



Year 8 Subject Selection Guide 2026

This selection form is a guide for students and parents to discuss their subject selections in the lead up to formal course counselling in term 3. At that time subject choices will be entered online via 'Student Webpreferences' where students will receive a unique login, password, and instructions to enter their choices and print confirmation. For more information about all subjects please visit the [Year 8 Overview](#) of the Unley High School Curriculum Handbook.

1. Compulsory subjects

All students undertake the following subjects for a full year:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> English / English as an Additional Language [EAL] | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Science |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mathematics | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Humanities and Social Sciences [HASS] |

Students in the French Bilingual Program undertake [Histoire/Géographie](#) for a full year in place of HASS.

2. Languages other than English

All students undertake one of the following languages for a full year:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Chinese | <input type="checkbox"/> Greek | <input type="checkbox"/> French Bilingual |
| <input type="checkbox"/> French | <input type="checkbox"/> Italian | |

Students currently at Unley High School undertake the same language studied in year 7 in 2025. French Bilingual is only available to students in the French Bilingual Program.

3. Health and Physical Education

All students undertake a semester of Health and Physical Education. The exception is students in the Special Interest Rowing students, who undertake HPE (Rowing) for a full year.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Health & Physical Education (Semester) | <input type="checkbox"/> HPE [Rowing] (Full Year) |
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4. Design and Technology / The Arts

Students select three semesters from the following options (a full year subject counts as two semesters). The exception is Special Interest Rowing students, who select two. Note: Music is a full year subject and counts as two semesters. Students must select at least one semester from both the Design and Technology and The Arts learning areas.

Design and Technology

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Materials Technology |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Food & Fibre Technology |

The Arts

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Visual Arts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drama |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Music (Full Year) |

Please read the following page for additional information, including specific details about special interest programs in year 8 at Unley High School.



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The following outlines specific information to elaborate upon the subject options outlined on the first page. For even more information, please visit the [Unley High School website](https://www.unleyhighschool.edu.au/).

Personal and Social Identity [PSI]

Students currently at Unley High School continue with the same PSI group from year 7 in 2025. Students continue to undertake all their compulsory subjects (outlined in step 1 on the first page) with the same students in their PSI group.

Languages other than English

Students undertake their chosen language for a full year in Year 8. They may then elect to continue studying their language in Year 9 and beyond.

Music

Only students enrolled in Music as a subject can access instrumental lessons at Unley High School. For further details about the Music program and instrumental options, please read the [Instrumental Music](#) information and consider the recommended background outlined in the curriculum handbook.

Special Interest Programs

Special Interest Rowing

Students in this program undertake Rowing for a full year, in place of their HPE option (indicated in step 3 on the first page). Students in this program continue to undertake Rowing for a full year in Year 9, and for at least 1 semester in Year 10.

Summit Program

Students in this program undertake English, HASS, Science and Mathematics within the Summit Program. Students continue these subjects for a full year in Year 9 and Year 10 with the exception of HASS for a semester only. Languages are compulsory throughout the student's enrolment in the Summit Program. This means students are required to study their chosen language up to the end of year 10.

French Bilingual Program

Students in this program undertake HASS, Science, Mathematics and French language within the French Bilingual Program. Students continue these subjects for a full year in Year 9.