

# Queensland's New System of Senior Assessment and Tertiary Entrance





# Time of Change

- The Queensland Government will introduce new senior assessment and tertiary entrance system with Year 11 students in 2019.
- Key changes:
  - Introduce common external assessment
  - Strengthen the quality and comparability of school-based assessment
  - Replace the Overall Position (OP) with the Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR).





# Into the Future

- Critical time for your students. They need to consider their pathway and the success of their pathway.
- The changes will help to strengthen the Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE).
- Equip school leavers with the 21<sup>st</sup> century skills they need to succeed in work and life.



# What do I want to do?

What do you want to do when you leave school?

You can choose from a wide range of senior secondary learning options to help you get there.

Consider the subjects you're good at and you enjoy.

## What do you want to do?

- ➔ I plan to do further study
- ➔ I'd like to learn a trade
- ➔ I want to find a job



Psychologist

Engineer

Teacher

Criminologist

Doctor

Nurse

Accountant

Further Study - University or TAFE



I am a Tertiary Bound Student (ATAR)

A pass in English is compulsory to achieve an ATAR.

To be an ATAR student you must be getting As or Bs in your Year 10 subjects.

6 General Subjects

5 General Subjects + Diploma (at school)

4 General Subjects + 1 Applied Subject + Certificate III or above (at school)

5 General Subjects + Certificate III or above (at school)

\*Pre-requisites for all General Subjects must be met at Australian Curriculum Year Level Standard.



Chef

Hairdresser

Retail Assistant

Childcare Worker

Trade:  
-Electrician  
-Mechanic  
-Builder

Personal Trainer

Office Admin



I am a Vocational Pathway Student

Certificate II or III (at school)

Certificate I, II, III or above (TAFE or external provider)

Applied Subjects + Max 3 General Subjects

School Based Traineeship or Apprenticeship

# Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE)

- The Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE) is Queensland's senior secondary schooling qualification. It is internationally recognised and provides evidence of senior schooling achievements.

## QCE requirements

As well as meeting the below requirements, students must have an open learning account before starting the QCE, and accrue a minimum of one credit from a Core course of study while enrolled at a Queensland school.

### Set amount

20 credits from contributing courses of study, including:

- QCAA-developed subjects or courses
- vocational education and training (VET) qualifications
- non-Queensland studies
- recognised studies.

### Set pattern

12 credits from completed Core courses of study and 8 credits from any combination of:

- Core
- Preparatory (maximum 4)
- Complementary (maximum 8).

### Set standard

Satisfactory completion, grade of C or better, competency or qualification completion, pass or equivalent.

### Literacy & numeracy

Students must meet literacy and numeracy requirements through one of the available learning options.

# Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE)

- General Subjects
- Applied Subjects
- Short Courses
- Vocational Education and Training
- Other Courses





# The New System

- Combination of school-based and external assessment to derive final subject results.
- Four assessments (3 school-based + 1 external) per subject.
- School-based assessment will contribute 75% to a student's final subject result; 50% in maths and science.
- QCAA will endorse and confirm school-based assessments; and ratify subject results.
- Students will receive a numerical and A-E final subject result (A-E only for applied subjects).
- Subjects will be scaled.
- Applied subject results will be based on achievement in 4 internal assessments.



# The New System

- QTAC responsible for tertiary entrance from 2020
- ATAR will replace the OP
- ATAR is a score from 99.95 – 0.00
- Students must satisfactorily complete an English subject (sound achievement) to be ATAR eligible.
- English will only count if it is one of a student's best five subject results
- ATARs to be calculated from a student's best 5 subject results, one which may be a
  - VET Cert III or above, or
  - An applied subject result

# Senior Studies at Runcorn SHS

- Divided into 4 units
- Unit 1 and 2 will be completed over Terms 1, 2 and 3 of year 11
- QCAA requirement for reporting of Unit 1 and 2 will be an unsatisfactory/unsatisfactory
- Unit 3 and 4 are a pair
- Unit 3 will start in Year 11
- Marks out of 100
- Finish by end of Term 3 of Year 12



# The New System

- External assessment will be:
  - Common to all schools
  - Administered under the same conditions at the same time and on the same day
  - Marked by QCAA accordingly to a commonly applied marking scheme.





# Senior Studies at Runcorn SHS

- External assessment for General Mathematics, Science, Arts, Languages and Music Extension subjects will cover subject matter in Units 3 and 4 of the syllabus. For all other General subjects, it will assess subject matter in Unit 4. Schools will prepare their students for the assessment by teaching the subject matter specified in the syllabus.
- External assessments will be held annually in Term 4. The assessment schedule will be released in the year prior to the external assessment sittings. QCAA aims to devise schedules that minimise the chance of students sitting multiple assessments on the same day. At most, students may be required to sit two external assessments in one day.



# Senior Studies at Runcorn SHS

- QCAA is developing mock external assessments for each General senior syllabus. Students and teachers will be able to use the mock assessments in Term 3, 2019 as resources to prepare for external assessment in 2020.
- Mock assessments will be developed using the same rigorous processes as actual external assessments. In the future, students and teachers will be able to access past papers to assist in the preparation for external assessment.

## More information

- Senior assessment: [www.qcaa.qld.edu.au](http://www.qcaa.qld.edu.au)
- Tertiary entrance: [www.qtac.edu.au](http://www.qtac.edu.au)





# VET OPPORTUNITIES – Runcorn SHS

## VET – Vocational Education and Training

- Runcorn SHS - RTO (Registered Training Organisation)
  - Certificate II Business – BSB20115
  - Offers to be expanded in 2019
- Trade Skills Centre – Formula Student
  - Certificate II Engineering Pathways
- Trade Skills Centre - Other
  - As the need arises (Cert II Tourism/Cert II Hospitality/Cert II Beauty etc.)
- Main Points:
  - Qualifications are Nationally recognised
  - Qualifications count towards QCE
  - Competency based (no grade awarded)
  - Course availability is dependant on student numbers (no pre-requisites)
  - Work experience is encouraged but is not mandatory

# TAFE COURSES



- Normally one day per week
- VET in Schools
  - TAFE Queensland – Brisbane
  - TAFE Queensland – Skillstech
- Students will only be able to do **ONE** VET in Schools program whilst at school. Many courses are partially funded.
- Must nominate by the end of TERM 3.

# SCHOOL-BASED APPRENTICESHIPS / TRAINEESHIPS

- Combines qualification with PAID employment.
- Counts towards QCE
- One day per week
- Based on the demands of employers
- Common Areas
  - Retail
  - Hospitality
  - Sport and Recreation
  - Childcare
  - Allied Health



## • TRADES

- Engineering (Boiler Maker, Sheet Metal etc)
- Hairdressing
- Commercial Cookery (Chef)

Carpentry, Plumbing, Electrical, Air Conditioning,  
Automotive, Plastering, Painting, Tiling,

Very difficult to get - little offers available

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# Year 10 Preparation

## ELT Lessons:

- Term 1 – personal strengths, personality type
- Term 2 – Career investigation, introduction to Senior subjects

## Events:

- Subject information session
- Career Expo
- EOI - year 11 and 12 subjects



# Term 3

## ELT Lessons

- SET Planning on OneSchool
  - Complete the following in “Career” tab:
    - Intended Learning
    - Personal
    - Careers and Courses
    - Subject Selection
- Interviews – Monday 20 August





# Interviews

- Monday 20 August – parent/carer and student
- Year 10 classes will be suspended
- 30 minute session
- 9am – 7pm
- Book appointments on PTO
- PTO will open on Monday 30 July and close Friday 17 August



# Questions

Visit the QCAA website for more information

[www.qcaa.qld.edu.au](http://www.qcaa.qld.edu.au)

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