



AVE MARIA COLLEGE
She Who Belongs. She Who Thrives.

Learning and Teaching Quick Guide

2021

Introduction

The *Learning and Teaching Quick Guide* seeks to provide an overview of the College's curriculum structure.

The *Ave Maria College Charter for Education* is the foundation that underpins all learning and teaching at the College, as we strive to instil a learning culture that is collaborative, and provide programs that are contemporary, rigorous and relevant.



Our Charter for Education consists of Franciscan beliefs, learner attributes and wellbeing skills, bound by a learning environment which interconnects each element and where there are opportunities for each student to **belong, engage and thrive**.

Our aim is to be guided by the charism, principles, and frameworks that underpin the Charter and ensure that all of the academic and co-curricular programs reflect these. In doing so all members of our community can build their knowledge, develop their skills, and apply this to the world we live in.

2021 Standard Bell Times



Standard Day

Period 1 8.40am – 9.44am
Changeover 9.44am – 9.46am
Period 2 9.46 am – 10.50 am
Recess 10.50 am – 11.13am <i>Warning Bell 11.08am</i>
Mentor Time 11.13am– 11.26 am
Stillpoint 11.24 am
Changeover 11.26am – 11.28am
Period 3 11.28 am – 12.32pm
Changeover 12.32pm – 12.34pm
Period 4 12.34 pm – 1.38pm
Lunch 1.38pm – 2.21pm <i>Warning Bell 2.16pm</i>
Period 5 2.21 pm – 3.25pm

Day 8

Period 1 8.40am – 9.44am
Changeover 9.44am – 9.46am
Period 2 9.46am – 10.50am
Recess 10.50am – 11.10am <i>Warning Bell 11.06am</i>
Mentor Period 11.10am– 11.50am
Stillpoint 11.48am
Changeover 11.50am – 11.52am
Period 3 11.52am – 12.56pm
Lunch 12.56pm – 1.30pm <i>Warning Bell 1.25pm</i>
Period 4 1.30pm – 2.34pm

Junior School



Year 7

Core Studies (Entire year)

- Religious Education
- English
- Health and Physical Education
- Humanities
- Mathematics
- Science
- Visual Arts

Core Studies (1 Semester)

- Design Technology
 - Food Technology
 - Textiles
- Performing Arts
 - Drama
 - Music
- Languages
 - Indonesian
 - Italian

Year 8

Core Studies (entire year)

- Religious Education
- English
- Health and Physical Education
- Humanities
- Mathematics
- Science
- Visual Arts

Core Studies (1 Semester)

- Design Technology
 - Food Technology
 - Textiles
- Performing Arts
 - Drama
 - Music

Core Elective (entire year)

- Languages (students select **one** of)
 - Indonesian
 - Italian

Year 7	Lessons per cycle
Religious Education	4
English	7
Design Technologies (Food/Textiles)	4
Health and Physical Education	5
Humanities	5
Languages (Indonesian/Italian)	5
Mathematics	8
Performing Arts (Drama/Music)	3
Science	5
Visual Arts	3

Year 8	Lessons per cycle
Religious Education	5
English	7
Design Technologies (Food/Textiles)	3
Health and Physical Education	5
Humanities	5
Languages (one of Indonesian/Italian)	5
Mathematics	7
Performing Arts (Drama/Music)	4
Science	5
Visual Arts	3

Middle School

Year 9

Core Studies (Entire year)

Religious Education

Languages (Indonesian/Italian) *[continued from Year 8]*

English

Mathematics (Mainstream/Advanced/Small Group)

Health and Physical Education

Science

Core Studies (Single Semester)

Enterprise skills

- Intensive Research and Investigative Study (IRIS) *(Semester 1)*
- Community and Careers *(Semester 2)*

Humanities

Students select two of the three options:

- Business and Civics
- Geography
- History

Elective Studies (Single Semester)

Students must select four electives to study as part of their Year 9 program

- One study from The Arts offerings
- One study from Technologies offerings
- The remaining two can come from either Domain

The Arts

- Drama
- Multimedia
- Music
- Studio Arts
- Visual Communication Design

Technologies

- Digital Technologies
- Food Technology
- STEM Design
- Textiles

Year 9	Lessons per cycle
Religious Education	5
English	6
Health and Physical Education	5
Languages (Indonesian/Italian)	5
Mathematics	6
Science	5
Enterprise skills	2
Humanities	5
Electives	5 (per elective)

Year 9 students should be aware that VCE acceleration in Year 10 requires meeting the pre-requisite requirements in related studies.

Middle School



Year 10

Core Studies (Entire year)

Religious Education

Community and Careers

English

Health and Physical Education

Core Electives

Humanities

Students select at least one of the four options:

- Business and Economics
- Civics and Citizenship
- Geography
- History

Mathematics

Semester One

- Mainstream
- Advanced
- VCE Foundation Mathematics Unit 1

Semester Two

- Mainstream
 - General pathway OR
 - Methods pathway
- Advanced
- VCE Foundation Mathematics Unit 2

Science

All students study Science in Semester One.

In Semester Two, students select one of the following three options:

- Biology/Chemistry
- Biology/Psychology
- Chemistry/Physics

Elective Studies (Single semester unless otherwise stated) (Students select up to five)

CHAOS Lab	Indonesian (Entire year)	Outdoor Environmental Studies
Design Thinking	Italian (Entire year)	STEM
Digital Technologies	Literature	Studio Arts
Drama	Media	Textiles
Food Studies	Music Performance	Visual Communication Design

Acceleration options – VCE Units 1 and 2 (application required and subject to approval)

Other VCE studies may be applied for but cannot be guaranteed. Students who accelerate do not receive an Independent Study Period.

Applied Computing

Psychology

Biology

Studio Arts

Extended Investigation (school-based study)

VET Allied Health (Cert III) [Year 1]

History (20th Century)

VCE VET Business (Cert II)

Legal Studies

VCE VET Sport and Recreation (Cert III) [Year 1]

Music Performance

	Lessons per cycle		Lessons per cycle
Religious Education	5	Humanities	6
English	6	Mathematics	6
Community and Careers	1	Science	6
Health and Physical Education	6	Electives (per elective)	6

Middle School



Year 10 Pathways

All pathways share the following *Common* structure

Semester One	Religion and Society Unit 1	English	Health and Physical Education	Community and Careers	Mathematics	Science
Semester Two						Science elective

Typical pathway

In addition to the *Common* structure, the *Typical* pathway allows students to make six elective choices.

Humanities elective	Elective #1	Elective #2	Elective #3	Elective #4	Elective #5
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Language pathway

In addition to the *Common* structure, the *Language* pathway allows students to make four elective choices and study a language for the entire year.

Humanities elective	Elective #1	Elective #2	Elective #3	Language study (Sem 1)	Language study (Sem 2)
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Accelerated/External study pathway

In addition to the *Common* structure, the *Accelerated/External study* pathway allows students to make four elective choices and study a VCE or external program* for the entire year

Humanities elective	Elective #1	Elective #2	Elective #3	Accelerated/ External Study (Sem 1)*	Accelerated/ External Study (Sem 2)*
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**Acceleration and external studies are subject to approval and compatibility with onsite learning programs.*

Accelerated/External study + Language pathway

In addition to the *Common* structure, the *Accelerated/External study + Language* pathway allows students to make two elective choices, whilst studying a language and VCE or external program for the entire year.

Humanities elective	Elective #1	Accelerated/ External Study (Sem 1)*	Accelerated/ External Study (Sem 2)*	Language study (Sem 1)	Language study (Sem 2)
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**Acceleration and external studies are subject to approval and compatibility with onsite learning programs.*

Year 11

Compulsory studies

Students pick one option from each of the Religious Education and English groupings:

Religious Education

- Religion and Society Unit 2
- Texts and Traditions Unit 2
- Religion and Society Units 3 and 4*
**subject to Acceleration application*

English

- English Units 1 and 2
- English Language Units 1 and 2
- Literature Units 1 and 2

Unit 1 and 2 study options

Students select five of the Unit 1 and 2 study options below.

Accounting	Italian
Applied Computing	Legal Studies
Biology	Literature [†]
Business Management	Mathematical Methods
Chemistry	Media
Drama	Music Performance
English	Outdoor and Environmental Studies [†]
English Language	Physical Education
Environmental Science [†]	Physics
Extended Investigation (school-based unit) [†]	Product Design and Technology (Textiles)
Food Studies [†]	Psychology
General Mathematics	Specialist Mathematics
Geography [†]	Studio Arts
Global Politics [†]	VET Allied Health (Cert III) [Year 1]
Health and Human Development	VCE VET Business (Certificate II)
History (20 th Century)	VCE VET Sport and Recreation (Cert III) [Year 1]
Indonesian Second Language	Visual Communication Design

Students may also opt to pursue other VCE, VCE VET or VET options through external providers, in consultation with the Director of Learning and Pathways.

Year 11	Lessons per cycle
Religious Education	5
English	7
Unit 1 and 2 studies	7 (per study)
Independent Study Periods	3
Unit 3 and 4 studies <i>*if accelerating</i>	8 (per study)

[†]These studies are not running in 2021 due to insufficient student interest

Year 12

Compulsory studies

Students pick one option from each of the Religious Education and English groupings:

Religious Education

- Religion and Society Units 3 and 4
- Texts and Traditions Units 3 and 4[†]
- School-based Religious Education

English

- English Units 3 and 4
- English Language Units 3 and 4
- Literature Units 3 and 4

Unit 3 and 4 study options

Students select four of the Unit 3 and 4 study options below.

Accounting	Italian
Applied Computing: Data Analytics [†]	Legal Studies
Applied Computing: Software Development	Literature
Biology	Mathematical Methods
Business Management	Media
Chemistry	Music Performance
Drama	Outdoor and Environmental Studies
English	Physical Education
English Language	Physics
Environmental Science [†]	Product Design and Technology (Textiles)
Extended Investigation	Psychology
Food Studies [†]	Specialist Mathematics
General Mathematics	Studio Arts
Geography [†]	VET Allied Health (Cert III) [Year 2]
Global Politics	VCE VET Business (Certificate II/partial Cert III) [†]
Health and Human Development	VCE VET Sport and Recreation (Cert III) [Year 2]
History (20 th Century)	Visual Communication Design
Indonesian Second Language	

Year 12	Lessons per cycle
Religious Education <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Religion and Society 3/4 • Texts and Traditions 3/4 • School-based RE 	8 8 4
English	8
Unit 3 and 4 studies	8 (per study)
Independent Study Periods <i>*dependent on RE selection</i>	4+

[†]These studies are not running in 2021 due to low student interest






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