

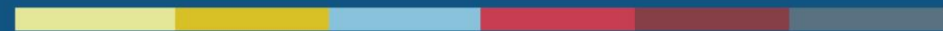


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YEAR 11 2026

Course Preference Information Evening

Monday 12th May 2025



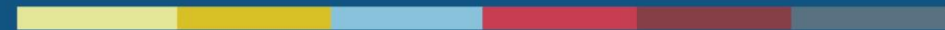


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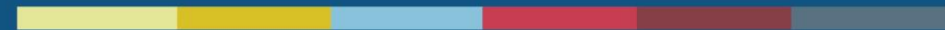




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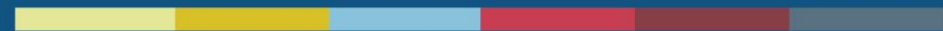


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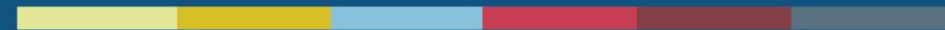


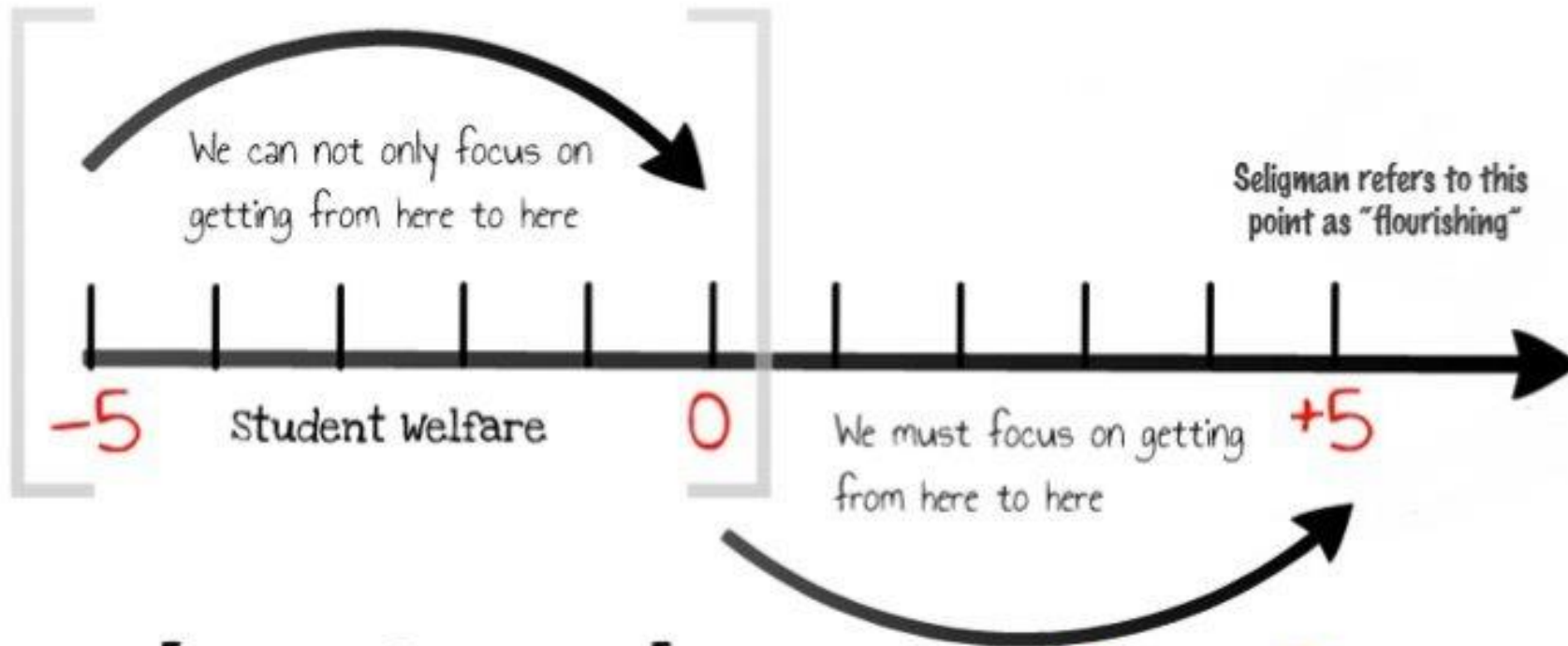
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Kathryn Johnstone

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Student wellbeing



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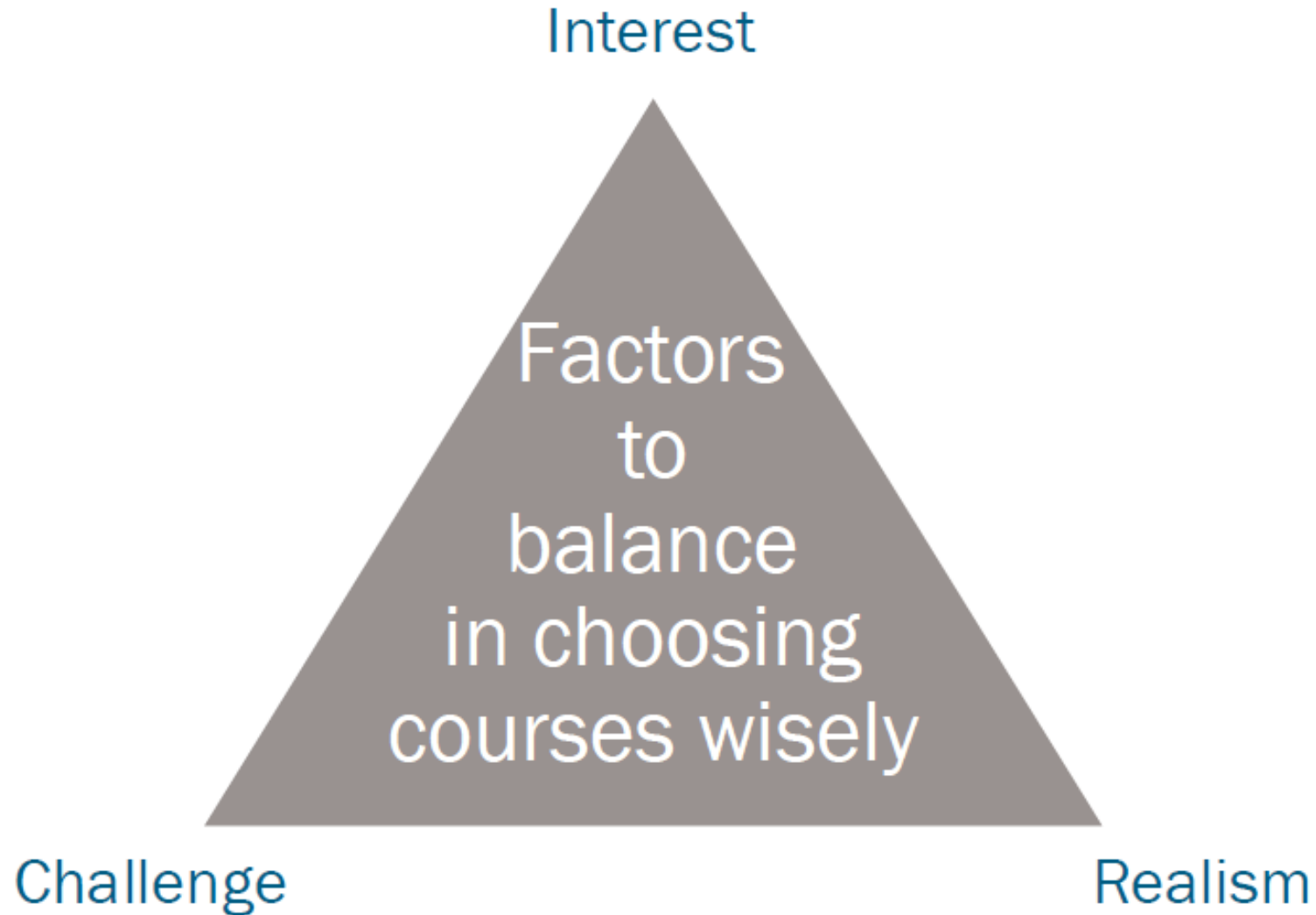
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Factors that should form decisions.



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.

Realistic

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 'Realistic' 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.



Course Unit Value

HSC Courses have a UNIT value;

2 Units

Eg: 2 Unit Economics, 2 Unit Food Technology, 2 Unit English

1 Unit

Some Courses are 1 Unit. For example, Sports Lifestyle and Recreation Studies, Marine Studies, Photography, Exploring Early Childhood & Computing Applications.

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. Therefore if you choose to study 1 Unit Extension Maths or English you must also study 2 Unit Maths Advanced or 2 Unit English Advanced. These subjects are run before school from 8:00am.

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 Courses that count toward an ATAR & HSC

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

Can count toward an ATAR (Not Sports Coaching)

Carry a focus on vocational skills

- ***BOARD ENDORSED COURSES***

Less Academic Courses that DO NOT count toward an ATAR

- ***TAFE COURSES*** – Separate Application Process

DO NOT count toward an ATAR, they 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 an 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 NESA, usually in August of Year 12
Eg: 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.

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 an 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 is required at St Francis Xavier's College.

Catholic Thought 1U or 2U
Studies of Religion 1U or
Studies of Religion 2U

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Future Directions

University

- For students seeking to enter University immediately after school The Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) is 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

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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, Business
Services *(Can count to an ATAR)*

Sports Coaching

Does not contribute to an ATAR

TAFE – 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.

Extension Mathematics and English

- These Courses will be run before school two days a week.
- Students selecting Extension Courses can count these as part of their base 12 Units.
- Please read carefully the 'notes' in the selection process. There are some Courses that you can and cannot do based on whether you are counting the Extension Course as part of your base 12 Units.

Accelerated Mathematics & Compressed Studies of Religion

- Accelerated Mathematics students will select Mathematics Advanced - Accelerated. Only students that are currently completing Year 11 Mathematics Advanced Course.
- Students wishing to apply for the Compressed Religion Course need to apply separately (*information in the Handbook*). Must be completing English Extension 1 or Mathematics Extension 1. Need to select Compressed Religion in an online Form.
- Successful Compressed Religion applicants must choose 13 Units.

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.

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The Process

- Term 1 – Distribution of Curriculum Handbook.
- Monday 12 May – Course Preference Information Evening. Students to visit individual Course Presentations.
- Tuesday 13 May – Course Preference, online access will be emailed to all Parents.
- Friday 23 May – Online Course Preference and Enrolment Applications are due.
- **Parent/Student Transition Interview for those confirmed Year 11 2026** will take place early Term 4.
- Orientation Day – Date to be determined late in Term 4 2025.

Important Dates for Enrolment Period: **San Clemente & Trinity**

Enrolment Process

Currently open – online process

Completed Enrolment Form & Accompanying Documentation due back to the College

Closes Friday 23 May.

Online Course Preference entry.

Email sent tomorrow to all students (Parent's Email) who have completed an application form for SFX and those that are undecided.

Closes Friday 23 May.

Course Lines and offerings determination – College

Friday 6 June – Offers made to students and Course Offerings Confirmed.

Friday 20 June – Acceptance of Offers. \$150 Non-Refundable Enrolment Fee to secure position



Important Dates for Enrolment Period: Other Schools

Enrolment Process

Currently open – online process

Completed Enrolment Form &
Accompanying Documentation due
back to the College

Closes Friday 23 May.

Online Course Preference entry

Email sent Tuesday 13 May to those that have
submitted an enrolment application.

Applications received up to 23 May will be
added to online Course Preferences Process
as the college receives your application.

Closes Friday 23 May.

Course Lines and offerings determination – College

Ongoing.

Parent / Student Interviews Non-Pathway Students - Occurring from Term 2 in support of enrolment offerings being made.



Enrolment Offers to non-pathway students - Parents will be notified by email regarding successful & unsuccessful placements.


Acceptance of Offer – \$150 Non-Refundable Enrolment Fee to secure a position

How to give your Course Preferences.

An Email and will be sent 13 May.

Subject Preferences Opens Online 13 May.

Year 11 Subject Choices.

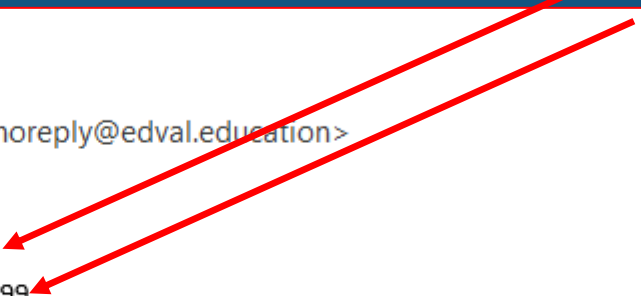
 St Francis Xavier's College <noreply@edval.education>
To: Mulhearn, Colin

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

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 1U 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.

Cancel

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Submit



Student name: Mulhearn, Colin (COL)

Notes: Your choices are registered.

Submitted date: Tue 14 May 2024 16:19:59

Main units

Main Units	Subject	Units
ENA	English Advanced	2
ABS	Aboriginal Studies	2
DAT	Design and Technology	2
EGS	Engineering Studies	2
BIO	Biology	2
SRE	Studies of Religion 2U	2

Total units: 12

Reserve units

Reserve Units	Subject	Units
GEO	Geography	2
FOT	Food Technology	2
FRB	French Beginners	2

Total units: 6

Thank you. Your preferences have been submitted.

Mr Mulhearn

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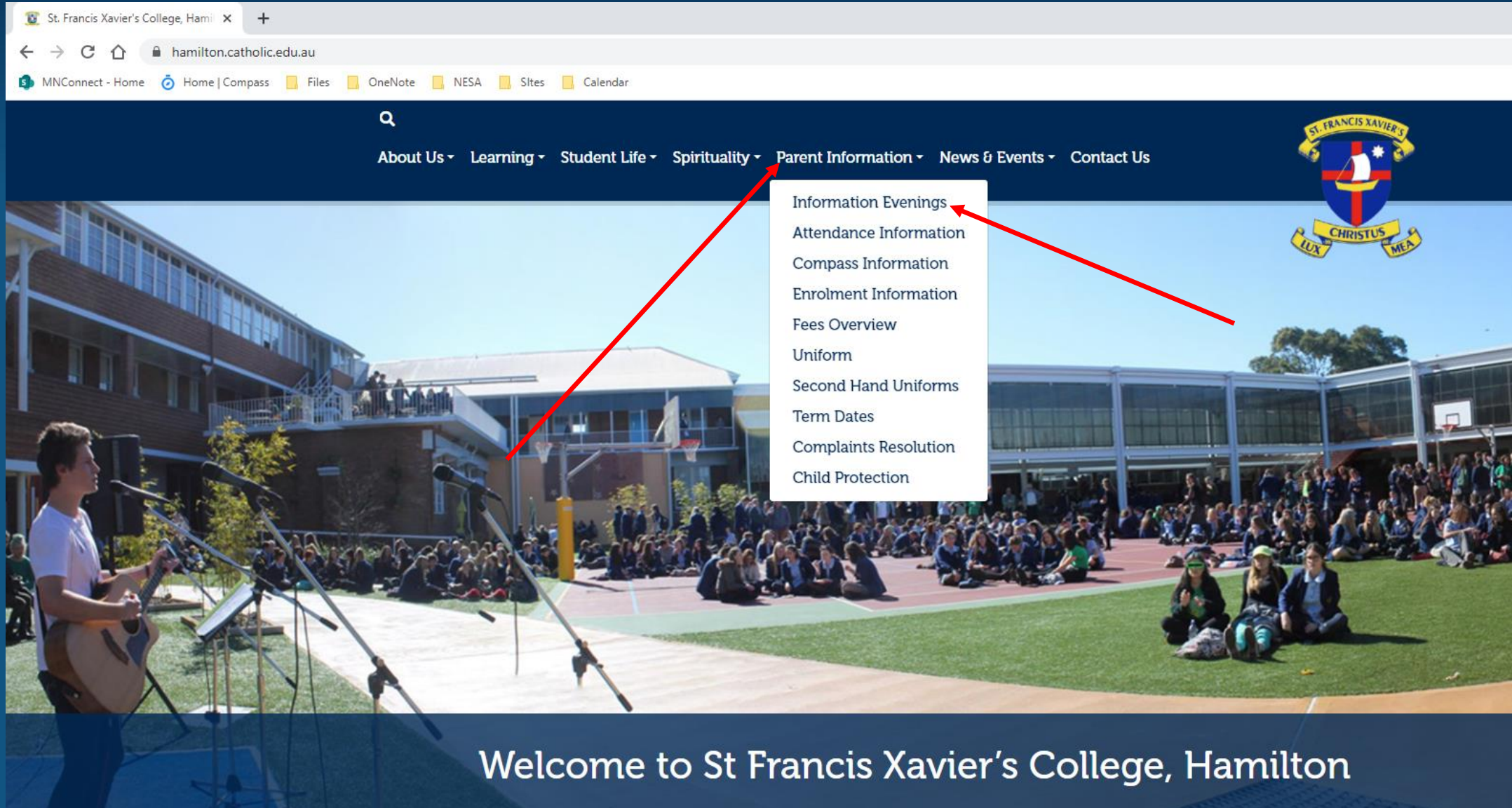
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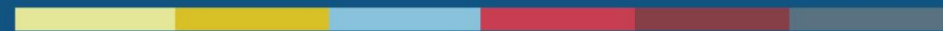
The image is a screenshot of a web browser displaying the St. Francis Xavier's College, Hamilton website. The browser's address bar shows the URL 'hamilton.catholic.edu.au'. Below the address bar, there is a navigation bar with links: 'About Us', 'Learning', 'Student Life', 'Spirituality', 'Parent Information', 'News & Events', and 'Contact Us'. The 'Parent Information' link is highlighted, and a dropdown menu is visible, listing various topics: 'Information Evenings', 'Attendance Information', 'Compass Information', 'Enrolment Information', 'Fees Overview', 'Uniform', 'Second Hand Uniforms', 'Term Dates', 'Complaints Resolution', and 'Child Protection'. Two red arrows point from the 'Parent Information' link in the navigation bar to the 'Information Evenings' option in the dropdown menu. The background of the website features a large photograph of a student performing on a guitar in front of a large group of students sitting on a lawn in front of a school building. The school's crest, featuring a shield with a cross and a banner below it reading 'CHRISTUS LUX MEA', is visible in the top right corner. At the bottom of the page, a dark blue banner contains the text 'Welcome to St Francis Xavier's College, Hamilton'.



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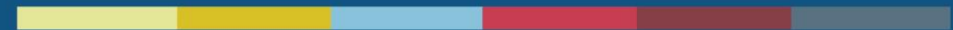




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Studies of Religion

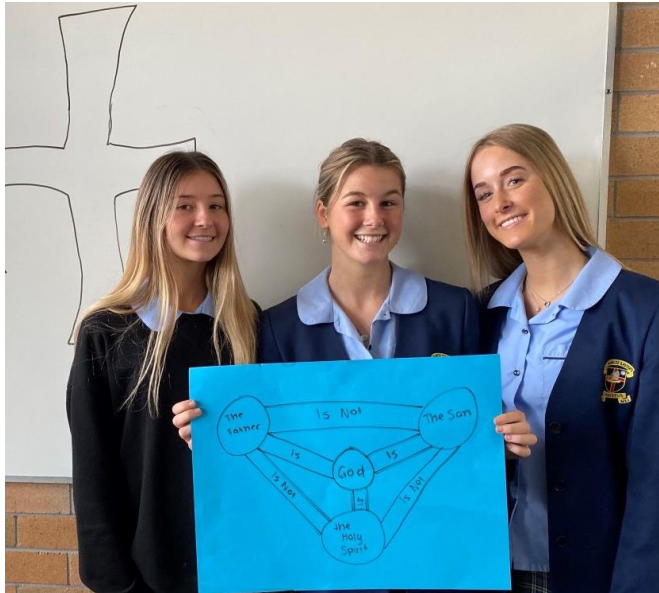
Studies in Catholic Thought



Introduction

Every student at SFX studies a religion course

- 1 Unit Studies of Religion
- 2 Unit Studies of Religion
- 1 Unit Compressed Religion
- Studies of Catholic Thought



Studies of Religion – (SoR)

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

Both SoR Courses contribute strongly toward the ATAR, but they do demand some serious written skills. We would strongly recommend these courses for English Advanced students as well as stronger English Standard students

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



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

Studies in Catholic Thought counts toward the HSC but not the ATAR.

You can still do Catholic Thought and receive an ATAR as long as you are undertaking 10 other BDC Units.

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



Compressed STUDIES OF RELIGION – 1 UNIT

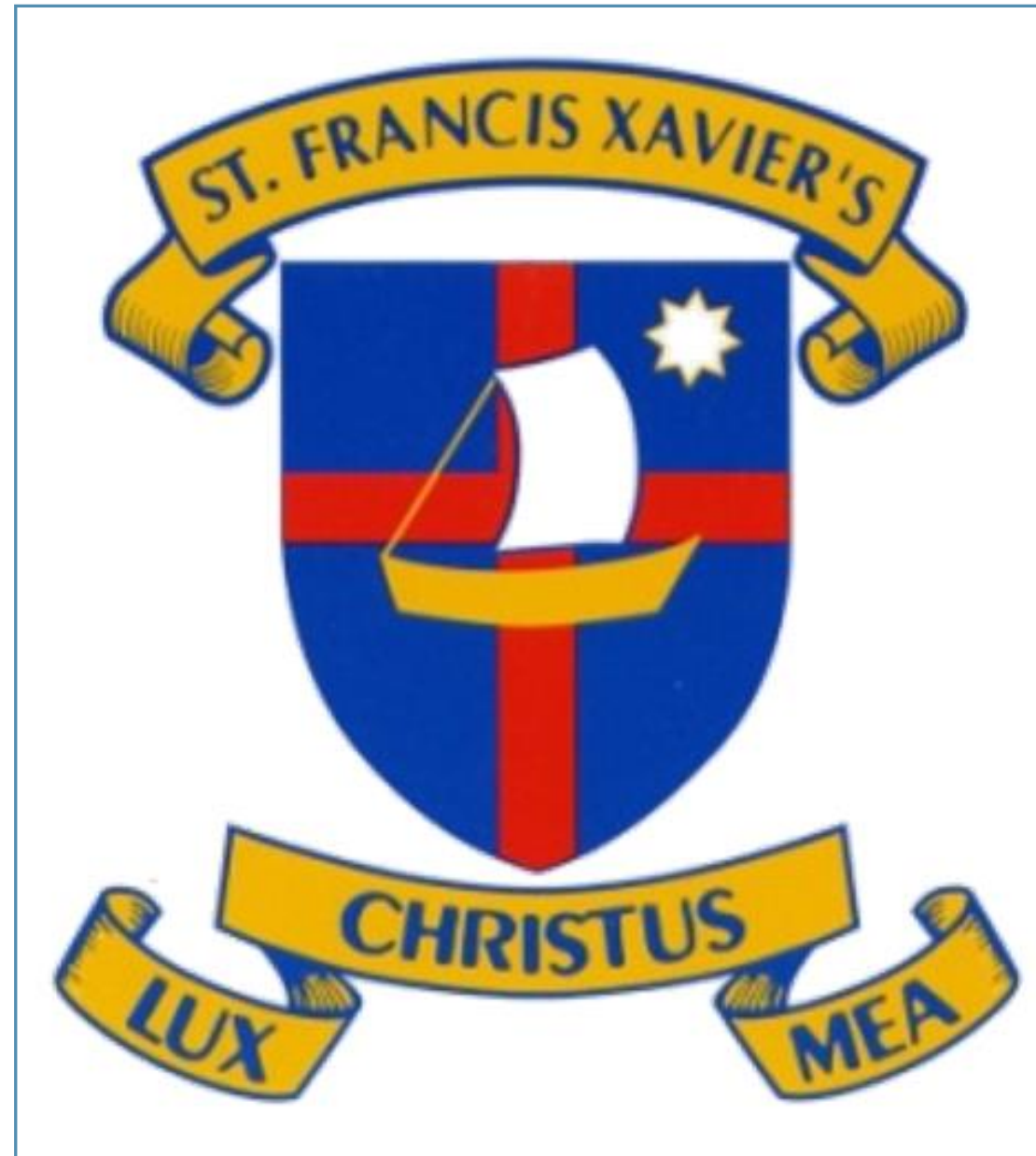
Only students studying Extension English or Extension Maths are eligible.

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.

You will need to have 13 Units in your selections.

There is a selection process to be considered for this Course – see Handbook







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English Studies
English Standard
English Advanced
English Extension



English

Course Selection Choices:

- English Advanced
with options of
Extension 1/Extension 2
- English Standard
- English Studies

4 x 1 hour classes per week



Important Information:

- ✓ English is compulsory for the HSC
- ✓ Advanced, Standard and Extension English involve completing external HSC exam(s) at the end of the Course, and you **can choose** to sit the external exam **for Studies**
- ✓ If you elect to receive an ATAR to get into university, your English result will automatically be counted, regardless of your mark
- ✓ Assessment includes exam style and supported tasks

Year 11 English

In Studies, Standard and Advanced Year 11 English 2025, students will complete:

Standard & Advanced & Studies: Common Module: Reading to Write

Studies: On the Road Module

Standard Module A: Contemporary Possibilities

Advanced Module A: Narratives that Shape our World

Studies: Playing the Game Module

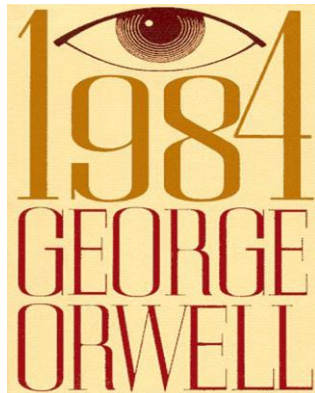
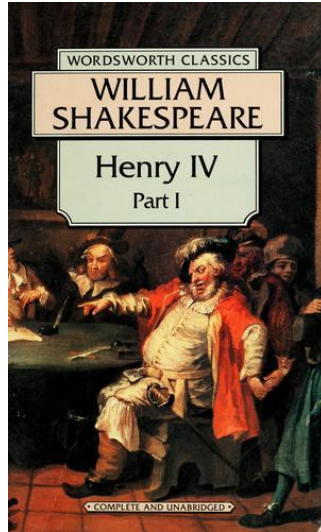
Standard Module B: Close Study of Literature

Advanced Module B: Critical Study of Literature

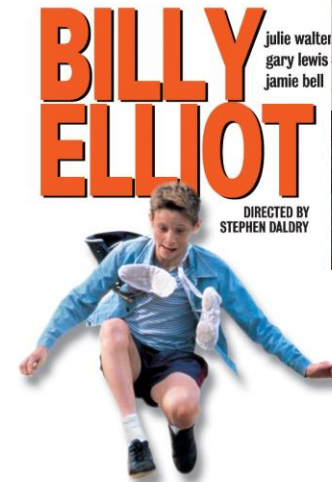


Text Types

Advanced English emphasises challenging, often pre-20th Century texts



Standard English emphasises Australian texts and contemporary texts



Course Expectations

Assessment: There are three Assessment Tasks for all 2 Unit Courses in Year 11 that take the form of

- Supported Tasks and Exam Style

Should I do English Studies?

- ☐ I would not put English in my top 3 subjects and would prefer to devote more time to others
- ☐ I need assistance in developing my writing
- ☐ I have vocational aspirations to work/do an apprenticeship or go to TAFE and don't need an ATAR
- ☐ I understand that I **can get an ATAR if I sit the HSC Exam**



Course Expectations

Should I do English Standard?

- ☐ I have performed satisfactorily in Year 10 English
- ☐ I am not that keen on Shakespeare, I prefer more modern texts
- ☐ I need assistance in developing my extended writing
- ☐ **I need 2 Units of English for university study**
- ☐ I am prepared for homework and independent study



Course Expectations

Should I do English Advanced ?

- ☐ I love English
- ☐ I can cope with the demands of this Course including Shakespeare
- ☐ I can think critically and conceptually
- ☐ I am a keen reader, read widely across genres and enjoy the classics
- ☐ I am motivated and organised
- ☐ I would like to do Extension 1 and/or Extension 2



Course Expectations- Year 11 Extension

In Extension 1, you complete a Module called:

Texts, Culture and Value

This involves critical analysis, independent investigation and the creation of extended creative compositions, as well as an independent research project.

Should I do English Extension?

- ☐ I have selected Advanced English
- ☐ I am self-motivated and have well developed organisational skills
- ☐ I am prepared to work independently and am a keen reader of a variety of texts
- ☐ I would like to select Extension 2 English in Year 12



What does the data tell us?

It is **important** to choose the English Course that sounds right for you.

There are many misconceptions about your English choice, such as:

- There is prestige in choosing Advanced English.
- Advanced will get you a better ATAR.
- The UAC guide includes English Advanced as a pre-requisite for some courses.

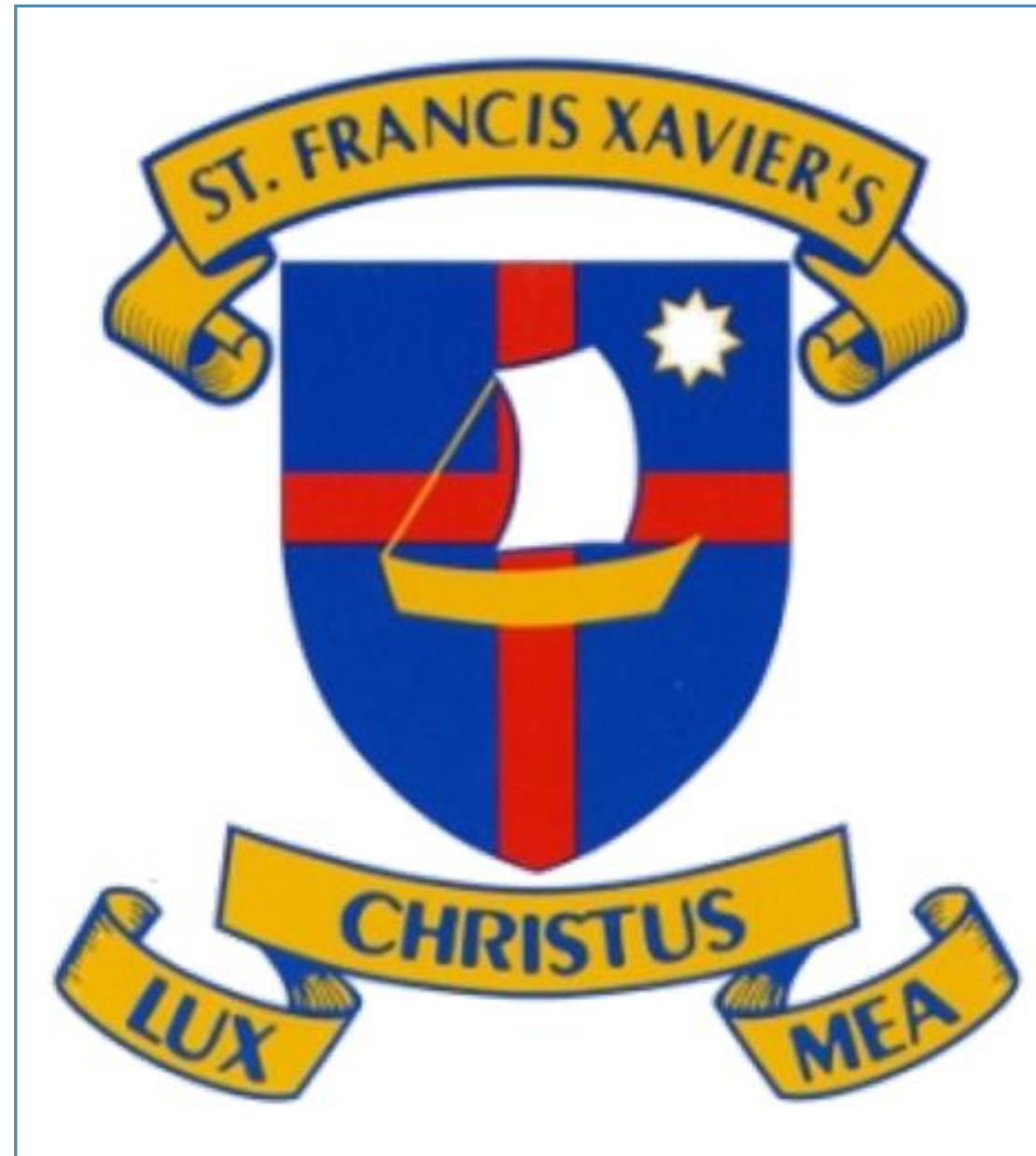
This simply isn't true!

Universities do not know what you studied – they only know your ATAR – you get the best ATAR by being the best in YOUR Course, no matter what Course it is.

Please feel free to ask the available English staff any questions you may have.

Call or Email the English Leader of Learning: mary.picton@mn.catholic.edu.au





- 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.
- Careers: Ms Ashley Phillips – Open each session for questions
- Please refer to Map and session venues that was emailed 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 x Sessions.

Basic Layout....

A, B & C Block

BG.., CG.. etc = Ground Level

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



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