

# Frequently asked Questions

QUESTION	ANSWER
1) Are IST and IPT the same?	<p>No.</p> <p>IST is a Year 9/10 elective (goes towards your RoSA) that <b>anyone can select.</b></p> <p>IPT is an accelerated course ie Year 11/12 course you are starting early. You can only do this if you are offered a place.</p> <p>You need to speak to Mrs Goodhue Head Teacher TAS or Mrs Sethi TAS teacher or Mrs Wark Deputy Principal for the specific content of these courses</p>
2) Are these electives just for Year 9?	<p>No.</p> <p>When you pick it is for 2 years. So pick carefully as you will not get to change between Year 9 and 10.</p>
3) Is iSTEM an accelerated course?	<p>No</p> <p>This is a NEW Year 9/10 elective that <b>anyone can select,</b> but we are restricting the amount of classes that can run as we do not have the resources, so you need to apply via an application just in case we have too many students who want that elective.</p>
4) If I get offered a place in an accelerated course do, I must give up one of my electives?	<p>If you get offered a place in an accelerated course AND you accept it, this course will become one of your electives. You will select it and 2 others online via “select my subjects”.</p>
5) When do you know if you will be offered an accelerated course?	<p>Towards the end of week 7 or start of week 8 letter of offers for accelerated courses will be given to students.</p>
6) What does iSTEM learn about exactly?	<p>There is a lot of information in the iSTEM channel but if you want more information about iSTEM and what it involves see Mrs Saligram in Science.</p>
<p>7) What does it mean by “Application approval need” (for iSTEM) is that means if I apply for this subject, the staff will choose whether I can be part of the class or not? (What kind of process is been used to be chosen? Through reports?)</p> <p>Is the application the only criteria for iSTEM selection?</p>	<p>If we get over 48 students wanting to do iSTEM a panel of teachers will be put together to read and assess which students will be chosen to do iSTEM. The rest of the students will be placed on a wait list, just in case a place becomes available.</p> <p>The panel will decide based on your application.</p> <p>YES</p>
8) Is there a possibility that after choosing 3 subjects, any of the subjects may not be allocated later due to capacity or other issues	<p>Yes twice in the selection process this may happen, if the subjects does not run or when the line structure is organised if there is a clash of your subjects.</p>
9) After submitting 3 subject selections, if you change your mind, can you change before the cut-off date, 27th July?	<p>You have 3 logins. If you have submitted your receipt and want to change your mind. Resubmit online, print off a new receipt and then organise with Mrs Lovett in B3 to swap your receipt.</p>

10) For iSTEM, how will we put down that subject if we don't know if we have been accepted?	You will be told in week 10 by Mrs Saligram.
11) If I get into accelerated course can I still apply for iSTEM?	If you accept the position in the accelerated course you are not eligible for the iSTEM elective.
12) Could all 3 of my choices come from technology subjects? e.g. wood, textiles and food?	Yes there are no restrictions on what KLA your electives come from.
13) Do you have to put your preferences in the order you want most?	No, order does not matter
14) Can you choose a language different to the one you did in year 8?	Yes
15) My daughter applied for iSTEM before she got the IPT letter, can she revoke her application for iSTEM?	Yes just let Mrs Saligram know
16) Do the marks of the electives from Year 9 and 10 count for ROSA?	Yes the grade you get in your electives will appear on your RoSA
17) Does year nine NAPLAN count to your ROSA?	No
18) What is RoSA?	ROSA is NESA Record of School Achievement. You receive this at the end of Year 10 and Year 11 and the HSC is the end of Year 12
19) What if a course is just slightly oversubscribed? Do you automatically make 2 classes? If not, how do determine who gets in and who doesn't?	If a course runs and it is slightly over in numbers there will be 2 classes.
20) If my daughter is one of the 4% who doesn't get all her electives, do you need another signed slip for her new selections?	Parents need to sign a reselection form so we know parents are aware of the selections