SUBJECT SELECTION INFORMATION

Stage 6

GUNNEDAH HIGH SCHOOL

A message from the Principal

School students in New South Wales generally work towards the Higher School Certificate or HSC in years 11 and 12. It is the highest level of attainment you can reach at school. Gunnedah High offers a comprehensive range of subjects taught by qualified and enthusiastic staff in modern facilities. Students have the opportunity to access TAFE, VET and board developed courses which all contribute towards their HSC.

Stage 6 involves students completing a Preliminary Course and HSC Course studying English for both Year 11 and Year 12 and a variety of elective subjects. Please be aware not all subjects will be able to be delivered and a rigorous selection process has ensured that student choice is taken into account as well as curriculum needs and requirements.

When selecting subjects consider and discuss with parents and carers plans you have for the future and what subjects might assist in achieving these goals as well as success with and interest in subjects. Students and families are encouraged to explore the school website and to plan possible options and pathways of study. In addition to this the subject selection night offered this term will allow students to ask staff questions and gain more information regarding NESA requirements.

My advice for choosing the right subjects:

- Pick subjects where you have an interest or talent or are a prerequisite for University
- Consult with your parents and teachers.
- Decide what you want to do – not what your friends are doing.

Parents and students are encouraged to talk to our friendly staff to assist you in your decision-making

Mr Ken White
Relieving Principal

HSC requirements

1. Students attending their senior years of schooling at Gunnedah High are required to study a **minimum** of:
   - 12 units in Year 11 (Preliminary course)
   - 10 units in Year 12 (HSC course).

Our school encourages students to continue studying 12 units in Year 12. Units may only be dropped after a parental-interview has occurred and the correct form completed.

2. For the award of an HSC, six units of Board courses, two units of a Board developed course in English, at least three subjects of 2 unit value or greater and at least four subjects must be studied.

3. No more than six units of courses in Science can contribute to HSC eligibility.

4. Both English and Mathematics have an extension course which may be studied in the Preliminary and HSC year.

A unit is a course which requires three hours of classroom study per cycle in Year 11 and/or Year 12. Each unit is worth 50 marks.

TYPES OF COURSES

- **Board developed courses** are courses that have syllabi and examinations set by the controlling body for all senior courses, the NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA). This includes Vocational Education Courses.
- **Board endorsed courses** are courses developed by schools and meet the criteria set down by NESA. They are not

examined in the HSC examination but are included on the student's Higher School Certificate. Marks achieved in Board endorsed courses do not contribute to a student's entry into tertiary institutions (ATAR).

- **Industry Curriculum Framework Courses** give students the opportunity to gain credit towards both the Higher School Certificate and towards national vocational qualifications under the Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF). It is not compulsory for a student studying a frameworks course to sit the written HSC examination. These courses are termed Category B courses. Students may count the results from only one Category B course in their entry score (ATAR) for University.
- **VET courses** are industry-based courses that help students prepare for further education, training, employment, and lifelong learning. They are Category B subjects and one VET course can count towards a student's ATAR. VET courses are school-delivered and make the most of the excellent facilities available here at Gunnedah High.

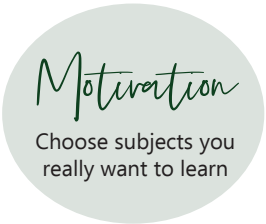
Compulsory study

	English – Advanced
	English – Standard
	English Studies

Elective subjects

	Agriculture
	Ancient History
	Biology
	Business Studies
	Chemistry
	Community and Family Studies
	Drama
	Exploring Early Childhood
	Geography
	Industrial Tech Metal
	Investigating Science
	Marine & Aquaculture Studies
	Mathematics Advanced
	Mathematics Standard
	Mathematics Extension
	Modern History
	Music
	PDHPE
	Physics
	Photography, Video & Digital
	Science Extension (Year 12 only)
	SLR
	Society and Culture
	VET Furniture Making
	VET Hospitality – Food and Bev
	VET Hospitality – Kitchen Op
	VET IDMT (Computers)
	VET Metals And Engineering
	VET Primary Industries
	Visual Arts
	Visual Design *(Graphic, wearable, product and/or interior/exterior design)*

Golden rules for choosing subjects



Submitting elective choices

- Visit www.gunnedah-h.schools.nsw.edu.au to view all available electives to help you make an informed decision.
- All selections are to be made online at **https://spring.edval.education/login**
- Students will be given their unique identification code to access the site at the Subject Selection evening on Thursday 8 August.
- Students have until 3.30pm on Tuesday 13 August to enter their selections.
- Subjects that run will depend on numbers. There is no guarantee that an elective will run.

SUBJECT SELECTION PROCESS

Stage 1: School information session in the library with Deputy Principals, Year Advisor, Career's Advisor and Faculty Head Teachers to discuss subject choices and patterns of study. Students will be issued with a preliminary 'subject choice' form to begin the process of subject consideration for their HSC studies.

Stage 2: Students and parents/carers to attend the subject selection evening to gain further information on subject options, subject requirements and pattern of study requirements for the HSC. Students may bring their preliminary subject choice form along to this evening to discuss with relevant staff their desired subject choices.

Step 3: Interview session Students can now finalise their preliminary 'subject choice' form after discussion with Head Teacher's, Year Advisor and Career's Advisor. When students have completed their form and it has been signed off by the Career's Advisor, Year Advisor and relevant Head Teachers of the Faculties of chosen subjects, the student may request their Edval Choice Code to complete their selections online.

Step 4: Students complete online subject preferences using Edval Choice.

Step 5: Students online selections will close and GHS Executive will analyse the data to determine which subjects will run in 2020. Students will automatically be placed into their 2020 subjects according to their subject preferences.

Step 6: Any students who have missed out on their preferred subjects will have the opportunity to re-choose another subject/s based on the set subject lines that will run in 2020.

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