



*Welcome*  
SET Plan  
Information Evening



**Palm Beach Currumbin State High School Students and Staff  
acknowledge and pay respect to the traditional custodians  
of this land in which we meet today.**

**We acknowledge Elders past and present and extend our  
acknowledgement to any Aboriginal and or Torres Strait Islander peoples  
here today.**

**Palm Beach Currumbin State High School  
will continue to enhance the lives of our First Nations Peoples.**



# Alyce Bradford

Principal Senior School



**Alyce Bradford**  
Senior School Principal



**Mitch Kennedy**  
Deputy Principal Yr 11 & 12



**Peter Hughes**  
Deputy Principal Yr 10



**Brad Dixon**  
HOD Student Engagement



**Ryan Jesser**  
Head of Year - 10



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HOD Senior School

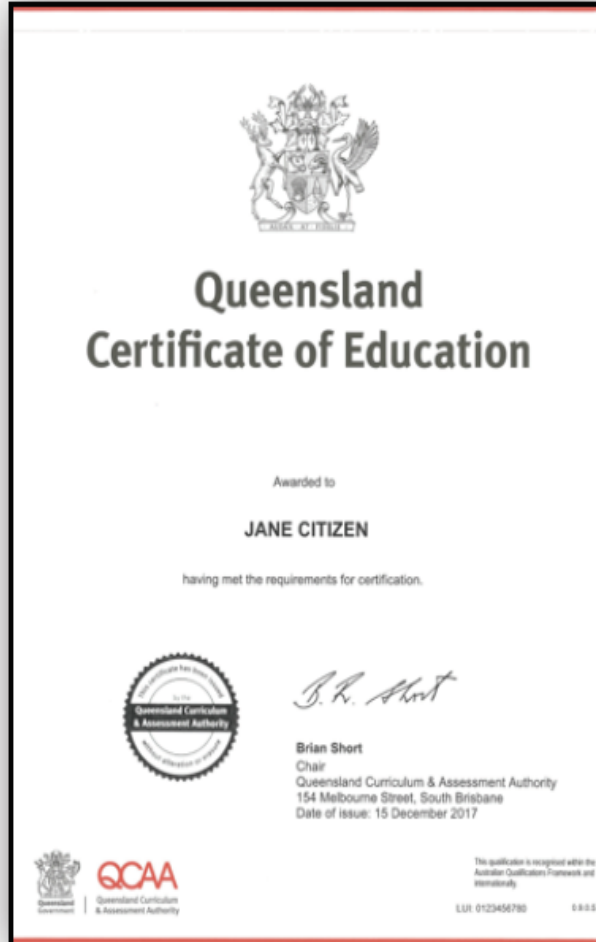
# Key Terms

- QCE - Queensland Certificate of Education
- Unit 1 & Unit 2 - Year 11 (Terms 1-3, 2025)
- Unit 3 & Unit 4 - Year 12 (Term 4, 2025 – Term 4, 2026)
- General subject - Academically rigorous - compliments tertiary study
- Applied subject - More practical
- VET - Vocational subject / Certificate course
- QTAC – Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre – The agency which calculates ATAR's & also where you apply for Tertiary study.

# QCE – Important Points

- Every student at PBC is working towards attaining a QCE (regardless of subjects)
- 20 credits = QCE
- Unit 1 & 2 accumulate one separate credit - if the student obtains at least a satisfactory grade
- Unit 3 & 4 accumulate two credits (i.e. as a pair)
- Very limited subject changes in Year 11
- No subject changes in Year 12

# A new Queensland Certificate of Education



## 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.



## QCE Example – Student A

Subject	Unit 1	Unit 2	Unit 3 & 4	Credits
General Maths	S	S	C	4
General English	S	S	B	4
Biology	S	S	C	4
Chemistry	S	S	C	4
Physics	S	S	C	4
Aquatic Practices	S	S	A	4

Total 24

Student accrues 24 points and **will** achieve their QCE.





## QCE Example – Student B

Subject	Unit 1	Unit 2	Unit 3 & 4	Credits
General Maths	S	S	C	4
General English	S	S	B	4
Biology	U	S	C	3
Chemistry	U	U	C	2
Physics	U	U	C	2
Aquatic Practices	S	S	A	4

Total 19

Student only accrues 19 points and will **not** achieve their QCE.

# Mick McDougall

Head Of Department – Senior School

General	Applied	Vocational Education and Training (VET)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Rigorous academic subject.</li> <li>- Suited to students who are interested in tertiary studies after school.</li> <li>- Contribute to an ATAR.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Less rigorous academic subject.</li> <li>- Generally embed a practical component.</li> <li>- Suited to students who are interested in vocational training or work after school.</li> <li>- Will still have assessments &amp; exams.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Less rigorous academic subject.</li> <li>- Generally embed a practical component.</li> <li>- Higher level certificates (i.e. CIV and Diploma) are academically rigorous.</li> <li>- May use VETis funding or a Fee for Service.</li> <li>- Cert III or higher may lead to tertiary pathways.</li> </ul>

# Pathways at PBC

## **ATAR (Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank)**

- A combined score of results from rigorous, academic subjects (i.e. General Subjects).
- Universities recognise an ATAR as an entry score.

## **Personalised**

- A combination of General, Applied and VET (Vocational Education) subjects.
- Most universities recognise VET qualifications as an entry score (i.e. Certificate III or higher).

# ATAR Pathway

- ATAR: number between 0.00 and 99.95 with increments of 0.05
- 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.
- **ALL ATAR students at PBC are required to study 5 General subjects.**

# Assessment in General Subjects

- Combination of school-based assessment and common external assessment.
- Unit 1 and 2 Formative; Unit 3 and 4 Summative.
- Unit 3 and 4; four assessments (3 school-based + 1 external).
- School-based assessment will contribute 75%; 50% in maths and science.
- School-based assessment will not be scaled against the results of the external assessment.
- Students will receive a numerical and A–E final subject result; A–E only for applied subjects.

# Personalised Pathway

- Students must select **no more than 3 ATAR subjects**.
- General subjects are strongly discouraged if a student has been placed in Essential English.
- Students should select at least 1 CIII course (or higher) via a VET subject or school-based traineeship as there are a range of tertiary pathways for students that have completed a Certificate III or higher level certificate.
- Students studying a Certificate IV or Diploma should be studying General English.
- Recent changes to the Diploma of Business include increase in price and 18 months to complete the course.

# VET In School (VETiS)



# What is VETiS funding?

- VETiS = Vocational Education and Training In Schools.
- Funded by the QLD Government.
- Every student over 15 has access to 1 free VETiS funded course whilst at school.
- Students can only undertake 1 VETiS course and only 1 SAT (School based apprenticeship or traineeship).
- They can complete a VETiS course, a SAT, and multiple 'Fee For Service' courses.



## School Based Apprenticeships & Traineeships (SATs)

	DURATION	QUALIFICATION	STATUS	TYPE
TRAINEESHIP	1-2 YEARS	CERTIFICATE II-III	SCHOOL BASED, PART TIME OR FULL TIME	NON-TRADE ie. Business, retail, admin, hospitality, fitness etc.
APPRENTICESHIP	3-4 YEARS	CERTIFICATE III-IV	SCHOOL BASED, PART TIME OR FULL TIME	Traditional TRADE areas ie. Automative, metal fabrication, cookery, hairdressing, electrical, carpentry etc.

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more information

# Peter Hughes

Deputy Principal – Year 10

# Subject Selection

- Before choosing subjects students must carefully consider the requirements & pre-requisites of each subject and what will best suit them.

These are outlined in the subject selection guide on our website & a link will be emailed to you.

- Students should choose subjects that...
  1. They enjoy!
  2. They think they will be good at
  3. Satisfy pre-requisites for tertiary courses or pathways that they will be seeking entry to. You can research these via the QTAC link on our website.

# Finalising Your Pathway – Paper Form

- Has a pre-determined pathway based on Year 10 results. ATAR/PERSONALISED

Senior Education Training Plan (Set Plan)  
**ATAR Pathway**

EQ-ID	First Name	Surname	Pathway Mentor	
Excellence	English Allocation	Maths Allocation	Science Eligibility	Current VPP

The following requirements are required for students in the ATAR pathway:

- Students must select a total of 6 subjects
- Students must select 5 or 6 ATAR subjects
- Students must select an English and a Maths course at the recommended level or below. Reminder: General English or Literature is a pre-requisite for most university courses.
- Students can only complete one VETIS course at school (not including a school-based traineeship).

When I leave school my preferred pathway includes: (Tick)	Jobs or Careers I am Interested in:
University	1
Defence Force	2
TAFE	3
Apprenticeship	4
Work	5

Year 11 Subjects	
English:	
Maths:	
List & electives in order of preference:	1.
	2.
	3.
Excellence & VPP Subjects must be included	4.
	5.
	6.

Parent/Guardian comment:

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 Sign & Date:

P&C Staff Interviewer comment:

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 Sign & Date:

- Has a pathway 'mentor' This is who you book your interview with next week.

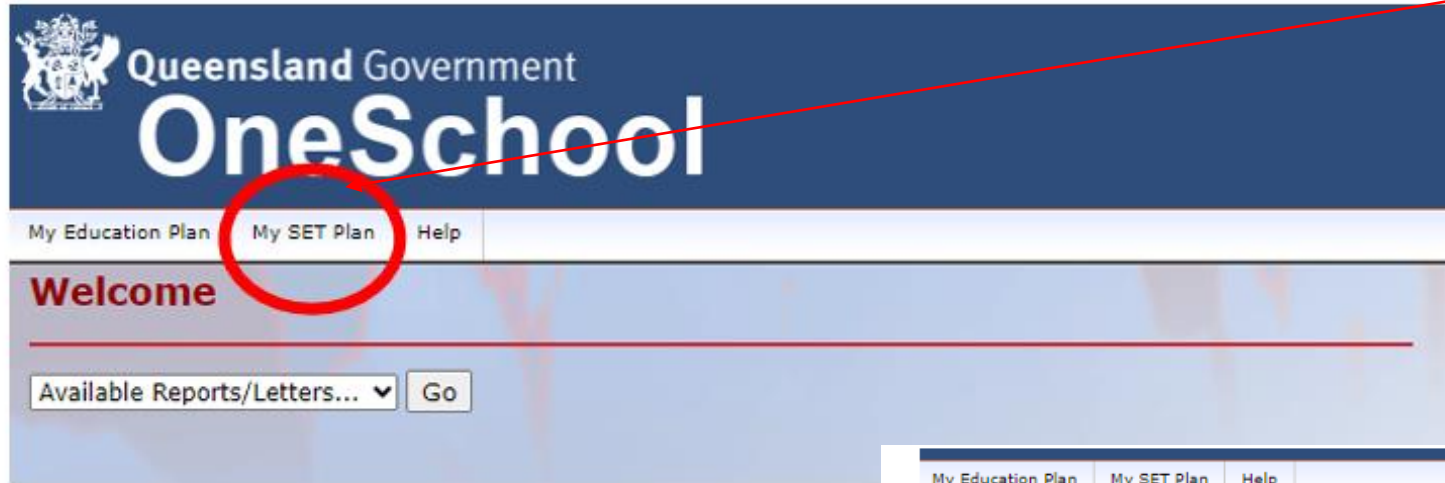
ATAR		
General English	Digital solutions	Philosophy & Reason
Literature	Economics	Physical Education
General Mathematics	Engineering	Physics
Mathematical Methods	Film, Television & New Media	Psychology
Specialist Mathematics	Food and Nutrition	Spanish
Ancient History	Geography	Visual Art
Biology	Health	
Business	Legal studies	
Chemistry	Marine Science	
Dance	Modern History	
Design	Music	

APPLIED		
Essential English	Hospitality Practices	Social and Community Studies
Essential Mathematics	Industrial Graphics skills	Tourism
Aquatic Practices	Industrial Technology skills	Visual Arts in Practice
Business Studies	Media Arts in Practice	Sport Excellence
Drama in Practice	Sport & Recreation*	*Students cannot pick Sport & Rec Creative Arts Excellence (Dance, Drama, Music)

VET	
Cert I Construction	VETIS Funded
Cert II Metals & Engineering	VETIS Funded
Cert II Engineering & Cert III Aviation (training)	VETIS Funded
Cert II Kitchen Ops/Cert III Hospitality	VETIS Funded
Cert III Fitness	VETIS Funded
Cert II/III Health Services	ARRIX Cost \$400
Cert IV Crime & Justice Studies	VETIS + ARRIX \$250
Diploma of Business	ARRIX Cost \$750
	ARRIX Cost \$2999

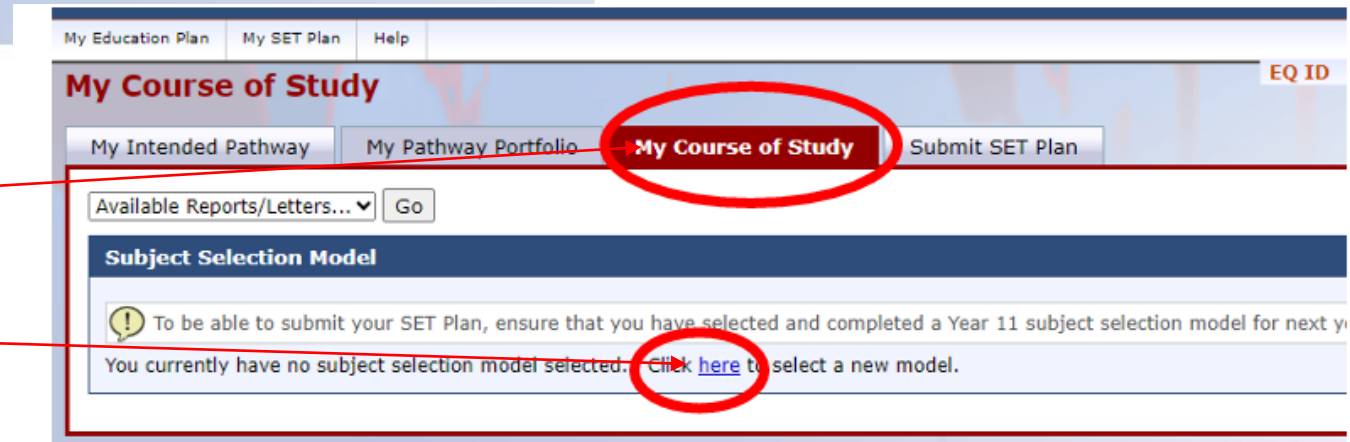
- On the back Overview of all subject offerings.

# Finalising Your Pathway – Online via OneSchool



- In your students OneSchool account go to **My SET Plan**

- Select **My Course of Study** & click '**here**' to select a new model.



An instruction guide will be included in the email being sent to parents.

## Next Steps For Parents...

1. Book your 1-1 interview for next week when you receive the link in your email.
2. Research individual subjects in the 'Subject Selection Guide' available on our website.
3. Fill in the paper copy SET Plan form to bring along to your interview.
4. Complete your subject selections ON LINE in your OneSchool account.  
Instructions on the school website.  
**NB. It is important you do both the paper form *AND* the online plan.**
5. Each student must select 8 subjects: this includes Maths, English and 6 elective preferences in priority order. Students will get any 4 of their chosen electives.
6. If you get lost with it all – Go straight to the school website!



# WHERE TO NOW

## SUBJECT FAIR

V07 THE ARTS

V08 TECHNOLOGIES

V05 HEALTH &  
PHYSICAL EDUCATION

V06 HUMANITIES

U03 ENGLISH & MATHS

U04 SCIENCE

## BENEATH THE LIBRARY

