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Notification of Change to Elective Process Year 6 into Year 7 2017

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

The 7-9 Community at St Francis de Sales College would like to inform you of an advantageous change to the model currently being used to deliver the elective program at Year 7.

From 2017 the Year 7 students will be participating in a broader curriculum model that will be scaffolded through Years 8 and 9 to provide opportunities for them to engage in a wider and more sophisticated range of experiences. The aim is to better develop the holistic skills and capabilities required in an increasingly complex and connected global environment and to make more informed choices with regards to the pathways in their senior years of schooling.

All Year 7 students will study the compulsory core subjects of English, Japanese, Mathematics, Music, Health and Physical Education, Religious Education, Science, History and Geography. However, from 2017 they will also participate in an Integrated Curriculum program that will encompass Project Based Learning. All Year 7 students will engage in two Integrated learning ‘hubs’: Sustainability and Technologies and Creative Components. These ‘hubs’ will provide students with the opportunity to develop the skills and capabilities, through their participation in a broader and more integrated curriculum, to better reflect contemporary educational philosophies and 21st Century skills requirements.

The information regarding Integrated Learning: Sustainability and Technologies and Integrated Learning: Creative Components will be presented to the current Year 6 students by Mrs Peta Bojanic, 7-9 Learning and Accountability Leader. This information is also contained in the 7-9 Curriculum Handbook which will be available on the St Francis de Sales College website, http://www.stfrancis.catholic.edu.au/ by Friday 23 September.

We are excited to begin this new and contemporary initiative. Should you require any additional information please contact your child’s Homeroom Teacher or Mrs Bojanic via email at pbojanic@stfrancis.catholic.edu.au.

Yours sincerely,

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