Year 10 2015 Subject Selection Handbook
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Year 10 Curriculum and Pathway Planning

The Year 10 Subject Selection 2015 Handbook is an important part of the course planning and subject selection process. It is designed to inform students and parents about the requirements of studying Year 10 at OLMC and to provide an overview of the compulsory and elective subjects that are available.

The subject selection process also includes student and parent information sessions, course guidance and formal interviews. As each individual student must ultimately feel confident with their choices, it is advisable that:

- students and parents read through the Handbook carefully and make note of the key dates;
- students select subjects with an understanding of their learning strengths and likes;
- students choose subjects that suit their interests and develop their talents, skills and strengths; and
- students pick subjects that enable them to pursue their goals or aspirations, particularly in relation to their VCE or possible future study and career choices.

There are many pathway options available at OLMC as we offer a rich and diverse program for students to develop their interests and skills. There are opportunities to accelerate VCE or undertake an enhanced study or VET certificate. To help students make considered decisions about their personal learning program, they are encouraged to access the range of information, resources and support available to them.

Students should start by discussing their plans with:

- parents/guardians
- Pastoral Leader
- Year Level Coordinator
- Careers Coordinator
- Subject teachers
- other students

They should also attend, ask questions and actively seek information from people who can advise and guide them at the various information and feedback sessions throughout Term 3, including;

- the Subject Selection assemblies held during school hours in August
- Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews in August.

It is important to choose a program that suits the individual student as subject choices cannot be changed in 2015.

OLMC provides many people who can offer valuable perspectives and resources to assist students and parents in making informed decisions and choosing the right pathway options.

Ms Sarah Nash
Learning Coordinator Years 10-12
**Important Dates in 2014**

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<td>Students applying for VCE Accelerated Studies must submit their application to Learning Coordinator Years 10-12</td>
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<td>Web Preference online opens for students to enter their subject preferences for 2015</td>
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<td>Students submit to their Pastoral Leader the printout of the subjects they have entered online (form must be verified and signed by a parent).</td>
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Overview of Subject Offerings in Year 10

Students may select a combination of core studies and elective units, including accelerated studies and Vocational Education and Training (VET). This means that, whilst maintaining a broad general education, students are able to follow their own particular interests and experience new areas.

In addition to the Year 10 core subjects (see table below) that we currently offer at OLMC, Year 10 students must select one study from the common block and may select a VCE or enhanced study.

The Common Block
Students select to do either Civics, Inquiry or a VET certificate

- Those students selecting Civics or Inquiry:
  - will travel to Canberra as part of their studies.
- Those students selecting a VET program:
  - will complete a VET certificate as an accelerated study;
  - may select from a range of VET programs;
  - and, upon completion of the VET program, will receive a recognised Australian qualification which also contributes to their VCE studies;
  - will be involved in structured workplace learning or work experience when Civics/Inquiry students are in Canberra;
  - will not be able to undertake a VCE accelerated study with the exception of VCE Mathematical Methods (CAS) Unit 1.

VCE or Enhanced Studies
Students may select to do one VCE unit or an enhanced study in Year 10 (also considered an accelerated study); this can open a pathway to completion of a VCE Units 3 and 4 study in Year 11.

Core Subjects

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| From the common block, choose: |
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| Either Civics or Inquiry or VET Program (Allied Health Assistance; Hospitality (Kitchen Operations); Live Production, Theatre and Events; Sport and Recreation) | 3 |

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Elective Subjects

All students are required to undertake **8 units in each semester, a total of 16 units all year:**

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**Undertaking Accelerated Studies in Years 10**

At OLMC, students who have demonstrated ability and commitment to their studies in Years 7 to 9 have the opportunity to complete one VCE unit at a Year 11 standard (Unit 1 or 2) referred to as an accelerated study. Satisfactory completion of a VCE Unit contributes to the fulfilment of the requirements of the VCE.

Students wishing to apply to undertake a VCE Unit in Year 10 must carefully consider their current and past academic strengths and weaknesses. They should investigate the most appropriate study to best complement their pathway and interests; and discuss the proposed acceleration with subject teachers at Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews and Pastoral Leaders.

- **This pathway is not automatic and students need to apply to undertake acceleration and have their application approved by the College.**
- **Students are permitted to undertake only one accelerated study, with the exception of those choosing to do VCE Mathematical Methods (CAS) Unit 1 who may choose two.**

**Selection Criteria**

- Consistently high level of commitment and persistence across a range of subject areas - Excellent or Very Good grades in like subjects, minimum grade of Good across all other subjects.
- Demonstrated ability to work independently, complete work reliably and submit tasks punctually.
- Demonstrated ability to reflect on and evaluate your own learning and a willingness to seek teacher assistance when appropriate.
- A well-considered academic program.
The Application for an Accelerated Study

1. An application form for an accelerated study, including a statement outlining their reasons for wishing to undertake the study and how they meet the selection criteria, must be completed by the student. Forms are obtained from the Learning Coordinator Years 10-12 (see Important Dates).

2. Students must attach a copy of their Semester 1 2014 Report to the application form.

3. Students should discuss their total academic program with their Pastoral Leader and the Application for Accelerated Study will require acknowledgment by the Pastoral Leader.

4. The subject Domain Leader will consider the application, consult teachers and look at attendance and online reports to determine a student’s suitability. In cases where more information is required, the Domain Leader and Study Teacher may request an interview via email with the student.
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**IMPORTANT TO NOTE**
If there are insufficient numbers of students wishing to study an elective unit, then it will not be available for that year.
Careers Department

*Helping to Pave a Path to Success*

**Career development** is a lifelong process of growth through life, learning and work. Throughout each year level, students develop and complete a Pathways Plan that reflects their understanding of themselves and future opportunities.

**Year 10 – I Plan**

Students focus on planning to achieve broad career goals that offer a range of options. They use increased self-knowledge and deeper understanding of the education and training requirements to inform these decisions.

Understanding more about yourself helps to make good choices for subjects in the following year. Electives in Year 10 provide the opportunity for students to study a range of subject areas that interest them and give them an insight into the subject areas they would like to pursue in VCE/VCAL.

The Careers Room has valuable resources to help you research and begin planning your career pathway. These include University and TAFE course guides, career specific books, DVD’s and magazines.

**The OLMC Portal** is an informative website containing career exploration tools, the latest career newsletters, Work Experience information, University and TAFE details and other career resources.

Students and parents are most welcome to arrange individual appointments with the Careers Coordinators, or to come in and browse through the resources in the new Pathways Lounge.

**Ms Ann Boyce**
**Careers and VET Coordinator**

**Miss Dot Georgiou**
**Careers Coordinator**
Design, Arts and Technology

Art Now

*Duration: one unit (one semester)*

**Dimensions**
- Creating and making
- Exploring, interpreting and responding

**Learning Focus**
Art Now is a folio-based subject which focuses on experimentation with contemporary materials, techniques and ideas.

There are elements of digital media used to enhance the art making process. Students study the way a variety of artists use materials, techniques and develop ideas to enhance their own art making.

- Want to express yourself?
- Want to be creative?
- Like to be original?

**Assessment Tasks**
- Folio of artworks
- Visual diary development
- Semester Examination

Students with a particular aptitude for Art are invited to apply to study VCE Studio Arts Units 1 and 2 in Year 10. These applications would be assessed by the teachers. Please contact your current Art teacher if you are interested in applying.

Creative Graphics

*Duration: one unit (one semester)*

**Dimensions**
- Creating and making
- Exploring, interpreting and responding

Creative Graphics is a hands-on practical course which will give you an appreciation of what makes good design. You will learn to analyse briefs and visualise concepts, and will explore typography, layout, digital design, packaging design and illustration. Students also gain practical skills with a variety of programs such as Adobe Photoshop, Illustrator and Google SketchUp.

Get to the core of what it means to be a graphic designer; gain an understanding of the culture of design combined with the techniques of a solid design process: from design brief to idea generation and sketching, layout design and finishing in the Adobe suite.

- Love brands?
- Love to be original?
- Want to be a graphic designer?

This is a fun way to explore your creativity and it is a pathway to any of the Design, Arts and Technology subjects.
Assessment Tasks
- Visual diary - containing preparatory drawings and design development for set tasks
- A folio of graphic images
- A folio of instrumental drawings
- End of semester examination

Digital Media

*Duration: one unit (one semester)*

**Dimensions**
- Creating and making
- Exploring and responding

**Learning Focus**
This course focuses on digital media such as film, photography and print design. The film production unit looks at elements such as lighting, camera, sound and editing. You will create a group film task.

In the photography unit we focus on camera use, photographic composition, image analysis, Photoshop and print design.

- Love film?
- Love photography?
- Love pop culture?

This is a fun way to explore your creativity and it is a pathway to any of the Design, Arts and Technology subjects.

**Assessment Tasks:**
- Group or Individual Film
- Photography Folio and Exhibition

Fashion Creations

*Duration: one unit (one semester)*

**Dimensions**
- Design, Creativity and Technology: Investigating and Designing; Producing; Analysing and Evaluating

This subject is designed to allow students who may have an interest in pursuing a fashion related career or who love designing their own unique clothing the opportunity to gain an understanding of the role of a fashion designer.

**Learning Focus**
This unit will enable you to create a design portfolio that will launch you into the world of fashion, art and design. You will be exposed to global fashion and the design process used in some of your favourite brands.

Through the design process, you will learn how to create fashion illustrations, use digital and hand techniques to put together colour and fabric.

If you love style and using pattern and materials to create, then this course will give you the opportunity to apply visual art to your favourite clothing designs.
Love clothes?
Love a career in fashion?
Have style?

This is a fun way to explore your creativity and it is a pathway to any of the Design, Arts and Technology subjects.

**Assessment Tasks**
- Design Brief
- Production
- Evaluation
- Examination

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**Food Styling and Design**

*Duration: one unit (one semester)*

**Dimensions**
- Design, Creativity and Technology: Investigating and Designing; Producing; Analysing and Evaluating

Through the principles of design, students are able to enjoy food and learn about its significance in a social context. Students will explore current food trends and prepare modern recipes designed for individual tastes and needs. Through food blogging and styling trends, students will design and present food that shines on the plate and for the camera. Students will look beyond their environment to study the symbolism of food and the influence it has on culture today.

Love delicious food?
Love to cook with friends?
Love photography?
Love food styling?

This is a fun way to explore your creativity and it is a pathway to any of the Design, Arts and Technology subjects.

**Learning Focus**
On completion of the unit students should be able to:
- Use a wide range of techniques
- Use tools and equipment safely
- Analyse processes, tools and products
- Compare their products to commercial equivalents
- Creatively solve complex problems
- Prepare foods of a high standard

**Assessment Tasks**
- Design briefs: will incorporate Investigate, Design, Produce, Analyse and Evaluate.
- Examination
VET Certificate II Hospitality (Kitchen Operations) (Accelerated Study)

Duration: Over two years – first year at OLMC; second year will be undertaken externally at one of the secondary schools in the Northern Melbourne VET cluster (NMVC).

Description
The VCE VET Hospitality program is drawn from a national training package and offers portable qualifications which are recognised throughout Australia. These qualifications provide students with the knowledge and skills to prepare them for a diverse range of occupations in the hospitality industry including commercial cookery, catering and food and beverage service.

At OLMC, students will undertake Program 2: Certificate II in Hospitality (Kitchen Operations). This qualification is drawn from the SIT07 Tourism, Hospitality and Events Training Package.

Certificate II in Hospitality (Kitchen Operations) provides students with the skills and knowledge to be competent in a range of kitchen functions and activities to work in various hospitality enterprises where food is prepared and served.

Units 1 and 2 of the program include health, safety and security procedures, workplace hygiene, working with colleagues and customers, using basic methods of cookery, receiving and storing kitchen supplies and presenting food. Units 3 and 4 offer scored assessment and incorporate units such as preparing, cooking and serving food for service, preparing appetisers and salads, stocks, sauces, soups, and desserts.

VCE Credit
Students will be eligible for up to four units towards their VCE: two units at Units 1 and 2 level, and a Units 3 and 4 sequence. A study score is available for Program 2, which can contribute directly towards the final ATAR – either as one of the student’s best four studies (the primary four) or as a fifth or sixth study.

VCAL Credit
You will be eligible for up to four credits towards your VCAL – at the Foundation, Intermediate and Senior levels.

Career Opportunities
Completing Certificate II in Hospitality (Kitchen Operations) will assist you in pursuing a career in the hospitality industry through vocational and higher education pathways. Employment opportunities exist in a variety of roles such as chef, pastry chef, caterer, breakfast cook, short order cook and fast food cook. Work would be undertaken in the kitchen area of various hospitality settings including restaurants, hotels, motels, catering operations, clubs, pubs, cafes and coffee shops.

Units of competence
- Clean kitchen premises and equipment
- Maintain quality of perishable supplies
- Prepare simple dishes
- Participate in safe work practices
- Produce dishes using basic methods of cookery
- Source/use information on hospitality industry
- Use food preparation equipment
- Use hygienic practices for food safety
- Work effectively with others
English

English

Duration: two units (all year)

Strands
- Language
- Literacy
- Literature

Together the three strands focus on developing students’ knowledge, understanding and skills in listening, reading, viewing, speaking and writing.

Learning focus
Students will continue to engage with a variety of texts for enjoyment. They will interpret, create, evaluate, discuss and perform a wide range of literary texts in which the primary purpose is aesthetic, as well as texts designed to inform and persuade. Literary texts that support and extend students in Level 10 as independent readers are drawn from a range of genres and involve complex, structures. Students will study ‘classic’ literary works including a Shakespearian play as well as works of contemporary fiction and film. Through reading these texts they will engage with issues involving high order reasoning and they will be encouraged to make comparisons between different texts. Students will develop critical understanding of the contemporary media, and the differences between media texts.

Students will create a range of imaginative, informative and persuasive types of texts including narratives, performances, discussions, literary analyses, transformations of texts and reviews. They will learn how to synthesise ideas from a range of sources to create their own written texts.

Extension Opportunities
- Literature elective unit
- Poetry and writing competitions
- Publication of writing in school yearbook
- Participation in DAV debating,
- Participation in the Frayne Voice Choir.

Assessment Tasks
Students are required to complete a range of assessment tasks throughout the course. These tasks include:
- Reading texts
- Language exercises
- Journal writing
- Writing for a range of purposes, audiences and contexts
- Assignments on set texts
- Creative responses to text
- Analytical responses to text
- Group tasks
- Oral presentations
- Use of technology for research purposes, to create and review oral and written texts
- End of semester examinations
Literature

Duration: one unit (one semester)

Strands
- Language
- Literacy
- Literature

Together the three strands focus on developing students’ knowledge, understanding and skills in listening, reading, viewing, speaking and writing.

Learning focus
On completion of the unit students should be able to:
- Identify structures and features of a range of spoken texts presenting complex themes and issues.
- Analyse critically the relationship between texts, contexts, speakers and listeners.
- Read a range of texts to discuss different perspectives on complex themes and issues.
- Develop and justify detailed interpretations of texts.
- Evaluate characteristics that define an author’s individual style.
- Create imaginative texts that make relevant thematic and intertextual connections with other texts.

Assessment Tasks
- Analytical text responses
- Creative responses to text
- End of semester examinations
- Analysis of poetry
- Oral dramatic presentation

Information and Communication Technology Skills
- Critical literacy of computer based texts including web pages and forums
- Application of technology to relevant communications studies
- Use of Internet for the purpose of sourcing and evaluating various reviews
Health & Physical Education

**Duration: two units (all year - two lessons of Physical Education and one lesson of Health Education per cycle)**

**Dimensions**

**Movement and physical activity**
The aim of Physical Education is to encourage students to demonstrate proficiency in the execution of manipulative and movement skills during complex activities such as Bike Education, Tennis, Personal Fitness, Dance Sports, Rugby, European Handball, Self Defence, Badminton and Archery. The course will focus on identifying and implementing ways of improving the quality of their performance during games, physical activities, sports and a variety of recreational activities. Students will employ and devise skills and strategies to counter tactical challenges in game situations. They will assume responsibility for the conduct of aspects of a sporting competition in which roles are shared and display appropriate sporting behaviour.

**Health knowledge and promotion**
The Health Education theory component is designed to enable students to identify and describe a range of social and cultural factors that influence the development of personal identity and values. Students will identify and explain the rights and responsibilities associated with developing greater independence. They will describe mental health issues relevant to young people. Students will compare and evaluate perceptions of challenge, risk and safety. They will analyse the positive and negative health outcomes of a range of personal behaviours and community actions. Students will identify the health services and products provided by government and non-government bodies and analyse how these can be used to support the health needs of young people. They will identify and describe strategies that address current trends in the nutritional status of Australians. They will analyse and evaluate the factors that affect food consumption in Australia.

**Learning Focus**
On completion of this unit students will be able to:
- Demonstrate proficiency in the execution of manipulative and movement skills during complex activities.
- Demonstrate advanced skills in selected activities.
- Use training methods to improve their fitness level.
- Participate in sports, games, recreational and leisure activities that maintain regular participation in moderate to vigorous physical activity.
- Employ and devise skills and strategies to counter tactical challenges in game situations.
- Assume responsibility for the conduct of aspects of a sporting competition in which roles are shared.
- Demonstrate appropriate sporting behaviour.
- Identify and describe a range of social and cultural factors that influence the development of personal identity and values.
- Identify and explain roles and responsibilities associated with developing greater independence, including those related to relationship matters.
- Describe mental health issues relevant to young people.
- Compare and evaluate perceptions of challenge, risk and safety
- Analyse positive and negative health outcomes of a range of personal behaviours and community actions.
• Identify health services and products provided by government and non-government bodies and analyse how these can be used to support the health needs of young people.

Assessment Tasks may include:
• Written reports
• Group/personal tasks, evaluations and reflections
• Research assignments
• Structured questions
• Examinations
• Oral reports
• Case study analysis
• Media analysis

Information and Communication Technology Skills
• Multimedia presentations.
• Use of search engines to locate and download specific information on the Internet.
• Access, edit and sort data to create Word Documents, PowerPoint and Publisher presentations.

VCE Physical Education Unit 1 (Accelerated Study)

Duration: one unit (one semester)

Current Year 9 students who have a passion for sport, enjoy learning about body systems and are considering undertaking future studies in the Sports Science, Physiotherapy, Health and Behavioural Science fields are strongly encouraged to consider applying to under accelerated studies in VCE Physical Education.

VCE Physical Education involves examining body systems, biomechanical principles, the contribution of energy systems to performance, causes of fatigue and psychological strategies that can enhance performance. Each of these areas of study makes strong links to the fields of Biology, Psychology, Chemistry and Physics. It requires that students have a sound level of understanding of a range of concepts studied in these fields.

Thus, students who are considering undertaking VCE Physical Education as part of their VCE program are required to undertake the Science elective ‘The Big Ideas of Science’ in Year 10.

VCE Physical Education Unit 1 - Bodies in Motion

In this unit, students will examine the systems of the human body and how they translate into movement. Through practical activities they will explore the major components of the musculoskeletal, cardiovascular and respiratory systems and their contributions and interactions during physical activity. Anaerobic and aerobic pathways are introduced and linked to the types of activities that utilise each of the pathways. Students will also focus on the range of physical activity options in the community. Health benefits of participation in regular physical activity and health consequences of physical inactivity and sedentary behaviour are explored at individual and population levels. Students will explore the dimensions of the National Physical Activity Guidelines and investigate the current status of physical activity and sedentary behaviour from an Australian perspective. Students will investigate factors that facilitate involvement in physical activity and consider barriers to participation for various population groups. Students will create and implement a program that encourages compliance with the National Physical Activity Guidelines for a given age group.
Outcomes
On completion of this unit, students should be able to:
1. Collect and analyse information from, and participate in, a variety of practical activities to explain how the musculoskeletal, cardiovascular and respiratory systems function, and how the aerobic and anaerobic pathways interact with the systems to enable human movement.
2. Collect and analyse data related to individual and population levels of participation in physical activity, and sedentary behaviour, and create and implement strategies that promote adherence to the National Physical Activity Guidelines.

Assessment
Assessment tasks may include:
• Practical laboratory reports linking key knowledge and key skills to practical activities
• Data analysis
• Visual presentation
• Physical simulation or model
• Written report
• Case study analysis
• Multimedia presentation
• Test

Mind, Body and Soul

Duration: one unit (one semester)

‘Mind, Body and Soul’ is designed to focus on the three main areas of health and wellbeing: the mind, the body and soul, and to introduce students to concepts found in VCE subjects such as Physical Education and Health and Human Development. Students will engage in a variety of recreational and outdoor adventure activities and develop skills, knowledge and behaviours for enhancing safe participation in these activities.

In this unit, students will develop an understanding of the musculoskeletal, cardiovascular and respiratory systems of the body and explore how they enable movement to occur. Through practical activities, they will investigate these body systems contributions and interactions during physical activity. Students will also explore a range of coaching practices and their contribution to effective coaching and improved performance of an athlete. Students will examine the roles and responsibilities of a coach as well as evaluating coaching effectiveness. Sports psychology will also be introduced to students and students will investigate psychological strategies that can lead to increases or decreases in performance.

Throughout this unit, students will develop their time and resource management skills by undertaking inquiry based projects related to the concepts being studied. Students who undertake this subject will establish strong links across other health related areas including biology, human development, physiology, psychology and environmental science.

Learning Focus
On completion of this unit, students should be able to:
• Identify components of the musculoskeletal, cardiovascular and respiratory systems and explain how they function and enable movement to occur.
• Demonstrate their knowledge of, and evaluate the skills and behaviours of an exemplary coach, and explain the application of a range of skill learning principles used by a coach.
• Understand and apply physiological principles to practical situations.
• Take responsibility for selecting teams, allocating tasks, assigning and taking on leadership roles, determining timelines and action plans and monitoring and evaluating task situations.
• Undertake research and investigation to identify resources required to respond effectively to a range of case study scenarios.
• Apply a broad range of knowledge and skills to future studies in Physical Education and Health and Human Development.

Assessment Tasks
Assessment tasks may include:
• Practical laboratory reports linking key knowledge and key skills to practical activities.
• Data analysis
• Visual presentation
• Physical simulation or model
• Written report
• Case study analysis
• Multimedia presentation
• Test/Examinations
• Inquiry style projects

Information and Communication Technology Skills
• Multimedia presentations
• Use of search engines to locate resources.
• Google drive and documents to access, edit and sort data and information collected.
• Use of heart rate monitors, pedometers and online fitness resources.

VCE VET Health: Certificate III in Allied Health Assistance (Accelerated Study)

Duration: Over two years at OLMC

Description
The VCE VET Health program is drawn from a national training package and offers portable qualifications which are recognised throughout Australia. These qualifications provide students with the skills and knowledge required to pursue further training or work in an entry-level role within a range of health related areas.

At OLMC, students will undertake Program 2: Certificate III in Allied Health Assistance. This qualification draws from the HLT07 Health Training Package. Certificate III in Allied Health Assistance provides students with the knowledge and skills to assist allied health professionals (under direct supervision). Core units of competence in the certificate include: assist with an allied health program, recognise healthy body systems in a health care context and assist with client movement.

By completing this qualification, students will gain the skills and knowledge to assist in providing a range of services to clients. These may include assisting clients to develop their abilities for improved daily living, undertake rehabilitation, speech therapy, podiatry or nutritional programs. Students will work under the direction of other professional medical staff in organisations such as hospitals, aged care facilities, clinics or day centres.

VCE Credit
Students will be eligible for a minimum of one Unit 3 and 4 sequence. If a student receives a Units 3 and 4 sequence the student will be eligible for an increment towards their ATAR (10% of the average of the primary four scaled studies), if the student has completed a maximum of six VCE Units 3 & 4 subjects.
Career Opportunities
Certificate III in Allied Health Assistance may lead to employment as an allied health assistant in the areas of podiatry, physiotherapy, speech, pathology or occupational therapy. Through a higher education pathway, future employment outcomes may include nurse, physiotherapist, pharmacist, dietician or doctor.

Units of Competence
- Apply privacy principles – medical environment
- Comply with infection control policies
- Communicate and work effectively in health
- Interpret and apply medical terminology
- Maintain patient records
- Participate in WHS processes
- Recognise healthy body systems in health
- Work with culturally diverse clients/peers

VCE VET Sport and Recreation: Certificate III in Sport and Recreation (Accelerated Study)

Duration: Over two years – first year at OLMC; second year will be undertaken externally

Description
The VCE VET in Sport and Recreation program is drawn from a national training package and offers portable qualifications which are recognised throughout Australia. These qualifications provide students the opportunity to acquire and develop skills, knowledge and confidence to work in the areas of community, sport and outdoor recreation. Leadership, organisational and specialist activity skills are developed through the units of competency undertaken in the selected program.

At OLMC, students will undertake Program 3: Certificate III in Sport and Recreation. This qualification is drawn from the SIS10 Sport, Fitness and Recreation Training Package.

Certificate III in Sport and Recreation provides students with the skills and knowledge to work in the Sport and Recreation industry. There are units such as teaching the fundamental skills of athletics, basketball, gymnastics or squash and implementing sports injury prevention. Units 3 and 4 offers scored assessment and include core units such as basic warm-up and cool-down programs, plan and conduct sport and recreation sessions and undertake a risk analysis of activities. There are elective units in aquatics, fitness, sport and outdoor recreation groups.

VCE Credit
Students will be eligible for up to four units towards your VCE: two units at Units 1 and 2 level, and a Units 3 and 4 sequence. A study score is available for Program 3, which can contribute directly towards a student’s ATAR – either as one of their best four studies (the primary four) or as a fifth or sixth study.

Career Opportunities
Completing Certificate III in Sport and Recreation will assist you in pursuing a career in the sport and recreation industry through vocational or higher education pathways in areas such as facilitating sport and recreation programs, maintaining grounds and facilities and working in the service industry in locations such as recreation and fitness centres, outdoor sporting grounds or aquatic centres. With additional vocational training and experience, potential job outcomes may include coaching, teaching and sports administration. Higher education pathways can lead to employment opportunities such as sports development manager, sports scientist or sports marketing manager.
Units of competence
- Develop and extend critical creative thinking
- Develop and update knowledge of coaching
- Follow work health and safety policies
- Organise personal work
- Provide customer service
- Provide first aid
- Respond to emergency situations
- Use social media tools
Humanities

Civics

*Duration: two units (all year)*

**Learning Focus**
Civics will provide you with the knowledge, skills and opportunities to understand and practice what it means to be a citizen in a democracy. You will undertake an Inquiry Based Project that will allow you to examine issues at a Global, National and Local level. You will be able to choose one or more of the following themes to investigate; Eco Justice, Poverty, Gender Equality, Indigenous Concerns and Asylum Seekers and Refugees.

During Semester 2 your examination of the Australian political system will be extended when you investigate ways to make a positive impact on the future of Australia and its citizens during a Study Tour of Canberra and an expo evening that will provide the opportunity to have a say on issues that matter to you. Your experience in Canberra will enable you to take responsibility to act independently in order to take your place as an Australian citizen. You will be able to navigate your way throughout the city, explore different places of national interest and demonstrate independence and initiative.

**Note: only students who study Civics or Inquiry will be involved in the Canberra Study Tour.**

**Extension Opportunities**
- Constitutional Conventions
- Community Engagement activities
- Civics/Humanities competitions

**Assessment Tasks**
Assessment tasks may include a combination of:
- Individual and group presentations
- Essays/Reports
- Inquiry Projects
- Exhibitions at an expo evening

**Future Learning**
Undertaking Civics in Year 10 will prepare you for studies in the following VCE units;
- Global Politics
- Legal Studies
- History

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**Commerce**

*Duration: one unit (one Semester)*

**Learning Focus**
Throughout this unit students will analyse current economic issues affecting Australia. You will explore economic issues such as unemployment, inflation, global trade and economic growth. An examination of the role key stakeholders play in the economy will be undertaken; including the role individuals, business groups and the government. Your role in the Australian economy will be explored. Students will investigate the way in which they can influence government policy. They will also develop an understanding of the role tax plays in their lives and in generating government income.
Extension Opportunities
- Humanities competitions

Assessment Tasks
Assessment tasks may include a combination of:
- Research Assignments
- Essays/Reports
- Oral Presentations
- Case Studies
- Topic Tests/Exam

Future Learning
Undertaking Commerce in Year 10 will prepare you for studies in the following VCE units;
- Business Management
- Accounting
- Legal Studies

History

Duration: one unit (one semester)

Learning Focus
Students investigate wartime experiences through a study of World War II. This includes a study of the causes, events, outcome and broader impact of the conflict as an episode in world history. An examination of war in Europe and the Pacific will be undertaken. The impact this conflict had on Australian society will also be explored.

Students investigate struggles for Human Rights, including how rights and freedoms have been ignored, demanded or achieved in Australia, the US and in the broader context. A comparison between the 1960s Civil Rights movement in the USA to the Indigenous Rights movement in Australia will be undertaken. Students will examine significant events in Australia’s history that have impacted upon the Civil Rights movement in this country. These events could include: the 1967 Referendum, Right to Vote, Mabo Decision, the Apology.

Students investigate one major global influence that has shaped Australian society in depth, including the development of the global influence during the twentieth century. Students study ONE of the following: Popular Culture or The Environment Movement or Migration Experiences.

When researching, students develop, evaluate and modify questions to frame an historical inquiry. They process, analyse and synthesise information from a range of primary and secondary resources and use it as evidence to answer inquiry questions. Students analyse sources to identify motivations, values and attitudes. When evaluating these sources, they analyse and draw conclusions, allowing them to develop and justify their own interpretations of the past.

The overriding ideas of explored are; evidence, continuity and change, cause and effect, perspectives, empathy, significance and contestability.
Assessment Tasks
Students will complete a range of assessment tasks throughout the course, these may include:

- Essay
- Research Assignment
- Document Analysis
- Team work
- Note taking skills
- Oral Presentation

Future Learning
Undertaking History in Year 10 will prepare you for studies in the following VCE units;

- 20th Century History
- Australian History
- History – Revolutions
- Global Politics

VCE Business Management Unit 1 (Accelerated Study)

Duration: one unit (one semester)

Unit 1: Small Business Management
Small businesses make up the vast majority of all businesses in the Australian economy. It is the small business sector that provides a wide variety of goods and services for both consumers and industries, such as manufacturing, construction and retail. Students will explore the operations of a small business and its likelihood of success.

Learning Outcomes
1. Explain a set of generic business characteristics and apply them to a range of businesses.
2. Apply decision-making and planning skills to establish and operate a small business, and evaluate the management of an ethical and socially responsible small business.
3. Discuss one or more of the day to day activities associated with the ethical and socially responsible small business, and apply the operation/s to a business situation.

Assessment Tasks
Assessment Tasks may include the following:

- Case study analysis
- Development of a marketing/public relations plan
- Interview and report on contact with a business
- Business simulation exercise
- Essay/Test
- Report (written, visual, oral)
- Computer applications and simulations
- Business survey and analysis
- Analytical exercises
- Media analysis
- End of semester examinations
VCE Geography Unit 2 (Accelerated Study)

**Duration: one unit (one semester)**

**Geography Unit 2: Human environments**

Students will investigate the characteristics of rural and urban environments which are developed by human activities and their interactions with natural environments. Rural environments are those produced by human activities such as farming, forestry, tourism, mining, fishing. Urban environments are those produced by human activities created by housing, work and leisure pursuits. Rural and urban environments are significant because they are the locations where people live.

Rural and urban environments are dynamic. They can be changed in the long or short term by advances in technology, individual and organisational decisions, as well as by natural and human processes and events. Students will investigate the decisions that affect the management and the sustainability of rural and urban environments, including the decisions made by governments, organisations and individuals.

**Learning Outcomes**

Describe and explain the geographic characteristics of different types of rural and urban environments.

Analyze and explain changes due to human activities in rural and urban environments.

**Assessment** tasks may include the following:

- recording and reporting on data collected in the field
- data processing, analysis and presentations
- short-answer questions
- structured questions
- research reports
- written responses
- tests
Interdisciplinary Learning

Inquiry

Duration: two units (all year)

Learning Focus
The results of research are often used to support arguments or to provide evidence for new knowledge in an area. In this unit, the characteristics of good research will be studied and students will learn how to critically evaluate different types of research. They will conduct their own investigations in a way that is objective and will be able to draw upon their knowledge to make relevant conclusions.

The differences and similarities of research done in the Sciences and Humanities will be studied and based on themes such as Identity, Environment and Place. Students will undertake projects individually and in groups, allowing them to develop their independence and communication skills. Research Investigations may allow some opportunities for students to engage with the local community in carrying out their investigations.

This unit is designed to support future studies in disciplines that have a strong research component such as Psychology, History, Legal Studies and Global Politics. Students will travel to Canberra with the students studying Civics to support their studies in this unit. Although not a pre-requisite, this unit would be highly recommended for students who are considering undertaking VCE Psychology Units 3 and 4 in 2015.

Assessment Tasks
Assessment tasks may include a combination of:
- Individual and group presentations
- Essays/reports
- Inquiry projects

Future Learning
Undertaking Inquiry in Year 10 will prepare you for studies in the following VCE units:
- Global Politics
- Legal Studies
- History
- Psychology
Languages

French

Duration: two units (all year)

Dimensions
The aim of this course is to build confidence and competence in reading, writing, listening and speaking in French within the world of teenage experience. In Semester 1, topics studied include School, Holidays and Healthy Living. In Semester 2, topics studied include Shopping, Work and Media.

Learning Focus
On completion of the unit, students should be able to:
- Demonstrate comprehension of main ideas in a range of listening tasks;
- Communicate ideas orally in a range of situations, including poetry, conversation and monologue;
- Demonstrate comprehension of main ideas contained in a range of written texts; and
- Convey ideas and opinions through a variety of written tasks, such as email, letter, picture story and diary entry.

Assessment Tasks
- Written tasks
- Oral task
- Grammar tests
- Vocabulary tests
- Comprehension tasks
- Text study
- Examination

Italian

Duration: two units (all year)

Dimensions
The aim of this course is to build confidence and competence in reading, writing, listening and speaking in Italian within the world of teenage experience. In Semester 1, topics studied include a comparison of the school systems, hobbies, leisure activities and healthy life styles. In Semester 2, topics studied include summer holidays and sports, music and work. Students are also provided with appreciation of culture, history and society through various activities and through the use of technology.

Learning Focus
On completion of the unit, students should be able to:
- Demonstrate comprehension of main ideas in a range of listening tasks;
- Communicate ideas orally in a range of situations including poetry, conversation and monologue;
- Demonstrate comprehension of main ideas contained in a range of written texts; and
- Convey ideas and opinions through a variety of written tasks such as e-mail, letter, diary entry or story.
Assessment Tasks
• Written tasks
• Oral tasks
• Grammar tests
• Vocabulary tests
• Comprehension tasks
• Film study
• Examination

Japanese

*Duration: two units (all year)*

Dimensions
The aim of this course is to broaden students’ vocabulary and active use of grammar to allow them to freely express themselves in Japanese. A focus on oral skills aims to increase students’ confidence and competence in speaking. Students understand and use Japanese within the context of topics relevant to teenagers. Through cultural activities students also gain an appreciation of Japanese culture, history and society.

Learning Focus
On completion of this unit students should be able to:
• Demonstrate comprehension of main ideas in a range of listening tasks;
• Communicate ideas orally in a range of situations, including conversation and monologue;
• Demonstrate comprehension of main ideas contained in a range of written texts; and
• Convey ideas and opinions through a variety of written tasks such as, a letter, story or diary entry.

Assessment Tasks
• Written tasks
• Oral tasks
• Grammar tests
• Vocabulary tests
• Script tests
• Cultural task
• Examination
Mathematics

At Year 10, all students will study **2 units** of Mathematics selected from:

- Year 10 Mathematics Semester 1 and 2
- Year 10 Mathematics A Semester 1 and 2
- VCE Foundation Mathematics Units 1 and 2

The learning objectives of each of these Mathematics subjects vary and influence the possible pathways that students can take at VCE. **Students should select their Mathematics subject carefully** and are strongly encouraged to consult with their current Mathematics teacher.

In addition, students who undertake the **Mathematics A course** may also choose the **elective unit VCE Mathematical Methods (CAS) Unit 1 in Semester 2**.

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Students choosing to study VCE Mathematical Methods should answer YES to the following questions:

- Do you enjoy Mathematics, especially Graphs, Algebra and Probability?
- Do you feel you are good at Mathematics, especially in the topics of Graphs, Algebra and Probability?
- Do you like the challenge of problem-solving?
- Do you persist with a problem?
- Are you prepared to complete all homework regularly?
- Do you seek assistance when you are having difficulties?
Mathematics

Duration: two units (all year)

Strands
- Number and Algebra
- Measurement and Geometry
- Statistics and Probability

Learning Focus
- **Number and Algebra:** Solving linear equations, inequations and simultaneous equations. Graphical representation of linear relationships.
- **Measurement and Geometry:** Surface area and volume of composite solids. Application of Pythagoras’ Theorem and trigonometric ratios in contexts. Use of similarity and congruence of plane shapes.
- **Statistics and Probability:** Represent data using diagrams for statistical analysis. Describe bivariate numerical data from scatterplots. Determine probabilities of a range of events.

Extension Opportunities
- Mathematics Challenge for Young Australians Competition
- Australian Mathematics Competition

Assessment Tasks
Students are required to complete a range of assessment tasks throughout the course which may include:
- Topic tests
- Work book and summary notes
- Problem Solving
- Use of technology: TI-Nspire CAS calculator
- Examinations

Mathematics A

Duration: two units (all year)

Strands
- Number and Algebra
- Measurement and Geometry
- Statistics and Probability

Learning Focus
- **Measurement and Geometry:** Surface area and volume of a greater variety of composite solids. Applications of Pythagoras’ Theorem and trigonometric ratios in contexts. Use of similarity and congruence of plane shapes. Apply angle and chord properties of circles.
• **Statistics and Probability**: Represent data using diagrams for statistical analysis. Describe bivariate numerical data from scatterplots. Determine probabilities for a range of events using appropriate mathematical language.

**Extension Opportunities**
- Option to also take VCE Mathematical Methods (CAS) Unit 1 in Semester 2.
- Mathematics Challenge for Young Australians Competition
- Australian Mathematics Competition

**Assessment Tasks**
Students are required to complete a range of assessment tasks throughout the course which may include:
- Topic tests
- Work book and summary notes
- Problem Solving
- Use of technology – TI-Nspire CAS calculator
- Examinations

**Entry**
Successful completion of Year 9 Mathematics A or a very good/excellent knowledge and understanding of Year 9 Mathematics. Generally students would be working at the upper end of the expected standard in all dimensions. They must have demonstrated a commitment to their study of mathematics. The final decision as to whether or not a student is accepted into this class rests with the school.

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**VCE Foundation Mathematics Units 1 and 2**

*Duration: two units (all year)*

These units provide for the continuing mathematical development of students entering VCE, who need mathematical skills to support their other VCE subjects, including VET studies, and do not intend to undertake unit 3 and 4 studies in VCE Mathematics in the following year.

There is a strong emphasis on using mathematics in practical contexts relating to everyday life, recreation, work and study. The areas of study are space, shape and design, patterns and number, handling data, and measurement. Students are encouraged to use appropriate technology in all areas of their study.

**Learning Outcomes**
1. Confidently and competently use mathematical concepts and skills from the areas of study.
2. Apply and discuss mathematical procedures to solve problems in familiar and new contexts and communicate their results.
3. Select and use technology to apply mathematics in a range of practical contexts.

**Assessment Tasks**
- Investigations and projects
- Assignments
- Tests

**Entry (prerequisites)**
No prerequisites but students must understand that **this course does not lead to any further study of VCE Mathematics.**
VCE Mathematical Methods (CAS) Unit 1 (Accelerated Study)

Duration: Unit 1 in Semester 2 is completed at Year 10

The areas of study in this unit are functions and graphs, algebra, rates of change and calculus, and probability. Students are expected to be able to apply techniques, routines and processes involving arithmetic, algebraic manipulation, equation solving and graph sketching with and without the use of technology.

The appropriate use of the TI-Nspire CAS calculator will be used to support and develop the teaching and learning of mathematics throughout the course.

Students who choose this unit in Year 10 will study VCE Mathematical Methods (CAS) Unit 2 in Semester 1 of Year 11, followed by VCE General Mathematics M Unit 2 in Semester 2. With this background, they can then go on to study VCE Mathematical Methods (CAS) Units 3 and 4 and also VCE Specialist Mathematics Units 3 and 4 in Year 12.

Outcomes
On completion of each unit, students should be able to:
1. Define and explain key concepts in relation to the topics from the areas of study and apply a range of related mathematical routines and procedures.
2. Apply mathematical processes in non-routine contexts and analyse and discuss these applications of mathematics.
3. Select and use technology to produce results and carry out analysis in situations requiring problem solving, modelling or investigative techniques or approaches.

Assessment
Assessment tasks for these units may include:
- Tests
- Assignments
- Summary or review notes
- Short written responses
- Problem-solving tasks
- Modelling tasks
- Examinations

Entry (prerequisites)
Students must study Year 10 Mathematics A in Semesters 1 and 2 in Year 10. Students would be achieving consistent grades of Very Good or above at Year 9. They must have demonstrated a commitment to their study of mathematics. The final decision as to whether or not a student is accepted into this class rests with the school.
Performing Arts

Designing Drama

*Duration: one unit (one semester)*

**Dimensions**
- **Creating and Making**
  This unit focuses on the performance style of non-naturalism. Incorporating character development and performance skills that students have developed in previous years, students will now work predominantly on self-devised group ensemble work that will be performed for an audience. Technical and physical skills are developed through a wide range of activities and workshops in class.

- **Exploring and Responding**
  Students enrich their understanding of Drama through research, observation, analysis and discussion of their own performances and that of their peers. They increase their understanding of drama terminology, analysis skills and their understanding of a variety of performance styles.

**Assessment Tasks**
- Research Assignment
- Performance work
- Written Examination

**Extension Opportunities**
- Performing their ensemble work to a variety of audiences
- Senior Musical
- House Arts Festival
- Drama Club

Music Investigation – Composition

*Duration: one unit (one semester)*

**Dimensions**
- **Creating and Making**
  Students will have the opportunity to investigate and explore a number of different compositional techniques. They will develop a portfolio of short compositions using these techniques. Their final task will be a composition employing techniques of their choice.

- **Exploring and Responding**
  Students will explore how composers use different compositional techniques to create different effects. They will analyse how performers then take these compositions and interpret them to their own personal performance style.

**Assessment Tasks**
- Composition Portfolio
- Musicianship Tests
- Written Examination
Music Investigation – Performance

*Duration: one unit (one semester)*

**Dimensions**

- **Creating and Making**
  During Term 1 students will have the opportunity to explore a variety of music genres in performance and composition. Term 2 they will have the chance to choose one genre of music that they wish to investigate. They will develop a recital program in a selected style of music of their choice for performance.

- **Exploring and Responding**
  Students will investigate a number of different genres of music from baroque to contemporary. They will look at how society influenced the development of music. After looking at a number of different genres of music they will choose one as a focus area to investigate further to enhance their performance and composition work.

**Assessment Tasks**

- Performance Recital
- Written Examination
- Investigation Presentation

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**VET Certificate II in Live Production, Theatre and Events (Accelerated Study)**

*Duration: One year*

The Certificate II in Live Production, Theatre and Events is designed to reflect the role of individuals who perform a range of mainly routine tasks and who work under direct supervision. It is an entry level qualification, which has been customised to meet the needs of the theatre production industry.

This course covers many facets of the theatre production industry - Ushering, ticketing, seating, staging, lighting, make-up, set production, properties, occupational health and safety and industry knowledge.

**Units of competence**

- Participate in OHS processes
- Apply a general knowledge of lighting to work activities
- Apply a general knowledge of audio to work activities
- Apply a general knowledge of staging to work activities
- Manage own work and learning
- Source and apply entertainment industry knowledge
- Usher patrons
- Process financial transactions
- Provide venue information and assistance
Religious Education

Content Strands
- Scripture and Jesus
- Church and Community
- God, Religion and Life
- Prayer, Liturgy and Sacraments
- Morality and Justice

Learning Focus
Through the study of God, Religion and Life, students examine the nature and exercise of conscience, relating their experience to practical life choices.

In the strand of Scripture and Jesus, the focus is on the synoptic gospel of Mark. In this unit the students identify the main elements of Mark’s Gospel portrayal of Jesus. The themes, literary structure and historical concept of Mark’s Gospel are explored in depth.

The next focus is Morality and Justice. Students critique the value systems in contemporary Australian society, the reality of oppression and the Christian call to work for justice in the world. The value of each individual’s potential to be involved in promoting justice is emphasized in this unit. Students are encouraged to identify ways in which individuals develop personal responsibility and moral maturity.

Students will then look at the Church and Community through a study of the Church in history. Students develop an awareness of the changing Church with a special focus on the impact of the Second Vatican Council on the Church today.

The students develop a greater understanding of the nature of Prayer, Liturgy and Sacraments through these celebrations. They prepare and participate in various expressions of private prayer and communal celebrations.

Extension Opportunities
- Social Justice Programs
- Seeds of Justice Program with other Mercy Schools
- Year 10 Reflection Day
- Planning and participating in liturgy, prayers and reflections

Assessment Tasks
Students are required to complete a variety of assessment tasks which include:
- Written reflections
- Unit tests
- Analytical responses
- Research tasks
- Oral presentations
- Creative interpretations
Science

The Big Ideas of Science

*Duration: two units (all year)*

**Strands**
- Science Understanding
- Science as a Human Endeavour
- Science Inquiry Skills

**Learning Focus**

The Big Ideas of Science is designed to give a solid foundation in a range of Science disciplines and a pathway into each of the four VCE Science subjects: **Biology, Chemistry, Physics** and **Psychology**. Students will explore the big ideas of each of the four Sciences in core units.

The **Biology** unit focuses on the Science of genetics and evolution. Students will learn how information is passed on from generation to generation and investigate some of the ethical issues that have arisen in this area as technology has advanced in recent times.

Through the **Chemistry** unit, students will unlock the power of the periodic table; exploring the extent to which it can be used as a tool to understand atomic structure and predict chemical bonding patterns as well as the properties of compounds formed.

In the **Psychology** unit, students will learn about the fundamental process of scientific methodology by studying human behaviour. They will also investigate the various roles and responsibilities of psychologists in today's society.

In the Physics unit, students will explore Newton's laws of motion. They will discover the Science behind everyday phenomena that is taken for granted, including walking, cycling, driving and flying. Here again, students will utilise their knowledge of the scientific method to conduct a detailed investigation.

In addition to these core topics, students will study two applied science topics that look at one area of science in more depth with a real world context. The application of this field and the ethics of the technology will be explored.

**Assessment Tasks**
- Tests
- Research task
- Practical reports
- Student-designed investigations
- Debate
- Examination
Foundation Science

*Duration: one unit (one semester)*

**Strands**
- Science Understanding
- Science as a Human Endeavour
- Science Inquiry Skills

**Learning Focus**
Foundation Science is **not** intended for students who are considering studies of VCE Biology, Chemistry, Physics or Physical Education.

This unit focuses on giving students an introduction to the study of genetics and Psychology. Students will study genetic inheritance and consider the ethical issues that have arisen as the technology in this area has advanced. In an introduction to Psychology, they will look at the breadth of focus of this discipline and its application in various fields. They will study the structure and functioning of the brain and the processes involved in memory and motivation.

In the preparation for carrying out an Extended Research Activity on a Psychology topic, students will gain an appreciation of the importance of good scientific method and the appropriate use of statistics to present and analyse the data collected.

- **This subject should not be undertaken in addition to Big Ideas of Science at this level.**
- **Students who undertake Foundation Science will not be able to do VCE Psychology Units 3 and 4 in Year 11 but can study VCE Psychology Units 1 and 2 in Year 11.**
- **Students who enrol in Foundation Science should not also be enrolled in VCE Physical Education Units 1 and 2 in Year 10.**

**Assessment Tasks**
- Tests
- Practical reports
- Extended Research Activity
- Presentation
- Examination

Enhanced Biology (Accelerated Study)

*Duration: one unit (one semester)*

This elective is a pre-requisite for students wishing to undertake VCE Biology Units 3 and 4 in Year 11.

This unit has been developed to incorporate the essential concepts from the current VCE Biology Units 1 and 2 courses that best prepare students to accelerate their study of Biology.
Cells and Functioning Organisms
Just as life of a human begins with a single cell, so too does the life of all living things; plants, animals, bacteria and fungi all share this basic building block of life in common. In this unit, we will uncover why similarities and differences exist between humans and all other living things by investigating the inner-workings of the cell and the systems they make up in the body. We will also relate living organisms’ requirements to how each individual cell grows, multiplies, functions and responds to its environment.

Learning Outcomes
1. Design, conduct and report on a practical investigation related to cellular structure, organisation and processes.
2. Explain the relationship between features and requirements of functioning.

Assessment Tasks
- Summary reports of practical activities
- Multimedia and oral presentations
- Data analysis and problem solving
- Tests: multiple choice and short answer
- Examination

Entry
As this subject is an accelerated pathway, students will therefore need to apply to undertake this study and have their application approved by the college. Note that students studying Enhanced Biology must also study Year 10 Big Ideas of Science in Semesters 1 and 2. Satisfactory completion of this unit does not guarantee acceptance into Units 3 and 4 Biology in 2015. Students would need to demonstrate a high competency in this unit before being approved for further acceleration.
Summary of VCE Units to be offered at OLMC in 2015

FOR YEAR 9 STUDENTS INFORMATION ONLY:
This is a table of VCE studies being offered to Year 10 and 11 students for 2015

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