



**Sydney  
Secondary  
College**  
Balmain

# Subject Selection Information Session Year 9 2022

Wednesday, 11 August 2021



11/08/2021

**QUALITY**  
**OPPORTUNITY**  
**DIVERSITY**

# Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge the traditional owners of country on which we meet today, the Gadigal people of the Eora nation and recognise their continuing connection to land, waters and culture.

We pay our respects to the Elders past, present and future.

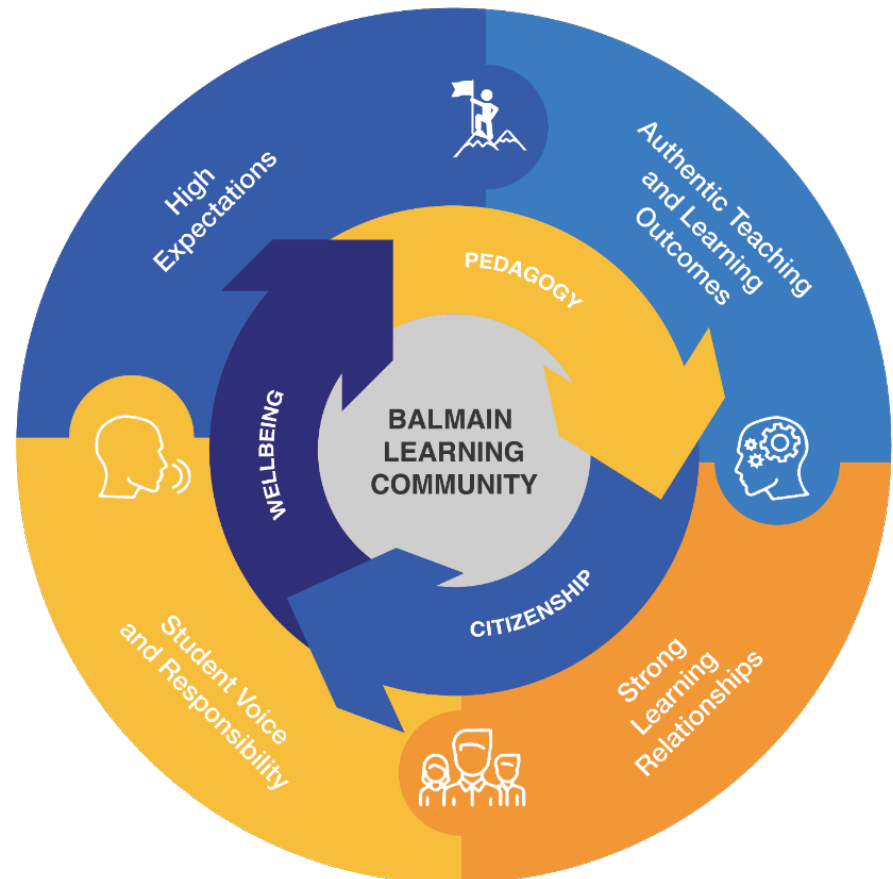
Forever was forever will be Aboriginal land

# Overview of the session

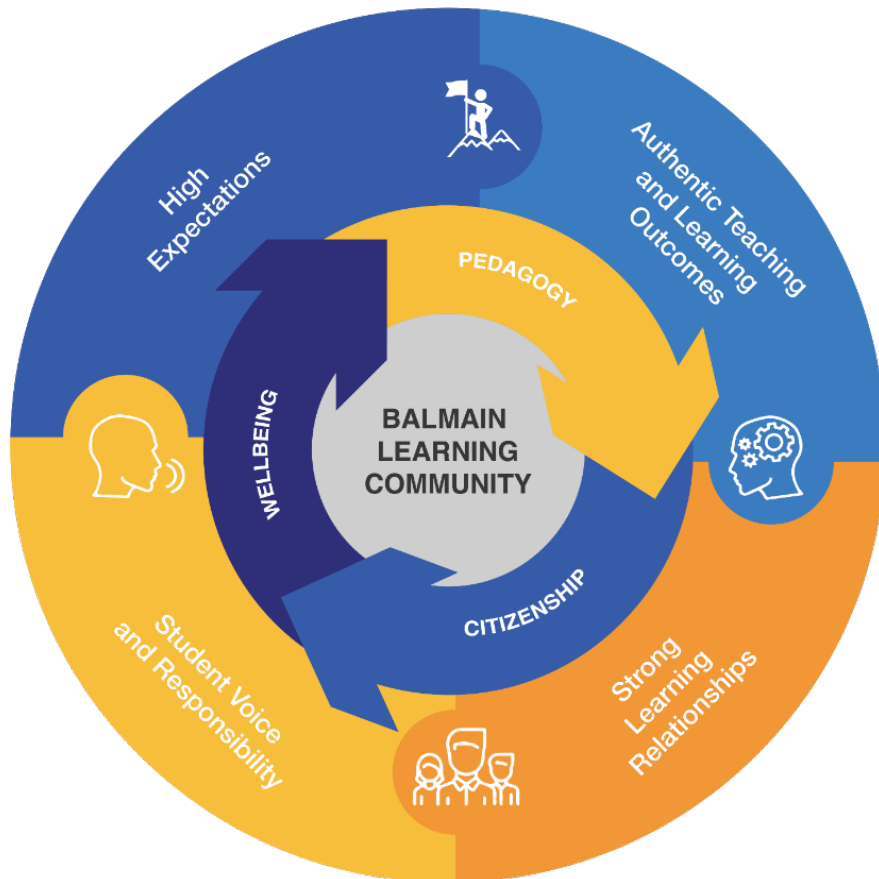
- Making Choices Mrs Koodrin
- Stage 5 Curriculum & Subject Selection Process Mr Catalanotto
- Faculty video and Q & A Head Teachers
- Online Subject Selection Process Mrs Laga'aia

# Selecting Subjects – Middle School

- Student voice & choice
- Breadth of curriculum
- Benefits of a middle school



# Selecting Subjects



## Interest

Choose subjects which interest you

## Motivation

Choose subject areas which you want to study

# Stronger HSC Standards



# Stage 5 Curriculum & The Subject Selection Process

Mr Catalanotto

## Stage 5 (years 9 and 10) Curriculum

- The curriculum for students in NSW is set by the NSW education Standards Authority (NESA)
- It is mandatory for all year 9 and 10 students to undertake the following subjects:
  - English
  - Mathematics (one of 3 courses- 5.3, 5.2 or 5.1)
  - History
  - Geography
  - PDHPE
  - Science
  - Students also continue to attend Sport (Tuesday afternoon)



# Record of School Achievement (RoSA)

- There is no external assessment in Years 9 and 10. All assessment is undertaken internally and students are assessed against NSW standards, receiving A to E grades.
- The grades for all mandatory and elective courses undertaken in Years 9 and 10 will be provided to NESA and recorded in the student RoSA for those students who require one.
- The RoSA is a document that is only issued by NESA to students who leave school between the end of year 10 and the commencement of the HSC exams. Students who leave before the end of year 10 or who complete the HSC do not receive a RoSA.

# Progression to Year 11

- Students at risk of not satisfactorily completing a subject in year 10 are at risk of receiving an “N Determination”. Parents and students are provided with two or more warnings that the student is at risk of N determination, with adequate time and opportunity to address the issue.
- Where a student fails to satisfactorily complete a core Stage 5 course because they receive an N determination the student:
  - is ineligible for the award of the RoSA;
  - may be ineligible to enter Preliminary (Year 11) courses.
- Regular attendance is a necessary factor for satisfactory completion of Year 10

# Electives

- Students at Balmain will undertake 3 x 100 hour (1 year) elective courses in year 9 and 3 x 100 hour (1 year courses) in year 10.
- 100 hour elective courses have been developed specifically so that students can complete one stand alone course in a particular subject area, or build on their knowledge by completing two x 100 hour courses of the same course.
- In year 10 students may choose to continue studying the same subject as they did in year 9, or choose 3 completely new subjects, or a combination of both.
- We believe this gives our students the best opportunity for choice and engagement.

# Electives

- Electives can be drawn from any of the Key Learning Area groupings.
  - Creative and Performing Arts - Dance, Drama, Music, Photography and Digital Media, Visual Arts, Visual Design
  - English – Philosophy
  - HSIE – Big History, Commerce, Elective Geography, Elective History, International Studies, Work Education
  - Languages – French, Italian, Japanese
  - PDHPE – Physical Activity and Sports Studies (PASS)
  - TAS – Child Studies, Design and Technology, Food Technology, Graphics Technology, Industrial Technology (Engineering, Timber), Information Software and Technology, Multimedia Design, Textiles Technology
  - Science – iSTEM, Marine and Aquaculture
  - Support Unit

# Electives

- Due to subject popularity, some subjects may be over subscribed so not every student who picks them will be successful.
- Some subjects may not run if not enough students select it.
- To accommodate these restrictions, subject choices are processed by our timetabling team.
- It is vital that students provide preferences and reserves and think carefully about their preferences and reserves as changes may not be possible once classes have commenced.
- Every effort is made to accommodate student choices!

# Where to from here?

- **Selection of subjects**
  - ✓ Term 3 Week 5 – Students were given a copy of the elective choice's booklet
  - ✓ Term 3 Week 5 – Year 9 2022 subject selection information session
  - ✓ Term 3 Week 5 – 6 – Students have between the 12/8 to 20/8 to complete the online subject selection process
  - ✓ All subject selections are to be discussed with parents/careers and submitted by FRIDAY 20 AUGUST
  - ✓ Term 4 – Students will participate in Voice and Choice sessions

# Online Subject Selection Process

Mrs Lagaáia

# How to complete your option choices

You will need to choose your **three** options for 2022 and **three** reserve options.

Order is important.

Choose the option you would like to do the most as your first option, your second favourite as your second option etc.





# You have until the Friday of Week 6 to complete your choices.

- You will receive an email in your department email with a link to click and your unique login code.

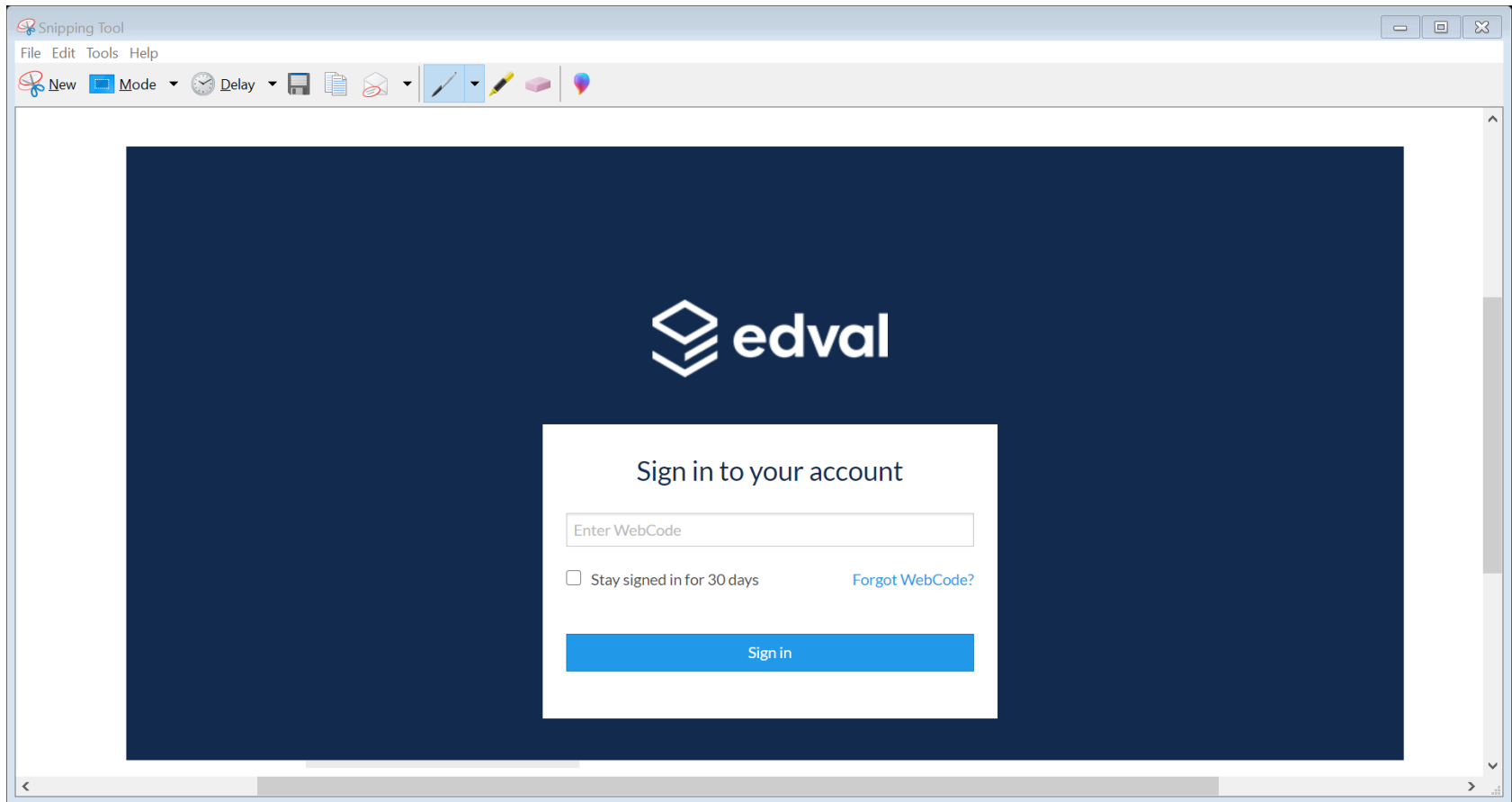
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<https://my.edval.education/login>

If you do not receive your code please  
Email Mrs Laga'aia



Your login page should look like this.



# Your email will look like this.

- WEBCODE: this will be your unique code
- <https://my.edval.education/login> ( this is the login page).
- Please use it to login to using the code and select your elective choices.
- You need to choose 6 electives in total, 3 **main** preferences and 3 reserves.
- Please note that preference order **DOES** count. For example, your first choice is the elective you most want to do.
- Once you have finished, please press submit
- **ALL STUDENTS MUST HAVE SUBMITTED THEIR SUBJECT CHOICES BY FRIDAY 20/8/21**

If you do not receive an option choice email please contact Mrs Laga'aia

- Please send an email to [balmain-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:balmain-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au)
- Put option choice email in the subject.

If you need some support choosing your options, please contact Mr Catalanotto (Deputy Principal) or Mr Pragnell (Year Advisor).

## More Information

Mrs Koodrin, Mr Catalanotto, Mrs Lagaáia or Mr Shoebridge

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