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Dear Parents/Guardians

We are pleased to inform you that we have released our Subject Selection Handbook for choices of electives for 2014 for both Years 8 and 9 on our website.  

(http://www.mackillop.tas.edu.au/publications/)  

Some hard copies will also be available at the front office.

There will be an open session on Monday, 26 August, from 5:30pm – 6:30pm in Tenison Block where Heads of Department and elective subject teachers will be available to provide further information regarding courses offered and advice as to which courses may be suitable for your son/daughter to pursue.  You and your son/daughter are strongly encouraged to attend this open session.

On Tuesday, during period 5, there will be a session in which further discussion/counselling will be offered to our students.

Subject selection forms will be distributed during Home Room on Tuesday afternoon.  Subsequent to that, students will be required to go to the office to collect their forms.  As per usual, each student will be required to select and rank 6 options, to provide us with guidance as to where they will be best placed.  After analysis, they will be placed in 3 of their selections but we cannot guarantee they will obtain their top 3 ranked choices.  In the situation where a course cannot run because of lack of numbers, students will be further counselled as to what options are available to them.

We strongly advise that your son/daughter takes full advantage of all counselling situations offered and ensures they at least contact the relevant Head of Department area or subject teacher before opting for a particular subject on their forms.  To provide adequate time for counselling and reflection, returned forms will not be accepted by the College until 30 August.  The final date for return of forms is 2 September.  The normal method of returning forms is through the morning Home Room satchel but the front office will accept returns directly in exceptional circumstances.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at jsnell@mackillop.tas.edu.au if you have any further questions regarding selection of elective subjects for 2014.

Yours sincerely

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