## Additional page for subject selection book

## **New ELECTIVES being introduced from 2022**



The NSW Department of Education has approved some new Department developed elective courses which can make up a maximum of 200 hours of the mandatory 400 hours of electives. These courses, however, will not be listed on the Record of School Achievement (RoSA) (as is already the case with some of our other school-based electives).

From 2022, **International Studies** also falls into this category, but will be continued to be offered at our school.

The two new electives that will be offered at our school are:

## **Big History**

Students examine the history of the universe from the 'big bang' to the modern day, and explore the themes and patterns that can help them better understand the world they live in.

The course develops students' ability to synthesise complex information and conduct research through lines of inquiry and projects within an interdisciplinary framework.

## **Psychology**

Provides students with an understanding and a critical awareness of the nature of human behaviour and the influence of biological, cognitive and socio-cultural factors on individuals and society.

Students develop knowledge and understanding of human nature by asking questions and undertaking studies into the fields of neuroscience, cognitive sciences and social psychology.

Note: These courses will be on the subject selection form, along with all of our other course selections.