Home Economics is an interdisciplinary field of study. It has as its focus the well-being of people and the enhancement of everyday living for personal, family and community life through accessing knowledge, understanding processes, values and skills to enable individuals to make informed choices.

In Year 10, the focus is on:
- food science
- foods from other cultures
- textiles & clothing - creating a bag task and producing pyjamas
- Christmas hamper - combination of craft, textiles and food items.

Home Economics supports working towards a sustainable environment. Emphasis on the family is promoted as it commonly provides the environmental content for the provision of basic needs in everyday life.

The complexity of modern living also calls for the efficient management of resources. Management skills are becoming increasingly important if the individual is to be equipped to make the informed and reasoned choices necessary for personal, family and work survival and development. Employment of sound management procedures and effective interpersonal interactions are vitally important in all aspects of life.

Home Economics presents its diverse range of subject matter through practical experience. It is the application of theory to practice that makes this course such a valuable learning experience. The study of Home Economics is undertaken with an emphasis a decision making and evaluation process, to develop the ability to make informed choices and to appraise outcomes.

Home Economics supports the development of responsible and critical thought. Contributory to this intent is the development of appropriate terminology and usage of communication relevant to the field of Home Economics.

The study of Home Economics empowers students to contribute to the determination and control of the quality of their existence in the human ecological system. The abilities and skills attained in the study of Home Economics are transferable to a range of work options and other life paths.

### Assessment Outline

**Written tests**
Generally one per semester which evaluates student knowledge and ability to apply this knowledge

**Assignments**
Generally one per semester which evaluates student ability to research into various aspects of the course and apply practical processes in theoretical situations

**Practical Work**
Continuous assessment is incorporated into each module and includes the ability to apply decision making processes in practical situations, managements and manipulative skills in design, textile and food preparation practicals.

### Home Study Expectations

- completion of set homework tasks
- nightly study and weekly revision of theory work covered in class
- assignment work
- practical work preparation – written Action Plan
  - collection of materials/ingredients and so on, as per set task
Please Note

At present the Home Economics Levy assists in providing students with basic fabric kits for textiles modules and ingredients for group experiments and class demonstrations. Students need to supply:

- a named sewing kit containing pins, needles, quick un-pick, fabric scissors, marking chalk, tape measure
- materials for individual projects
- an apron, tea-towel and ingredients for individual practical tasks (as required) on a set day each cycle. Students may also need to bring suitable containers for them to take their food home in. If students do not bring their ingredients this will affect their practical skill development. It is essential that they organise themselves. Parents will be advised of practical lessons through their daughters.