Acceleration Policy

Students entering Years 10 and 11 in 2016-17

Acceleration means completing a Year 11 (Unit 1/2) subject while in Year 10 or a Year 12 (Unit 3/4) subject while in Year 11. The major benefit to the student is the experience of working at a more demanding level and is best suited to students who are already excelling in a related subject area. Generally the accelerated subject should not be the student’s best subject.

1. While all subjects are nominally available for acceleration we do not envisage that it will be possible to accelerate in Maths Methods or Specialist Maths in either Year 10 or Year 11. Some Units 3/4 subjects have, as a prerequisite, completion of the corresponding Units 1/2.
2. Except in exceptional circumstances students will only be permitted to undertake one accelerated subject sequence.
3. Acceleration is not open to all students. Students who demonstrate academic excellence during Semester One will be invited to apply for acceleration:

   Students completing a Year 9 or Year 10 subject will need to be performing above the expected standard. Furthermore, overall achievement for assessment tasks will need to be “B+” or better.
   To be considered for a 3/4 subject students will generally require a “B+” grade or better on all assessment tasks from their relevant Semester One Report. Completion of an accelerated VCE1/2 sequence in Year 10 does not guarantee acceptance into the corresponding VCE 3/4 sequence in Year 11. It is advisable that students maintain a high level of academic excellence across all subjects.

4. Application will need to be made at subject selection time in Term 3.
5. Prospective candidates will be interviewed.
6. VET subjects will not be considered as acceleration but will require an interview.
7. The limitations of the school timetable may have an impact on whether an approved acceleration application can proceed as planned. Any necessary changes to selected subjects caused by these limitations will be finalised following discussion with the affected student and his parents/guardians.

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