

Curriculum

Mazenod offers a full range of subjects catering for a wide range of student interests and abilities. In particular, Religious Education is a compulsory subject in all year levels and is at the heart of all that we see as important at the College. Students are expected to strive for “Personal Excellence” in all Learning Areas.

Since 2011, the College has implemented a 1:1 Laptop Programme. This Programme is a key learning initiative as we help prepare our students to become lifelong learners in a technological world.

The College is committed to providing a rewarding and challenging curriculum and offers specialist programmes for students.

- The Specialist Band programme is a two year scholarship offered to students from Year 8. There is a charge of \$300 for Year 8 only. The recipients are assessed during their Year 7 Music classes and selected according to their interest, commitment, musical knowledge and ability.
- The Specialist Science Programme is for gifted and talented students in Years 8 and 9 with a flair for science. Offers for this enrichment programme will be based on a student’s performance in Science in Year 7.
- The Year 10 “Industry and Enterprise” programme is designed for students who have particular talents in Design and Technology and who find mainstream academic courses more challenging. This programme provides a modified curriculum that has greater relevance and practical applications as well as the inclusion of VET competencies and Workplace Learning.

In Years 7, 8 and 9, students study English, Mathematics, Science, Society and Environment, and Health & Physical Education as well as Religious Education. Education Support teachers complement the classroom teaching staff at the College and provide support both in and out of class, developing students’ literacy and numeracy skills.

In Year 10, the curriculum is designed more specifically to prepare students for Years 11 and 12. Extended classes are offered in English, Science and Mathematics to prepare students for the more demanding academic subjects in Year 11. Modified and Standard courses are also offered in these Learning Areas to cater for the needs, ability and interest of students. As with Year 9, students are able to choose from a wide range of non-core subjects with a higher degree of specialisation.

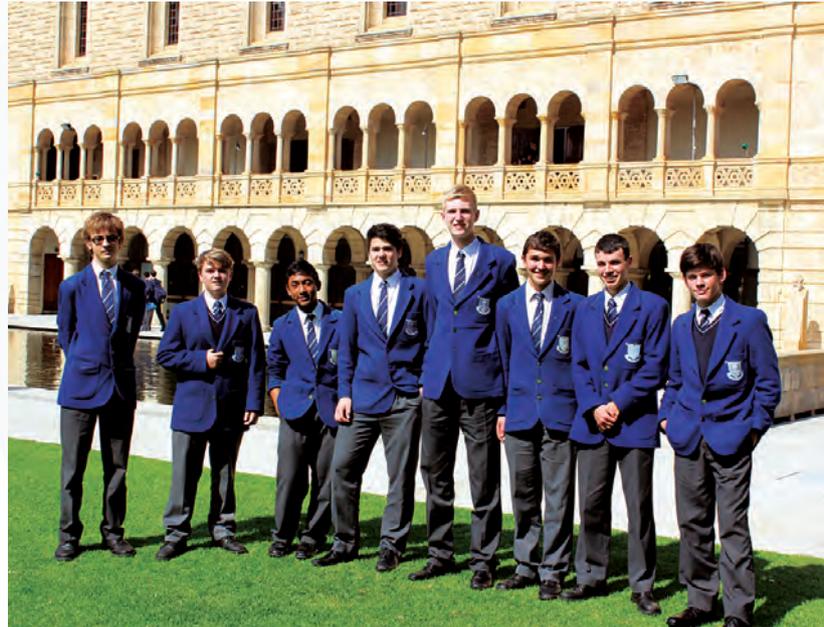
Mazenod offers a range of optional subjects for students in Years 7-10. In Year 7, students are exposed to all of the options and in each subsequent year they will be able to select and specialise in areas that suit their interests and skills. The range of option subjects include Italian, Music, Drama, Art, Media, Technical Drawing, Woodwork, Metalwork, Electronics, Business Studies, Applied Information Technology, Computer Programming, Outdoor Education, Specialist PE and Sports Science.

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In Years 11 and 12, students select their study pathways from across all learning areas. The College offers a wide range of subjects in Years 11 and 12 to enable students to access their post-school destinations. For students wishing to access university studies, there is a choice of courses at the highest level and at the more general level. Students can choose subjects for tertiary entrance purposes from the English, Mathematics, Science, Society and Environment, Business and Information Technology, Physical and Health Education, Design and Technology, and Visual and Performing Arts Learning Areas. The College has a proud tradition of high ATAR scores.

For students wishing to access TAFE or an apprenticeship, the College also offers a wide choice of subjects across all learning areas. Structured Workplace Learning enables students to develop work related skills while also accumulating points for TAFE and enhancing apprenticeship prospects. Again, the College is proud of the achievements of students who choose this pathway.

With such a large number of post-school options available to students today and the complex nature of university and TAFE entry, students and parents have access to excellent counselling and career information through the Careers Team who assist with subject selections, post-school destinations, and apprenticeship applications.



¹ At the time of printing, significant changes in curriculum are occurring at the senior school level, making it impossible to specify course titles for all of the Year 11 and 12 Courses of Study we offer.