

2011

Year 9 Curriculum

and

Subject Selection Process



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Opening Prayer

Holy God, source of all goodness, you show us in Mary MacKillop a woman of faith who lived by the power of the cross.

Teach us to embrace what she pioneered: new ways of living the gospel that respect and defend the human dignity of all in our land.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ.

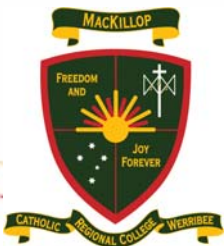
Amen.



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Overview

- **Curriculum 2011**
 - Main Campus
 - St Mary's Campus
- **Subject Selection**



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Administrative Staff

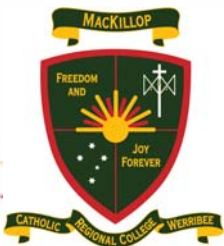
- Learning & Teaching Deputy Principals:
 - Steve Higham (Yr 7 – 9)
 - Warren Arrowsmith (Yr 10 – 12)
- St Mary's Campus:
 - Troy Rickard
 - Patrick Binyon



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Main Campus

- One semester course
- Core studies
 - Maths, LOTE, English, Health & Physical Education
- Select units from three of the four Domains:
 - Humanities
 - Technology
 - Science
 - The Arts



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St Mary's Campus

One semester course. Subjects include:

- Mathematics
- LOTE
- Health and Physical Education
- **Integrated Studies**
 - The World Wide Web



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Integrated Studies

Integrated Units combine the curriculum from different VELS Domains

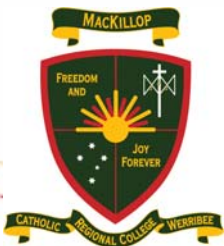
- Interpersonal development, Personal Learning and Civics & Citizenship
- English, Religious Education, Science, The Arts and Humanities
- Communication, ICT and Thinking



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Integrated Studies

- Learning through experience - Inquiry based, negotiated and student centred
- Applied and authentic learning experience
- Thinking curriculum
- Actioning Learning



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Academic Expectations

- High expectations regarding learning
- Specific Learning Tasks
 - Homework
 - Fiction and non-fiction text
 - Assessment tasks



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Resources

- Learning Technologies
- Multimedia
- Existing resources from Main Campus
- Local area (greatest asset) making the most of the immediate environment.

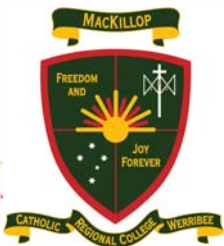


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General Expectations

- General Expectations not different
- Excursion forms
 - Necessary to be signed or students cannot attend
 - 15km radius from St. Mary's Campus

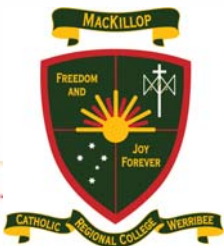
**Forms to be submitted and St Mary's
Campus booklet will be available on
webpage**



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Student Travel

- Morning:
 - Board bus from main campus at 8.35 am
 - Arrive at St. Mary's at 8.50 am
- Afternoon:
 - Board bus from St Mary's campus at 3.05 pm
 - Arrive main campus at 3.20 pm.
- Students can be dropped off and picked up directly



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Extra Curricular

- Access to all extra curricular opportunities
- Instrumental music staff conduct lessons
- Intermediate sports training sessions held at main campus after hours

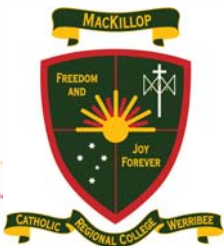


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Community Links

The program is:

- Designed to be a *link* to the local community
- Focused on community service
- Service based NOT career oriented.



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Outdoor Education

- Two compulsory Outdoor Education experiences.
- St Mary's Campus Camp

Completed as a part of SMC orientation – overnight stay at Lady Northcote in Bacchus Marsh or Camp Portsea

- Goulburn River system Canoe trip:

Completed in conjunction with the Sustainability Unit

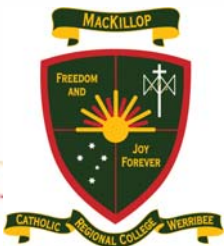
(4 day trip)



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Attendance

- Year 7 - 10 – 90% Attendance is required
- Consistent attendance at school is vital if students are to reach their potential.
- VCE / VCAL – 95% Attendance required to pass the subject.



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Online Subject Selection Process



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Completing Subject Selection Form

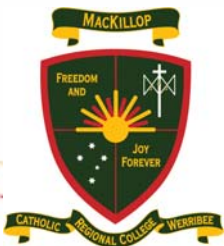
- Read course booklet on College Website
- [Follow Web Preferences Access Guide](#)
- Students will get some second preferences



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Completing Subject Selection Form

- Select preferences and reserves
- Select units from **three** of the **four** elective Domains
- Elective Domain not requested, select:
“Do not wish to study from this Domain”.



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Completing Subject Selection Form

- Validate your selections
- Print the [Web Preference Receipt](#)
 - Signed by the student
 - Signed by Parent/Guardian
- Submit to your Homeroom Teacher



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Most Wanted Unit

Every endeavour will be made to give students their first preferences, however, in planning a timetable and staffing for a whole school, this may not be possible. Students may receive their 2nd, 3rd or 4th preferences in some areas. To assist us in making sure we allocate fairly to all students, please circle which group is of paramount importance to you:

Group 5, 6, 7, 8.



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Example 1

Semester 1	Semester 2
Mathematics	
Health & Physical Education	
LOTE	
English	Outdoor Education
Domain #1	Community Links
Domain #2	St. Mary's Integrated Program
Domain #3	



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Example 2

Semester 1	Semester 2
Mathematics	
Health & Physical Education	
LOTE	
English	Outdoor Education
Science	Community Links
The Arts	St. Mary's Integrated Program
Technology	



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Example 3

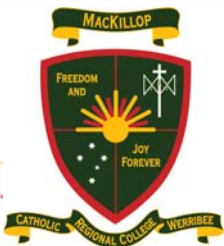
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Mathematics	
Health & PE	
LOTE	
Outdoor Education	English
Community Links	Humanities
St. Mary's Integrated Program	Science
	Technology



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Telescope Group

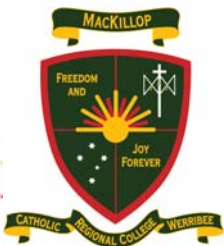
- In 2011, Telescope students will study:
 - Year 9 Enhanced Mathematics
 - Year 9 Enhanced English
- May be eligible to study a Year 10 elective – separate application form (see Mrs Jackson)



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VCE Choices in 2012

- Must have a ***80% or above*** for **all Learning Tasks** and for **all subjects** in Semester 1, Year 9 (2011).
- Attendance: **90% or above**



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Advice to students

Select subjects:

- On your personal choice – not because of a friend
- That you are interested in and those that you enjoy or good at
- That are going to assist you in your future studies



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Timeline

- Web preferences closes **Tuesday 24 August**
- Final subject choices will be determined during Term 3, however, some students will not have subject choices finalised until the examinations have been graded
- No changes possible as classes are maximised



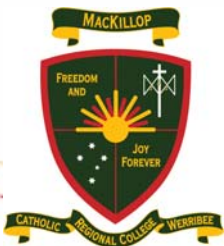
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