

# Course Preferences and the Curriculum Selection Process

CHATSWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

Year 9 2023

Miss Henville



# 2023 Curriculum Structure


- ▶ In Stage 5, students will study 3 electives
- ▶ Each elective will run for 6 periods per fortnight in Year 9 and 5 periods per fortnight in Year 10
- ▶ NOTE: Studies of Religion (Accelerated) runs slightly differently to this, please see Mr Bromley for further details



# Making their choice

- ▶ Electives are selected electronically using the Edval WebChoices system.
- ▶ Students will have a link and an individual code emailed directly to their Department of Education (DoE) student email which can be accessed via the student portal at the following address: (<http://student.det.nsw.edu.au>)
  - ▶ If you are unable to login or access the system, please reach out the Year Advisor, Year Advisor Assistant or any of your classroom teachers as they should be able to assist you are direct you to a person who will be able to assist.
  - ▶ You can also reach out via the Year 8 Wellbeing Google Classroom.





Sign in to your account

Enter WebCode

Stay signed in for 30 days [Forgot WebCode?](#)

Sign in

Choice

Yr 9 Elective Selections

Main Units	Subject	Units	Reserve Units	Subject	Units
Priority 1	No selection	0	Reserve 1	No selection	0
Priority 2	No selection	0	Reserve 2	No selection	0
Priority 3	No selection	0	Reserve 3	No selection	0
Total 0			Total 0		

Cancel Submit

Notes

Choose three choices from the drop-down menus and three reserve preferences.

Students need to select 3 electives and 3 reserves.

Selections open Monday 22 August.

The form will close Friday 26 August (5pm).

Students can vary their preferences during this time.



# After Preferences are made

- ▶ The preference data is then collected and used to determine what classes are run next year and how best to organise those classes onto lines to ensure as many students get the most preferences possible
- ▶ Students who miss out on the minimum 3 electives will be contacted by the timetable team to discuss their options

**SAMPLE IMAGE TO ILLUSTRATE  
LINES AND CLASSES ONLY**

Line 2	Line 3	Line 4
9CHI:1 (17)	9COM:3 (30*)	9JAP:1 (25)
9CHI:2 (16)	9COM:4 (30*)	9JAP:2 (24)
9COM:2 (30*)	9DAT:2 (22*)	9COM:1 (30*)
9DRA (25)	9FRE (13)	9COM:5 (30*)
9HISE (27)	9FT:1 (24*)	9DAT:1 (21)
9INTT (20*)	9GLO (19)	9FT:2 (24*)
9IST:2 (28)	9INTE (20*)	9IST:1 (28)
9IST:3 (28)	9ITM:1 (21)	9MUS (24)
9PDM:2 (30*)	9ITM:2 (21)	9PASS (24)
9VA (27)	9SORA (23)	9PDM:1 (14)
Study (25)	9VID (19)	Study (29)
	Study (31)	



# Parent Approval of Preferences

It is CHS policy to have parental sign off and approval on ALL course preferences.

We will be emailing parents/caregivers after the closing of subject selections and confirming the subject choices by their child.

The only reason a parent/caregiver should contact the school is if they have any issues with the choices selected by their child. These concerns can be emailed to the school email address.

## Yr9 Elective Selections

Student name: \_\_\_\_\_

Notes: **Your choices are registered.**

Submitted date: \_\_\_\_\_

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### Main units

Main Units	Subject	Units
Pref1	Preference 1	2
Pref2	Preference 2	2
Pref3	Preference 3	2

Total units: 6

### Reserve units

Reserve Units	Subject	Units
Res1	Reserve 1	2
Res2	Reserve 2	2
Res3	Reserve 3	2

Total units: 6

Thank you for submitting your course preferences!

A confirmation email will be sent to your parents once subject selections close. It is recommended that you print or save a copy of this page for your own records.



# Frequently Asked Questions

## *I didn't get all of my electives - why?*

- ▶ Not all courses offered will run
- ▶ Some of the courses you specifically selected are running in the 'same line'. This means those classes are on at the same time and you can't do both

## *Can I change my electives?*

- ▶ You will be given an opportunity to change your electives in about Week 3 of Term 1 2023
- ▶ The school is required to sign off on your satisfactory completion of your electives, this cannot be done without completing the required work and number of hours, so changes cannot occur after a certain date (this will be communicated at the beginning of next year)



# Frequently Asked Questions

***Is there someone we can talk to if we need help to choose the subjects or use WebChoices?***

We encourage you to talk to the teachers or Head Teachers of the subjects you are interested in or your Year Advisor.

You can also email Miss Henville at [clare.henville2@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:clare.henville2@det.nsw.edu.au)  
Use the subject line: *Year 9 2023: Subject Selection*

***Is there a guarantee of getting your first subject preference and is there a guarantee of getting a certain number of your choices ?***

There is no guarantee on which preferences you will get, however, in the past most students usually get three of their first four preferences (3 main preferences and 1st reserve preference). We obviously try to accommodate as many interests of our students as possible, but it depends on how many students select a subject as to whether it runs.





# Frequently Asked Questions

***If there is one spot left for a class and there are multiple people that put that subject in the same priority order, how will you decide who gets the sport? Is it random?***

This depends on the number of subjects. We will wait until we have seen all the entries.

***How will you know if you get in or not?***

***AND***

***When would we know if we get into the subject we want?***

Once we have made the elective lines we will distribute them to all students. This usually happens mid term 4.



# Frequently Asked Questions

*I don't understand what the lines mean, can you explain it?*

A line means all of those classes happen at the same time.

For example, in Year 8 all English classes are on the same line and all Maths classes are on the same line (that means they happen at the same time). You can't be in two different English classes or two different Maths classes because you can't be in two places at the same time.

In Year 9 your electives are also on lines. In the example on the slides, all of the classes in the same line (column) were on at the same time, so you couldn't be in two classes on that line at the same time.



# Issues?

Any issues with choices or system issues, you can also email Miss Henville at [clare.henville2@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:clare.henville2@det.nsw.edu.au)

Use the subject line: *Year 9 2023: Subject Selection*

*Students are reminded that their preferences will help to decide the curriculum formed in 2023! Make wise choices!!*

CHS provides students with an opportunity to vary course selections following the commencement of the Year 9 course (up until week 3 of term 1 to meet the NESAs attendance requirements).

