

COURSE BOOKLET

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INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this booklet is to indicate to parents and students the range of subjects available at Lincoln High School.

Every effort is made to ensure that as many students as possible are able to study the subjects they want. When a student's first choice of subjects is not possible (due to a timetable clash, or a course not running, for example) further course counselling will be provided. Subjects which do not attract a sufficient number of students will not be run. However, every attempt is made to ensure the continuity of courses. Placement in Years 11 to 13 courses is dependent on all entry requirements on the option sheet being met (which often include previous year's results) and on the course option sheet.

CAREER and COURSE COUNSELLING

All students currently attending the school will be offered advice by a course counsellor to ensure that a sensible and realistic course of study is planned. If a student does not cope in a subject that is a pre-entry requirement for a future course, they will be directed into alternative future courses. Parents will also be involved in this decision and they must approve the proposed course. Course counselling will take place in Terms Three and Four. Years 12 and 13 course confirmation occurs in January next year following the release of NCEA results.

STUDY THE FORMULA FOR "CHOOSING A COURSE OF STUDY"

If you need help with your choice of subjects please see:-

- Your present subject teachers.
- Your Dean.
- Your Tutor.
- The Guidance Counsellor.
- The Careers Adviser - Miss Frew.
- The School Intranet.
- www.careers.govt.nz.

Research shows that the two main influences on subject choices are:-

- Which subjects your friends are taking.
- Who is teaching a particular subject.

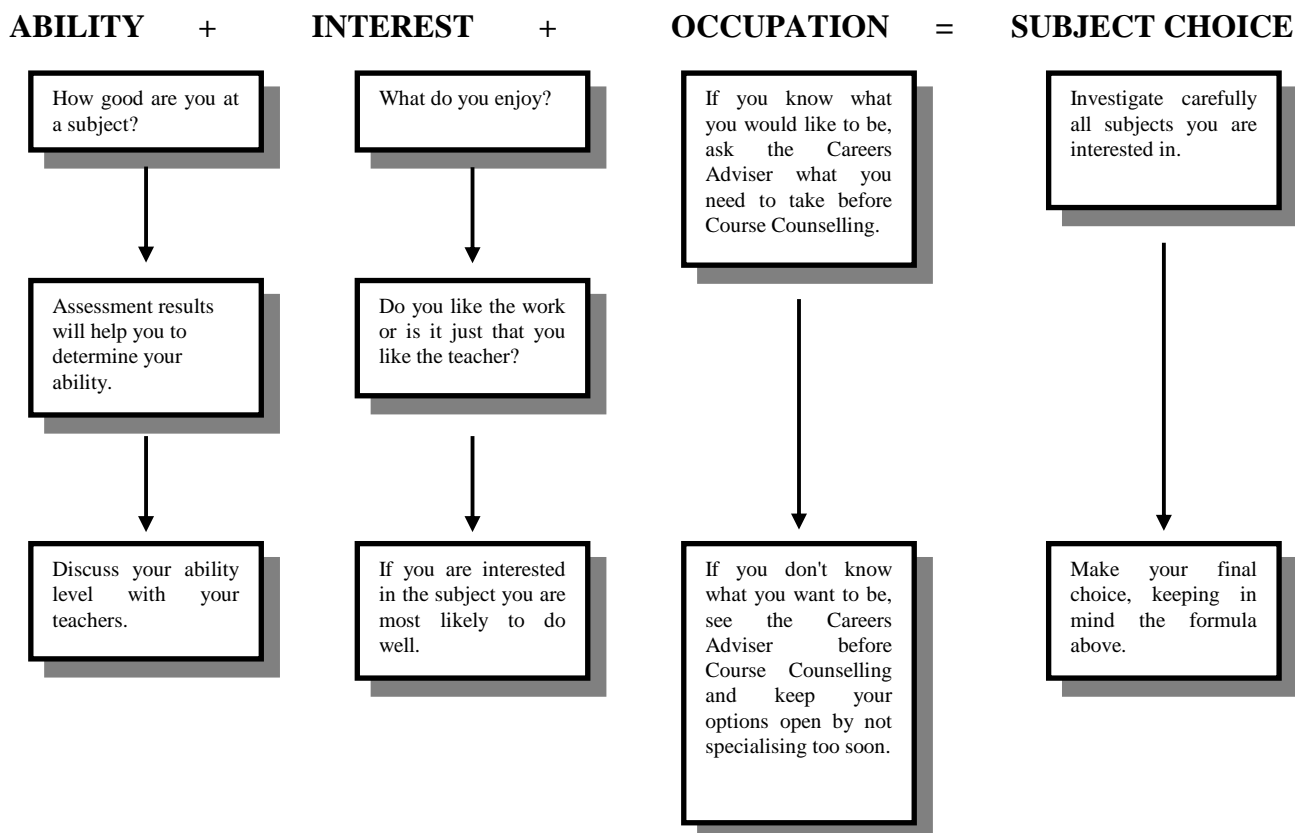
Neither of these should influence your subject choice. Your friends may **not** be in the same class as you next year, even if you take the same subjects; and no-one yet knows who will be teaching any subject next year. So concentrate on what you need for your future.

2010 Course Confirmation Details

Year 9	Prospective Year 9 students and their parents/caregivers may request an interview with the Principal, Mrs Tame, or Senior Teachers in Term Four.
Year 12 and Year 13	Following initial course selection in Terms Three and Four, every student will receive a letter regarding their course after NCEA results have arrived in January. This letter will indicate whether or not the original course selections need to be renegotiated. Course changes will be by appointment only on Wednesday 3 February and Thursday 4 February 2010. These dates are to be confirmed.

CHOOSING A COURSE OF STUDY

Here is a formula that may help you.



How To Read The Course Planning Chart (on pages 4 and 5)

- All subjects at Lincoln High School have a code as well as a name.
- The first digit of each code will indicate which level the subject is at.
- Year 9 courses all have codes beginning with 9.
- Year 10 courses all have codes beginning with 10.
- The first digit of a senior courses code indicates the appropriate NCEA Certificate level. Eg FRE201 is NCEA Level 2 French.
- By reading across the Course Planning Chart, you can see how subjects progress through the levels and how subjects taken at Year 9 and 10 levels lead on to specialist subjects in the Senior School.

How To Fill In The Course Option Sheet For Year 2010

The course selection sheet which has been issued with this booklet needs to be completed and returned to school. Students need to discuss their proposed course with their parents/caregivers. Heads of Level, Deans, Tutors or the Guidance Counsellor can answer specific questions.

The following steps need to be completed:

- 1 Fill in the top part of the sheet - name etc.
- 2 Fill in present subjects.
- 3 Choose options for next year, including a reserve option.
 2010 Year 9 - Refer to the section Year 9 Course of Study.
 2010 Year 10 - Choose three options & one reserve option (refer to Year 10 Course of Study).
 2010 Year 11 - Choose two options if taking five subjects, three options if taking six subjects (refer to Year 11 Course of Study).
 2010 Year 12 - Choose five Year 12 subjects including English which is compulsory (refer to Year 12 Course of Study).
 2010 Year 13 - Choose five full Year 13 courses (refer to Year 13 Course of Study).
- 4 Make sure the sheet has been signed by the student and parent/caregiver.
- 5 Students hand in the 2010 course sheet by the due date, as per the instructions on it. **Late submissions may result in missing out on subject choices.**