

Year 8 Home Group Course Counselling - Year 9 2026

Counselling Day - Wednesday 6 August



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Over the next couple of weeks, you will be asked to select the course that you will do in Year 9. Please complete this form in readiness for subject counselling interviews scheduled Wednesday, 6th August. It is highly recommended that you sit with your family and discuss the subject selection together. Subject selection should be completed in consultation with the 2026 Curriculum Handbook, which is located on the schools website under '2026 Handbooks' and on [School Resources | Compass](#)

SECTION A: Student Information

Student Name: _____ Home Group: _____

Parent / Carer Name: _____ Contact Number: _____

SECTION B: Personal Strength and Attributes

In considering your course, we are asking you think about your strengths, favourite subjects and possible career pathways that interest you. This information will help guide your subject selection.

Name your favourite subjects at school _____

Name subjects that you excel at _____

Name five careers/jobs which you would like to do when you have finished school

SECTION C: Subject Selection Notes

Throughout the year, students study **twelve units**

- **EIGHT** units are compulsory and have been selected for you.
 - Two units in core Mathematics (full year) o Two units in core English (full year) o Two units in core Science (full year)
 - Two units in core HAPE & Humanities (full year – 2 sessions per week for HAPE and 2 sessions for HUMS)
- **TWO** units are electives. Students must select **one unit** from **each** of the following Learning Areas:
 - **Arts**
 - **Technology**
- **TWO** units are free choice Free Choice:
- Students select two free choices, in order of preference from any of the eight Curriculum Learning Areas. Each elective will take up one unit of study. With the exception of Language which are two units each.
- Students may wish to accelerate by selecting a Year 10 elective subject. This could potentially make it easier for a student to attempt a VCE subject when they are in Year 10. However, for this to occur students must be 'At Level' or above in English, and excelling in the subject they wish to accelerate in already.

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SECTION D: Subject Selection Form

Remember, throughout the year students' study **twelve units**: six units each semester.

Compulsory Subjects (six units already selected)

Subject	Number of units	Semester or Full Year
Core Mathematics	2	Full Year
Core English	2	Full Year
Core Science	2	Full Year
Core HAPE/Humanities	2	Full Year
Total = 8 units		

Art and Technology Subject

Make sure you have selected **at least one unit**/subject in Arts and Technology. This results in two units of study.

Subject	Number of units	Subject Choice
Arts subject	1	
Technology subject	1	

Free Elective Subject Selection (in order of preference)

Elective Subjects	Number of units	Subject Choice
Choice 1	1	
Choice 2	1	

Back Up Subject – Students need to choose these carefully, as it is likely they will get at least one back up unit.

My two back up subjects in preference order are:

Back Up Subject 1	
Back Up Subject 2	

Other Important Information

- Visit the GHS Careers Website www.geelonghscareers.com and complete interests quizzes, your resume, explore pathway options from a GAP year, Universities, Apprenticeships and TAFE
- Keep your options open (your ideas could change in the next year or two)
- Select subjects which interest you and you succeed at
- Select subjects which are important for your preferred career path
- Consider GPEP and go through the interview process BEFORE course counselling day

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Carer name: _____ Parent/Carer Signature: _____