

Senior School



St Peter's College
ADELAIDE, AUSTRALIA



Curriculum Handbook 2024



Senior School Curriculum

At St Peter's College, we offer an outstanding academic program designed to help every student reach their potential. We offer a wide range of subjects, excellent facilities, the latest technology and specialist teachers to enable your son to explore ideas, develop practical skills and enhance his understanding of the world.

For more information about Senior School curriculum options, please contact the Admissions Manager on +618 8404 0400 or admissions@stpeters.sa.edu.au

Year 7

Compulsory subjects

- Drama (one semester)
- English
- Health and Physical Education
- Humanities
- Mathematics (streamed)
- Music
- Religious and Values Education (RAVE)
- Science
- Technology
- Visual Arts (one semester)

Language options

Students choose one of:

- Chinese
- Chinese Language and Literature (background speakers)
- French
- English as an Additional Language (EAL) – by invitation only
- Curriculum Support* (for identified students only)

Year 8

Compulsory subjects

- Drama (one semester)
- English
- Humanities
- Mathematics (streamed)
- Music (one semester)
- Health and Physical Education
- Religious and Values Education (RAVE) (one semester)
- Science
- Technology
- Visual Arts – Art
- Wellbeing (one semester)

Language options

Students continue to study one language:

- Chinese Language and Literature (background speaker)
- Chinese
- French
- German
- English as an Additional Language (EAL)
- Curriculum Support* (for identified students only)

* has prerequisites and offered upon recommendation.



Year 9

Compulsory Subjects

- English
- Geography (one semester)
- Health and Physical Education
- History (one semester)
- Mathematics (streamed)
- Religious and Values Education (RAVE)
- Science

Language options

Students continue to study one language:

- Chinese
- French
- German
- Curriculum Support* (for identified students only)
- English as an Additional Language (EAL)

Electives

- Art Design
- Art Design Extension
- Classics
- Commerce
- Design and Material Solutions
- Digital Art for the Entertainment Industry
- Digital Photography - Introduction
- Drama - Building Blocks
- Drama - Let's Perform
- Drama - Technically Speaking
- Film and Special Effects
- Game and App Development
- History of Espionage
- Human Performance 1
- Industrial Product Design
- Money - The Sharemarket and the Australian Economy
- Music Contemporary - Rock Production
- Music Contemporary - School of Rock
- Music Studies - Explorations
- Music Studies - Investigations
- Pottery - Introduction
- Sport Science
- Subs in Schools
- Theatre - The Building Blocks
- VEX Robotics
- Visual Arts
- Visual Arts Extension

* has prerequisites and offered upon recommendation.

Year 10

Compulsory Subjects

- English
- Health and Physical Education
- History (one semester)
- Personal Learning Plan (SACE Stage 1)
- Religious and Values Education (RAVE) (one semester)
- Science (Biology, Chemistry and Physics are each studied for one trimester) or General Science (full year)
- Wellbeing (one semester)

Students do one of:

- Mathematics (accelerated) (Stage 1)
- Mathematics
- General Mathematics

Electives

- Agricultural Science
- Applications of Physics
- Art Studio
- Art Studio Extension
- Automotive
- Building a Computer
- Chinese
- Chinese Language and Literature
- Commerce
- Criminology
- Curriculum Support
- Cyber Studies (Stage 1)
- Digital Photography - Beyond the Basics
- Digital Photography - Introduction
- Drama
- English as an Additional Language (EAL)
- Exercise Physiology

- French (Year 10)
- French (continuers) (Stage 1)
- Future of Flight
- Game and App Development - Advanced
- Geography - Human Wellbeing and Climate
- German (Year 10)
- German (continuers) (Stage 1)
- Health Science (Stage 1)
- History - Pre-Modern
- Human Performance 2
- Industrial Product Design - Automation and Robotics
- Mathematics - Pre-Specialist (Stage 1)
- Medical Research
- Musical Theatre
- Music Contemporary (one semester)
- Music Contemporary Production (one semester)
- Music Studies - Insights (one semester)
- Music Studies - Reflections (one semester)
- Political Philosophy - Introduction
- Pottery - Introduction
- Pottery - Extension
- Psychology
- Robot Wars
- Spanish (beginners) (Stage 1)
- Sport Data Analytics and Coaching
- Website Development and Coding



Year 11 SACE

Compulsory subjects

- Essential English, English or English as an Additional Language
- One Mathematics subject for at least one semester
- Spiritualities, Religion and Meaning
- Research Project (SACE Stage 2)

Electives

Students choose the equivalent of three full-year subjects from the semester and full-year subject lists:

- Accounting (semester only)
- Agriculture
- Ancient Studies
- Cyber Studies
- Biology
- Business Innovation (semester only)
- Design Technology and Engineering - Material Solutions
- Digital Technologies
- Drama
- Economics
- General Mathematics (one semester or full year)
- Geography
- Health Science (semester only)
- Legal Studies
- Modern History
- Music Advanced
- Music Experience
- Physical Education
- Psychology
- The Arts - Creative Arts
- Visual Arts - Art
- Visual Arts - Design
- Visual Arts - Pottery

Full-year only subjects:

- Chinese (background)
- Chinese (continuers)
- French (continuers)
- German (continuers)
- Chemistry
- Integrated Learning (Stage 2)
- Physics
- Pre-mathematical Methods
- Pre-specialist Mathematics

Year 12 SACE

All SACE students at St Peter's College study five Stage 2 subjects.

Students choose five of the following subjects:

- Accounting
- Agricultural Systems
- Ancient Studies
- Biology
- Business Innovation
- Chemistry
- Chinese (background)
- Chinese (continuers)
- Design, Technology and Engineering - Industry and Entrepreneurial Solutions
- Design, Technology and Engineering - Material Solutions
- Digital Technologies
- Drama
- Economics
- English
- English as an Additional Language (EAL)
- English Literary Studies
- Essential English
- French (continuers)
- General Mathematics
- Geography
- German (continuers)
- Health and Wellbeing
- Integrated Learning
- Legal Studies
- Mathematical Methods
- Modern History
- Music Explorations
- Music Performance - Ensemble or Solo (offline)
- Music Studies
- Physical Education
- Physics
- Psychology
- Specialist Mathematics (must be studied with Mathematical Methods)
- Spiritualities, Religion and Meaning
- The Arts - Creative Arts
- University Studies - Law
- University Studies - Medical Science
- University Studies - Philosophy
- Visual Arts - Art
- Visual Arts - Design

St Peter's College Senior School Stretch Programs

Teachers at St Peter's College tailor our stretch programs to align with interests, abilities and learner profiles so that students' learning experiences are engaging, meaningful and challenging no matter their ability. The table over page provides a summary of the different programs offered in each year level.

From Year 7 all students are placed in appropriately challenging Mathematics levels based on a range of relevant data, including recent academic achievement and external ability metrics.

Mathematics set acceleration allows learners from Year 9 to complete subsequent years' Mathematics courses ahead of time, making space for more challenging and authentic learning opportunities.

Maths@Saints is a whole-school program dedicated to enriching Mathematics learning at St Peter's College; students access a range of learning opportunities that sit outside traditional Mathematics curricula.

The Micro Credentials Program resources passionate learners from Years 7 to 12 who wish to extend themselves technically or intellectually; students are enrolled in relevant university short courses and mentored through their credential completion.

The Social Enterprise Funding Program funds and mentors students who wish to extend themselves by transferring their learning into social enterprise.

Curriculum societies allow students in all years to connect with passionate learners and teachers across the School in a certain subject area; they enjoy a range of relevant activities and projects.

The 'Beyond ACARA' Elective Program offers students in Years 9 and 10 a range of brand-new subjects designed specifically for St Peter's College learners; electives include Biomechanics, Criminology, Game and App Development, Investing in the Sharemarket, Money - The Sharemarket and the Australian Economy, Photography and Sport Data Analytics and Coaching.

Passionate learners in Year 10 may make space for further learning by accelerating in a range of SACE subjects, and students in Year 11 may accelerate through most SACE courses.

Years 11 and 12 students may access our Old Scholar Academic Mentoring Program, which offers learners the chance to connect with and be inspired by academically high-achieving recent graduates on multiple afternoons and evenings each week during the school term.

The School guides appropriate learners through University Studies programs, allowing students to begin studying university degree courses before they have finished Year 12.

For further information on our Stretch Programs please contact Mr Nick Carter, Academic Deputy on ncarter@stpeters.sa.edu.au

Academic Stretch Programs Senior School

	In-class enrichment	Maths set streaming	Maths @ Saints	Tertiary Micro Credentials	Social Enterprise Funding	Curriculum Societies	Beyond ACARA Electives	Maths set Acceleration	SACE Acceleration	Old Scholar Academic Mentoring	University Studies Tertiary Study
Year 7	●	●	●	●	●	●					
Year 8	●	●	●	●	●	●					
Year 9	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●			
Year 10	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●		
Year 11	●	●	●	●	●	●		●	●	●	
Year 12	●	●	●	●	●	●		●	●	●	●





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