



# **MABEL PARK STATE HIGH SCHOOL**

**Year 7 into Year 8  
&  
Year 8 into Year 9**

**SUBJECT GUIDE**

**2025**

## PRINCIPAL WELCOME

Dear Students and Parents,

Years 7, 8 and 9 are the foundations of your later learning. These are the years that may spark your interest for subjects and drive the course of your education and even careers.

The year 7/8/9 curriculum offered at Mabel Park State High School is structured to allow for a range of subjects to be selected and explored in the junior phase of learning.

Students are required to study the core areas of English, Humanities, Mathematics, and Science along with a selection of electives. All subjects, including electives, are studied for three periods per week. English, Mathematics, Science and Humanities are compulsory for the year however in Humanities, students have the choice of History, Geography or Civics and Citizenship and must choose two – one for each semester.

The junior electives are rotated each term in Year 7 and each semester in Year 8 and 9.

All of our electives offered are in alignment with Senior subjects, therefore allowing students to start exploring subjects that they believe will be beneficial to their future. All electives are designed to cater for the varied interests of students, whilst setting the foundations for future study within that particular curriculum area.

It is important to note that all subjects emphasise the development of literacy, numeracy, critical thinking and technology skills.

I encourage students to seek more information about the subjects on offer here at Mabel Park State High School, and the requirements to reach their future career goals and aspirations by talking to their parents and to key Mabel Park State High School staff. It is important to remember that a balanced curriculum keeps future options open.

I trust the following information will be helpful in making your choices in what to study in Year 8 and 9. I wish you well in making your decisions.

Trent Cowley  
Executive Principal



## Core subjects

These are automatically on a student's timetable as a core area of learning. Each subject will appear on their timetable THREE times a week.

<b>English</b>	<b>Humanities</b>	<b>Maths</b>	<b>Science</b>
Head of Department – English (K block)	Head of Department – Humanities (K block)	Head of Department – Jnr Maths/Science (J block)	Head of Department – Junior Maths/Science (J block)
The English curriculum is built around the three interrelated strands of language, literature and literacy. Teaching and learning programs should balance and integrate all three strands. Together, the strands focus on developing students' knowledge, understanding and skills in listening, reading, viewing, speaking, writing and creating.	Humanities encompasses Civics and Citizenship, Business & Economics, History and Geography. In Year 8, Humanities is studied all year. In Year 9, students study one semester of history and then have a choice of which humanities subject they would like to study for Semester 2; Civics and Citizenship, Business & Economics, History or Geography	Students explore three content strands in Mathematics: number and algebra, measurement and geometry, and statistics and probability. Students focus on the strands of understanding, fluency, problem-solving <b>and</b> reasoning	Over Years 7 to 10, students develop their understanding of microscopic and atomic structures, how systems at a range of scales are shaped by flows of energy and matter and interactions due to forces, and develop the ability to quantify changes and relative amounts.

HPE is studied for the duration of the year. It will be on a student's timetable THREE times a week.

### **HEALTH & PHYSICAL EDUCATION**

Head of Department – HPE (UV block)

**General HPE** or **HPE linked to high performance** program on following page.

## Elective subjects

For year 8 and 9, students will select TWO of these subjects and they will be on their timetable THREE times a week. Year 7s complete a semester of Creative industries electives and a semester of Technologies electives – a different elective each term.

### CREATIVE INDUSTRIES

Head of Department – Creative Industries (P block)

#### DANCE

Exploring dance through a combination of performance, choreography and responding tasks

#### DRAMA

Exploring drama through a combination of performance, directing and responding tasks.

#### MUSIC

Exploring music through a combination of performance, composition and responding tasks.

#### VISUAL ART

Exploring art through a combination of design, drawing, painting, printmaking and responding tasks.

#### CERAMICS (8&9 ONLY)

Exploring sculpture through a combination of design, making and responding tasks.

### TECHNOLOGIES

Head of Department – Technologies (O block)

#### TEXTILES, FOOD & FIBRE

Students will explore food, nutrition and textiles through a combination of weekly practical lessons and theory tasks.

#### DESIGN TECHNOLOGY

Students will have the opportunity to work with metal and wood to create practical projects and demonstrate knowledge and understanding of workplace health and safety.

#### DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY

Students will engage with digital technologies through a combination of practical and theoretical components.





## Excellence and High Engagement Electives

Students will select ONE of these subjects and it will be on their timetable TWICE a week.

### **Excellence**

#### **RUGBY LEAGUE**

(Girls and Boys)

Contact Head of HPE for further details

#### **FOOTBALL**

Contact Head of HPE for further details

#### **NETBALL**

Contact Head of HPE for further details

#### **BASKETBALL**

Contact Head of HPE for further details

#### **MUSIC**

Contact Head of Creative Industries for further details

#### **HAIR AND BEAUTY**

Contact Head of Creative Industries for further details

#### **VISUAL ART**

Contact Head of Creative Industries for further details

#### **DANCE**

Contact Head of Creative Industries for further details

### **High Engagement**

#### **DESIGN THE FUTURE**

Contact Head of Technologies for further details

#### **HOSPITALITY**

Contact Head of Technologies for further details

#### **FASHION**

Contact Head of Technologies for further details

#### **MEDIA SKILLS**

Contact Head of Technologies for further details

#### **LEVEL UP**

Contact Head of Technologies for further details

#### **DRAMA CLUB**

Contact Head of Creative Industries for further details

#### **MABEL ART**

Contact Head of Creative Industries for further details

#### **CONNECT CLUB**

Contact Head of Inclusive Learning for further details

#### **PICKLE BALL**

Contact Head of HPE for further details

#### **AUSSIE RULES**

Contact Head of HPE for further details

#### **CHESS CLUB**

Contact Head of Humanities for further details



## Subject Descriptions

### **LEVEL UP (\$20 per year)**

Gaming both on and off the screen. Level Up is about developing interpersonal, intrapersonal and 21st century skills through excellence in gaming, as well as healthy gaming habits. Students will develop an appreciation for a range of retro and modern video games, as well as board games, card games, roleplaying games, and tabletop games. Students must be prepared to play cooperatively and competitively with others and must be prepared to play a wide variety of different games. Students must demonstrate a positive attitude and excellent classroom behavior.

### **DESIGN THE FUTURE**

In this subject, students will work creatively to build projects to improve the school or take home. Students will learn to work in a team environment to solve practical problems using creativity and innovation. Students could be involved in projects which include design, woodwork, metalwork and laser cutting.

### **CONNECT CLUB**

Learn effective stress management through mindfulness, time management, and healthy habits. Reset from stressful days, catch up on work, and find support in a safe, non-judgmental space. Develop strategies for dealing with pressures and enhancing productivity in a nurturing environment.

### **MEDIA SKILLS**

Develop skills in media arts through journalism, public speaking, media content creation, and media literacy. Engage in interactive and visual design projects with hands-on computer room access, fostering a comprehensive understanding of modern media.

### **FASHION (\$20)**

Explore fashion trends, master sewing techniques, promote fashion, and understand fabrics in this comprehensive subject. Develop your skills and knowledge to create and market stylish, high-quality fashion pieces.

### **CHESS CLUB**

Join the Chess Club to master chess through a variety of engaging activities, including strategy lessons, practice games, and tournaments. Enhance your skills, compete with peers, and deepen your understanding of the game in a supportive and stimulating environment.

### **HOSPITALITY (\$20)**

Discover the world of hospitality by learning essential skills in customer service, event planning, and culinary arts. Gain hands-on experience in hospitality management, food and beverage preparation, and lodging operations to prepare for a dynamic and rewarding career in the hospitality industry.

### **ART EXCELLENCE (\$20)**

Achieve excellence in art by developing advanced techniques in drawing, painting, and sculpture. Explore innovative approaches, refine your artistic skills, and engage in critiques to elevate your creative practice. This subject fosters artistic growth and prepares you for professional and personal artistic endeavours. Students will need to display good effort, behaviour and have displayed artistic talent to be selected for this subject.

### **MABEL ART (\$20)**

Explore art through fundamental techniques in drawing, painting, and sculpture. This class focuses on building foundational skills, experimenting with various mediums, and nurturing creativity. Engage in hands-on projects and receive constructive feedback to develop your artistic abilities and personal style.

### **PICKLEBALL**

Dive into the exciting world of pickleball, a dynamic sport that combines elements of tennis, badminton, and table tennis. Learn the rules, strategies, and techniques of this fast-paced game, and enjoy both singles and doubles play. Develop your skills, improve your fitness, and have fun in a supportive environment.

### **AUSSIE RULES (AFL)**

Experience excellence in AFL through a unique program linked with the Brisbane Lions. Aligning with high standards, this class focuses on advanced skills, tactics, and fitness required for the game. Students will engage in specialised training, learn from industry professionals, and aim for exceptional performance and development in AFL.

### **SPORT EXCELLENCE -BASKETBALL, FOOTBALL, NETBALL & RUGBY LEAGUE (\$150 for each sport)**

Excel in Sport Excellence with a focus on Basketball, Football, Netball, or Rugby League. These advanced classes align with the HPE curriculum, emphasising high standards and commitment. Students must meet rigorous selection criteria and maintain excellence to stay in the program, honing their skills and strategic understanding in each sport.

### **CREATIVE INDUSTRIES EXCELLENCE - MUSIC, HAIR & BEAUTY & DANCE**

Achieve excellence in Creative Industries with a focus on Music, Hair & Beauty or Dance. This advanced program aligns with industry standards and the curriculum, requiring high levels of commitment and skill. Students must meet selection criteria and maintain exceptional standards to continue, refining their expertise and creative abilities in each discipline.