

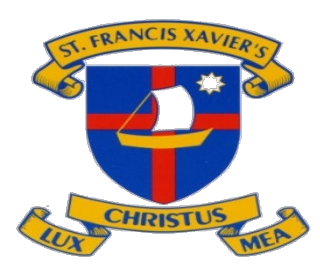
Course Preferences Information

Year 11 2024

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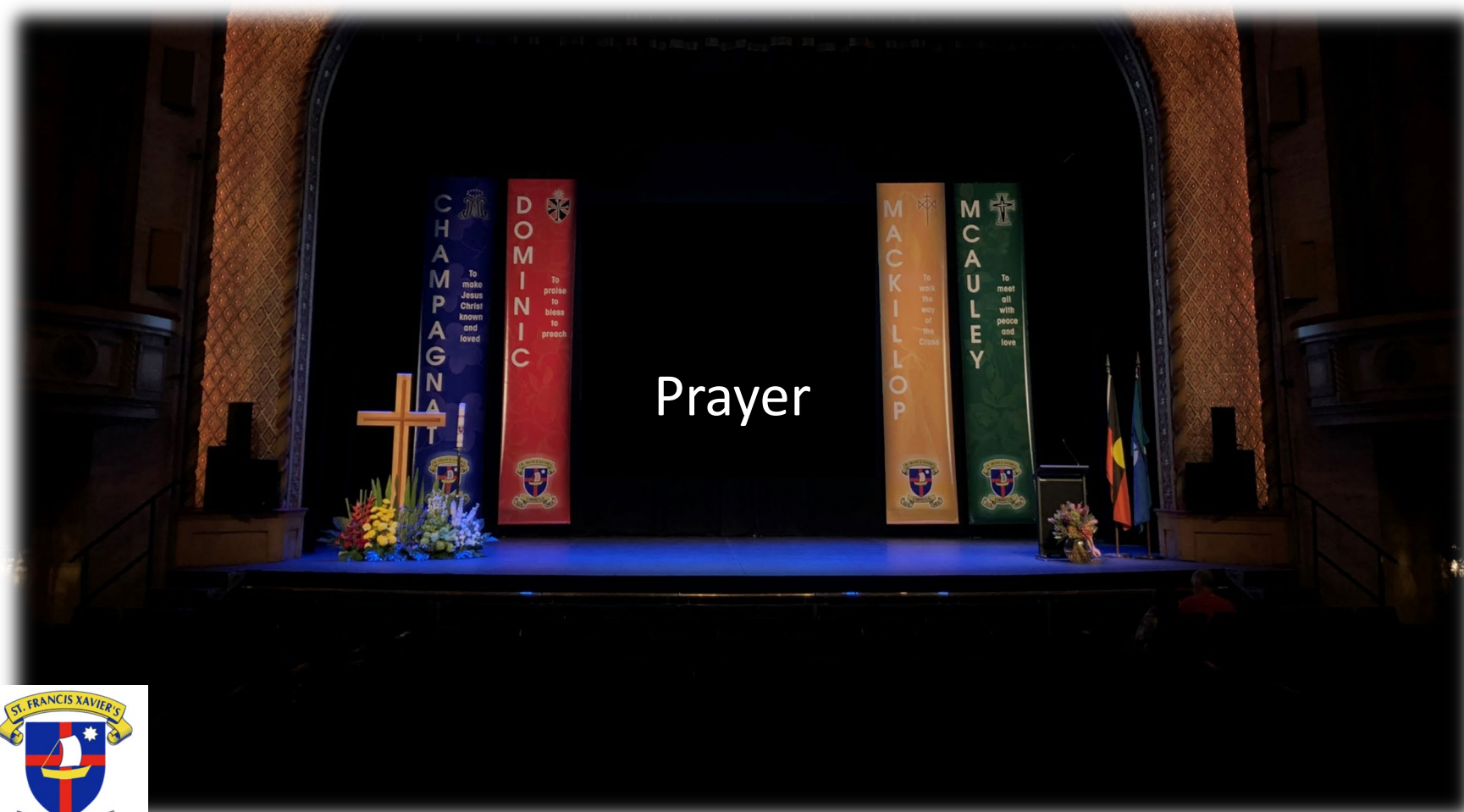
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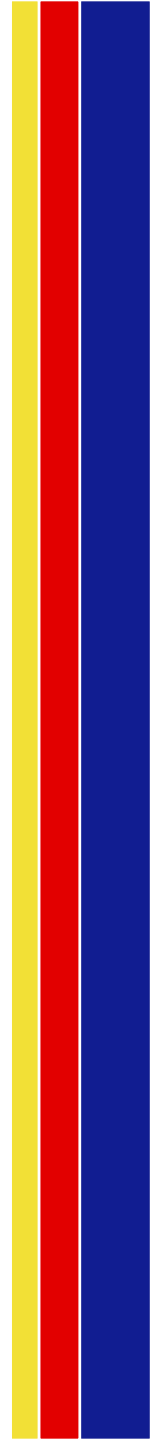
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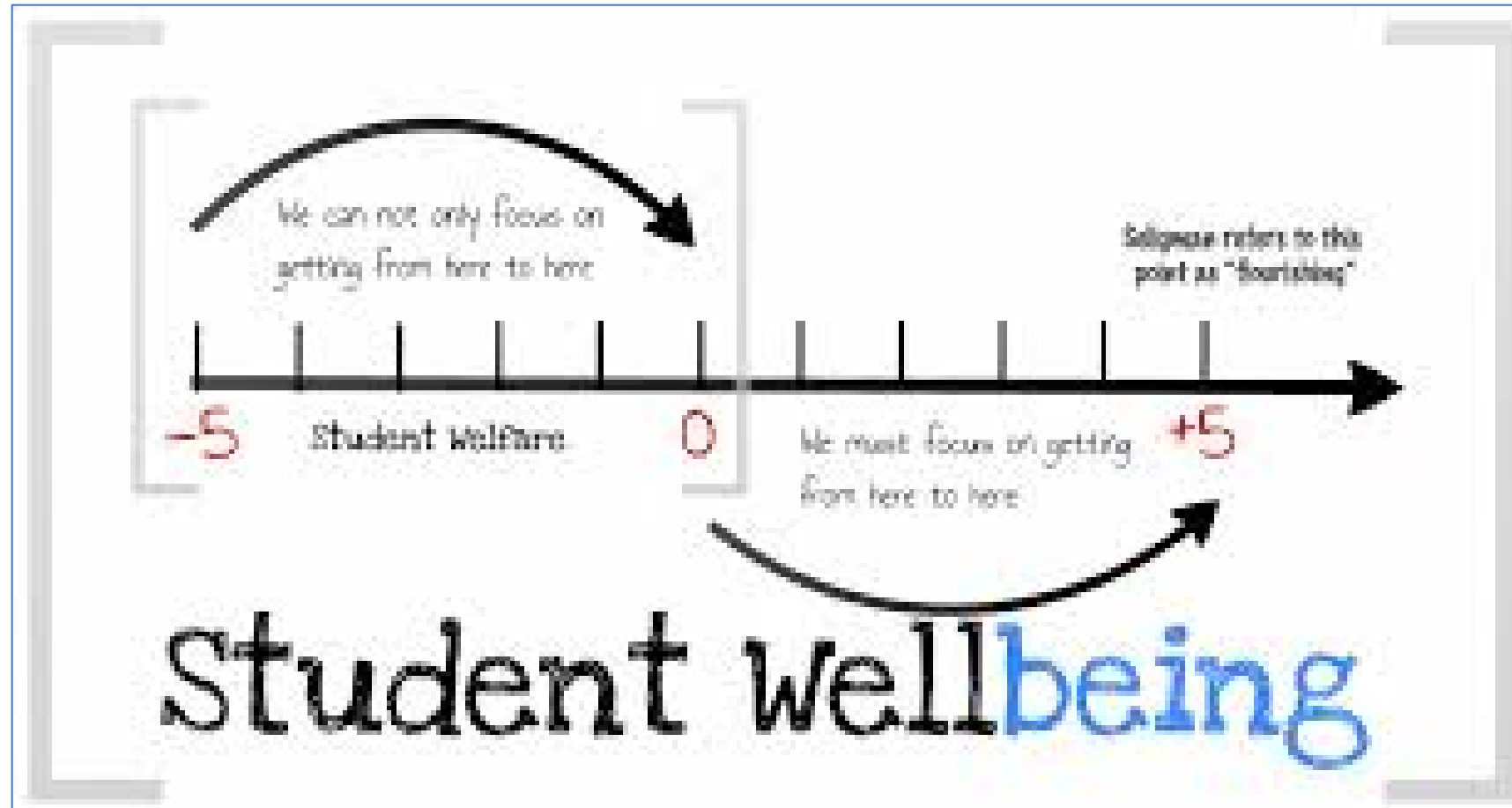


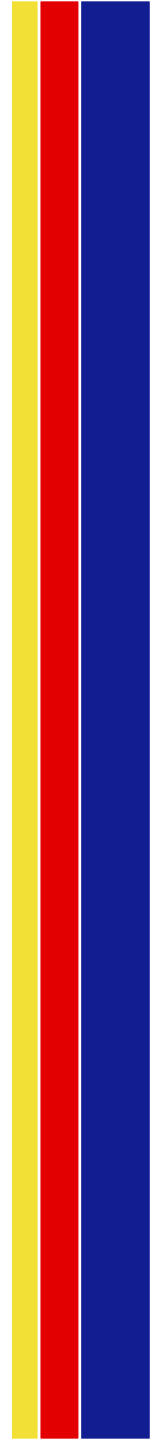
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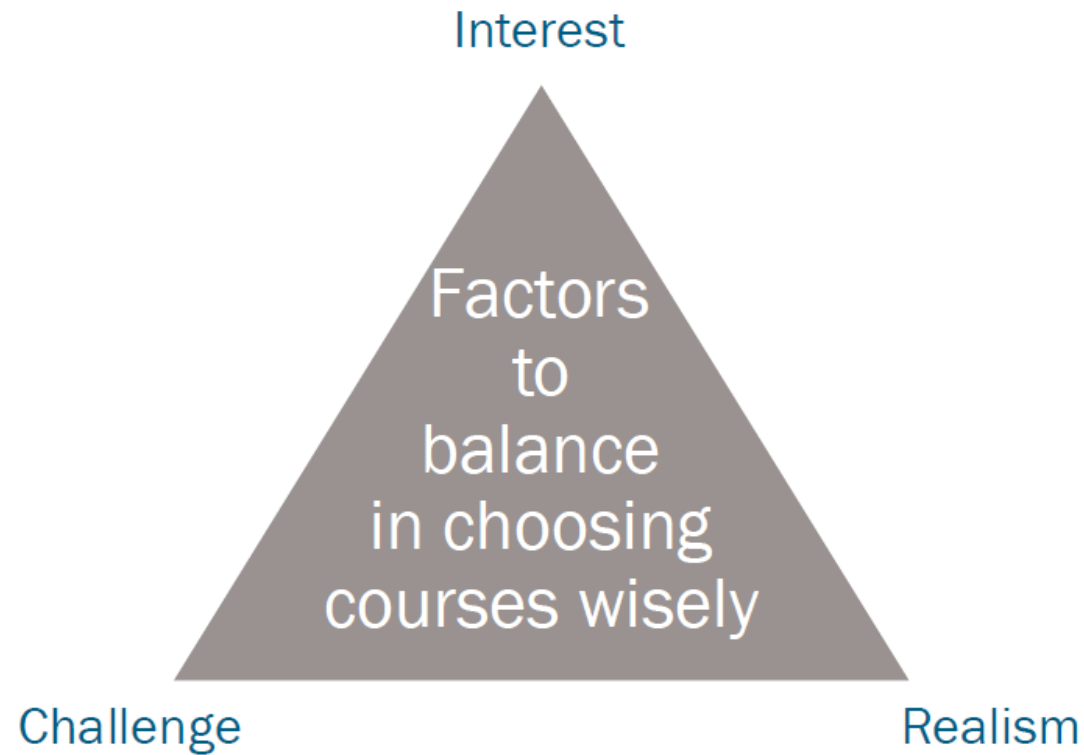


Kathryn Johnstone
Assistant Principal - Wellbeing and Engagement





Factors that should form decisions.



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Interest.

Choose a course that interests you, something that has engaged you at your current school. Interest will keep your focus and attention and will more likely result in a positive achievement.

Challenge.

You need to choose courses that challenge you, that extend, and require you to work at. Studying courses because you believe they are easier may affect your overall achievement. Senior Studies is about extending you to allow you to reach your potential.

Realism

What are you actually capable of. This is influenced by the level of study you have completed at Stage 5,... but not limited to this. Advice from your teachers, what you hear tonight and the Curriculum Handbook will help in this. Choosing courses that are too difficult or too easy for you based on what others are doing or saying is a flawed strategy. It is your HSC, what do YOU want to study and what are YOU capable of.

N.B. It is always a fine line and a difficult task to get 'Challenge' and 'Realism' right.



Terminology



'Units'

2 units equates to 120 hours of study in a year.

Most subjects involve a 2 Unit Preliminary Course (120 Hours usually in Year 11) that is a prerequisite for the 2 Unit HSC Course (120 Hours usually in Year 12).



Patterns of Study

Preliminary Course requires a minimum of 12 Units.

HSC Course requires a minimum of 10 Units.



Subject Unit Value

HSC Subjects have a UNIT value;

2 Units

e.g. 2 Unit Economics, 2 Unit Food Technology, 2 Unit English

1 Unit

Some subjects are 1 Unit. e.g. Sports Lifestyle and Recreation Studies, Marine Studies, Photography or Exploring Early Childhood.

Extension Courses in Maths and English are offered at the College and carry a value of 1 Unit. **To do an extension course you need to be achieving highly in the subject.**

The extension course is done in conjunction with the 2 Unit Advanced course. So if you choose to study 1 Unit Extension Maths you must also study 2 Unit Maths Advanced.

These are run before school from 8:00 am



Preliminary and HSC Course must have:

- At least 6 Units from Board Developed Courses
- At least 2 units of a Board Developed Course in English (English Studies fulfils this requirement)
- At least 3 courses of 2 units value or greater
- At least 4 subjects, including English
- A maximum of 6 units may count from Science courses



Types of Courses

- ***BOARD DEVELOPED COURSES***

Academic Subjects that count toward an ATAR & HSC

- ***VOCATIONAL EDUCATION and TRAINING COURSES (VET)***

Category B subjects that can count toward an ATAR but carry a focus on vocational skills. (Not Sports Coaching or VET Manufacturing and Engineering),

- ***BOARD ENDORSED COURSES***

Less Academic Subjects that DO NOT count toward an ATAR

- ***TAFE COURSES*** – Separate Application Process. 23rd July

Less Academic Subjects that DO NOT count toward an ATAR, but focus on the development of specific skills. They fulfil HSC credential.



Board Developed Courses

- These are the more academic style of course and count toward the ATAR. They are indicated as an ATAR Course in the Handbook and include subjects such as English, Mathematics, Biology, History etc
- They will have Assessment Tasks throughout Year 11 and 12 and most of them include a HSC exam in November of Year 12.
- Some subjects also have a **Major Work or a Personal Interest Project** which is due for submission to the Board of Studies usually in August of Yr 12 e.g. Drama, Music, Industrial Technology, Visual Arts etc. **No more than 2 of these are recommended in a package as considerable time management skills are required to cope with such a workload.**
- Refer to the Curriculum HANDBOOK for details of subject requirements.
- Dance Diocesan Course.



Board Endorsed Course

- These subjects are less academic. These are indicated as 'HSC Credential' and 'DOES NOT contribute to an ATAR' in the Handbook.

Computer Applications 1U	
Marine Studies 1U	Photography 1 U
Exploring Early Childhood 1 U	Sports Lifestyle and Recreation1U

- They do count to the HSC but not to ATAR.
- You may only study ONE of these 1U subjects.
- You can study them in Year 11 and 12, or just Year 11.
- They do not have a HSC exam but will have school assessments.
- If Choosing STUDIES OF RELIGION 1U or CATHOLIC THOUGHT 1U then you MUST CHOOSE one of these courses to make your 12 Units.



Compulsory Courses

- A minimum of 2 Units of ENGLISH; Advanced, Standard or English Studies is Compulsory
- At least 1 Unit of Religion;
- Catholic Thought 1 U or Studies of Religion 1U or Studies of Religion 2U, is required at St Francis Xavier's
- 1U & 2U Studies of Religion are ATAR Courses
- 1U & 2 U Catholic Thought are NOT ATAR



Future Directions



University

- For students seeking to enter University immediately after school The Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) is very significant.
- The HSC and the ATAR are completely separate. There are additional considerations for those seeking an ATAR.

Employment/Training

- For students not seeking to enter University immediately after school you need to adhere to the GENERAL Rules of the HSC as already outlined.
- Choose subjects that relate to a career area in which you are interested.

What is an ATAR

The Australian Tertiary Admission Rank

- a number between 0.00 and 99.95
- a rank, not a mark
- used by universities to rank applicants for entrance into their courses.



ATAR Calculation

Best 10 units of Board Developed Courses.

2 units of English must be counted.

The best 8 units from the remaining Board Developed Courses.



Vocational Courses

Courses offered at SFX.

Construction, Hospitality, Entertainment, Retail, Business Services. *Can count to an ATAR*

Sports Coaching & Manufacturing and Engineering.

TAFE – Mrs Mcloughlin/Ms Phillips.

Packages with a consideration of a Career. Separate Application process.



All students still need to select a full package to begin the year.

Language Course through Distance Education

- New South Wales School of Languages
- Camden Haven High School
- Separate Application process. Upfront Costs per course.
- All students still need to select a full package to begin the year



Accelerated Mathematics & Religion

- Accelerated Mathematics students will select Mathematics Advanced - Accelerated. Only students that are currently completing Year 11 Mathematics Advanced Course.
- Students wishing to choose Accelerated Religion course need to apply separately (information in the handbook). Must be completing English extension 1 or Mathematics extension 1. Select 2 Unit Studies of Religion on your form. Those successful will be put into correct class for next year.



Life Skills Courses.

Life Skills and Learning Support - Mrs Chellis
MacKillop Centre – Learning Support

Transition process between your current school and SFX



Choosing Courses Wisely.

- **ENJOYMENT** - Students traditionally do well in subjects that they like.
- **LEVEL** - Choose a level of subject that suits your skills. Do not choose subjects that are either too difficult or too easy for you. Speak to your teachers who are in the best position to advise you.
- **CAREER** - Choose subjects that relate to your career as far as possible.



NOT Choosing Courses Wisely.

Avoid choosing subjects based upon teacher you believe will be teaching a course.

Avoid choosing subjects based upon the selections of OTHER STUDENTS.

Avoid choosing subjects that you think will 'SCALE' well.



The Process

- Term 2 – Distribution of Curriculum Handbook.
- Weeks 1-2 Term 3 – Course Preference Information Evening. Students to visit individual course presentations.
- Thursday 27th July – Course Preference, online access will be emailed to all Parents
- Friday 11th Aug- Online Course Preference process closes.
- **Parent/Student Transition interview**
Monday 16th Oct – Friday 27th October (Weeks 2 & 3 Term 4.)



How to give your Course Preferences.

An Email and will be sent to all parents on Thursday 27th of July.

Thursday 27th July – Subject preferences Opens Online

Year 11 Subject Choices.



St Francis Xavier's College <noreply@edval.education>
To Mulhearn, Colin

STEP 1: Click: spring.edval.education/login

STEP 2: Enter the following WebCode: BHX99

STEP 3: Select subjects you want, in order of your PREFERENCE (Important).

STEP 4: Click [Submit].



Course Preferences - Online

YEAR 11 COURSE PREFERENCES 2024

Open for submission



Course Preferences - Online

Choice

Mulhearn, Colin

Year 11 Subject Choices.

Main Units	Subject	Units
English	English Standard	2
Priority 2	Ancient History	2
Priority 3	Engineering Studies	2
Priority 4	Personal Development, Health and Physical Education	2
Priority 5	Food Technology	2
Religion (1 or 2 Units)	Catholic Thought 1U	1
If IU chosen above, Must Select	Marine Studies 1U	1
Extension Optional	No selection	0
Extension Optional	No selection	0
Total		12

Reserve Units	Subject	Units
Reserve 1	Industrial Technology - Multimedia	2
Reserve 2	Economics	2
Reserve 3	Chemistry	2
Total		6

Notes

Rules

All students need to select a total of 12 Units. Extension course are additional options.

Students must select Advance Mathematics to be able to select Mathematics Extension 1

Students must select Advance English to be able to select English Extension 1

Students that select 1 Unit Catholic Thought or 1 Unit Studies of Religion must select a complimentary 1 Unit course.

Students selecting 2 Unit Studies of Religion or 2 Unit Catholic Thought are not able to select a complimentary 1 Unit course.



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Choice submissions - Year 11 Course Preferences

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To  Mulhearn, Colin

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Year 11 Course Preferences

Student name: **Mulhearn, Colin (123459)**

Notes: **Your choices are registered.**

Submitted date: **Mon 18 Jul 2022 17:31:05**



Main units

Main Units	Subject	Units
ENS	English Standard	2
BIO	Biology	2
CHE	Chemistry	2
ECO	Economics	2
ITF	Industrial Technology - Furniture	2
SOR	1 Unit Studies of Religion	1
MAR	Marine Studies 1U	1

Total units: **12**

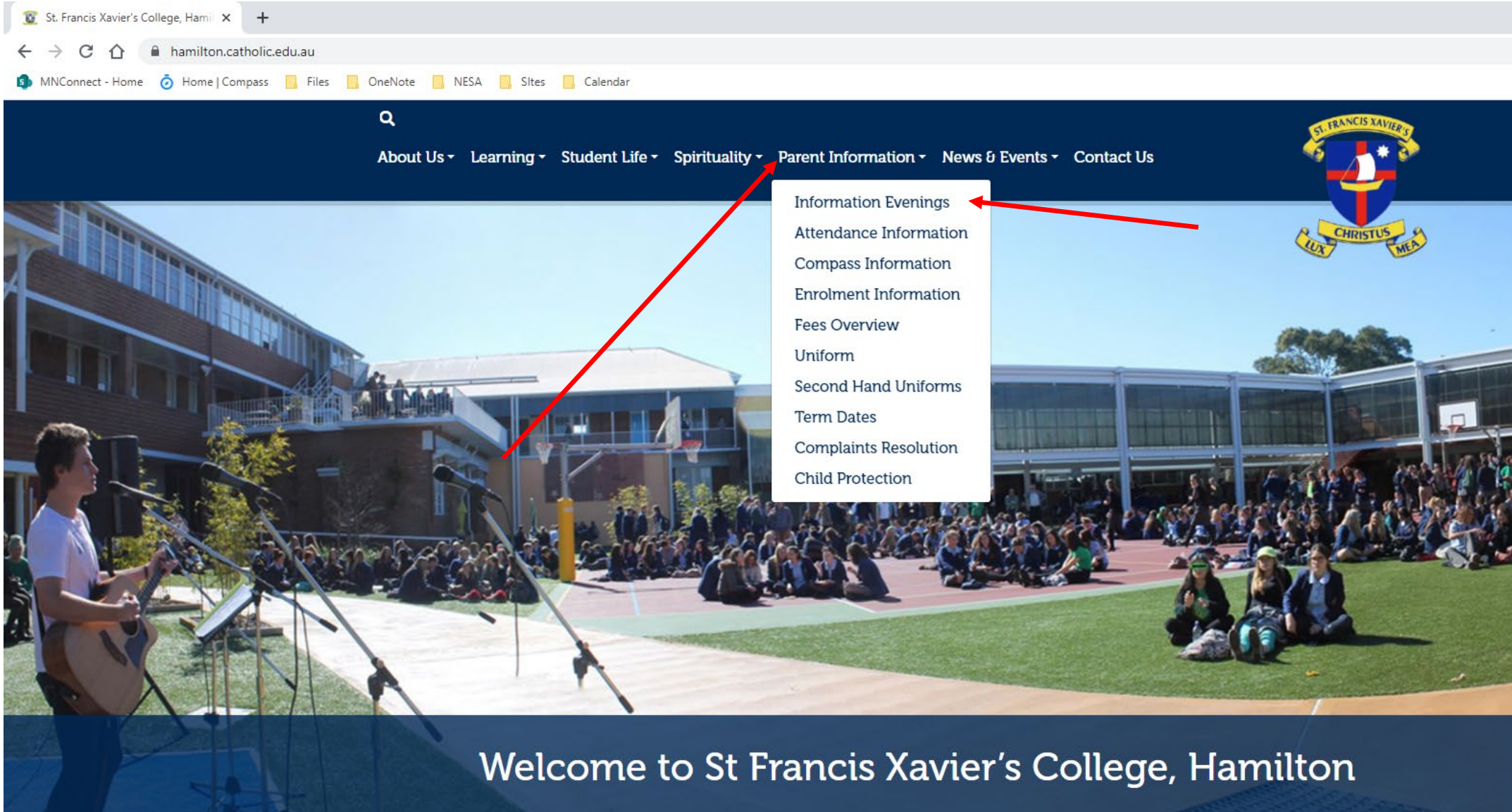
Reserve units

Reserve Units	Subject	Units
DAT	Design and Technology	2
EGS	Engineering Studies	2
AHI	Ancient History	2
ATAR_Yes	Yes ATAR	2
TAFE_No	No TAFE	2
Distanc_Ed_Language_No	No Distance Education Language	2

Total units: **12**



Where to find this Information/Presentation.



The screenshot shows the website for St. Francis Xavier's College, Hamilton. The browser address bar displays `hamilton.catholic.edu.au`. The navigation menu includes: About Us, Learning, Student Life, Spirituality, Parent Information, News & Events, and Contact Us. A dropdown menu is open under 'Parent Information', listing the following items: Information Evenings, Attendance Information, Compass Information, Enrolment Information, Fees Overview, Uniform, Second Hand Uniforms, Term Dates, Complaints Resolution, and Child Protection. A red arrow points from the 'Parent Information' menu item to the dropdown, and another red arrow points from the 'Information Evenings' item to the right. The background image shows a student playing guitar on a stage in front of a large group of students sitting on the grass in a courtyard. The college crest is visible in the top right corner.

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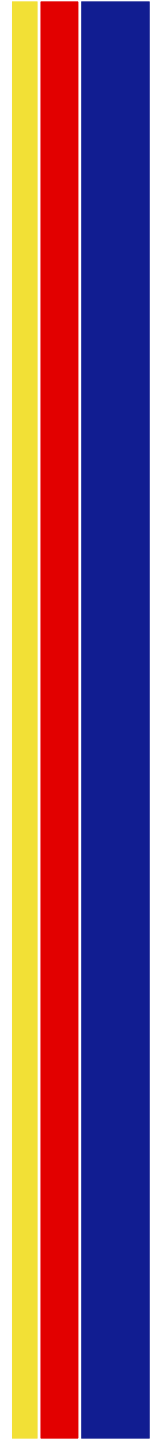
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Welcome to St Francis Xavier's College, Hamilton



Careers. – Ashley Phillips



College Principal – Greg Ptolemy



STUDIES OF RELIGION

ATAR Course Category A

STUDIES IN CATHOLIC THOUGHT

Non Atar Course Category B

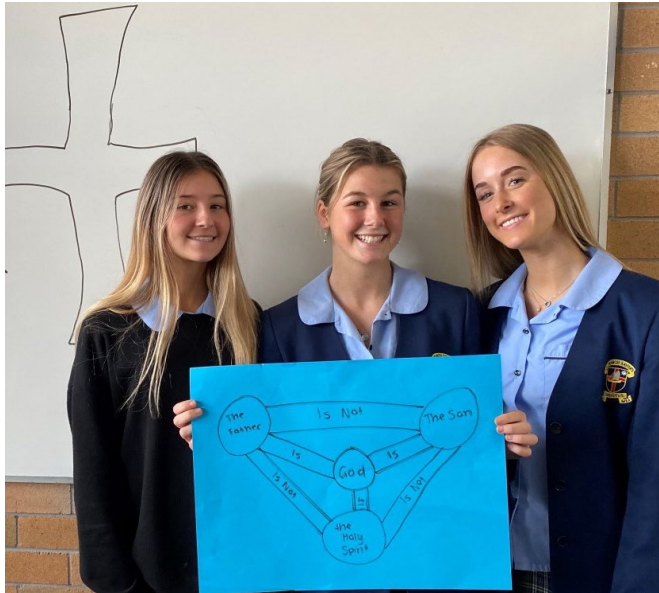
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Introduction

Every student at SFX must study a religion course

- 1 Unit Studies of Religion (Category A)
- 2 Unit Studies of Religion (Category A)
- 1 Unit Accelerated Religion (Category A)
- Studies of Catholic Thought (non-ATAR / Category B)



Studies of Religion – for whom the course is intended?

For those students who are interested in studying their own religious worldview and that of others

Students who are seeking an ATAR

Students who have good literacy skills - students who have selected Advanced English should be selecting 2 unit Studies of Religion

Students who are independent thinkers and are interested in the world around them

Students who are motivated and willing to work



Students who are interested in career where you work with our diverse Australian community

What is the difference between 1 & 2 Unit Studies of Religion ?

1 Unit

- 2 periods a week
- study 2 religious traditions
- 90 minute HSC exam

2 Unit

- 4 periods a week
- study 3 traditions & 2 extra topics (Peace (Religion & Non Religion))
- 3 Hour HSC Exam



ACCELERATED STUDIES OF RELIGION – 1 UNIT

Only students studying Extension English or Extension Maths are eligible.

Students study the Year 11 and Year 12 One Unit Course in one year – 4 periods a week. Students sit the HSC exam at the end of Year 11.

There is a selection process to be considered for this course – see handbook



Studies in Catholic Thought

Is a content endorsed course that does not contribute to the ATAR but to the HSC

Focuses on the Catholic tradition

Draws on the liberal arts approach based on philosophy, the arts, history , scripture and Catholic beliefs

1 Unit

2 periods a week

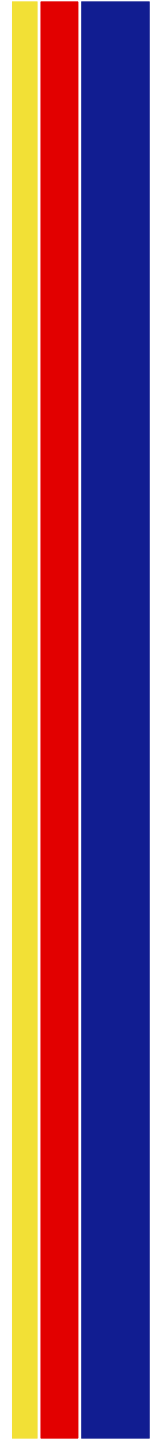
2 unit

4 periods a week

Assessment is school based with 3 tasks per year.

No external HSC





Late changes to presentations.

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If you have any questions about Studies of Religion or Studies in Catholic Thought
Please go to BG08 to speak with a teacher there.



- McKillop Centre and Learning Support. Staff are available for information on Life Skills Courses or any general Learning Support questions. You will find their space just off the main yard.
- Please refer to Map and session venues that was sent to each family .Spare copies at back of hall.
- Mr Ptolemy, Ms Johnstone and I will be in the main yard if you have any questions or are lost..
- A bell will sound shortly to begin the first session. Bells will sound at the end of each session.
Each session will be 20 min. There will be 5 Sessions.



Basic Layout....

A, B & C Block

BG.., CG.. etc = Ground Level

A10.. B10... etc = 1st floor.

