Preliminary Course Options

Students entering Year 11 at Mount Annan Christian College are offered a wide variety of elective course offerings to suit their desired pattern of study. The College also explores and provides elective options from external providers, such as TAFE NSW, Distance Education, Open High School or the School of Community Languages, to name just a few, for students who have a specific and special interest in particular courses.

Upon entering Stage 6, students will commence a two-year program which will lead to the award of the Higher School Certificate. They must complete a required pattern of study in a minimum number of units in each of the Preliminary Courses, being prerequisite, for continuing study in the HSC Course. Students must also meet the minimum requirements in terms of levels of achievement and effort, as per our Progression Policy, for entry into the higher levels of English, Mathematics and the Science courses. Entry into HSC Extension courses in Year 12, is encouraged provided students’ achievement and effort demonstrate the ability to manage course completion.

The College provides a number of staff to guide students with their elective patterns, such as the Careers Adviser, Stage Advisers and Heads of Faculty. They are available for consultation regarding elective decisions, career-related queries and curriculum. Further advice may also be sought from the Head of Secondary.

In making elective choices we encourage students to consider:

1. Subjects they will enjoy
2. Subjects in which they can achieve
3. An endeavour to gain a rounded education
4. Future tertiary courses, prerequisite subjects and conditions of entry and future career aspirations

We find that effective learning strategies and positive attitudes help ensure a successful learning journey.

We encourage students to answer the following questions before they make elective choices:

1. Do you have a goal for your Higher School Certificate studies?
2. How will you ensure you achieve your personal best?
3. What are the skills required to achieve your personal best?
4. How can you learn from your teachers, parents and fellow students in order to achieve your personal best?
Preliminary Course Options

ENGLISH & MATHEMATICS

Subjects
- English Standard
- English Advanced
- English Extension 1
- English Extension 2
- Mathematics General
- Mathematics Advanced
- Mathematics Extension 1
- Mathematics Extension 2

ELECTIVE COURSES

Subjects
- Agriculture
- Ancient History
- Biology
- Business Studies
- Chemistry
- Community & Family Studies
- Design & Technology
- Economics
- Geography
- Industrial Technology (Multimedia)
- Information Processes Technology
- Legal Studies
- Modern History
- Music 1
- Music 2
- PDHPE
- Physics
- Sport, Lifestyle & Recreation
- Society and Culture
- Studies of Religion (2 unit)
- Visual Arts

Patterns of Study
Requirements for the HSC

Candidates for the Higher School Certificate must undertake a program of study comprising at least:

- 12 units of Preliminary courses; and
- 10 units of Higher School Certificate courses.

Both the Preliminary course pattern and the HSC course pattern must include:

- at least six units of Board Developed Courses;
- at least two units of a Board Developed Course in English;
- at least three courses of two units value (or greater); and
- at least four subjects;
- at most 6 units of courses in Science can contribute to HSC eligibility.

As an example, in 2015, these were our first round Stage 6 elective options. (These may change from year to year based on student demand and College resources).