



BRENTWOOD
SECONDARY COLLEGE

ADVANCED PLACEMENTS 2025

Please read this document carefully if you are considering submitting an Expression of Interest to study an Advanced Placement subject in 2025.

What is an Advanced Placement?

An Advanced Placement (AP) allows a student in Year 10 to undertake a VCE subject prior to their full-time enrolment in the Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE).

An AP student is committed to studying Unit 1&2 of their VCE subject in Year 10 and Unit 3&4 of the same VCE subject in Year 11.

An AP student is agreeing to undertake an additional Unit 3&4 subject across their VCE compared to a non-AP student.

Non-AP students complete:

- 6 x Unit 1&2 subjects
- 5 x Unit 3&4 subjects (5th subject contributes 10% toward ATAR calculation)

AP students complete:

- 6 x Unit 1&2 subjects
- 6 x Unit 3&4 subjects (5th & 6th subject contribute 10% each towards ATAR calculation)

Advanced Placement Eligibility Criteria Rationale

At Brentwood, all students are supported and encouraged to achieve success and to pursue excellence. One such opportunity is through undertaking the study of a VCE subject in Year 10 to gain extra credits for their senior certificate and benefit from the experience of understanding the demands of a VCE subject ahead of their final years.

To ensure students taking on such a commitment are prepared to meet the demands and will benefit from the undertaking; the following eligibility requirements will be used to determine which students will be selected.

Eligibility Criteria

- At or above Literacy and Numeracy standards on Progressive Achievement Tests
- Showing high-strong and/or exceeding proficiencies in Year 9 NAPLAN results
- Majority of work habits in the 'Consistently' range
- At or above expected level according to teacher judgements in subjects (comparable to the VCE study being chosen)
- Attendance rate of at least 80%, as this is the VCAA requirement for VCE subjects.
- Teacher endorsement
- Aptitude for the subject
- Organisational skills
- Morrisby Profiling indicates an interest/pathway supportive of VCE subject
- Year 9 Career Action Plan completed
- Consistently high performance across Semester 1 and Semester 2

Application Process for Advanced Placement Subjects for Year 10 in 2025

- Firstly, decide if an Advanced Placement subject is suitable for you. Think about your work habits and academic ability. Completing an Advanced Placement is not always suitable or in the best interests of all students.
- Read through the Advanced Placement process in this handout and refer to the **Subject Guide (under the Star Icon on Compass)** to decide which subjects you are interested in studying. You may select up to two preferences.
- Complete your Career Action Plan on Compass (found under 'insights' tab). Advanced placement subject preferences **MUST** be entered in this. If you do not answer these questions, you will not be considered for an Advanced Placement. This must be completed by **Friday 17th of May, 2024** (the end of Week 5). You were allocated time during ASPIRE in Week 1 to complete your Career Action Plan.
- Teacher endorsement is essential. You are required to speak with the relevant teachers of each AP you are submitting an Expression of Interest for, to gain their support for your application. The teachers will let the Pathways team know about your preferences. You don't need to fill in any form for teacher endorsement.
- The Pathways Team will then confirm this teacher's approval for each preference.
- In Week 8, you will receive an email stating whether you have approval to choose the subject.
- If successful, you can then select this when completing your subject selections on Edval. Subject selection is about preferences and not a guarantee you will be able to study the subject in 2025. Just because approval to apply for the subject has been granted, it **DOES NOT** mean you are guaranteed a place in the subject.

Further Information

For further information about Advanced Placements and the process we adopt here at Brentwood, please contact Ms. Nicole Green (Director of Pathways and VCE) GRN@ms.brentwood.vic.edu.au

Advanced Placement Subjects for Year 10 in 2025

ACCOUNTING

ART MAKING AND EXHIBITING

BIOLOGY

BUSINESS MANAGEMENT

COMPUTING

ECONOMICS

ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE

FOOD STUDIES

GENERAL MATHEMATICS*

GEOGRAPHY

HEALTH & HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

HISTORY: 20TH CENTURY (1900-1945)

LANGUAGES: GERMAN **

LANGUAGES: JAPANESE SECOND LANGUAGE **

LEGAL STUDIES

LITERATURE *

MEDIA

MUSIC PERFORMANCE *

POLITICS

PHILOSOPHY

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

PRODUCT DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY – WOOD

PSYCHOLOGY

VET - SPORT & RECREATION

THEATRE STUDIES

VISUAL COMMUNICATION & DESIGN

***By teacher recommendation only.**

****Students must already be in a Brentwood advanced Year 9 Language class.**

Advanced Placements are subject to availability and will be offered on academic merit and suitability. Not all students will receive an Advanced Placement. These subjects may change for Year 10 students in 2025. It is meant as a guide only.