



Year 10 Learning Program

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OLSH College Year 10 Learning Program

Year 10 Course Requirements

Year 10 students complete five core subjects in Year 10, studied for the full year.

These subjects are:

- Religious Education
- English
- Mathematics
- Science
- Physical Education and Health.

A broad range of elective subjects are offered to complement the core academic program and enable students to specialise in subjects that enrich their learning, develop their creativity and explore core subjects more deeply.

Students must choose six elective subjects and each are studied for one semester. To ensure students select subjects that offer a broad pathway into their senior subject selection, electives must include two units of Humanities subjects and one unit from the Arts/Technology stream of subjects.

Acceleration into VCE subjects is offered to some students on the basis of their results during the Issoudun year.

Civics And Citizenship

Are you interested in.....

the Australian political system, the ideologies of political parties, the structures of Australia's democracy, the Australian legal system and the principles of justice?

This subject provides the opportunity to.....

learn about various aspects of Australia's political system and systems of government, evaluate the strengths of Australia's democracy, unpack the key aspects of the legal system and evaluate the effectiveness of justice.

Topics Studied

Features of Australia's democracy

The meaning of political ideologies and the ideologies of Australia's political parties

The strength of Australia's democracy in global terms

The features of the legal system

The principles of justice

Digital Technologies

Are you interested in.....

exploring the role of hardware, software, and data in networked digital systems and analysing data to create animated visualisations? Learn how to be a tech leader of tomorrow!

This subject provides the opportunity to.....

learn how networked digital systems work and how data is kept secure. Collect and analyse big data to produce informative static and animated visualisations. Code modular programs using the Python programming language.

Topics Studied

Coding

Understanding Digital Systems

Data, Information & Visualisations

Drama: Performance to Production

Are you interested in.....

and passionate about exploring the dynamic world of theatre and performance? Look no further than Drama: Performance to Production! This course offers an exhilarating journey into diverse theatre practitioners and styles, including Epic Theatre, Poor Theatre, and Theatre of Cruelty. Dive deep into acting styles and performance techniques, testing your limits and honing your skills through collaborative and individual tasks. When possible, students will participate in the Drama Victoria Connections Festival.

This subject provides the opportunity to.....

investigate eclectic dramatic forms: uncover a world of diverse forms, ideas, and conventions in theatre; explore indigenous concepts; build confidence in exploring various performance contexts while delving into a broader range of theatrical traditions and conventions.

Topics Studied

Theatre Practitioners and Styles

Acting Styles and Performance Techniques

Collaborative Performance: Engage in collaborative tasks culminating in a class performance

Indigenous Inspirations: Infuse your performances with Indigenous concepts and themes

Analysis and Evaluation: Analyse and evaluate your own work and that of your peers

Drama: Workshop for a Dramatic Performance

Are you interested in.....

pushing your limits and unleashing your creativity through drama?

This subject provides the opportunity to.....

investigate, explore, and present non-naturalistic dramatic forms, ideas, and conventions that will challenge and inspire you; discuss, describe, analyse, and evaluate performances, gaining valuable insights into the art of theatre.

Topics Studied

Acting Mastery: Develop advanced skills in acting style and performance

Creative Collaboration: Engage in a variety of group and solo tasks

Interschool Theatre Festival: Showcase your talents at an exhilarating Interschool Theatre Festival

Suitcase Series with Malthouse Theatre: Immerse yourself in the Suitcase Series by Malthouse Theatre

Critique and Growth: Receive thoughtful critical feedback from experts to refine your skills

Economics and Business

Are you interested in.....

how the economy functions? How trade works? How a business develops its policies and products?

This subject provides the opportunity to.....

explore how the economies of Australian and the world operates. This relates to government policy, interest rates, business operations, and the like. Students compare living standards in Australia to Asia and explore how entrepreneurs have developed their businesses.

Topics Studied

Economic literacy: what is economics and what is an economy?

Economic literacy: Australia's economic performance

Economic literacy: Australia's performance in the global economy

Business and entrepreneurship: being an entrepreneur

Business and entrepreneurship: innovation: gaining a competitive advantage

Work: human resource management and employer groups in the workplace

English

Are you interested in.....

in 10 English, students read a variety of texts, such as novels and a Shakespearian play. Students learn how to effectively write - analytically, reflectively and creatively.

This subject provides the opportunity to.....

prepare for the VCE School Assessed Coursework. It is a mandatory subject. It paves the way for the selection of VCE English, Literature OR both subjects.

Topics Studied

Indigenous texts

Creative and reflective writing

An analysis of novels and plays

Developing arguments and points of view

Persuasive writing and techniques of persuasion

Food: Food for Life

Are you interested in.....

food gives you the power to move, be happy and live your life. Do you know how it does this? This unit will help you explore this.

This subject provides the opportunity to.....

investigate nutrition, diet related diseases, and recipe modification so you have the opportunity to live the best life you can.

Topics Studied

Nutrition and dietary requirements across the lifespan

Diet-related diseases

Design a diet

Food: Special Occasions

Are you interested in.....

creating food for a special occasion and understand how and why food changes with cooking?

This subject provides the opportunity to.....

develop food preparation and presentation skills, whilst experimenting with the science behind food.

Topics Studied

Physical and chemical functional properties of food

Cooking methods and terminology

Catering for special occasions

Geography

Are you interested in.....

climate change? Environmental management? Coastal landscapes? Human wellbeing? Analysis and interpretation of data?

This subject provides the opportunity to.....

follow your interests. Each assessment task involves an element of student choice in terms of a specific focus. Students can choose the localised case studies, respond to their own inquiry question when conducting fieldwork and choose their own wellbeing indicators of focus when evaluating human wellbeing.

Topics Studied

Environmental Change and Management: a specific focus on climate change and sustainability of coastal environments

Geographies of Human Wellbeing: the various ways in which human wellbeing is assessed and represented

History

Are you interested in.....

the past and why the world of today is the way it is? 10 History picks up from where Issoudun History finishes: the course examines the period between World War One and World War Two, analysing the causes of the latter. Students then learn about the key features of World War Two and its consequences. The course then examines the development of human rights and the civil rights movement in Australia.

This subject provides the opportunity to.....

understand why the world of today is the way it is by studying the key events and influences of the past century. Students will examine primary sources, secondary sources and will learn how to conduct a historical inquiry.

Topics Studied

World War Two: causes, key events, key ideologies, key individuals

Rights and Freedoms in Australia

The Globalising World

Languages

The study of Languages is an important part of the school curriculum. Chinese and Italian courses help students develop communication skills, intercultural understanding, and global awareness, while also strengthening critical thinking and problem-solving skills.

Students develop their listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills through a range of engaging activities and text types, including emails, blogs, conversations, and presentations.

All Year 8 students are required to continue their language study in Year 9.

Students may choose from the following options:

Full Year Language Course

- Chinese
- Italian

OR

One Semester Language and Culture Course

- Chinese Language and Culture
- Italian Language and Culture

The full year course is recommended for students wishing to continue language study in Year 10 and beyond, as it provides a stronger foundation in language skills. Students choosing the one semester Language and Culture course may find it more difficult to continue their language studies in later years.

Students are encouraged to discuss their choices with their language teachers and families before making a final decision.

Chinese

Are you interested in.....

enhancing your global communication skills, boosting your VCE score, understanding how language shapes thought and society, and connecting with one of the world's oldest and richest cultures?

Then let's *learn Chinese*!

This subject provides the opportunity to.....

develop valuable communication skills in Chinese, broaden your cultural understanding and global perspective, enhance your career pathway in a rapidly changing world, and challenge yourself intellectually and personally.

Topics Studied

School holiday

School life

Transport

Leisure activities

My friend

Italian

Are you interested in.....

Have you always dreamt about sitting in the piazzas of Italy and watching the Italians go about their day?

Have you even wanted to explore the mystery behind the Mona Lisa's smile and its genius artist?

Have you ever wanted to watch the Oscar winning Italian film 'Life is beautiful'?

This subject provides the opportunity to.....

- Listen, view, read and respond to texts in Italian
- Write in Italian in response to spoken, written or visual texts
- Participate in a range of spoken exchanges in Italian: role-plays, conversations and dramatised readings

This course of study provides a pathway to VCE Italian.

Topics Studied

Film study *La Vita È Bella* - Roberto Benigni or *Cinema Paradiso* - Giuseppe Tornatore

Art Periods - Renaissance and Baroque - Artists - Caravaggio and Gentileschi

The fountains, churches and famous squares of Italy

The changing Italian family

Italian regional specialties

A novel study *Volevo i pantaloni* - Cardella or *Io e te* Ammaniti

Maths: General

Are you interested in.....

expanding your mathematical knowledge and application of computer algebra software technology in a variety of familiar and new contexts?

This subject provides the opportunity to.....

investigate measurement, statistics, and algebraic manipulations, including expanding, factorising, and graphing a variety of relations including linear and simultaneous equations.

Topics Studied

Linear relations; algebra and graphs

Statistics

Trigonometry

Measurement

Simultaneous equations

Financial mathematics

Maths: Numeracy

Are you interested in.....

using Mathematics in the practical contexts encountered in everyday life in the community, at work, and at study?

This subject provides the opportunity to.....

gain a foundation in mathematics for students who traditionally have difficulty in understanding mathematical concepts.

Topics Studied

Budgeting

Household shopping

Measurement

Statistics: Carbon footprint

Statistics: interpreting data

Decoration of a bedroom

Travelling - planning a holiday

Buying a car

Maths: Pre-Methods

Are you interested in.....

expanding your mathematical knowledge and application of computer algebra software in a variety of familiar and unfamiliar contexts in preparation for VCE Maths Methods or VCE Specialist Maths?

This subject provides the opportunity to.....

investigate measurement and geometry, Pythagoras' Theorem, trigonometric ratios, and algebraic manipulations.

Topics Studied

Linear relations; algebra and graphs

Surds and indices

Geometry and trigonometry

Measurement

Quadratic expressions, equations, and graphs

Probability and statistics

Music: Music in the Media

Are you interested in.....

discovering how music shapes movies, games, ads and the impact of Music Influencers?

This subject provides the opportunity to.....

learn how soundtracks, jingles, and scores enhance storytelling and influence emotions in film, television, advertising, podcasts, and video games.

Topics Studied

Music and Emotions in the Media

The Role of Music in Film and Television

Music in Advertising

Music Influencers and Social Media

Music: Performance

Are you interested in.....

do you want to know what it's like to be a performing artist? Do you want to learn to be more confident as a performer?

This subject provides the opportunity to.....

grow your confidence as a performer & upskill as a musician. We will dive deep into what skills you will need to pursue a career in the Arts (music industry).

Topics Studied

Performance Technique

Masterworks (famous music and what makes it sound good)

Music Literacy (unpacking theoretical concepts that help you learn music)

Solo or Ensemble Performance

Sport Science: Exercise Physiology

Are you interested in.....

how your body works and responds to exercise?

This subject provides the opportunity to.....

develop an understanding on the effects of exercise and training on the cardiorespiratory system. By participating in a range of practical and laboratory activities, students will explore energy systems and learn how to develop a fitness training program.

Topics Studied

Cardiovascular System

Respiratory System

Acute and Chronic Cardiorespiratory Responses to Exercise

Energy Systems

Fitness Training Programs

Sports Science: Enhancing Performance

Are you interested in.....

exploring and applying strategies that athletes use to prepare for and recover from competition. Through an ice-skating experience, students will examine key biomechanical principles used by sport scientists and coaches to help athletes perform at their best.

This subject provides the opportunity to.....

examine key biomechanical principles used by sport scientists and coaches to help athletes perform at their best.

Topics Studied
Sport Psychology
Biomechanics
Sport Nutrition

Textiles: Design a Garment for a Designer

Are you interested in.....

creativity, design, fashion designers and trends, fabrics and garment construction.

This subject provides the opportunity to.....

express creativity and design skills; learn about fashion designers and trends; develop advanced garment construction techniques, fabric manipulation, and textile production to produce a runway worthy garment.

Topics Studied

Design process skills & techniques (Folio)

Fashion illustration

Fashion designer investigation

Production of garments (Production)

Textiles: Runway Style

Are you interested in.....

creativity, design, the history of fashion, current fashion trends, fibres and fabrics and garment construction.

This subject provides the opportunity to.....

express creativity and design skills; learn about the influence of different eras on fashion trends; develop advanced garment construction techniques, fabric manipulation, and textile production to produce a runway worthy garment.

Topics Studied

Fashion through the decades

Design process skills & techniques (Folio)

Fashion illustration

Production of garments (Production)

VCD: Living and Leisure

Are you interested in.....

being a graphic designer and creating surface decoration for a skateboard? Developing architectural and interior design skills?

This subject provides the opportunity to.....

create a graphic design for a skateboard that you will keep; learn planometric drawing for interior design and re-design a room of your house.

Topics Studied

Skateboard (graphic design)

Planometric drawing for architects and interior designers

VCD: Models & Advertising

Are you interested in.....

designing a small house or space? Creating advertising material for the house/space? Designing an interactive interface?

This subject provides the opportunity to.....

develop skills in architectural model-making and creating the advertising formats.

Topics Studied

Small houses and spaces (model-making)

Real estate brochure (sell the house/space)

Interactive advertising

Visual Art: Movement & Mixed Media

Are you interested in.....

how artists manipulate materials to create personal interpretations of the world around them?

This subject provides the opportunity to.....

develop your personal style, let the creative artist explore new methods and materials, and develop painting and drawing skills.

Topics Studied

Reinterpreting Nature: explore a wide range of materials.

Move It!: Wire Sculpture

Silk Screening: a new method using silk screens and hand or laser-cut templates.

Visual Art: Self Symbols and Surroundings

Are you interested in.....

developing your own personal art style and learning about the styles of other artists?

This subject provides the opportunity to.....

immerse yourself in the vibrant world of oil painting by exploring your surroundings, create a self-portrait inspired by your favourite artist, and gain an understanding of how exhibitions are curated.

Topics Studied

Landscape Influenced Oil Painting

Artist Inspired Self-Portrait

Respond and Interpret: Curating



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