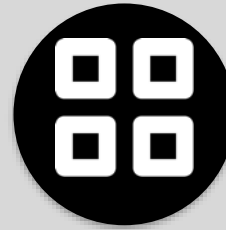
“...In order to build greater engagement with learning it has been suggested that teachers need to give students choices and control over their learning...”

**Publication: Understanding Year Nine
Students 2006, p18**

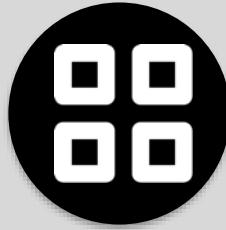
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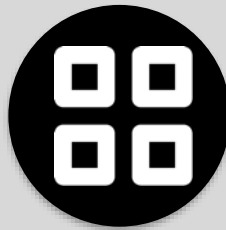
Students in Year 9 will undertake two Challenge units in each semester



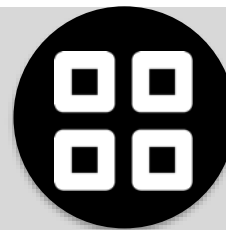
Each units will be taught over two doubles a week (8 periods a cycle)



Units will be selected from two groups of subjects, Group A and Group B.

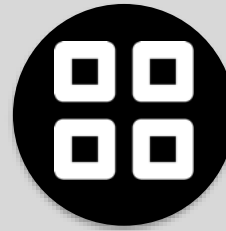


Group B Subjects includes subjects from The Arts, Technology, and VET studies including Languages and Agriculture.

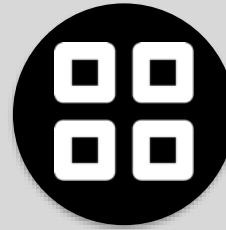


Group A subjects include all other Challenge subjects.

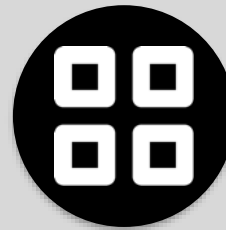
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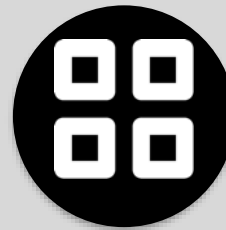
Student in Year 9 MUST complete as minimum of two Group B subjects (they can do more!)



VET Studies including both Language Subjects (Japanese and Italian) are year-long subjects and must be undertaken in both semesters (constituting two Group B subject units). All other Units are Semester based



Most of these subjects are conducted on the Valdocco campus



With the exception of the Music Performance, VET Languages and VET Agriculture, none of the subjects are prerequisites for year any 10 studies

Group A Options

Advanced Health and Physical Education

VET Cert. II Agriculture

Australian Money and Markets

Forensic Science

Physical Sciences
(Physics and Chemistry)

Psychology

The Great Escapes:
Geographies of Interconnection

World History (Global Empires)

Writers Craft

Group B Options

Digital and Information Technologies

Drama

Food Studies

Japanese
(VET Cert. II Applied Languages)

Italian
(VET Cert. II Applied Languages)

Media

Noiseworx (Music Performance
and Sound production)

Product Design Technology

Visual Arts

Course Selection Process

Choosing Challenges

Submitting Application

Allocation of Subjects

Course Selection Process

What should I think about when choosing my Challenge electives?



The key questions



Am I good at this subject?



Do I enjoy this subject?



Do I need this subject?

Course Selection Process

What do I have to do?



Talk to people



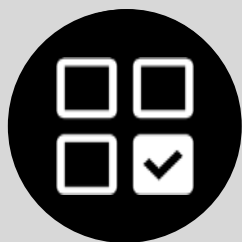
Read the St Joseph's
*Valdocco Subject Selection
Handbook 2023*
now online



Remember the three key
questions:
Am I good at it? Do I like it?
Do I need it?



Submit selections on the Subject
Selection Portal by:
9am Friday 19 August



Students will receive an email containing their personalised link to the **Online Subject Selection Portal**.

Welcome to the Online Subject Selection Portal.

By completing this process, you will nominate your preferred Challenge Subjects for Year 9 2023.

Please **READ**, and then follow, the instructions written below. Each step needs to be completed.

Please note: The Online Subject Selection Portal will close at 9am on Friday 5th August.

ALL Subject Preferences MUST be submitted online BY this date and time.

Step 1 Internet Access	You will need a device with an Internet connection. We recommend using Google Chrome browser. You may also use Firefox. If you are using a PC, please ensure you are using Internet Explorer version 6.0 and above.
Step 2 Logging In	<p>Navigate to the Subject Selection Portal by navigating to: https://www.selectmysubjects.com.au/student/UnsecuredPages/HashLogin.aspx?Credential=QcM2nAe5coifDpfLnCquqhahdgdzV50wVGqYsA3y0R8wCeqclol2kz%2fkCHsttvVBPkpBbI9vGUbLhECA4f8Q%3d%3d</p> <p>Note: This is your individual link to the Subject Selection Portal and should not be used by any other student.</p> <p>If you are asked to enter any login details, enter the following: Student Access Code: ST577-49818-6124047 Password: test</p>
Step 3 Home Page	Select (or change) your preferences by clicking on Add New Preferences at the top right of the screen.
Step 4 Preference Selection	Select your subjects from the drop-down lists. Once complete, click Proceed .
Step 5 Preferences Validation	<p>Double check that the subjects you have selected are correct.</p> <p>If you are happy with your preferences click Submit Valid Preferences which will open your "Preference Receipt".</p> <p>Or if you would like to make changes to your preferences click Cancel and this will take you back to the Preference Selection page.</p>



The link will take Students directly to the Subject Selection Portal Homepage.

St Josephs College Subject Selection Portal

1 Click Add New Preferences 2 Select Your Preferences 3 Submit Your Preferences 4 Download Receipt

Year 9 2023 Subject Selection

Welcome to the Online Subject Selection Portal.

Use the following screens, you will be asked to nominate your preferred (Challenge) Subjects for the 2023 school year.

You will need to select **TWO** preferred **GROUP B** units as Selections 1 and 2 (Note: if choosing a Language be sure to choose both Units)

You will also select **EIGHT** other preferences from Group A or B (in order of preference)

Note that students who choose to study Italian/Japanese will study these subjects for the whole year (thus need to include two units of these studies in their selection).

In making these important decisions, please keep in mind your academic results to date and consult with your parents and teachers and the Learning Leadership Team.

Students should note that enrolment in Year 9 is subject to successfully completing Year 8.

Click + Add New Preferences to begin.

+ Add New Preferences View Subject Details Log Out

Submitted Preference Receipts

Your receipts will be displayed here, once you have submitted. Click "Add New Preferences" to get started.

Remaining Submission Opportunities

Click + Add New Preferences to begin.



Students begin to select their preferences:

The screenshot displays the 'St Josephs College Subject Selection Portal' interface. At the top, a yellow banner features the college logo and the title 'Subject Selection Portal'. Below this, a navigation bar shows the current step: '2 Select Your Preferences'. A red banner at the top of the main content area states: 'The minimum number of units for selection is 4, you have selected 0'. The main content area is titled 'Year 9 2023 Subject Selection' and contains instructions for students. It lists requirements such as selecting two preferred Group B units and eight other preferences. A 'Proceed' button is highlighted with a red box. Below the instructions, a section titled 'Please Select Your Preferences:' contains a dropdown menu showing 'UNSELECTED'.

St Josephs College Subject Selection Portal

Click Add New Preferences

2 Select Your Preferences

Submit Your Preferences

View/Print Receipt

Test Test - 2023 Year 9 Challenge Preferences

Subject Total Units: Minimum: 4 Maximum: 10 Total Selections: 0

The minimum number of units for selection is 4, you have selected 0

View Instructions

Year 9 2023 Subject Selection

Students will need to:

- You will need to select **TWO** preferred **GROUP B** units as Selections 1 and 2 (Note: if choosing a Language be sure to choose both Units)
- You will also select **EIGHT** other preferences from Group A or B (in order of preference)

Remember to:

- GROUP B subjects **MUST** occupy Selections 1 and 2
- Selections 3-10 can include any combination of Group A or B studies
- Choose subjects you think you might like
- Choose subjects you think you might be good at
- Choose subjects you think might challenge you
- Choose subjects you need in your prerequisites
- Not be influenced by your friends choices

Please note:

- Students who select Agriculture and/or Italian/Japanese will complete the study in both semesters
- If your first preference is full or does not suit you may be allocated to your second or third preference

Select your preferences below, then click **PROCEED**

Proceed Cancel Log Out

Please Select Your Preferences:

Preference 1: UNSELECTED

Preference 2: UNSELECTED

Test Test - 2023 Year 9 Challenge Preferences

Subject Total Units: Minimum: 4 Maximum: 10 Total Selections: 0

Time Remaining: 00:29:56

Click **Proceed** to continue.



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Subject Selection Portal



1

Click Add New Preferences

2

Select Your Preferences

3

Submit Valid Preferences

4

View/Print Receipt

Name: Test Test - 2023 Year 9 Challenge Preferences

Subject/Unit Details: Minimum: 4 Maximum: 10 Total Selections: 0

Time Remaining: 00:29:30

The minimum number of units for selection is 4, you have selected 0

Please note:

- Students who select Agriculture and/or Italian/Japanese will complete the study in both semesters.
- If your first preference is full or does not run you may be allocated to your second or third preference.

Select your preferences below, then click PROCEED.

Proceed

Cancel

Log Out

Preference boxes that have a  icon located to the right must have a valid subject selected from that box before you can submit your preferences.

Please Select Your Preferences:

Preference 1
Preference 2
Preference 3
Preference 4
Preference 5
Preference 6
Preference 7
Preference 8
Preference 9
Preference 10

-----UNSELECTED-----	▼	
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Proceed

Cancel

Log Out

Name: Test Test - 2023 Year 9 Challenge Preferences

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Students confirm their preferences and sign (electronically) to acknowledge that they are correct.

St Josephs College Subject Selection Portal

Click Add New Preferences Select Your Preferences **3 Submit Valid Preferences** ViewPrint Receipts

Test Test - 2023 Year 9 Challenge Preferences

Please add Parent/Guardian email for Signature

[+ Submit Valid Preferences](#) [Cancel](#) [Log Out](#)

Parent/Guardian Email Address:

Your Preferences

Preference No	Preference Name	Unit Value
Preference 1	Group B: Media	1 Unit
Preference 2	Group B: Business	1 Unit
Preference 3	Group A: Advanced Health and Physical Education	1 Unit
Preference 4	Group A: Agriculture (VET Certificate II) Semester 2	1 Unit
Preference 5	Group A: Australian History and Methods	1 Unit
Preference 6	Group B: Digital and Information Technology	1 Unit
Preference 7	Group A: Psychology	1 Unit
Preference 8	Group A: The Great Package (Geography of Interconnectedness)	1 Unit
Preference 9	Group B: Drama	1 Unit
Preference 10	Group A: Physics/Science	1 Unit
Total		10 Units

Student Signature

[+ Submit Valid Preferences](#)

Click [+ Submit Valid Preferences](#) to continue.



The following confirmation appears when the process is complete.

The screenshot displays the 'St Josephs College Subject Selection Portal'. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the college logo and the title 'Subject Selection Portal'. Below this, a progress bar shows three steps: '1. Add New Preferences', '2. Select Your Preferences', and '3. Submit Valid Preferences'. The current step is '3. Submit Valid Preferences'. A red banner across the top of the main content area reads 'Please add Parent/Guardian email for Signature'. Below this, the heading 'Your Preferences' is centered. A table lists the selected preferences, with columns for 'Preference No.', 'Preference Name', and 'Unit Value'. The table contains 10 rows of preferences, including 'Preference 1' through 'Preference 10'. Below the table, there is a 'Student Signature' box with a large white area for the signature and a 'Save Signature' button. At the bottom right, there are buttons for 'Previous Step (Preferences)', 'Cancel', and 'Log Out'.

Preference No.	Preference Name	Unit Value
Preference 1	Group B: Skills	1 Unit
Preference 2	Group B: Mathematics	1 Unit
Preference 3	Group A: Integrated Health and Physical Education	1 Unit
Preference 4	Group A: Agriculture (Horticulture & Forestry 1)	1 Unit
Preference 5	Group A: Evaluation Money and Markets	1 Unit
Preference 6	Group A: Digital and Interactive Technology	1 Unit
Preference 7	Group A: Psychology	1 Unit
Preference 8	Group A: The Social Sciences (Geography & Meteorology)	1 Unit
Preference 9	Group B: Science	1 Unit
Preference 10	Group A: Personal Training	1 Unit

Students may repeat the entire process to change their preferences until the cut off date **9am Friday 19 August**

Course Selection Process

Allocation and Notification of Subjects

Students will be informed of their Challenge Electives mid Term 4 2022

Students will have their first Challenge classes during Head Start (Commencing **November 24**)

Students may be able to make changes up until Week 2 Term 1 2023 (subject to availability of places in classes)

Concluding Remark

