

<b>Subject name</b>	<b>Psychology</b>
<b>Subject code</b>	TPY (General subject)
<b>Additional Subject fee</b>	Nil
<b>Prerequisites</b>	Minimum C Science, Maths and English.

### Course Overview

Psychology provides opportunities for students to engage with concepts that explain behaviours and underlying cognitions. This can include a large variety of topics such as the role of the brain, cognitive development, human consciousness and sleep, psychological disorders, emotion, motivation, perception, memory, learning, and social processes.

Studying this subject will enable students to:

- develop interest in Psychology and learn how this knowledge can be used to understand contemporary issues
- develop an understanding that psychological knowledge has developed over time and is used in a variety of contexts, and is informed by social, cultural and ethical considerations
- experience learning opportunities and experiences within Psychology that are not available in the core Junior Science course.
- develop a sound knowledge base in Psychology on which to build on in future.
- develop the study skills and processes necessary to apply knowledge in Psychology.
- have an opportunity to refine their skills through practical activities
- make an informed subject choice for Year 11 and 12.

### Course Outline

The topics covered in the program will be different from those covered in the core Year 10 Science course.

The course introduces aspects of the senior general Psychology curriculum, which can include:

- Individual development (e.g. the brain, cognitive development)
- Individual behaviour (e.g. emotion, psychological disorders)
- Individual thinking (e.g. memory, learning)
- The influence of others (e.g. interpersonal processes, social psychology)

### Assessment

Assessment within Psychology uses techniques modelled on those used in Year 11 and 12. This includes a Data Test, Research Investigation, and/or a Student Experiment. Overall, the assessment program will require students to take more responsibility for their own plans and actions in line with the Senior School.

### Career Opportunities

Studying Psychology can establish a basis for further education and employment in the fields of psychology, sales, human resourcing, training, social work, health, law, business, marketing and education.

**Note:** This option is separate from the Rural Operations, Physics, Biology or Science in Practice subject options. While these options complement each other, they each act as stand-alone units as well. Students may and are encouraged to select up to three of the year 10 options.