

Frequently Asked Questions relating to subject selection for Year 11.

What should I consider when choosing subjects?

Consider what your focus is in your senior years of schooling: sciences? creative arts? physical education? Etc Think about which subject you enjoy and are successful at.

Plan backwards. Consider any possible university prerequisites and ensure you are studying a full year of these subjects. Each pastoral class will have access to the South Australian Tertiary Admission Centre Guide (which is also available online) which details pre requisites.

Which Maths and English should I choose?

Ask your current teacher. This is only likely to take 5 minutes! Before meeting with them, make sure you have checked what Maths and/or English you might need after school. Remember that some interstate universities require Stage 2 English.

What is VET?

Vocational Education Training is an arrangement where students go off campus, normally for one day a week, to receive specialist training related to a vocation eg hairdressing, electrician. They receive one line free to enable them to catch up on the work they miss on the day they are not at King's.

If you are considering this, you MUST make an appointment with Ms Stork. You will need to state on your subject selection form which course you are interested in and its location. It is important to understand that the support for subject content for VET courses is limited at King's and being an independent learner and good time manager is essential.

What is the study line?

Year 11 students have the option of having one subject line for one Semester as a general study rather than for a particular subject. This can be a way for students to transition into independent learning habits. However, the study line does not count for any SACE credits. Many students still choose a full program to ensure they have full preparation for possible Stage 2 subject choices.

What if I don't get my subject choices?

King's offers a wide range of options in the initial stage of the selection process. Once the on-line preference system has been closed, decisions are made as to which subjects will run based on student selections and preferences. 'Lines' are established which show which subjects will run at which time.

Some subjects have a maximum enrolment due to facility needs eg Food and Hospitality can only cater for 16 students in the kitchen. Those students who put this subject high in their preference order will be put into that class ahead of those who placed it lower.

Not all subjects may run and some subject combinations will not be possible. Therefore we ask that students indicate two reserve choices. At Year 11 many students will have one or both of these subjects in their final selection.

Should a student need to choose any extra subject(s) to make up a full load of 12 units, they will be invited to talk through their options with Ms Stork. Once parents have been informed of final choices student's selection will be updated to reflect these changes.

Who can I speak to if I need help?

You are encouraged to book in for one of the subject selection support sessions. These will be held on the afternoons of 8th and 9th of August, and there will be specialist English and Maths staff, along with others with expertise in course counselling and pathway advice available.

Booking details will be made available in the Noticeboard.