ACCELERATION

This term refers to students in one particular year level studying units from the year level above. At Cheltenham we encourage Year 9 students who have been achieving about the expected standard (or getting a B+ average) to include a VCE or VET subject as part of their course for Year 10. Acceleration offers the student a number of advantages:

1. Students get a ‘taste’ of what is involved in studying a VCE or VET unit and are therefore better prepared for VCE in the following year. This is an excellent way of creating an easier ‘transition’ into their VCE studies.
2. Students are able to broaden and extend their range of studies when they are in Year 11 and 12 as they have already completed one subject.

Our Senior School Timetable is constructed in a way that allows Year 10 students to choose any Year 11 subject (with the exception of Maths, Chemistry and Physics). Year 9 students are encouraged to investigate Cheltenham’s VCE offerings by reading the subject descriptors on the current Senior School Pathways Handbook CD, discussing subjects with their current teachers and approaching teachers who are teaching their desired VCE or VET subject. Choice of subject should not be based on the scaling of the subject but on student interest and whether they feel they could achieve well in the subject. ALL application forms will be available on the school website.

It is important to understand that the opportunity to accelerate is dependent on the student meeting the College’s Criteria for Acceleration. All applications to accelerate will be assessed by the Middle and Senior School Leaders alongside Year Level Coordinators. This process ensures that we give students the best opportunity for success.