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PARAMEDICINE/PUBLIC HEALTH

LA TROBE UNIVERSITY

Senior School Subjects

- Year 11: Literature, Mathematical Methods, Specialist Mathematics, Physics, Religion and Society Units 3 + 4 Early Advancement.
- Year 12: English, Mathematical Methods, Specialist Mathematics, Japanese, Biology.



Why did you choose these subjects? Up until Year 12 I didn't know what I wanted to study at university, so most of these subjects were personal interests. However in Year 12 I decided to follow paramedicine and dropped Physics as it was irrelevant and picked up Biology, which was a recommended subject.

What resources did you use to choose subjects? Sandie McKoy, our ever lovely and incredibly talented careers adviser helped me to finally choose a career path, and then advised me as to which subjects would help me to achieve this. Luckily I was already on the right path subject-wise.

What is your course like? Although my public health subjects are a bit dry and repetitive, the paramedicine subjects are incredibly engaging, and we are constantly learning new theoretical and practical knowledge. The classes compared to Melbourne schools are significantly smaller (200+ compared to 36 final year students), which makes sure that everyone can access practice labs and have one-on-one time with the lecturers and facilitators, something which is unheard of in larger schools. This allows for better relationships with both the other students and the lecturers themselves.

What do you like about your course? Practical classes are very abundant in our course, with our entire 3rd year being completely practical. Small class sizes are amazing. And all our lecturers and facilitators are friendly and very approachable.

How did the subjects at school prepare you for your course?

- **Mathematics** - Being able to do maths quickly in your head is essential on the road as a paramedic, as there are lots of drug calculations which need to be made for treatment, and not spending 5 minutes making sure that you have the correct dosages is definitely an excellent advantage to have.
- **Year 12 Biology** acts as an introduction to human biology, and makes the 1st year human anatomy and physiology subjects a breeze.

Course information: Bachelor of Public Health/Bachelor of Paramedic Practice, La Trobe University, <http://bit.ly/1FZyLvi>