Mount Waverley Secondary College believes that provision of enrichment and enhancement opportunities recognises the particular needs and special abilities of high potential students and challenges them to further develop their talents and potential capacity.

Enrichment activities 'enrich' the school curriculum providing greater breadth and depth. Enhancement activities offer students experiences both beyond their age and class level and beyond the regular school curriculum.

**Enhancement**

Enhancement subjects are subjects which students complete a year ahead of normal. That is, a Year 11 subject completed by a Year 10 student or a Year 12 subject completed by a Year 11 student. The benefits to completing a VCE subject a year earlier is that it enables the students to ‘taste’ the rigours of VCE early and in the case where a student completes an extra Unit 3&4 sequence can enhance their university entrance (ATAR*) score with an extra subject included.

Students may only do one enhancement subject at a time except in special circumstances approved by the College.

Selection of students to all enhancement programs is rigorous. In order to enter an enhancement subject, students must have strong results in all subjects (High Credit (CR+) average) and a Distinction (DS) or higher in subjects directly related to the enhancement subject. (Refer to the Handbook entry on specific subjects for subject specific requirements.

Continuation in an enhancement subject the following year in Unit 3&4* is dependent on the student’s results in this subject, all other subjects and their teacher’s prior recommendation. They will have demonstrated outstanding achievement and have achieved an average grade of Distinction (DS1) or higher in this study and all other subjects. *Completion of Unit 3&4 prior to Year 12 is for enhancement; all year 12 students are still expected to take five subjects in Year 12.

Students wishing to complete an enhancement subject should select it as one of their electives. The list of students wishing to complete an enhancement subject will be thoroughly checked by subject teachers, Curriculum Leaders and the Sub School Management Team before the final list is announced prior to the end of the year. Final selection is decided by the Head of School and/or Head of Curriculum.

In the case of parents or students disputing a decision, the final decision will be made by the relevant Campus Principal or the Principal.

**Year 9 enhancement subjects**

**Maths**

Year 8 students, who have obtained excellent results in all areas of Mathematics, may be invited to join the Accelerated Maths class. This class will complete both the Year 9 and Year 10 syllabi in one year. Any student who completes the program with very good results may then be invited to study Maths Methods Units 1 and 2 in Year 10. Accelerated Maths subjects replace students’ core Maths classes and are not elective subjects, unlike all other Enhancement subjects.

**Year 10 enhancement subjects**

The following Year 11 Unit 1 & 2 subjects are available to Year 10 students who meet the requirements of the Enhancement Policy, as electives –

- Biology
- Psychology
- Business Management
- Geography
- Japanese
- Media
- Health
- Physical education
- Systems Engineering
- Foods
Year 10 Mathematics
Students who have successfully completed the Accelerated Maths program in Year 9 may be eligible to complete Mathematical Methods 1 & 2 in Year 10.

VCE Foundation Maths completed during Year 10 is not considered to be an enhancement or enrichment subject. However, students who select VCE Foundation Maths at Year 10 cannot select another VCE subject from the VCE enhancement subject selections.

Year 9 and 10 Enrichment
Enrichment electives are offered at both year levels. Enrichment subjects differ from enhancement subjects in that they do not deal with content from the next year. Rather, they explore certain areas in more depth. Accordingly, students completing any enrichment subject need to have strong capabilities in the relevant area as well as appropriate work habits. Students wishing to complete an enrichment subject should select it as one of their electives. Students will be informed at a later date if they were successful in their application for a place in an enrichment class.

Year 9 enrichment subjects
- Creative foods – an extension subject for Food Technology

* VTAC uses VCE results issued by VCAA (Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority) to calculate the ATAR.
Subject to the restrictions the ATAR is developed from an aggregate produced by adding:
- ATAR subject score in one of English, English Language, Literature or ESL
- The next best three ATAR subject scores permissible; and
- 10% of the fifth and sixth permissible scores that are available.

Restrictions on studies in the ATAR
Only one of the following combinations can be used in the best six (that is, in the calculation of the ATAR):
- English/English as an Additional Language (EAL)
- Chinese (FL*)/Chinese (SL)/Chinese (SL* Advanced)
- Indonesian (FL*)/Indonesian (SL*)
- Japanese (FL*)/Japanese (SL*)
- Korean (FL*)/Korean (SL*)
- Mathematical Methods/Mathematical Methods (CAS).

In each of the study areas of English, mathematics, history, Contemporary Australian studies, information technology, LOTE and music:
- at most two results can contribute to the primary four
- at most three results can contribute to the ATAR, be they VCE results, Higher Education study results, or VET results.

http://www.vtac.edu.au/results-offers/y12-atar.html?qh=YTQyOnnpoJQ7czo0OjJhGFyilkJiE7czo1OjJhGFycyI7FQ%3D%3D (May 2013)