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SPORTS JOURNALISM, LA TROBE UNIVERSITY

Senior School Subjects

- Year 11: English, General Mathematics, History, Sociology, Religion, Accounting Units 3+4 Early Advancement.
- Year 12: English, English Language, Further Mathematics, History, Sociology

Why did you choose these subjects? English had clearly been my best subject in Year 11 so I decided to take a bit of a risk and do English Language as well. Not doing it in Year 11 put me a fair way back but I knew it would be worth it for my ATAR and also to further help my writing skills for the future if I worked hard with it. History and Sociology are also very writing based as well as interesting so I went with them. Further Mathematics was the class I saw as a bit of a time to relax which I could afford since I went solidly in Accounting Units 3 + 4 in Year 11.

What resources did you use to choose subjects? Parents, older students and teachers.

What is your course like? My course suits me well as it is mainly assignments with a due date rather than on the spot exams and tests like Year 12 which can be stressful. Already in the first semester I've written numerous different articles in all different formats of writing. There is also the TV side of the course; in one of my classes our final assignment was to go "live to the air" for a full 1-hour TV broadcast as a class. At the moment being first year it's pretty broad to all types of media and journalism, in future years it will become more pigeon holed to sports journalism.

What did you love about your course? I love the flexibility of the course. I can essentially write about whatever I want. Not being limited to learning from textbooks is something I love about the course. In fact not one of my Journalism classes even has a textbook.

How did your senior school subjects prepare you for your course?

- **English:** taught me to write at length, and how to use information within an article.
- **English Language:** completely broadened my English skills in a distinct way that only this class could do. I think its essential to do for any one who wants to study journalism.
- **History:** made me a better reader and gave me the skill to be able to write extensively about something new to me.
- **Sociology:** taught me to write articles exclusively from information rather than opinion.

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