



Secondary School

The Secondary Years at Alphington Grammar School will continue to build on the learning and experiences your child encountered in their Primary Years. We expose Years 7 and 8 students to many curricular and co-curricular opportunities as they transition to Secondary School and discover more things about themselves and the world around them.

While every student is extended and expected to Aspire to Excellence, during Years 7 and 8 we also run an Advanced Learning Program for High Achieving students (The ALPHA Initiative).

Year 9

As the students' progress into Years 9 and 10, alongside the CORE subjects studied by all, they are given the opportunity to choose from an increasing range of electives across the two years.

Core Subjects

English (9)

Maths (9)

Science (9)

Humanities (8) - History, Geography, Civics & Citizenship, Economics & Business

LOTE: Greek (7), Chinese (7), Chinese Second Language (7)

Health & Physical Education (5)

Digital Enterprises: Robotics (5)

EISM Sport (6)

Elective Subjects (all students select 2 subjects per semester)

Media (5)

Art (5)

Music (5)

Drama (5)

Please note: All electives are offered subject to sufficient interest and

Year 10

As students progress into Year 10, alongside the CORE subjects studied by all, they are given the opportunity to complete an accelerated VCE subject. This is designed to expose the Year 10s to the rigours of a VCE subject before they enter Year 11. It is also designed to reduce the subject load in Year 12.

Core Subjects

English (9)

Maths (9) - Students allocated into General Maths or Maths Methods streams from start of year 10.

Science (9) - Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Psychology

Humanities (9) - History, Geography, Civics & Citizenship, Economics & Business

Physical Sport (9)

Elective Subject

Greek (9)

Chinese Second Language (9)

Art (9)

Music (9)

Visual Communication and Design (9)

Exercise Science (9)

Drama (9)

Media (9)

Students select two (2) electives and one (1) accelerated subject.

Accelerated VCE Elected

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least one examination (written, oral or performance exams according to the study), which are set and marked by VCAA.

A study score shows how well students have performed in a study at Unit 3 and 4 level, compared to everybody else in Victoria who took that study. The maximum study score is 50.

VCE Common Study

English

At Alphington Grammar School the study of English branches at Years 11 and 12 into two subjects: English and Literature. The Study of English or Literature is a compulsory component of a student's VCE program. Students thus are presented with three possible pathways:

Pathways of study for English:

Students must achieve an overall score of at least 85% in Year 10 English to be able to qualify for Literature Units 1 and 2.

Approval for all pathways is subject to the approval of the Head of EHASS.

Mathematics

Recommended pathway through to mathematics

Entry into VCE Mathematics

Before their VCE subject selection process, all students in Year 10 will receive a recommendation regarding the Mathematics that they are most suited for. These will be largely based on students' test scores and examination results from Semester 1 using the following criteria:

Year 11

As they progress into Years 11 and 12, students begin their VCE studies. Units 1 and 2 are studied during Year 11. Units 3 and 4 are studied in Year 12. Where relevant it may be necessary to complete all 4 units in sequence. The subject areas are listed below. All subjects offered in the Expression of Interest stage are listed below. Please note that subjects offered will have to reach minimum number in order to run.

Unit 1 and 2

EHASS

English or EAL (9)

Business Management (9)

History (9)

Legal Studies (9)

Philosophy (9)

Media (9)

Literature (9)

Accounting (9)

Economics (9)

Australian and Global Politics (9)

STEM

Applied Computing (9)

Biology (9)

Chemistry (9)

General Maths (9)

Maths Methods (9)

Physics (9)

Psychology (9)

LOTE

Chinese Second Language (9)

Greek (9)

Health & PE

EISM Sport (6)

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Year 12

Units 3 and 4

EHASS

Health & PE

Physical Education (9)

Health and Human Development (9)

Music & Arts

Music (9)

Drama (9)

Studio Arts (9)

Visual Communications and Design (9)