

CAREERS

CORE SUBJECT

WHY STUDY CAREERS?

In this subject students will learn about, and develop valuable skills that will be used for a lifetime. Much of our vocational (and life) success and satisfaction comes from our ability to utilise these skills on a daily basis. The benefits gained from studying Careers also support the academic outcomes for our students across the curriculum. Careers align with The Australian Curriculum: 'Work Studies', for Years 9 – 10 and focuses on the role of individuals in this world and the capacities they need for full and effective participation as workers.



COURSE AIMS:

Careers aims to ensure that students develop:

- knowledge of work and the importance of lifelong learning
- literacy, numeracy, ICT and interpersonal skills to work, interact and communicate with others in diverse contexts, using appropriate behaviours and protocols
- skills and resilience to meet the demands of learning and work in post-school destinations
- capacities to manage change and transition into work in an uncertain and changing future

The study of Careers in **Years 7 and 8** is a two semester program. Using **'The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People'** and **'The Leader in Me' program** (Stephen Covey) as content focus for Years 7 - 8, students gain an in-depth understanding about personal leadership and develop the capacity to lead in their own lives and affect those around them by making positive choices.

The **content strands** teach students how to:

- think about choices before making them
- plan ahead
- get along with others
- use their strengths and talents to solve problems



Year 7 Unit

Semester 1

Students in this Unit will be learning the qualities of being a leader and how to develop those qualities within. They discover the 'The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People' through challenging and interactive learning experiences and begin to develop a foundation for demonstrating and improving the use of these habits in their daily lives. The students will also learn valuable study skills which when regularly utilised, will set the students up for success studying throughout their career.

Year 8 Unit

Semester 2

Students expand their understanding of 'The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People' building upon the foundation of understanding, developed in Year 7. They will be challenged through self-reflection activities as well as a multitude of group learning experiences delivered in a fun, hands-on and supportive learning environment. The students will also begin career investigations which will encourage them to start thinking about what they may want to pursue after their high school years. These two semester units enable self-confidence and leadership skills to be honed before studying The Australian Curriculum: 'Work Studies' Units, for Years 9 – 10.

Assessment

Assessment tasks will involve formative and summative assessment pieces throughout the two semester units using a variety of modes including written assignments, oral and multimodal presentations.