

Senior School



Curriculum Handbook 2027



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At St Peter's College, we offer an outstanding academic program designed to help every student reach their potential. We offer a wide range of subjects, excellent facilities, the latest technology and specialist teachers to enable your son to explore ideas, develop practical skills and enhance his understanding of the world.

For more information about Senior School curriculum options, please contact the Director of Enrolments on +61 8 8404 0519 or enrolments@stpeters.sa.edu.au

Year 7

Compulsory subjects

- Drama (one semester)
- English
- Humanities (Geography/History/Politics)
- Mathematics (streamed)
- Music
- Science
- Technology
- Theology and Philosophy
- Visual Arts (one semester)
- Wellbeing, Health and Physical Education

Language options

Students choose one of:

- Chinese
- Chinese Language and Literature (background speakers)
- English as an Additional Language or Dialect (EAL/D)*
- French
- Spanish
- Curriculum Support*

Year 8

Compulsory subjects

- Drama (one semester)
- English
- Humanities (Geography/History/Economics & Business)
- Mathematics (streamed)
- Music (one semester)
- Science
- Technology
- Theology and Philosophy (one semester)
- Visual Arts
- Wellbeing, Health and Physical Education

Language options

Students continue to study one language:

- Chinese
- Chinese Language and Literature
- English as an Additional Language or Dialect (EAL/D) (by invitation only)
- French
- Curriculum Support*

* has prerequisites and offered upon recommendation.



Year 9

Compulsory subjects

- Classics
- English
- Geography and History (one semester each)
- Languages (one language)
- Mathematics (streamed)
- Science
- Theology and Philosophy
- Wellbeing, Health and Physical Education

Students also select four semester-length electives. One of these electives must be from one of the following areas: Art, Drama or Music. The other three electives may be chosen without restriction.

Language options

Students continue to study with the language they studied at Year 8 Level:

- Chinese
- Chinese Language and Literature
- English as an Additional Language or Dialect (EAL/D)*
- Global Languages and Cultures
- Curriculum Support* (for identified students only)

Classics or Global Languages and Cultures (GLC) will be offered to new students entering the School with no prior language experience in French or Chinese. The Academic Office will allocate the most suitable subject for your child, based on previous school reports.

Electives

The Arts

- Ceramics - Introduction
- Design
- Design Extension
- Digital Art for the Entertainment Industry
- Digital Photography - Introduction
- Drama
- Music Contemporary Semester 1
- Music Contemporary Semester 2
- Music Studies Semester 1
- Music Studies Semester 2
- Visual Art
- Visual Art Extension

Humanities

- Commerce
- History of Espionage
- Money - and The Share Market

Languages

- Introduction to Latin

Technology

- Design and Material Solutions
- F1 in Schools
- Game and App Development
- Industrial Product Design
- Medical Technologies
- VEX Robotics

Wellbeing, Health & PE

- Human Performance 1
- Sport Science

* has prerequisites and offered upon recommendation.

Year 10

Compulsory subjects	
- English - Exploring Identities and Futures (SACE Stage 1) - Wellbeing, Health and Physical Education - History (one semester) - Mathematics - Science (one trimester each of Biology, Chemistry and Physics) - Theology and Philosophy (one semester)	
Students do one of:	
- Mathematics (accelerated) (Stage 1) - Mathematics (Extended) - Mathematics (General)	
Electives	
The Arts	- Architecture - Introduction - Architecture - Extension (Stage 1 Visual Arts Design) (Semester 2 only) - Art Studio - Art Studio - Extension - Ceramics – Introduction - Ceramics – Extension - Design - Design – Extension - Digital Photography – Introduction - Digital Photography - Beyond the Basics - Drama - Music Contemporary Semester 1 - Music Contemporary Semester 2 - Music Studies Semester 1 - Music Studies Semester 2 - The Art of Medicine (Anatomical Drawing)
Humanities	- Commerce - Criminology - Geography (Stage 1)
Languages	- Chinese Language and Literature - Chinese - English as an Additional Language or Dialect (EAL/D) - French - French Continuers (Accelerated Stage 1) - Spanish Beginners (Accelerated; Stage 1)
Mathematics	Mathematics - Pre-Specialist Mathematics (Stage 1)
Science	- Agricultural Science - Applications of Physics - Health Science (Stage 1) - Medical Research - Psychology - Viticulture and Oenology

Electives	
Technology	- Automotive Technologies - Game and App Development - Advanced - Industrial Product Design - Design & Material Solutions - Web Development and Coding - Computer Engineering - Systems Engineering - Structural Engineering
Theology & Philosophy	Philosophy (Extension - Stage 1)
Wellbeing, Health & PE	- Data Analytics and Sports Coaching - Exercise Physiology - Health Science (Stage 1) - Human Performance 2 - Leadership and Psychology



Year 11

Compulsory subjects	
- Activating Identities and Futures (SACE Stage 2) - English - Literacy Studies - Essential English, English or English as an Additional Language or Dialect - One Mathematics subject for at least one semester - Spiritualities, Religion and Meaning	
Electives	
The Arts	- Creative Arts - Drama - Music Advanced - Music Experience - Visual Arts - Architecture - Visual Arts - Art - Visual Arts - Design - Visual Arts - Ceramics
Humanities	- Accounting (semester only) - Business Innovation (semester only) - Economics - Geography - Legal Studies - Modern History
Languages	- Chinese (background) (full-year only subject) - Chinese, French (continuers) (full-year only subject) - Spanish (beginners) (full-year only subject)
Mathematics	- Essential Mathematics - General Mathematics (one semester or full year) - Pre-mathematical Methods (full-year only subject) - Pre-specialist Mathematics (full-year only subject)
Science	- Agriculture - Biology - Scientific Studies - Chemistry (full-year only subject) - Physics (full-year only subject) - Psychology
Technology	- Cyber Studies - Design Technology and Engineering - Material Solutions - Digital Technologies - Integrated Learning (Stage 2) (full-year only subject)
Wellbeing, Health & PE	- Health Science (semester only) - Physical Education

Year 12

All SACE students at St Peter's College study five Stage 2 subjects.	
Students choose five of the following subjects:	
The Arts	- Creative Arts - Drama - Music Explorations - Music Performance - Ensemble or Solo - Music Studies - Visual Arts - Art - Visual Arts - Ceramics - Visual Arts - Design
English	- English - English Literary Studies - Essential English
Humanities	- Accounting - Ancient Studies - Business Innovation - Economics - Geography - Legal Studies - Modern History
Languages	- Chinese (background) - Chinese, French - Chinese, French (continuers) - Spanish (beginners) - English as an Additional Language or Dialect (EAL/D)
Mathematics	- Essential Mathematics - General Mathematics - Mathematical Methods - Specialist Mathematics (must be studied with Mathematical Methods)
Science	- Agricultural Systems - Biology - Chemistry - Physics - Psychology
Technology	- Design, Technology and Engineering - Industry and Entrepreneurial Solutions - Design, Technology and Engineering - Material Solutions - Digital Technologies - Integrated Learning
Theology & Philosophy	Spiritualities, Religion and Meaning
Wellbeing, Health & PE	- Health and Wellbeing - Physical Education
University Studies	- University Studies - Business - University Studies - Exercise Science - University Studies - Law - University Studies - Medical Science - University Studies - Philosophy - University Studies - Theology

Senior School Enrichment Programs

Teachers at St Peter's College tailor our enrichment programs to align with interests, abilities and learner profiles so that students' learning experiences are engaging, meaningful and challenging no matter their ability. The table over page provides a summary of the different programs offered in each year level.

From Year 7 all students are placed in appropriately challenging Mathematics levels based on a range of relevant data, including recent academic achievement and external ability metrics.

Mathematics set acceleration allows learners from Year 9 to complete subsequent years' Mathematics courses ahead of time, making space for more challenging and authentic learning opportunities.

Maths@SPSC is a whole-school program dedicated to enriching Mathematics learning at St Peter's College; students access a range of learning opportunities that sit outside traditional Mathematics curricula.

The Micro-Credentials Program resources passionate learners from Years 7 to 12 who wish to extend themselves technically or intellectually; students are enrolled in relevant university short courses and mentored through their credential completion.

Curriculum societies allow students in all years to connect with passionate learners and teachers across the School in a certain subject area; they enjoy a range of relevant activities and projects.

Our bespoke Elective Program offers students in Years 9 and 10 a range of brand-new subjects designed specifically for St Peter's College learners; electives include Biomechanics, Criminology, Game and App Development,

Investing in the Sharemarket, Money - The Sharemarket and the Australian Economy, Photography and Sport Data Analytics and Coaching.

Passionate learners in Year 10 may make space for further learning by accelerating in a range of SACE subjects, and students in Year 11 may accelerate through most SACE courses.

Years 11 and 12 students may access our Old Scholar Academic Mentoring Program, which offers learners the chance to connect with and be inspired by academically high-achieving recent graduates on multiple afternoons and evenings each week during the school term.

The School also guides appropriate learners through our University Studies program, allowing students to begin studying a range of university degree courses here on campus before they have finished Year 12.

Beyond this, the School works with individual students as appropriate on differentiated, custom enrichment projects.

For further information on our enrichment programs please contact Mr Nick Carter, Deputy Headmaster - Teaching and Learning on ncarter@stpeters.sa.edu.au.

Academic Stretch Programs Senior School

	In-class enrichment	Maths set streaming	Maths @ SPSC	Tertiary Micro Credentials	Curriculum Societies	Beyond ACARA Electives	Maths set Acceleration	SACE Acceleration	Old Scholar Academic Mentoring	University Studies Tertiary Study
Year 7	●	●	●	●	●					
Year 8	●	●	●	●	●					
Year 9	●	●	●	●	●	●	●			
Year 10	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●		
Year 11	●		●	●	●		●	●	●	
Year 12	●		●	●	●		●	●	●	●





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