

Cullinane College

Option Choices 2017 into 2018



The process for selecting school subjects for 2018 is now underway.

Future Pathways: How to Select Your Options

Knowing which subjects to take in your next year of school can be difficult. Here are some tips to help with your decision making:

- Know your options - talk to teachers, parents, other adults
- Think about your abilities and interests at school
- Consider how your choices will affect your future. Ask the guidance counsellor for advice.
- Look into what you may need to study to go into a particular career. The 'Job Profile' section on the careers.govt.nz website will give you information on job opportunities and pay scales

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Option Structures year 11 -13

Year 11

- Year 11 students complete 7 subjects to make up their timetable.
- Year 11 English, Science, Maths and Religious Studies are compulsory.
- In addition, year 11's are required to complete three option subjects to make up their timetable.

Year 12

- Year 12 in 2018 will complete 6 subjects (not 7 as in previous years).
- Year 12 English and Religious Studies are compulsory subjects. Year 12's will have a total of 4 other options to choose.

Year 13

- Year 13 in 2018 will complete 6 subjects (not 7 as in previous years).

- In Year 13, Religious Studies is the only compulsory subject. In addition, year 13's will have 5 option choices to make up their timetable.
- Students, Parents and Caregivers are encouraged to contact the year level dean, careers advisor (Gaylene Kendrick, 027 252 77 39) or a senior manager if you have queries.

Common mistakes

Mistake 1: Choosing a course because your friend enjoys it and thinks you should study it too.

Mistake 2: Selecting a dream career that requires courses or skills you really struggle with.

Mistake 3: Not knowing the difference between Level One and Level Two literacy.

Mistake 4: Thinking you only need University Entrance if you are going to University. Many Polytechnic courses require University Entrance. If you are considering University study you should check out the University websites. They often recommend you study certain school courses for their degree programmes.

Option Choice Timeline and Process

July to September Ongoing Career Studies, Accumulated
Credit monitoring and Counselling

Career classes, student reports, credit reports and, where necessary, individual Dean or Head of School interviews are used to ensure that students are travelling in the right direction.

TERM THREE Week 7-8: Option packages on line on School Website and students are invited to view the booklet via google classroom.

Students and caregivers go through option choice information and process at home.

TERM THREE Week 7 Option Survey Booklets are completed by students in yr 10 -12 at school in core classes

TERM THREE Week 8-9 Yr 10 -12 students complete option interviews - parents will be invited to attend these interviews

TERM FOUR Week 5-6 Course confirmation for students not sitting external exams

TERM FOUR Week 7-8 Course confirmation for students sitting external exams

Note:

1. Option changes after this time will only be possible in exceptional circumstances. Please choose your course wisely.
2. All subject selections are subject to timetable constraints. If we cannot offer you the subject combination you have selected, we will contact you regarding this.

For further information regarding NCEA, click here: [NCEA Booklet](#)

Leaving School

If there is a high likelihood that you will not be returning to school, please tick the box to indicate this on the option choice form.