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Dear Parent/Guardian,

RE: St Agnes Catholic High School Subject Selection Process - 2023 Higher School Certificate

Whilst next year may seem some time away, it is time for the school and Yr 10 students to begin to plan for Year 11 2022.

This letter outlines the processes that St Agnes has in place to provide a smooth transition for our Year 10 students as they prepare and plan for entry into Year 11 in 2022. While the planned dates are included for your scheduling, please be aware that the dates or the nature of the sessions are **subject to change** as we continue to navigate **COVID-19**.

Parent Information Session: Tuesday 27th April

Year 10 students and parents are invited to a Subject Selection Presentation evening on Tuesday 27th April, 5:30pm in *Alverna* (our new performance space). **ALL** students and a parent **must** attend as information on the various Stage 6 pathways, subject choices and senior schooling requirements will be provided. The Leaders of Learning will be available to answer any questions about senior courses. We will distribute the Subject Selection Handbook and the link to our Google Site after the session to all students.

Year Group Meeting: Friday 7th May Period 1.

During this session, Mr Kemmis, Mr Hilder, Mr Cruickshank and Miss Raad will provide students with further information regarding the nature of Stage 6 schooling and the specific events planned to assist them in pathway and subject selection. Also, our Careers Advisor, Mrs Karafotias will help our students navigate the transitional period from high school into adult life during a time of global uncertainty. The students will be informed about a *Virtual Work Experience* with the *Careers Department* and *E-Portfolio* via the *Careers website* www.stagnesrootyhillcareers.com during National Careers Week (17th - 21st May).

Information Session: Friday 14th May, period 2

During this period, a representative from CathWest Innovation College will attend St Agnes to provide an overview of what they can provide prior to their own Information Night (see next page for more detail).

Year Group Meeting: Friday 28th May period 1 and 2

Our Leader of Learning VET, Ms Bridget Ward, will be addressing the students about the many Cluster Courses available within St Agnes and across the Parramatta Diocese. Each year these courses prove very popular especially among students who are confident in their career path (for example, Construction and Hospitality). Also during this session, the Leaders of Learning responsible for *English*, *Mathematics* and *Religious Education* will provide information and advice regarding the levels and requirements of each subject. Our Careers Advisor will also be present to immerse students in pathway planning through the VIRTUAL WORK EXPERIENCE platform.

Subject Market: Friday 4th June p4 and p5

During these two periods, students will be able to speak to the Leaders of Learning and subject teachers regarding the subjects we offer here at school. An exact outline will be given to the students beforehand and during this time, students will also be able to complete their first module from *All My Own Work* (a **mandated** course from NESA which must be completed by ALL students **prior** to the commencement of Year 11).

Online Subject Preferences: Opens on Monday 7th June and closes on Friday 11th June

This is when students submit their subject preferences. Students will each receive an email that will require them to complete an online subject preferences form indicating their subject preferences for Year 11. It is the first formal step in the subject selection process that provides the school with critical information on students' preferred patterns of study for next year. As well as submitting their preferences online, students will also need to submit a printed copy of these preferences signed by both themselves and a parent/carer. This form must be submitted to the Student Office by Friday 11th June.

Subject Selection Interviews: Term 3 Weeks 3 - 5

The Leadership Team and Leaders of Learning will be speaking to students and their parents about their Stage 6 subject preferences. We use the information provided by the students to determine which subjects are able to be run and the subject lines. This means that there are no predetermined lines, as we at St Agnes, develop these in response to requests. Students will be given details about their subjects in due course, but we will continue to talk with students and parents/carers regarding suitability of subjects and if changes are needed.

CathWest Innovation College

An information session will be held for parents and carers regarding 2022 enrolment at CathWest mid May. For further information, please contact CathWest on 8886 9509 or email cathwest@parra.catholic.edu.au website: <http://www.cathwest.catholic.edu.au/>

Step Up into Year 11

Towards the end of Year 10 in late November/early December, we provide a transition program. This Stage 6 experience gives an *introduction* and insight into the chosen Year 11 courses prior to next year. Specific details about this will be given in due course.

Summary of Key Dates

Date	Event
Tuesday 27th April	Subject Selection Presentation Evening (compulsory for all students and at least one parent)
Friday 7th May	Year Group Meeting regarding the HSC
Friday 14th May	Year Group Meeting about CathWest
Friday 28th May	Year Group Meeting regarding VET, English, Mathematics, Studies of Religion/Agnes Mission and Careers
Friday 4th June	Subject Market Sessions (p4 and p5)
Friday 11th June	Online Subject Preferences due
Term 3: Weeks 3 - 5	Subject Selection Interviews

This is an exciting time for Yr 10. As a school, we are committed to working closely with all students and their parents through this important time. For many, the HSC is a pathway to work and future study. The choices are important. Be assured that the St Agnes staff will support each student in their quest to make well informed decisions regarding their senior schooling and future career pathways.

We look forward to beginning this process with you, at the Subject Selection Presentation evening on 27th April.

Yours sincerely,



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