SELF DIRECTED/ BLENDED LEARNING

Interested in a self-directed or blended learning option?

Not all learners learn in the same way or at the same pace. We provide a range of options designed to meet each individual student's needs. One of these options is to complete one or more subjects using a self paced, self directed/ blended learning approach. Learners control and direct their learning with the support of their teacher, online curriculum material and/or learning guides.

WHAT IS SELF DIRECTED LEARNING?

Students are provided with a series of learning guides or online materials outlining what is to be learned, how to go about learning it and what needs to be completed before progressing. Students work through the learning guides at their own pace supported and monitored by their teacher. In many subjects students will be supported with fully online course materials.

Whilst students are required to attend some compulsory classes, they have the flexibility to work in a self paced learning environment. Students are provided with a framework that provides guidance, support and structures to progress steadily. Whilst there is flexibility in the pace of learning, there are set deadlines and regular progress checks to ensure students complete their subjects within one year of commencement and according to VCAA requirements. Students complete comparable SACs to others undertaking the subject, however they may undertake assessment at a time that suits their progress. Students will have use of their own or a college laptop and access to their own learning space in which to work, collaborate, read or access audio visual programs.

BENEFITS OF SELF DIRECTED LEARNING?

- Students feel empowered to take responsibility and ownership of their own learning which contributes to greater motivation;
- Students develop an understanding of how to learn which is an important life skill;
- Students progress through their course at a personalised rate but within a strong and supportive structure leading to more powerful learning;
- Students set their own pace for learning. They are not waiting for others to catch up or completing tasks before they have mastered the knowledge.

WHAT IF SELF-DIRECTED LEARNING DOESN'T WORK?

Students are able to move out of a self directed learning community and into a traditional classroom if they find it doesn't suit them.

WANT TO FIND OUT MORE?

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SHOULD YOU CONSIDER SELF DIRECTED LEARNING?

Students who thrive in a self directed learning subject are often:

- Highly motivated with a strong work ethic and a commitment to their learning;
- Students with high academic potential;
- Students who find a traditional classroom limits their progress;
- Students who enjoy working at their own pace;
- Students who want responsibility for their own learning;
- Students who are under-achieving but capable;
- Online resources suit students who enjoy learning in this way.

SUBJECTS YOU CAN CHOOSE

Units 1&2:

- English
- Information Technology: Applications
- Twentieth Century History
- Health and Human Development
- Psychology
- Legal Studies

Units 3&4:

- English
- Australian History
- Health and Human Development
- Music Investigation
- Legal Studies