



Senior Schooling Information for Year 11 2023

Senior Schooling Team:

Principal- Senior School – Mrs Alyce Bradford
Deputy Principal- Senior School – Mr Mitchell Kennedy
Deputy Principal- Senior School- Mr Peter Hughes
Guidance Officer- Senior School - Mr Steve Jones
Head of Department- Senior School – Mr Mick McDougall
Head of Student Engagement- Senior School - Mr Brad Dixon
Head of Year 10 – Ms Krista I'Anson

The Queensland Senior Assessment System

- All students work towards gaining a **Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE)**.
- Students must have a Year 12 level of literacy & numeracy, study and pass at least three subjects continuously from the start of Year 11 until the end of Year 12, and have accumulated at least 20 points to attain a QCE.
- Points are awarded when a student passes a subject or is deemed competent in a VET certificate, most subjects studied over year 11/12 give a student 4 points.
- The assessment model for subjects includes school-based assessment developed and marked by classroom teachers, with General subjects also including one external assessment set and marked by the Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority (QCAA)
- External assessments contribute 25% towards a student's final result in General subjects. With the exception of Mathematics and Science subjects where they contribute 50%.
- PBC has a focus on each student gaining key qualifications from their Senior Schooling, in the form of an Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) or alternate certificate/Diploma courses.

What to do next...

1. Look over your students SET Plan form with them and start to browse the subject selection book found on the school website.
<https://pbc-shs.eq.edu.au/curriculum/senior-secondary/year11>
2. Draft your student's subject selections on OneSchool. Instructions to do this can be found here: <https://pbc-shs.eq.edu.au/curriculum/senior-secondary/year11>.
3. Book and attend your SET Plan Interview on the 15th or 16th of August. Your subject preferences will only be locked in once this interview takes place. The booking instructions can be found: <https://pbc-shs.eq.edu.au/curriculum/senior-secondary/year11>.
NOTE: Booking will be open at 9am Wednesday 10th of August



Key Terms:

ATAR Pathway to attaining a QCE

- Students must select a total of 6 subjects
- Students can select 5 or 6 General subjects, but must select a minimum of 5
- Students must select General English (and/or Literature where applicable)
- Students can only complete one VETIS course at school (not including a school based traineeship or a fee for service course).

Personalised Pathway to attaining a QCE

- Students must select a total of 6 subjects
- Students must select an English and a Maths course at the recommended level or below
- Students must select **no more than 3 General subjects**
- Students should select at least 1 Cert 3 course (or higher) course via a VET subject or school-based traineeship
- Students can only complete one VETis funded course (not including a school based traineeship) and may complete an additional fee for service course (FFS).
- University pathways are still possible by attaining a Certificate 3/4 or Diploma and studying any prerequisite courses, however no ATAR is awarded.

QCAA (Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority)

Monitors/regulates all matters to do with Senior Schooling – subject outlines, assessment results, quality assurance of senior courses etc. (www.qcaa.qld.edu.au)

QTAC (Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre)

- QTAC is responsible for all university offers in Queensland, students apply through QTAC towards the end of Year 12.

Prerequisites

- A subject, audition, special test or portfolio which must be done in order to gain a place in a Uni degree/TAFE diploma.
- Eg : Mathematical Methods is needed for Engineering, Science degrees.
- Eg : General English or Literature is needed for most degrees at most universities.
- Eg : Auditions are usually required for Dance, Drama and Music courses.
- Eg: UMAT exam is need for Dentistry and some Medical courses at some universities.

VET

Secondary school students can undertake vocational education and training (VET) while still in school to help put them on their career pathway. As a student in years 11 & 12, you can acquire workplace skills through nationally recognised training or an accredited course. PBC runs a number of these courses in school as part of a student's normal timetable. There are also a number of further offerings run by training organisations that we can facilitate off campus. Some VET courses are fully government funded while other charge a fee, further information on the courses and their costs can be found in the subject information handbook.