

# Year 11 Advancement at Galen

## What is advancement?

Allows students who have demonstrated a high level of achievement to complete studies intended for a higher Year Level. For example: Year 11 student completing a Unit 3/4 (Year 12) study.

Students who have been consistently conscientious and who have achieved success in their Year 10 studies are encouraged to consider this opportunity.

## Purpose?

Different students will apply for advancement for a variety of reasons. It is important to note that advancement does not always result in a better study score. Maturity and academic readiness means that improved outcomes usually occur for Year 12 students in Unit 3/4 studies.

## Rules of advancement at Galen

Selected VCE studies are open to early advancement except where:

- The class is already full with students from its intended year level
- The class will not fit with the student's other core/compulsory subjects
- Pre-requisites have not been met
- The criteria below has not been met

The advancement panel will include the Domain Leader(s), and either the Senior School Director or the Deputy Principal Learning and Teaching.

Year 10 Pathways subjects (preparation for the Unit 3/4 sequence) are strongly recommended prior to undertaking advancement.

Students undertaking an advancement subject are still required to complete five subjects in Year 12.

Only ONE advancement subject is permitted for any student (this includes advancement through VET VCE subjects such as Hospitality or Engineering).

## Criteria for Advancement

The student must:

- Have a B grade minimum average in the subject area where advancement is being sought
- Be able to explain the reason for undertaking the advancement
- Have a recommendation from their Year 10 teacher in the subject area advancement is being sought or from an appropriate Domain Leader.

Those students advancing in a VCE Unit 3 and 4 study must attend the VCE Headstart Week in late November and make a commitment to complete any set holiday work to an acceptable standard.

When the criteria has not been met, but extenuating circumstances exist, applications will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

**Please bring this form to the Year 10 Interviews on July 30<sup>th</sup>**

# Year 11 Advancement Application Form

## Student Details

Student Name:

Current Year Level:

Homeroom:

H/R Teacher:

## Subject Details

Early Advancement Subject:

Explain reasons for requesting early advancement:

Student Signature:

Parent/Guardian Signature:

Teacher Recommendations: (please circle) **Recommend** **Not Recommended**

Teacher Comments:

Teacher Signature:

Date:

H/R Recommendation: (please circle) **Recommend** **Not Recommended**

H/R Optional Comments:

H/R Teacher Signature:

Date:

## Office Use Only

Approval Granted by Senior Team (please circle): **Yes** **No** Date:

If No, please give a brief explanation:

Interview Required: **Yes** **No**

Approval Granted by Advancement Panel: **Yes** **No** Date:

If No, give a brief explanation: