



## CURRICULUM FRAMEWORK POLICY



### **Help for non-English speakers**

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### **RATIONALE**

Emerald Secondary College provides a comprehensive and challenging curriculum for all students. The curriculum is broadly based, sequential and inclusive for all student in Years 7-12. The curriculum also provides students a measure of learning achievement against expected achievement standards that allows students, families and teachers to assess, monitor and reflect on student progress and achievement.

### **AIM**

- To optimise student learning through the implementation of the Victorian Curriculum across each learning area from Year 7 to Year 10 in a manner consistent with departmental requirements and locally identified needs.
- To optimise student learning through the implementation of the VCAA Study Designs for VCE, VCE VM and VPC, with additional VET pathways offered to students.
- To recognise and respond to diverse student needs when developing curriculum programs.
- To provide a broad offering of programs to meet the requirements and demands of students.
- To comply with DET guidelines regarding the length of student instruction time required in Victorian schools.
- To regularly communicate student progress and achievement in accordance with DET and VCAA guidelines and policies.
- To prepare young people for the transition from school into further education and careers.
- To resource Teaching and Learning programs through Program Budgets.

### **IMPLEMENTATION**

The Domain Leadership Team will oversee the curriculum program, review programs, and make recommendations to the principal.

- The College will provide a range of curriculum programs that will address the specific needs of students in relation to gender, special learning needs, disabilities and impairments, giftedness, and students from language backgrounds other than English.
- The College provides a comprehensive curriculum program that involves students undertaking studies and activities in English, Mathematics, Science, Humanities, Languages, Health and Physical Education, Technology and The Arts.
- The College will identify and cater for the different needs of cohorts of students when developing its curriculum plan that will provide at least 25 hours of student instruction per week.
- The curriculum program for the following year is determined on student demand and College priorities to maintain balance and a broad provision of subject choices.
- Input will be sought from the relevant staff in learning areas when determining programs for the following school year.
- Each learning area is responsible for the teaching and learning programs and assessment strategies used in their area, in alignment with the Assessment, Feedback and Reporting Handbook and Senior School Staff Handbook.



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- The Victorian Curriculum will be used as a framework for curriculum development and delivery at Years 7 to 10 in accordance with DET policy and guidelines.
- Year 11 and 12 students can study the Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE), the VCE Vocational Major (VCE VM) or the Victorian Pathways Certificate.
- Vocational Education and Training (VET) studies can be selected by students in Years 10, 11 and 12.
- Curriculum programs and teaching practice are reviewed on a regular basis. This could occur according to DET directives or as part of identified areas on designated Curriculum Days or at Domain meetings or Domain Leadership Team meetings.
- Year 10 students are given the opportunity to apply to access certain VCE subjects after meeting academic benchmarks and can apply to access a Unit 3&4 subjects in Year 11. All Year 12 students' study 5 subjects, or their equivalent (this may include a university extension unit), in their final year.
- Improvements in teaching practice are identified in the Strategic Plan and the Annual Implementation Plan.
- Staff can attend professional learning programs that address changes in teaching and learning strategies as well as enabling further development of teaching skills. Priority is given to professional learning which aligns with priorities identified in the College School Strategic Plan and Annual Implementation Plan.
- Each year our school will undertake an audit of the year 7 to 10 curriculum and update the curriculum map that shows which domains, dimensions and standards of the Victorian Curriculum are currently being addressed. This audit will inform future curriculum planning.
- Each year our college will undertake an audit of Year 11&12 participation and completion rates, and include an analysis of VCE performance data. This audit will inform future curriculum planning.
- Handbooks are published each year to inform students and parents of programs and course content. This information should assist decision-making for course selection for the following year/s combined with annual information nights run by sub-schools.
- As far as practicable, the DET requirements related to the teaching of Physical Education, Sports Education and LOTE will continue to be implemented.
- Ongoing reporting of student achievement and progress is facilitated through an online Learning Management System. Progress Reports are published approximately every 6 weeks, and Semester Reports are published twice a year. Reporting of Victorian Curriculum dimensions and strands is in accordance with DET and VCAA policies, advice, and guidelines.
- The use of Information and Communications Technology (ICT) will continue to be integrated across the curriculum to support the improvement of teaching practice and student learning outcomes.
- In developing its curriculum plan, the College will provide a broad range of educational pathways to ensure improved student outcomes.
- Domain Leaders are required to monitor their budget and communicate with their teams regarding budget requirements and constraints.
- The curriculum program is delivered over a 10-day timetable and 5 x 60 minute period days

### APPENDICES

- Day structure and Bell Times
- VCE subjects offered
- Curriculum Map including Year 7-10 subjects, allocated minutes per subject



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### Day Structure & Bell Times

Period	Time
1	9:00 – 10:00am
2	10:00 – 11:00am
Recess	11:00 – 11:25am
3	11:25 – 12:25pm
4	12:25 – 1:25pm
Lunch	1:25 – 2:10pm
5	2:10 – 3:10pm

(ALL PERIODS 60 MINUTES)

### VCE, VCEVM units confirmed for 2024

Units 1 and 2	Units 3 and 4
Art Making & exhibiting. Biology Business Management Chemistry English Food Studies Geography Literature Health & Human Development History – Ancient & Empires Legal Studies Math – Foundation Math – General Math – Methods Music Performance Outdoor and Environmental Studies Physical Education Physics Psychology Visual Communication VM Literacy VM Personal Development Skills VM Work Related Skills	Biology Business Management Chemistry English Food Studies Health and Human Development History - Revolutions Legal Studies Literature Math - Foundation Math - General Math - Methods Music Performance Outdoor and Environmental Studies Physical Education Physics Psychology Visual Communication VM Literacy VM Personal Development Skills VM Work related Skills

- Please Note – This is the final list of Units running in 2024. Many more classes were offered during the subject selection/course counselling process.



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### Curriculum Map

Year 7	Teaching & Learning Area	Week A	Week B	Duration	Minutes per f/n
	English	3	4	WY	420
	Maths	4	3	WY	420
	Science	3	3	WY	360
	Humanities	3	3	WY	360
	Health & Physical Education	2	2	WY	240
	Japanese	2	2	WY	240
	Visual Arts - Art	2	3	S	300
	Performing Arts - Music	2	3	S	300
	Technology - Wood	3	2	S	300
	Technology - Textiles	3	2	S	300
Year 8	Teaching & Learning Area	Week A	Week B	Duration	Minutes per f/n
	English	3	4	WY	420
	Maths	4	3	WY	420
	Science	3	3	WY	360
	Humanities	3	3	WY	360
	Health & Physical Education	2	2	WY	240
	Japanese	2	2	WY	240
	Visual Arts – Vis Com	2	3	S	300
	Performing Arts - Drama	2	3	S	300
	Technology - Digital	3	3	S	300
	Technology - Food	2	3	S	300

Year 9	Teaching & Learning Area	Semester Pp f/n	Semester Pp f/n	Duration	Minutes per f/n
	English	8	8	WY	480
	SEAL English	8	8	WY	480
	Maths	8	8	WY	480
	SEAL Mathematics	8	8	WY	480
	Core Science +		8	1/S	480
	Core Humanities++	8		1/S	480
	Core Health & Physical Education		8	1/S	480
	Middle Years electives*	8	8	1/S	480
	Students must select one unit from either the Arts or technology Middle Years electives				
	++Year 9 SEAL students may Choose from any Middle Years humanities elective offered.				
	+ Year 9 SEAL students will complete STEM engineering as their core science elective				



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Year 10	Teaching & Learning Area	PPf/n	Duration	Minutes per f/n
	English	8	WY	480
	Enrichment English*	8	WY	480
	Maths	8	WY	480
	Enrichment Maths*	8	WY	480
	*Student placement in the Enrichment classes will occur based on data at the end the year.			
	<b>Middle Years Electives</b>			
	Humanities*	8	1 Semester min	480
	Health & PE*	8	1 Semester min	480
	Visual Arts electives^	8	S	480
	Performing Arts electives^	8	S	480
	Technology electives^	8	S	480
	Middle Years Electives	8	S	480
	*VCE acceleration available via application. VCE subjects are year-long and will replace two free electives			
	^Students must choose one unit from the Arts or Technology Middle Years Electives			
Year 11&12	Teaching & Learning Area	PP f/n	Duration	Minutes per f/n
	<b>VCE</b>			
	English Unit 1&2	8	WY	480
	Unit 1&2	8	WY	480
	Unit 1&2	8	WY	480
	Unit 1&2	8	WY	480
	Unit 1&2	8	WY	480
	Unit 1&2	8	WY	480
	English Unit 3&4	8	WY	480
	Unit 3&4	8	WY	480
	Unit 3&4	8	WY	480
	Unit 3&4	8	WY	480
	Unit 3&4	8	WY	480
	<b>VCE VM</b>			
	VM Literacy	8	WY	480
	Foundation Maths	8	WY	480
	VM Personal Development	8	WY	480
	VM Work Related Skills	8	WY	480
	VET @ TAFE	1 day	WY	
	Work Placement	1 day	WY	



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