

SUBJECT SELECTION GUIDE

YEAR 11 & 12 -2025/2026

This booklet is to assist Year 10 students in their selection of subjects / courses for Year 11 2025 and their HSC in 2026. Not all courses in this booklet will attract sufficient students to run. The final decision on the Year 11 Curriculum will be made regarding:

- The number of students selecting each course
- Timetabling considerations
- Specialist room availability.

Note: Students electing to undertake courses of study at TAFE need to be aware that they may miss some timetabled lessons at school. It is the responsibility of students to catch up on missed work.

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INTRODUCTION

This handbook has been carefully prepared to help students and parents find their way through the Higher School Certificate 'maze'. It should be closely read and retained as a useful reference book to keep students well informed about HSC rules and procedures as well as essential information about each subject and course. While the school provides advice, it is the responsibility of each and every student to understand the implication of their subject choice.

Attaining a HSC can open many doors to the future: To tertiary education, to fulfilling and interesting employment, to maturity and adulthood. As students make subject choices, they must carefully consider the goals they have, their interests and abilities and possible career choices.

To meet student needs, interests, and abilities, Toormina High School offers a broad range of subjects, courses and opportunities to maximise learning through studying at school or in combination with TAFE, industry and in some cases university. Details of these opportunities are to be found in this booklet which also contains:

- o The rules governing the award of the Higher School Certificate in NSW
- o Information on study requirements and assessment
- o Information regarding the ATAR (Australian Tertiary Admission Rank)
- An overview of all courses which may be offered to help students make informed decisions about the subjects and courses they wish to study.

This booklet provides an overview of the complete senior program and course descriptions for students to consider. Assessment details and rules will be provided in a separate Year 11 Assessment Booklet in 2025. Prior to commencing the HSC courses a Year 12 Assessment Handbook with detailed information on the assessment schedules and rules for examinations will be provided.

INFORMATION ABOUT THE HSC

This is your introduction to the HSC and the many options available.

The Higher School Certificate recognises 13 years of schooling. In the interests of greater career choices and increased opportunities at University and TAFE, it offers you a full range of study areas matching individual abilities, interests, and goals.

Courses can be linked to further education and training.

Extension courses will enable students to undertake more in-depth study in areas of special interest.

Vocational Education and Training courses can count towards the HSC and will also lead to qualifications recognised across a range of industries. These are both delivered at school and externally at TAFE.

New South Wales Education and Standards Authority (NESA)

The NESA website is accessible to all students, and parents, and has copies of all syllabus documents together with sample examination papers and assessment guidelines for all HSC courses.

Their website address is:

http://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/home

Students are encouraged to access this website on a regular basis.

Year 11 and HSC Study

Year 11 studies are undertaken for Terms 1 - 3. The HSC studies which follow, begin in Term 4 of the same year, and continue until the HSC examinations in October / November of the following year. Satisfactory completion of Year 11 courses is required before commencing the corresponding HSC course level.

WHAT TYPES OF COURSES ARE AVAILABLE IN THE HSC?

NESA Board Developed Courses

The NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) develops these courses, which make up most of those offered. These courses follow a set syllabus, which is examined externally at the end of the HSC and can be counted in the calculation of the ATAR.

NESA Endorsed

- A. **Content Endorsed Courses** (CEC) CEC's have syllabi endorsed by the NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) to cater for areas of special interest not covered in NESA Developed Courses. There is no external HSC examination and they <u>do not count towards the ATAR</u>.
- B. **School Designed Courses** These courses, designed by individual schools to meet special needs, are approved by the NESA, do not have external examinations, and <u>do not count towards the ATAR.</u>

Vocational Education and Training (VET) Courses

VET courses can be either NESA Developed or NESA Endorsed. They enable students to study courses to gain both HSC qualifications and accreditation with industry as part of the Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF). NESA Developed VET courses (if examined) can count in the calculation of the ATAR.

TAFE NSW Vocational Education and Training (TVET)

TVET courses are 'dual accredited' courses which count towards completing the requirements of the NSW HSC AND a Nationally recognised Vocational Education and Training qualification. TVET courses are delivered by TAFE NSW. Students choosing to undertake TVET courses will miss some timetabled lessons at school. It is the responsibility of students to catch up on missed work. Some NESA Developed TVET courses have an optional HSC exam, so if the HSC exam is sat, the results may count towards the calculation of the ATAR. Work Placement is a mandatory NESA requirement for many TVET courses.

Life Skills Courses as Part of a Special Program of Studies

These courses are designed for students who have completed a Special Education Program of Study in Stage 5. There are specific entry requirements for the Life Skills courses, and you still need to meet the general eligibility and study patterns to gain your HSC. Students will need to speak to the Learning and Support Teachers or Head Teacher Inclusive Education to find out whether these courses are suitable to you. Life Skills courses do not count towards the ATAR.

HSC MINIMUM STANDARD

What is the HSC minimum standard?

NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) has implemented the HSC minimum standard to help ensure that students have the key literacy and numeracy skills for life after school.

From 2020 students in New South Wales need to demonstrate a minimum standard of literacy and numeracy to receive the HSC credential. The HSC minimum standard is set at level 3 of the Australian Core Skills Framework (ACSF). These skills are essential for everyday tasks and learning after school such as writing a letter for a job application or understanding a mobile phone plan.

The minimum standard online tests are 45 minutes long and include a multiple-choice reading test, a multiple-choice numeracy test and a short writing test based on a choice between a visual or written prompt. Examples of the tests are available on the NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) website.

Students who do not meet the HSC minimum standard can still:

- Sit the HSC exams.
- Receive an ATAR for University applications.
- Receive a ROSA
- Receive a HSC minimum standard report.

Practice tests are available for students to help them become familiar with the online test structure and for schools to help determine student readiness to meet the minimum standard.

Students will have two opportunities per year, in years 10, 11 and 12 to sit the minimum standard online tests in each area of Reading, Numeracy and Writing. Students will also have up to 5 years from the time they start the HSC courses to sit the minimum standard online tests. The tests must be administered by schools via a lockdown browser.

Disability provisions and exemptions: Students with additional learning needs may be eligible for extra provisions for the minimum standard online tests or be exempt from meeting the HSC minimum standard to receive their HSC. Students taking four or more Life Skills courses can be exempt from meeting the HSC minimum standard. Students studying Life Skills English will be exempt from the Reading and Writing minimum standard tests. Students studying Life Skills mathematics will be exempt from the Numeracy minimum standard test.

Further Information is available from NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA)

HSC Pathways

Most students follow a two-year program of study in Years 11 and 12 leading to the award of the HSC. NESA also provides access for those people who wish to combine their studies with employment or other responsibilities, such as family care.

The Pathways provisions listed allow flexibility in obtaining the HSC

Accumulation of the HSC

Students may accumulate a HSC over a five-year period. The five-year period will commence in the first year a student attempts a HSC examination or completes a HSC VET course.

Students accumulating a HSC will receive a Results Notice for each calendar year of study. The cumulative record will record all Year 11 and Year 12 courses satisfactorily completed, including repeat attempts. The mark of the final attempt in a particular course is the mark used for the calculation of the ATAR. By the end of the period of accumulation, all Year 11 and Year 12 pattern of study requirements need to be met. In subjects that include extension courses, this may accumulate by presenting the 2-unit course in one year and the extension course in a later year.

Repeating a Course

A student may repeat one or more HSC courses, but must do so within the five-year accumulation period. In the calculation of the Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank (ATAR), the most recent mark in a course will be used.

Acceleration

Students may undertake Year 11 or Year 12 courses in advance of their usual cohort. Acceleration gives more able students the opportunity to progress through their study requirements at a faster rate than usual by completing the course content in a shorter time and accumulating results. Decisions about acceleration will be made by the Principal.

School-Based Apprenticeships and Traineeships

In some cases, HSC Studies can be undertaken at the same time as a part time traineeship or apprenticeship. Both combine paid work and training that leads to a recognised Australian Qualifications (AQF) VET qualification. These can only be undertaken in very special areas of VET. You will need to see the Careers Adviser if you would like to undertake this pattern of study.

WHAT ARE UNITS?

All courses offered for the Higher School Certificate have a unit value. Subjects may have a value of 1 unit or 2 units. Most courses are 2 units.

Each unit involves class time of approximately 2 hours per week (60 hours per year).

- In the HSC each unit has a value of 50 marks.
- Hence a 2 unit course has a value of 100 marks.
- 2 units = 4 hours per week (approximately 120 hours per year) = 100 marks.

The following is a guideline to help clarify the pattern of courses.

2 UNIT COURSE: This is the basic structure for all courses

EXTENSION COURSE: Extension study is available in several subjects. Extension courses are 1-unit courses which build on the content of the 2-unit course. Extension courses require students to work beyond the standard of the 2-unit course, and are available in English, Mathematics, History, Music, some Languages and VET. English and Mathematics Extension Courses are available at Year 11 and HSC levels.

Students must study the Year 11 extension course in these subjects before proceeding to the two HSC extension courses (Extension 1 and Extension 2). The Extension 2 course requires students to work beyond the standard of the Extension 1 course.

HSC extension courses in subjects other than English and Mathematics are offered and examined in Year 12 only.

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE AWARD OF THE HSC

You must study a minimum of 12 units in Year 11 and 10 units in HSC programs. Both the Year 11 and HSC studies must include:

- At least 6 units from NESA Board Developed Courses including at least 2 units of a NESA Board Developed Course in English
- At least three courses of 2 units value or greater
- At least four subjects.
- Students must complete the practical, oral or project works required for specific courses and the assessment requirements for each course
- Students must have sat for and made a serious attempt at the required Higher School Certificate examinations.

Are There any Other Restrictions on Study for the HSC?

English is the only compulsory subject. A student may count six units of Science in Year 11 and seven units of Science in Year 12.

Are there Restrictions on Studying Courses in Combination?

Students may not study two NESA Developed courses in one subject area. For example, a student cannot study 'Industrial Technology – Electronics' and 'Industrial Technology – Timber'

Additional Requirements:

All My Own Work – a program in Ethical Scholarship for HSC students

The HSC: All my Own Work program is designed to strengthen the capacity of HSC students to follow the principles and practices of good scholarship, including understanding and valuing ethical practices related to locating and using information as part of their HSC program.

The program consists of several modules which can be accessed online in a flexible, self-paced mode. It is expected that the program will take between 5 and 10 hours to complete. Each student is required to satisfactorily complete the material contained in the program before commencing their HSC program of study. Satisfactory completion of the program will be an eligibility requirement for all candidates entering Higher School Certificate courses.

AUSTRALIAN TERTIARY ADMISSION RANK (ATAR)

The Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) is a number between 0 and 99.95 with increments of 0.05. It provides a measure of a student's overall academic achievement in the NSW HSC in relation to that of other students and assists institutions to rank applicants for tertiary selection. It is calculated by the institutions and released by UAC. The ATAR is a rank not a mark.

Further details on the ATAR can be obtained from the Universities Admission Centre (UAC) www.uac.edu.au To be eligible for an ATAR you must satisfactorily complete at least 10 units of Board Developed Courses.

The ATAR is calculated using an aggregate of scaled marks (average of examination and assessment marks) in 10 units of Board Developed courses comprising the best 2 units of English plus 8 units courses in which students have sat a formal HSC examination.

ASSESSMENT AND REPORTING

How will Year 11 courses be Assessed?

Eligible students who leave school before receiving their Higher School Certificate (HSC) will receive the NSW Record of School Achievement (RoSA). The RoSA is a cumulative credential in that it allows students to accumulate their academic results until they leave school.

The RoSA lists all mandatory and additional Stage 5 and, where applicable, Stage 6 courses completed by the student, along with the grade awarded. The RoSA credential also lists any courses commenced, but not completed and the date of leaving school. NESA issues the formal RoSA credential to students who satisfy the eligibility requirements when they leave school.

School leavers who are not eligible for the RoSA will receive a Transcript of Study. On completion of the HSC, a student will receive:

- The HSC testamur
- A Record of School Achievement and
- An individual course report, summarising examination, and school assessment performance for each course.

The HSC mark received by each student will be a 50:50 combination of an external examination and a school-based assessment mark.

The internal school-based assessment mark summarises the student's performance in assessment tasks set and marked by the school. This mark will be moderated using HSC examination results.

The external examination mark is that gained by the student in examinations set and marked by the NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA).

The HSC assesses students against standards of achievement set for each course. Students will benefit from the use of a standards-referenced approach to the HSC as:

- The marks the students gain in a subject will be aligned with descriptions of what they know, understand, and can do.
- Marks will reflect the standards actually achieved by students rather than
 just indicating a position in a predetermined distribution.
- There will be meaningful and detailed reports with clear descriptions of the different standards of performance.
- Students who meet or exceed the minimum standard of performance expected will receive a mark of 50 or more.

SUBJECT SELECTION PROCESS

Students will be making their subject selections online via the Edval Choice portal. It is a requirement of this program that students use their Department of Education email address (firstname.surname@education.nsw.gov.au)

Subject selection preferences can be changed as often as the student likes until the set close date. Students need to:

- 1. Ensure your education email is working and check it regularly for the invitation email with the link and your unique web-code
- 2. Go to link provided in the email and enter your unique code
- 3. Select the subjects you want, in order of PREFERENCE (this means the subject you list at the top is the one you want the most)
- 4. Click submit

Once the preference portal has closed, the data will be downloaded and reviewed by the Principal and Executive who will determine which subjects run based on student choice and staff availability. Students who are not able to have a full complement of courses from their identified preferences will be asked to discuss their options with the Careers Advisor and reselect their preference.

COURSES OFFERED FOR SELECTION AT TOORMINA HIGH SCHOOL

Please select at least 6 subjects (12 units) from the table next page which you would like to study in Year11 and apply for your future studies online following the instructions on the previous page.

Remember:

- You MUST choose an English course
- You MUST choose at least 3 Board Developed courses to gain a HSC
- To qualify for an ATAR you must choose at least 10 units of Board Developed courses. Record your choices below for your records

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	Visual Arts	2		

Note: Courses with an asterisk (*) have an optional HSC examination that must be completed to qualify for an ATAR.

Note: That not all subjects listed will run next year. For a subject to be considered viable there must be a substantial number of students wishing to undertake the course. If there are a limited number of students wishing to undertake a particular course, it may not be possible to offer it due to staffing constraints.

	ABORIGINAL STUDIES				
Course Type	Board Developed Course	ATAR	Yes	Course Fee:	
Units	2 Units	Duration	2 Years / 240 hours	None	
Faculty	HSIE	Contact	Mr M. Quodling Ms C. Phyland		

The Preliminary course focuses on Aboriginal Peoples' relationship to the Land, Aboriginal heritage and identity, and an historical examination of colonialism, racism and prejudice from pre-contact times to the 1960s. The course also includes the development of skills in culturally appropriate research and inquiry methods. It involves case studies.

The HSC course provides for in-depth study of legislation, policy, judicial processes and current events from the 1960s. During the course, students undertake consultation with Aboriginal communities and study the course through the experiences of national and international Indigenous communities. Students apply research and inquiry methods through the completion of a major project.

How will I be assessed?

There are three formal assessment tasks in the Year 11 course and four formal assessment tasks in the Year 12 course.

In addition, all students studying the Aboriginal Studies course will sit for a Higher School Certificate examination.

How will this course help me in the future?

Aboriginal Studies develops students' knowledge and understanding about the historical and contemporary experiences of Aboriginal peoples and the concept of 'shared histories' with a view to enabling students to be active and informed citizens in promoting a just society for all Australians.

What else do I need to know?

Students must undertake mandatory case studies. The project log will document all work completed, including the sequential development of the project and the nature and timing of community-based fieldwork.

	AGRICULTURE					
Course Type	Board Developed Course	ATAR	Yes	Course Fee: \$25		
Units	2 Units	Duration	2 Years / 240 hours	\$2J		
Faculty	Science	Contact	Mrs J. Bryant Mrs M. Nicholls			

The preliminary course covers an overview of Australian agriculture, a farm study and plant and animal agriculture. The HSC course develops the animal and plant work further and looks specifically at a farm product. Students have the option to study one of three electives.

How will I be assessed?

HSC Assessment is on the HSC course only.

External Assessment	Weighting	Internal Assessment	Weighting
A three-hour written examination:	80 20	Plant/Animal Production Exam Farm Product Study Elective from the following topics: • Agri-food, Fibre and Fuel Technologies • Climate Challenge • Farming for the 21st Century	50 30 20
	100		100

How will this course help me in the future?

Agriculture has strong links with the science courses, particularly biology. It can lead to careers in rural sciences, horticulture, greens keeping, and veterinary science.

What else do I need to know?

Agriculture is a rigorous 2 Unit course requiring enthusiasm, effort and an interest in the rural environment. Practical course could be offered in Year 12.

	ANCIENT HISTORY						
Course Type	Board Developed Course	ATAR	Yes	Course Fee:			
Units	2 Units	Duration	2 Years / 240 hours	None			
Faculty	HSIE	Contact	Mr M. Quodling and Mr R. Raward				

Ancient History is an enquiry into past experiences and aims to help students understand the forces that have shaped the ancient world. In this course you will learn not only what happened in the past, but you will consider motives, causes, problems and consequences, through an evaluation various types of historical sources.

Year 11 Course:

The course comprises three areas:

- a) Investigating Ancient History
 - a. The Nature of Ancient History
 - b. Case Studies
- b) Features of Ancient Societies
- c) Historical Investigation an individual research project

HSC Course

The HSC course is divided into four areas of study

- Core Study Cities of Vesuvius-Pompeii and Herculaneum in the historical and geographical context of the volcanic eruption in AD 79.
- Ancient Societies
- Personalities and their Times
- Historical periods

How will I be assessed?

A range of assessments including research projects, multimedia presentations, essays and seminar papers, source studies role plays and dramatic recreations of events.

How will this course help me in the future?

Ancient History develops excellent communication skills and teaches you to research and analyse material. Such a background is valuable for Law, Journalism, Communication, Advertising and Marketing, Personnel Management, Travel and Tourism, the Diplomatic Service, and the Public Sector. As well, Education, Librarianship and Archaeology are possible career choices.

What else do I need to know?

An interest in learning to write essays and long answer responses is essential as the HSC requires some essay type answers. A History Extension course could be offered in Year 12.

	BIOLOGY					
Course Type	Board Developed Course	ATAR	Yes	Course Fee: \$25		
Units	2 Units	Duration	2 Years / 240 hours	\$2J		
Faculty	Science	Contact	Mrs J. Bryant and Mr D. Howard.			

The Biology course in years 11 and 12 will be exploring the diversity of life from a molecular to a biological systems level. The course examines the interactions between living things and the environments in which they live. Applications of biology and its significance in finding solutions to health and sustainability issues in a changing world are also important areas covered in this science practical course.

A depth study is required in both year 11 and 12 courses which will allow students to undertake an investigation as a single investigation/activity or series of investigations/activities. The depth study may be designed for the course cohort or a single class or be determined by individual students.

	Modules	Year 12	Modules
	1 Cells as the Basis of Life	(120 hours)	5 Heredity
Year 11	2 Organisation of Living Things		6 Genetic Change
(120 hours)	3 Biological Diversity		7 Infectious Disease
(1=3 113 010)	4 Ecosystem Dynamics		8 Non-Infectious Disease and Disorders

How will I be assessed?

The students will be assessed with school-based assessments including a depth study in both years and an external examination in year 12.

How will this course help me in the future?

The course provides the knowledge and skills required to study biology and supports participation in a range of careers in biology and related interdisciplinary industries. It is a fundamental discipline that focuses on personal and public health and sustainability issues and promotes an appreciation for the diversity of life on the Earth and its habitats.

When combined with Chemistry and/or Physics, Biology provides an entry into careers in Medicine, Health, Science, Forestry and Ecology, future STEM jobs just to name but a few. Studied alone, the course is useful in planning for many career areas such as Nursing, Food Technology, Family Studies and Teaching. Please check your career options carefully.

What else do I need to know?

Biology is a rigorous course, requiring enthusiasm, effort, and an enjoyment of science. The courses include a field study; laboratory investigations and there are costs for field excursions.

	BUSINESS STUDIES					
Course Type	Board Developed Course	ATAR	Yes	Course Fee:		
Units	2 Units	Duration	2 Years / 240 hours	NONE		
Faculty	HSIE	Contact	Mr M. Quodling and Ms. C. Phyland			

Business activity is a feature of everyone's life. As consumers and producers, employees, employers or self- employed, savers and investors, and as importers and exporters, people throughout the world engage in a web of business activities to design, produce, market, deliver and support a range of goods and services. Business Studies makes a significant contribution to the ability to participate effectively in the business environment. Students completing this course will develop general and specific skills including research, analysis, problem solving, decision-making, critical thinking and communication. These skills enhance students' confidence and ability to participate effectively, not only as members of the business world, but as informed citizens dealing with issues emanating from business activity that impact on their lives.

Year 11 Course Structure

- The Nature of Business
- Business Management
- Business Planning.

The Year 11 course is based on a study of topics and the completion of a Business Research Task.

The Business Research Task is a project undertaken throughout the course to support course concepts.

How will I be assessed?

Students will be assessed through class tests and reports, examinations, and an external exam.

How will this course help me in the future?

Students will have a sound knowledge of how businesses operate and the role of management in running businesses. The course will aid students in bridging the gap between school and work. The course will help students who wish to pursue business studies at University and TAFE as well as preparing them to make informed, ethical and responsible decisions in the business world.

HSC Course Structure

- Operations
- Marketing
- Finance
- Human Resources.

	CHEMISTRY					
Course Type	Board Developed Course	ATAR	Yes	Course Fee:		
Units	2 Units	Duration	2 Years / 240 hours	\$25		
Faculty	Science	Contact	Mr S. Harrington, Mr D. Howard and Mrs T. Alam			

The Chemistry course explores the structure, composition and reactions of and between all elements, compounds and mixtures that exist in the Universe. With the ongoing discoveries and the synthesis of new compounds, the monitoring of elements and compounds in the environment, and an understanding of industrial processes and their applications to life processes are central to human progress and our ability to develop future industries and sustainability.

Chemistry involves using differing scales, specialised representations, explanations, predictions and creativity, especially in the development and pursuit of new materials. It requires students to use their imagination to visualise the dynamic, minuscule world of atoms in order to gain a better understanding of how chemicals interact.

A depth study is required in both year 11 and 12 courses which will allow students to undertake an investigation as a single investigation/activity or series of investigations/activities. The depth study may be designed for the course cohort or a single class or be determined by individual students.

	Modules		Modules
Year 11	1 Properties and structure of matter	Vo 10	5 Equilibrium and Acid Reactions
	2 Introduction to Quantitative Chemistry	Year 12	6 Acid/base Reactions
(120 Hours)	3 Reactive Chemistry	(120 Hours)	6 Acia/base Reactions 7 Organic Chemistry
	4 Drivers of Reactions		8 Applying Chemical Ideas

How will I be assessed?

Students will be assessed with school-based assessments including a depth study in both years and an external examination in year 12.

How will this course help me in the future?

The course provides the knowledge and skills required to study chemistry after completing school and supports participation in a range of careers in chemistry and related inter- disciplinary industries including future STEM jobs. It is an essential discipline that currently addresses and will continue to address our energy needs and uses, the development of new materials, and sustainability issues as they arise. Chemistry is useful for careers in Industry, Chemistry, Metallurgy, Science, Engineering, Health and Medicine courses.

What else do I need to know?

There are opportunities to participate in excursions to gain insight into the local and regional businesses requiring the knowledge of chemistry.

	COMM	FAMILY STUDIES		
Course Type	Board Developed Course	ATAR	Yes	Course Fee:
Units	2 Units	Duration	2 Years / 240 hours	None
Faculty	PDHPE	Contact	Mrs T. Crough and Mrs S. Johnson	

Students selecting this subject will be equipped to better participate effectively in a society that is characterised by rapid social, economic, technological, legal, political and environmental change. This course is popular because it is so relevant to real life and living today.

Year 11 Course Modules

- Resource Management
- Individuals and Groups
- Families and Communities

HSC Course Modules

- Research Methodology
- Groups in Context
- Parenting and Caring
- Select one option from
 - Family & Social Interactions
 - Social Impact of Technology
 - Individuals & Work

How will I be assessed?

Practical and theory-based assessment tasks as per Assessment booklet. This course is research based.

HSC only – External Examination

How will this course help me in the future?

This course would have vocational application in career paths such as Business Management, Human Resources Management, Teaching, Social Work, Counselling and Marketing, Pre-School Director, Nursing, Day Care, Midwifery.

What else do I need to know?

As part of the HSC, students are required to complete an Independent research Project. The focus of the Independent Research Project should be related to the course content of one or more of the following areas:

Individuals and Groups Families and Communities

Course Type	Board Developed Vocational Education and Training (VET)	ATAR	Optional HSC exam must be completed to qualify.	Course Fee: Year 11: \$125
Units	2 Units	Duration	2 Years / 240 hours	Year 12: \$75 White Card: \$100
Faculty	TAS	Contact	Mr G. Driscoll and Mr J. Warren	Willie Cara. \$100

Multiple practical tasks including experiences from different construction trades such as carpentry, wall and floor tiling, building, surveying, leveling and industry work placement.

How will I be assessed?

Students in this course work to develop the competencies, skills and knowledge described by each unit of competency listed in the course descriptor flyer. To considered competent a student must demonstrate to a qualified assessor the competency requirements for performance and knowledge of the units/s of competency. This course is not graded.

How will this course help me in the future?

This qualification provides a pathway to the primary trades in the construction industry apart from plumbing. Students will gain their Construction White Card which allows students access to construction sites across Australia for work purposes.

What else do I need to know?

Certificate II in Construction Pathways is suitable for someone looking for experience and skills for the construction industry. For further information please see the Construction Pathways Course Descriptor on the following page.

2025 Construction Course Descriptor

CPC20220 Certificate II in Construction Pathways (Release 6) & Statement of Attainment towards CPC20120 Certificate II in Construction (Release 3)

This information may change due to the Training Package and NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) updates. Notification of variations will be made in due time with minimal impact.

Course: Construction

Industry Curriculum Framework (ICF)

Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) eligible course

HSC credit – 4 units

(2 units x 2 years or 4 units x 1 year) Board Developed Course (240 hour)

By enrolling in this VET qualification with the NSW Department of Education RTO 90333, you are choosing to participate in a program of study which will provide you a pathway towards, HSC accreditation and a nationally recognised qualification (dual accreditation). To receive this qualification, you must meet the assessment requirements of CPC20220 Certificate II in Construction Pathways (Release 6) & Statement of Attainment towards CPC20120 Certificate II in Construction (Release 3) https://training.gov.au/Training/Details/CPC20120 You will be expected to complete all and the requirements of the Registered Training Organisation and NESA. Students successfully completing the 10 units required for Construction Pathways will be eligible to receive a CPC20220 Certificate II in Construction Pathways (Release 6). A statement of attainment towards CPC20120 Certificate II in Construction is possible if at least one of the of the units of competency associated with this qualification is achieved.

Students may apply for Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) and/or Credit Transfer (CT) provided suitable evidence is submitted.

Transferrable industry skills gained in this course

- risk management
- time management
- basic emergency response

- communication
- problem solving
- decision making

Examples of occupations in the construction industry

- carpentry
- joinery

- bricklaying
- builder's labourer

VET requirements

Competency-Based Assessment

In this course you will work to develop the skills and knowledge described in each unit of competency. To be assessed as competent you must demonstrate your ability to satisfactorily complete the tasks required in the assessments.

Appeals and Complaints

You may lodge a complaint or an appeal about a decision (including assessment decisions) by following the Appeals and Complaints Guidelines.

HSC requirements

Mandatory course requirements

You must complete 240 indicative hours of course work and a minimum of 70 hours work placement. Not meeting these requirements will incur an 'N' determined as required by NESA.

External Assessment (optional HSC examination for ATAR purposes)

The Higher School Certificate examination for Construction is only available after completion of 240 indicative hours and will involve a written examination consisting of multiple-choice, short answers and extended response items. The examination is independent of the competency-based assessment undertaken during the course and has no impact on your eligibility to receive a vocational qualification.

Consumable costs: Preliminary - \$125

White card course \$100

HSC - \$75

Refunds

Refund arrangements are on a pro-rata basis Please refer to your school refund policy

A school-based traineeship is available in this course. For more information: https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/career-and-study-pathways/school-based-apprenticeships-and-traineeships

Exclusions: Students can only undertake the Construction (120 indicative hours) course or the Construction (240 indicative hours) course. General information about NESA VET course exclusions can be found https://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/11-12/stage-6-learning-areas/vet/course-exclusions

	DESI	GN AND TI	ECHNOLOGY	
Course Type	Board Developed Course	ATAR	Yes	Course Fee:
Units	2 Units	Duration	2 Years / 240 hours	Year 11: \$60 Year 12: \$10 plus
Faculty	TAS	Contact	Mr S. Markham	materials

Design and Technology has a unique focus on creativity, innovation and the successful implementation of innovative ideas. Students will investigate the importance of evaluation, the role of computer-based technologies, management, communication and collaborative design, as well as exploring current and emerging technologies. Through the completion of quality design projects, students are provided with the opportunity to develop specific production and manufacturing skills.

Design and Technology is inclusive of the needs, interests and aspirations of all students. It provides opportunities for students to develop design projects in areas of individual interest, to discuss equity issues related to design, production and manufacturing in the Australian society and to consider careers in the fields of design and manufacturing.

Students will be given the opportunity to explore and develop technologies and demonstrate insight into the future uses of technology. They will develop skills that are transferable, and which lead to lifelong learning.

How will I be assessed?

The preliminary course is assessed through practical work and associated folios.

The HSC course involves a major project and comprehensive folio. Students also undertake a case study of an innovation. Examinations will be conducted by the school for the Half Yearly and Trial, and externally for the HSC.

How will this course help me in the future?

This course will assist students who wish to take up careers in the fields of Architecture, Artist, Fashion Designer, Furniture Designer, Graphic Designer, Industrial Designer, Interior Designer, Web Designer, Digital Visual Effects and Animations Engineer.

What else do I need to know?

You must be willing to supply your own project materials for the HSC. The project being assessed for the HSC is marked externally and usually just after the middle of Term 3 of the HSC Year.

	DRAMA				
Course Type	Board Developed Course	ATAR	Yes	Course Fee: \$30 per year	
Units	2 Units	Duration	2 Years / 240 hours	\$30 per year	
Faculty	English	Contact	Mrs L. Mullan and Mrs S. Atkins		

This course is a practical and critical study in which students learn through experience and develop the confidence to participate in creative study. Students will study five content areas.

Preliminary Course

- Improvisation, Play Building and Acting.
- Elements of Production in Performance.
- Theatrical Traditions and Performance Styles.

HSC Course

- Australian Drama and Theatre (core content).
- Studies in Drama and Theatre.
- Group Performance (core content). Individual Project (I.P.) one of the following:
 - o Individual Performance; Portfolio of Theatre Criticism; Director's Folio; Applied Research Project; Costume Design; Lighting Design; Promotion Design; Set Design; Scriptwriting; Video Drama.

Achievement of minimum standards of literacy assessment or a NAPLAN Band 8 in reading and writing is recommended.

How will I be assessed?

School Assessment Program: Workshop activities, written and oral reflection, development work in Individual Project and Group Presentation.

External Exam: Individual Project Performance (6-8 minutes) or one of the other individual projects listed above. Group Devised Piece (8-12 minutes) - Core written exam – essays x 3.

How will this course help me in the future?

This course will have career paths such as theatre, film, television, teaching and entertainment. The collaborative and individual skills developed in this course will also have benefits to any student's self- confidence, speaking, teambuilding and listening.

	EARTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE						
Course Type	Board Developed Course	ATAR	Yes	Course Fee:			
Units	2 Units	Duration	2 Years / 240 hours	\$23			
Faculty	Science	Contact	Mrs M. Nicholls				

The Earth and Environmental Science course explores the Earth's renewable and non-renewable resources and environmental issues. An understanding of the Earth's resources and the ability to live sustainably on the planet is a central purpose of the study of Earth and Environmental Science.

Earth and Environmental Science involves the analysis, processing, and evaluation of qualitative and quantitative data to formulate explanations and solve problems. Fieldwork is an integral part of these investigation processes.

A depth study is required in both year 11 and 12 courses which will allow students to under-take an investigation as a single investigation/activity or series of investigations/activities. The depth study may be designed for the course cohort or a single class or be determined by individual students.

	Modules		Modules
Year 11	1 Earth's Resources	Year 12	5 Earth's Processes
(120 hours)	2 Plate Tectonics		6 Hazards
(120 110013)	3 Energy Transformations	(120 110013)	7 Climate Science
	4 Human Impacts		8 Resource Management

How will I be assessed?

Students will be assessed with school-based assessments including a depth study in both years and an external examination in year 12.

How will this course help me in the future?

The course maintains a practical emphasis in the delivery of the course content and engages with technologies that assist in developing earth and environmental science applications. The application of earth and environmental science is essential in addressing current and future environmental issues and challenges. It is also necessary for the use and management of geological resources that are important to Australia's sustainable future.

What else do I need to know?

Earth and Environmental Science is a rigorous course, requiring enthusiasm, effort, and an enjoyment of science. The course includes field trips to local environments to examine soils, rock types and the main plants and animals present. There will be costs for field excursions.

Course Type	Board Developed Course	ATAR	Category A	Course Fee
Units	2 Unit	Duration	2 Years / 240 hours	NONE
Faculty	HSIE	Contact	Mr M. Quodling Ms C Phyland	

The aim of Economics Stage 6 is to develop students' knowledge, understanding, skills, values and attitudes for effective economic thinking that contributes to socially responsible, competent economic decision-making in a changing economy.

Students will develop: knowledge and understanding about: • the economic behaviour of individuals, firms, institutions and governments • the function and operation of markets • the operation and management of economies • contemporary economic problems and issues facing individuals, firms and governments.

How will I be assessed?

Students will be assessed through tests and examinations, research and report tasks, media analysis and an external examination.

How will this course help me in the future?

The study of Economics Stage 6 provides students with knowledge, understanding and skills that form a valuable foundation for a range of courses at university and other tertiary institutions. In addition, the study of Economics assists students to prepare for employment and full and active participation as citizens. There are opportunities for students to gain recognition in vocational education and training.

What else do I need to know?

Economics is an academically challenging course. Those students who traditionally perform well in this subject possess skills in the following: essay writing and analysis of statistics and graphs, and other stimulus material. The syllabus covers both macroeconomics and microeconomics, with the following topics being studied at the HSC level: The Global Economy, Australia's Place in the Global Economy, Economic Issues and Economic Policies and Management.

ENGLISH ADVANCED							
Course Type	Board Developed Course	ATAR	Yes	Course Fee			
Units	2 Unit	Duration	2 Years / 240 hours	None			
Faculty	English	Contact	Mrs. L. Mullan				

The English Advanced course is designed for students who have a particular interest and ability in the subject and who desire to engage with challenging learning experiences that will enrich their personal, intellectual, academic, social and vocational lives. Students appreciate, analyse and respond imaginatively and critically to literary texts drawn from a range of personal, social, historical and cultural contexts, including literature from the past and present and from Australian and other cultures. They study challenging written, spoken, visual, multi-modal and digital texts that represent and reflect a changing global world.

Year 11 Course

- Common Module: Reading to Write
- Module A: Narratives that Shape our World.
- Module B: Critical Study of Literature HSC Course
- Common Module: Texts and Human Experiences
- Module A: Textual Conversations
- Module B: Critical Study of Literature
- Module C: The Craft of Writing

Across Stage 6 the selection of texts will give students experience of:

- a range of types of texts inclusive of prose fiction, drama, poetry, nonfiction, film, media, and digital texts
- texts which are widely regarded as quality literature, including a range of literary texts written about intercultural experiences and the peoples and cultures of Asia.
- a range of Australian texts, including texts by Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander authors and those that give insights into diverse experiences of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people.
- texts with a wide range of cultural, social and gender perspectives
- integrated modes of reading, writing, listening, speaking, viewing and representing as appropriate

How will I be assessed?

Students will be assessed through assignments and exams in the areas of:

- Knowledge and understanding of course content.
- Skills in responding to texts and communication of ideas appropriate to audience, purpose, and context across all modes.

How will this course help me in the future?

This course would suit students planning to study English and other humanities at tertiary level. Students who do well in the course will find that their results will be an advantage to careers in journalism, advertising, public relations, and broadcasting.

ENGLISH EXTENSION 1					
Course Type	Board Developed Course	ATAR	Yes	Course Fee	
Units	1 Unit	Duration	2 Years / 120 hours	None	
Faculty	English	Contact	Mrs. L. Mullan		

The English Extension 1 course provides students who undertake Advanced English and are accomplished in their use of English with the opportunity to extend their use of language and self-expression in creative and critical ways. Through engaging with increasingly complex concepts through a broad range of literature, from a range of contexts, they refine their understanding and appreciation of the cultural roles and the significance of texts.

Year 11 Course

Module: Texts, Culture and Value Related research project HSC Course

Common module: Literary Worlds with ONE elective option How will I be assessed? There will be assessment that allows students to demonstrate:

- Knowledge and understanding of complex texts and of how and why they are valued
- Skills in complex analysis, sustained composition and independent investigation

How will this course help me in the future?

Students who anticipate a tertiary education in Arts, Education, Law or Media will find this in-depth analytical and creative study to be of considerable advantage.

	ENGLISH EXTENSION 2						
Course Type	Board Developed Course	ATAR	YES	Course Fee			
Units	1 Unit	Duration	1 Year (Year 12 only)	None			
Faculty	English	Contact	Mrs. L. Mullan				

In the HSC English Extension 2 course, students develop a sustained composition and document their reflection on this process. Students must be studying the English

Advanced course and English extension 1 to do this extension course.

How will I be assessed?

HSC Course

External Assessment:

• Major Work and reflection statement.

Internal Assessment:

- Viva Voce
- Literature Review
- Critique of the Creative Process

How will this course help me in the future?

This would be of great benefit to those students who are considering a career in Media or tertiary education in the Arts, Education or Law.

What else do I need to know?

This is an opportunity or creative students to produce a sustained composition in their chosen form. Students may only study English Extension 2 in Year 12 if:

- They have studied and completed English Extension in Year 11 and,
- They complete the HSC course in English Extension 1.

ENGLISH STANDARD					
Course Type	Board Developed Course	ATAR	Yes	Course Fee	
Units	2 Unit	Duration	2 Years / 240 hours	None	
Faculty	English	Contact	Mrs. L. Mullan		

The English Standard course is designed for students to increase their expertise in English to enhance their personal, educational, social and vocational lives. The English Standard course provides students, who have a diverse range of literacy skills, with the opportunity to analyse, study and enjoy a breadth and variety of English texts to become confident and effective communicators. English Standard offers a rich language experience that is reflected through the integrated modes of reading, writing, speaking, listening, viewing and representing.

Year 11 Course

Common Module: Reading to Write Module A: Contemporary Possibilities Module B: Close Study of Literature

HSC Course

Common Module: Texts and Human Experiences Module A: Language, Identity and Culture Module B: Close Study of Literature

Module B: Close Study of Literature

Module C: The Craft of Writing

Across Stage 6 the selection of texts will give students experience of the following:

- a range of types of texts inclusive of prose fiction, drama, poetry, nonfiction, film, media, and digital texts
- texts which are widely regarded as quality literature, including a range of literary texts written about intercultural experiences and the peoples and cultures of Asia.
- a range of Australian texts, including texts by Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander authors and those that give insights into diverse experiences of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander peoples.
- texts with a wide range of cultural, social and gender perspectives
- integrated modes of reading, writing, listening, speaking, viewing, and representing as appropriate

How will I be assessed?

Students will be assessed through assignments and exams in the areas of:

- Knowledge and understanding of course content.
- Skills in responding to texts and communication of ideas appropriate to audience, purpose, and context across all modes.

How will this course help me in the future?

Universities will accept this course as an entry requirement for most courses.

ENGLISH STUDIES					
Course Type	Board Developed Course	ATAR	Optional HSC exam must be completed to qualify.	Course Fees None	
Units	2 Unit	Duration	2 Years / 240 hours	None	
Faculty	English	Contact	Mrs. L. Mullan		

The English Studies course is designed to provide students with opportunities to become competent, confident, and engaged communicators and to study and enjoy a breadth and variety of texts in English. English Studies focuses on supporting students to refine their skills and knowledge in English and consolidate their English literacy skills to enhance their personal, educational, social, and vocational lives.

The course is distinctive in its focus on the development of students' language, literacy, and literary skills. It centres on empowering students to comprehend, interpret, and evaluate the ideas, values, language forms, features and structures of texts from a range of everyday, social, cultural, academic, community and workplace contexts. It offers comprehensive and contemporary language experiences in the modes of reading, writing, speaking, listening, viewing, and representing.

Year 11 Course

Students will complete the mandatory module – Achieving through English: English in education, work and an additional 2–4 elective modules.

HSC Course

Students will complete the mandatory module Mandatory Common Texts and Human Experiences and additional 2–4 modules.

How will I be assessed?

There will be assessment that allows students to demonstrate:

- Knowledge and understanding of complex texts and of how and why they are valued.
- Skills in complex analysis, sustained composition and independent investigation How will this course help me in the future?

This course is designed to meet the specific needs of students who are seeking an alternative to the English (Standard) course and who intend to proceed from school directly into employment or vocational training.

What else do I need to know?

The important thing to remember is that this course does not qualify students for an ATAR unless you sit for the HSC examination.

ENTERTAINMENT						
Course Type	Vocational Education and Training (VET)	ATAR	Optional HSC exam must be completed to qualify	Course Fee Year 11: \$50		
Units	2 Unit	Duration	2 Years / 240 hours	Year 12: \$30		
Faculty	САРА	Contact	Mr K. McGeary			

Entertainment offers students the opportunity to engage with the entertainment industry in a practical, hands on context. Students learn and operate audio, lighting, staging, and audio/visual technology in a number of settings including school productions and assemblies, and externally in a professional context.

Students will become part of a committed and enthusiastic team that is responsible for many of the events that school provides. If you are interested in music, television, theatre, productions and film this course gives you the necessary experience and skills to thrive in this profession.

How will I be assessed?

Entertainment is an ungraded pass/fail subject. Students are assessed through a series of practical assessments, verbal quizzing, and written documentation to ensure knowledge attainment and competency in a given skill. Throughout this course, students will be working towards completing a Certificate III in Live Production and Technical Services. Students can also complete the Entertainment HSC examination to have Entertainment count towards their ATAR.

How will this course help me in the future?

Entertainment is designed to be a hands-on subject which provides the necessary skills and knowledge to work in technical roles in the entertainment industry. This qualification is also useful to musicians and budding acters looking for production and backstage technical knowledge. Jobs in the industry are in high demand, and include many roles such as stagehand, audio technician, lighting operator, Film set technician and many more.

What else do I need to know?

For further information please see Entertainment Industry Course Descriptor on the following page

2025 Entertainment Industry Course Descriptor

Statement of Attainment towards CUA30420 Certificate III in Live Production and Technical Services

This information may change due to the Training Package and NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) updates. Notification of variations will be made in due time with minimal impact.

Course: Entertainment Industry
Industry Curriculum Framework (ICF)

Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) eligible course

HSC credit – 4 units (2 units x 2 years or 4 units x 1 year)

Board Developed Course (240 hour)

By enrolling in this VET qualification with the NSW Department of Education RTO 90333, you are choosing to participate in a program of study which will provide you a pathway towards, HSC accreditation and a Statement of Attainment (SOA) towards a nationally recognised qualification (dual accreditation). To receive an SOA towards the qualification you must meet the assessment requirements of CUA30420 Certificate III in Live Production and Technical Services https://training.gov.au/training/details/cua30420. You will be expected to complete all the requirements of the Registered Training Organisation (RTO) and NESA. A statement of attainment towards the qualification is possible if at least one unit of competency is achieved.

Students may apply for Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) and/or Credit Transfer (CT) provided suitable evidence is submitted.

Transferrable industry skills gained in this course

- customer (client) service skills
- technical production of lighting, sound and vision
- communication skills

- creativity
- critical thinking
- problem solving

Examples of occupations in the entertainment industry

- assistant sound technician
- follow spot operator
- production crew

- assistant lighting technician
- front of house assistant
- stagehand

VET requirements

Competency-Based Assessment

In this course you will work to develop the skills and knowledge described in each unit of competency. To be assessed as competent you must demonstrate your ability to satisfactorily complete the tasks required in the assessments.

Appeals and Complaints

You may lodge a complaint or an appeal about a decision (including assessment decisions) by following the Appeals and Complaints Guidelines

HSC requirements

Mandatory course requirements

You must complete 240 indicative hours of course work and a minimum of 70 hours work placement. Not meeting these requirements will incur an 'N' determined as required by NESA.

External Assessment (optional HSC examination for ATAR purposes)

The Higher School Certificate examination for Entertainment is only available after completion of 240 indicative hours and will involve a written examination consisting of multiple-choice, short answers and extended response items. The examination is independent of the competency-based assessment undertaken during the course and has no impact on your eligibility to receive a vocational qualification.

Consumable costs: Preliminary - \$50 HSC - \$30	Refunds Refund arrangements are on a pro-rata basis. Please refer to your school refund policy
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A school-based traineeship is not available for this course.

Exclusions: Students can only undertake the Entertainment Industry (120 indicative hours) course or the Entertainment Industry (240 indicative hours) course.

General information about NESA VET course exclusions can be found https://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/11-12/stage-6-learning-areas/vet/course-exclusions

EXPLORING EARLY CHILDHOOD							
Course Type	Content Endorsed Course	ATAR	No	Course Fee: Year 11: \$30 Year 12: \$40			
Units	2 Units	Duration	2 Years / 240 hours				
Faculty	TAS	Contact	Mrs M. Sharkey				

This course comprises a compulsory common core and optional modules. The core consists of 45 hours of study and the optional modules expand on the issues introduced in the core. The course involves a practical as well as theory component and it is highly desirable to have the opportunity to interact with young children.

The Core consists of:

- Pregnancy and Childbirth
- Child Growth and Development
- Promoting Positive Behaviour

Some of the Modules which may be studied are:

- Learning Experiences for Young Children
- Play and the Developing Child
- Starting School
- Children of Aboriginal and Torres Strait islander Communities
- Children's Literature
- Food and Nutrition
- Young Children with Special Needs

How will I be assessed?

Method of assessment may include reports, essays, internal examinations, journal writing, compilation of a media file, individual child case study, practical exercises.

How will this course help me in the future?

This course is suitable for careers in Counselling, Welfare, Childcare Assistant, Care Giver, and childcare Centre Operator/Director, Primary teaching, Nanny, au Pair.

What else do I need to know?

Students will visit Childcare Centres or complete Work Experience in a Childcare Centre as part of this course.

FOOD TECHNOLOGY				
Course Type	Board Developed Course	ATAR	Yes	Course Fee:
Units	2 Units	Duration	2 Years / 240 hours	Year 11: \$80
Faculty	TAS	Contact	Mr G. Woods and Mrs M. Sharkey	Year 12: \$60

The Preliminary course will develop knowledge and understanding about food nutrients and diets for optimum nutrition, the functional properties of food, safe preparation, presentation and storage of food, sensory characteristics of food, the influences on food availability and factors affecting food selection. Practical skills in planning, preparing and presenting food are integrated throughout the content areas.

The HSC course involves the study of sectors, aspects, policies and legislations of the Australian Food Industry; production, processing, preserving, packaging, storage and distribution of food; factors impacting, reasons, types, steps and marketing of food product development; nutrition incorporating diet and health in Australia and influences on nutritional status. Practical experiences in developing, preparing, experimenting and presenting food are integrated throughout the course.

How will I be assessed?

Year 11 Course

- Food Availability and Selection (30%)
- Food Quality (40%)
- Nutrition (30%)

HSC Course

- The Australian Food Industry (25%)
- Food Manufacture (25%)
- Food Product Development (25%)
- Contemporary Nutrition Issues (25%)

How will this course help me in the future?

The study of Food Technology Stage 6 provides students with knowledge, understanding and skills that form a valuable foundation for a range of courses at university and other tertiary institutions. In addition, the study of Food Technology Stage 6 assists students to prepare for employment and full and active participation as citizens. There are opportunities for students to gain employment in food, nutrition and health-based careers.

What else do I need to know?

There is no prerequisite study for this course. To meet the course requirements, students study food availability and selection, food quality, nutrition, the Australian food industry, food manufacture, food product development and contemporary nutrition issues. It is mandatory that students undertake practical activities. Such experiential learning activities are specified in the 'learn to' section of each strand.

	GEOGRAPHY				
Course Type	Board Developed Course	ATAR	Category A	Course Fees None	
Units	2 Unit	Duration	2 Years / 240 hours	none	
Faculty	HSIE	Contact	Mr M. Quodling		

Geography is an investigation of the world that provides an accurate description and interpretation of the varied character of the earth and its people. It is a key discipline through which students develop the ability to recognise and understand environmental change and the interactions that take place in our world.

Geography has many dimensions, two of which are emphasised in this syllabus:

- The ecological dimension considers how humans interact with environments.
- The spatial dimension focuses on where things are, why they are there and how people inter-act differently with environments in different places.

Geographers investigate the opportunities for human activities, the constraints placed upon them and the impact of these activities. The study of Geography allows students to perceive the world in a variety of ways and helps them make sense of a complex and changing world.

How will I be assessed?

Students will be assessed through tests and examinations, research tasks, fieldwork, a Senior Geography Project and an external examination.

How will this course help me in the future?

Geography provides knowledge of the Earth and helps people make decisions about the spatial dimensions of the world. Students develop skills in map reading and photographic interpretation. A study of Geography is useful in most careers but particularly in environmental management, urban and town planning, resource management, business, commerce and tourism.

What else do I need to know?

Geography is an academically challenging course. Those students who traditionally perform well in this subject possess skills in the following: essay writing and analysis of topographic maps, graphs, and other stimulus material. The new syllabus covers both human and physical geography, with greater emphasis on human geography whilst studying the topics Global Sustainability, Rural and Urban Places and Ecosystems and Global Biodiversity.

	HUMAN A	MOVEMENT	SCIENCE (PDHPE)	
Course Type	Board Developed course	ATAR	Yes	Course Fee: None
Units	2 Units	Duration	2 Years / 240 hours	
Faculty	PDHPE	Contact	Mrs S. Johnson	

The Preliminary course examines a range of areas that underpin health and physical activity. This includes how people think about health and physical activity, the management of personal health and the basis of how the body moves.

In the HSC course students focus on major issues related to Australia's health status. They also look at factors that affect physical performance and how to improve performance.

Topics include:

- Health for Individuals and Communities
- The Body and Mind in Motion
- Health in an Australian and Global Context
- Training for improved performance

How will I be assessed?

Research tasks, examinations, collaborative investigations, depth studies and extended response writing. Students will also have an external assessment which is a 3-hour HSC written exam,

How will this course help me in the future?

This course is ideal for students who are considering undertaking tertiary courses or careers in medicine, physiotherapy, exercise science, occupational therapy, physical education, nursing, coaching, fitness, health promotion and community health. It would be of interest to students wishing to make better informed choices about their own personal health and fitness.

What else do I need to know?

This course was formerly known as PDHPE, it has been renamed with an amended syllabus. An interest in human movement and/or individual and community health issues is recommended. The course is theory based with some opportunities for practical application lessons. The course is academically challenging.

	HOSPITALITY				
Course Type	Board Developed Vocational Education and Training (VET)	ATAR	Optional HSC exam must be completed to qualify	Course Fee: Year 11: \$140	
Units	2 Units	Duration	2 Years / 240 hours	Year 12: \$100	
Faculty	TAS	Contact	Mr G. Woods and Mrs M. Sharkey		

Hospitality is an industry that is calling out for skilled workers. Get the know-how for either a fulfilling career or a job that gets you lifetime skills with a Hospitality course. Learn to prepare a restaurant, the beverages and basic food dishes, as well as the principles of hygiene and food safety.

How will I be assessed?

VET courses have the same NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) requirements as other HSC courses. This means you will regularly attend classes and complete the set competency tasks.

Hospitality takes two years to complete and includes participating in functions which may also extend outside of school hours and include work placement.

How will this course help me in the future?

Do you work well as part of a team? Do you enjoy working in a customer focused environment? Are you a perfectionist who loves creating experiences? Are you enthusiastic? Do you communicate well? The course will provide you with various pathways to a fulfilling career – Barista, Food and beverage assistant, Front office customer service officer, Waiter, Catering assistant and Apprentice chef just to name a few.

What else do I need to know?

VET courses carry the same requirements as normal school courses. Attendance is mandatory and course requirements will be clearly explained by the teacher at the start of your course. For further information please see Hospitality Course Descriptor on the following page.

2025 Hospitality Course Descriptor SIT20322 Certificate II in Hospitality

This information may change due to the Training Package and NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) updates. Notification of variations will be made in due time with minimal impact.

Course: Hospitality (Food and Beverage)

Industry Curriculum Framework (ICF)

Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) eligible course

HSC credit - 4 units

(2 units x 2 years or 4 units x 1 year) Board Developed Course (240 hour)

By enrolling in this VET qualification with the NSW Department of Education RTO 90333, you are choosing to participate in a program of study which will provide you a pathway towards, HSC accreditation and a nationally recognised qualification (dual accreditation). To receive this qualification, you must meet the assessment requirements of SIT20322 Certificate II in Hospitality https://training.gov.au/training/details/SIT20322. You will be expected to complete all the requirements of the Registered Training Organisation and NESA. To gain the full qualification, you must achieve 12 units of competency. A statement of attainment towards the qualification is possible if at least one unit of competency is achieved.

Students may apply for Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) and/or Credit Transfer (CT) provided suitable evidence is submitted.

Transferrable industry skills gained in this course

- customer service skills
- teamwork
- organisational skills

- adaptability
- critical thinking
- problem solving

Examples of occupations in the hospitality industry

- food and beverage attendant
- restaurant host/hostess
- espresso coffee machine operator
- receptionist

- function attendant
- barista and café service administration

VET requirements

Competency-Based Assessment

In this course you will work to develop the skills and knowledge described in each unit of competency. To be assessed as competent you must demonstrate your ability to satisfactorily complete the tasks required in the assessments.

Appeals and Complaints

You may lodge a complaint or an appeal about a decision (including assessment decisions) by following the Appeals and Complaints Guidelines

HSC requirements

Mandatory course requirements

You must complete 240 indicative hours of course work and a minimum of 70 hours work placement. Not meeting these requirements will incur an 'N' determined as required by NESA.

External Assessment (optional HSC examination for ATAR purposes)

The Higher School Certificate examination for Hospitality is only available after completion of 240 indicative hours and will involve a written examination consisting of multiple-choice, short answers and extended response items. The examination is independent of the competency-based assessment undertaken during the course and has no impact on your eligibility to receive a vocational qualification.

Consumable costs: Preliminary - \$140 HSC - \$100 Refunds
Refund arrangements are on a pro-rata basis.
Please refer to your school refund policy

A school-based traineeship is available in this course. For more information:

 $\frac{https://education.nsw.gov.au/schooling/students/career-and-study-pathways/school-based-apprenticeships-and-traineeships/traineeships/certificate-ii-hospitality}{}$

Exclusions: In this Framework, students can only undertake the Hospitality (120 indicative hours) course or the Hospitality (240 indicative hours) course.

General information about NESA VET course exclusions can be found https://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/11-12/stage-6-learning-areas/vet/course-exclusions

	INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY – METALS				
Course Type	Board Developed Course	ATAR	Yes	Course Fee: Year 11: \$55	
Units	2 Units	Duration	2 Years / 240 hours	Year 12: \$30	
Faculty	TAS	Contact	Mr S. Markham and Mr J. Warren		

Industrial Technology is the study of technologies and the industries that use them in the production of materials and finished goods. It is intended that students will gain knowledge through practical experience. Therefore, emphasis is placed upon the process of making practical judgements to gain an appreciation of this technological era.

In the Year 11 course, students must design, develop and construct a number of projects. Each project must include a management folio. Students also undertake the study of an individual business within the Metals industry.

In the HSC course, students must design, develop and construct a major project with a management folio detailing the planning, research, management & production of the project. They also undertake a study of the overall industry related to the Metals industry.

How will I be assessed?

The course is assessed through practical work, associated folios and by examination. The HSC course involves a major project and comprehensive folio.

Students also undertake a study of the Metals industry

Examinations will be conducted by the school and externally for the HSC.

How will this course help me in the future?

This course will assist students who wish to take up careers in the fields of fitting and machining, fabrication, and associated Metals trades.

What else do I need to know?

You must be willing to supply your own project materials for the HSC. The project being assessed for the HSC is marked externally and usually just after the middle of Term 3 of the HSC year.

Students cannot study two industrial technology courses.

INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY – MULTIMEDIA				
Course Type	Board Developed Course	ATAR	Yes	Course Fee:
Units	2 Units	Duration	2 Years / 240 hours	Year 11: \$55
Faculty	TAS	Contact	Mr T. Warner and Mr G. Woods	Year 12: \$30 plus materials

Industrial Technology is the study of technologies and the industries that use them in the production of materials and finished goods. It is intended that students will gain knowledge through practical experience. Therefore, emphasis is placed upon the process of making practical judgements to gain an appreciation of this technological era.

Multimedia

You will learn about sound, image, and video creation, capturing, and editing as well as animation and web page design. Completing a portfolio of work throughout the two-year course students will produce a variety of multimedia projects culminating in the completion of their Major Design Project, focusing on the areas of interest. You will learn how to create interactive and adaptive websites with multilayered images and videos by direct tuition in various software platforms but more importantly the ability to access online help for more complex software.

In the Year 11 course, students must design, develop, and complete a number of projects. Each project must include a management folio.

In the HSC course, students must design, develop, and complete a major project with a management folio detailing the planning, research, management & production of the project. They also study the overall industry related to the multimedia focus area.

How will I be assessed?

The course is assessed through practical work, associated folios and by examination. The HSC course involves a major project and comprehensive folio. Students also undertake a study of the Multimedia industry. Examinations will be conducted by the school and externally for the HSC.

How will this course help me in the future?

Students undertaking this course can utilise these skills across a range of career options including sound technicians, web designers, image editors and a variety of positions within the ever-growing multimedia industry.

What else do I need to know?

You must be willing to supply your own project materials for the HSC. The project being assessed for the HSC is marked externally and usually just after the middle of Term 3 of the HSC year. Students cannot study two industrial technology courses.

	INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY – TIMBER				
Course Type	Board Developed Course	ATAR	Yes	Course Fee:	
Units	2 Units	Duration	2 Years / 240 hours	Year 11: \$55 Year 12: \$30 plus	
Faculty	TAS	Contact	Mr S. Markham and Mr J. Warren	materials	

Industrial Technology is the study of technologies and the industries that use them in the production of materials and finished goods. It is intended that students will gain knowledge through practical experience. Therefore, emphasis is placed upon the process of making practical judgements to gain an appreciation of this technological era.

In the Year 11 course, students must design, develop and construct a number of projects. Each project must include a management folio. Students also undertake the study of an individual business within the Timber Industry.

In the HSC course, students must design, develop and construct a major project with a management folio detailing the planning, research, management & production of the project. They also undertake a study of the overall industry related to the Timber focus area.

How will I be assessed?

The course is assessed through practical work, associated folios and by examination. HSC Assessment. The HSC course involves a major project and comprehensive folio.

Students also undertake a study of the Timber industry

Examinations will be conducted by the school and externally for the HSC.

How will this course help me in the future?

This course will assist students who wish to take up careers in the fields of cabinetmaking, construction and associated Timber trades.

What else do I need to know?

You must be willing to supply your own project materials for the HSC. The project being assessed for the HSC is marked externally and usually just after the middle of Term 3 of the HSC year.

Students cannot study two industrial technology courses.

INDUSTRY BASED LEARNING				
Course Type	Content Endorsed Course	ATAR	No	Course Fee:
Units	2 Units	Duration	2 Years / 240 hours	
Faculty	Careers	Contact	Ms K. Woodward	None

The Industry-Based Learning course is only available for students:

- with an approved school-based apprenticeship or traineeship training contract, and
- who are also entered for the appropriate HSC VET course(s) for the formal off-the-job training component of the school-based apprenticeship or traineeship.

What will I be doing in this course?

The purpose of this course is to enable students to demonstrate the additional knowledge, understandings, skills, values and attitudes they develop from the on-the-job training component of a school-based apprenticeship or traineeship. It will provide a degree of flexibility for school-based apprentices and trainees within the Higher School Certificate. It will assist in addressing the challenges faced by students who concurrently undertake the Higher School Certificate and formal industry training.

Across the minimum 100 days of on-the-job attendance students will have the opportunity to develop competencies toward their apprenticeship or traineeship as well as develop knowledge, understanding, skills, values and attitudes related to enterprise, work and employability.

Evidence of Industry-based Learning

It is intended that the evidence of industry-based learning will be built up across the on-thejob training attendance requirement.

The evidence of Industry-Based Learning will consist of two parts:

- a log of those tasks and activities which have been undertaken in the workplace which are related to the course outcomes, and
- a reflective and self-descriptive journal of learning related to the course outcomes which has developed from the on-the-job training component of the school-based apprenticeship or traineeship.

	INV	/ESTIGATIN	IG SCIENCE	
Course Type	Board Developed Course	ATAR	Yes	Course Fee:
Units	2 Units	Duration	2 Years / 240 hours	\$25
Faculty	Science	Contact	Mrs J. Bryant	

The Investigating Science course has been designed to assist students of all abilities engage with scientific processes, and apply those processes to investigate relevant personal, com-munity and global scientific issues.

Investigating science in years 11 and 12 will enable students to develop and appreciation and understanding of science as a body of knowledge and a set of valuable processes that provide us with an ability to understand ourselves and the world in which we live. By applying the Working Scientifically skills processes, the aim of the course is to develop analytical and problem-solving skills, to allow decisions to made with the rapidly changing and interconnected technological world.

	Modules		Modules
	1 Cause and Effect - Observing	Year 12	5 Scientific Investigations
Year 11 (120 hours)	2 Cause and Effect – Inferences and Generalisations	(120 hours)	6 Technologies
	3 Scientific Models		7 Fact or Fallacy?
	4 Theories and Laws		8 Science and Society

How will I be assessed?

Students will be assessed with school-based assessments including a depth study in both years and an external examination in year 12.

How will this course help me in the future?

The Investigating Science course is designed to complement the study of the science disciplines by providing additional opportunities for students to investigate and develop an understanding of scientific concepts, their current and future uses, and their impacts on science and society. The course draws on and promotes interdisciplinary science, by allowing students to investigate a wide range of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) related issues and concepts in depth.

What else do I need to know?

In year 12 if studying Investigating Science, there is an option to select to study any of the other strands of science. This course is offered as a Life Skills pattern.

		LEGAL S	TUDIES	
Course Type	Board Developed Course	ATAR	Yes	Course Fee:
Units	2 Units	Duration	2 Years / 240 hours	None
Faculty	HSIE	Contact	Ms B. Kramer and Mr M. Quodling	

Legal studies allow students to learn about the way our country is governed, the legal rules institutions and processes which affect us as people and citizens. The course encourages you to think critically about the role of law and legal institutions in society. You learn to understand what is meant by the legal jargon. The course does focus on change, on the effectiveness of the law, on dispute resolution and the issues of justice.

The Year 11 course is divided into three parts:

- The legal system
- The individual and the law
- The law in practice

Two focus groups to be chosen from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, migrants, women, people who are socio-economically disadvantaged and people who have a mental illness or intellectual or physical disability.

The HSC course:

- Part 1 Crime
- Part 2 Human Rights
- Part 3 Options
- Case studies of two of the following:
 - Consumers
 - FamilyGlobal Environments
- Indigenous peoples
- Shelter

- Workplace
- World order

How will I be assessed?

Students will be assessed through tests and examinations, research tasks, media reports and files, oral reports, fieldwork, and external examination.

How will this course help me in the future?

This subject offers excellent preparation for life skills through an understanding of the legal system and the social structures of our society. The course helps students prepare for further education, training, and employment in the fields of law, politics, social work, and journalism.

MARINE STUDIES				
Course Type	Content Endorsed Course	ATAR	No	Course Fee: \$35
Units	2 Units	Duration	2 Years / 240 hours	\$ 33
Faculty	Science	Contact	Ms L. Thomas, Mr D. Howard, Mrs R. Abood and Mr R. Minchinton	

This course provides the student with a mixture of practical and knowledge in the broader marine field. The areas covered by the core include marine safety, first aid, the marine environment, marine life, human use of the oceans, and aspects of marine employment. The electives build on the core.

How will I be assessed?

The two-unit course will be assessed with a written exam at the end of each unit with a practical assessment of the key competencies.

Internal Assessment	
Core: Mid-Course Exam	40%
Elective: Practical	30%
Final Exam	30%

How will this course help me in the future?

The course supports students with an interest in, and a wish to pursue employment or study in the marine field. There is opportunity for continuation in post-school study with specific courses offered at University, TAFE and private organisations. It will encourage safe practices in the marine environment.

What else do I need to know?

The course will require the student to engage in marine activities such as snorkelling, boating, etc. The student should be in sound medical condition and have their own snorkel equipment, including a buoyancy device (neoprene suit or similar). Costs will be incurred by the compulsory Senior First Aid Certificate, and other optional courses. There will also be the costs of transport to venues.

	MATHEMATICS ADVANCED				
Course Type	Board Developed Course	ATAR	Yes	Course Fee:	
Units	2 Unit	Duration	2 Years / 240hrs	None	
Faculty	Mathematics	Contact	Mr J. Anderson and Mrs K. Griffiths		

The Mathematics Advanced course is a calculus-based course focused on developing student awareness of mathematics as a unique and powerful way of viewing the world to investigate order, relation, pattern, uncertainty and generality. This course assumes a fair level of competence in the Year 10 Advanced Mathematics course.

The Year 11 course content is comprised of five topics: Functions, Trigonometric Functions, Calculus, Exponential and Logarithmic Functions, and Statistical Analysis.

The Year 12 course content is comprised of five topics: Functions, Trigonometric Functions, Calculus, Statistical Analysis and Financial Mathematics.

How will I be assessed?

There are three formal assessment tasks in the Year 11 course and four formal assessment tasks in the Year 12 course.

In addition, all students studying the Mathematical Advanced course will sit for a Higher School Certificate examination.

How will this course help me in the future?

This course will benefit any student considering undertaking tertiary courses or careers in an area that has mathematics as a minor discipline.

It will support courses such as Life Sciences, Business, Commerce and a range of other disciplines at the tertiary level.

What else do I need to know?

Students may not study the Mathematics Advanced course in conjunction with the Mathematics Standard 2, Mathematics Standard 1 course or Numeracy course.

	MATHEMATICS EXTENSION 1				
Course Type	Board Developed Course	ATAR	Yes	Course Fee:	
Units	1 Unit	Duration	2Years / 120hrs	None	
Faculty	Mathematics	Contact	Mr J. Anderson and Mrs K. Griffiths		

The Mathematics Extension 1 course is intended for students who have demonstrated a mastery of the skills of Stage 5 Mathematics and are interested in the study of further skills and ideas in mathematics. The course is intended to give these students a thorough understanding of and competence in aspects of mathematics, including many which are applicable to the real world.

The Year 11 course content is comprised of four topics: Functions, Trigonometric Functions, Calculus and Combinatorics.

The Year 12 course content is comprised of four topics: Proof, Vectors, Trigonometric Functions, Calculus and Statistical Analysis.

How will I be assessed?

There are three formal assessment tasks in the Year 11 course and four formal assessment tasks in the Year 12 course.

In addition, all students studying the Mathematical Extension 1 course will sit for a Higher School Certificate examination.

How will this course help me in the future?

This course is useful for concurrent studies of science, industrial arts and commerce.

The course is a recommended minimum basic for further studies in mathematics as a major discipline at a tertiary level and for the study of mathematics in support of the physical and engineering world.

What else do I need to know?

Students are also required to study Mathematics Advanced in both Year 11 and Year 12. Students may not study the Mathematics Extension 1 course in conjunction with the Mathematics Standard 2, Mathematics Standard 1 course or Numeracy course.

	MATHEMATICS EXTENSION 2				
Course Type	Board Developed Course	ATAR	Yes	Course Fee:	
Units	1 Unit	Duration	1 Year / 60hrs (Y12 Only)	None	
Faculty	Mathematics	Contact	Mr J. Anderson and Mrs K. Griffiths		

The Mathematics Extension 2 Year 12 course has been developed on the assumption that students have studied the content and achieved the outcomes of both the Year 11 Mathematics Advanced and Mathematics Extension 1 course.

This course provides opportunities to develop strong mathematical skills and a deep understanding of the fundamental ideas of algebra and calculus, as well as an awareness of mathematics as an activity with its own intrinsic value, involving invention, intuition, and exploration.

The Mathematics Extension 2 course content is comprised of five topics: Proof, Vectors, Complex Numbers, Calculus and Mechanics.

How will I be assessed?

There are four formal assessment tasks in the Year 12 course. In addition, all students studying the Mathematical Extension 2 course will sit for a Higher School Certificate examination.

How will this course help me in the future?

This course is useful for concurrent studies of science, industrial arts and commerce. The course provides an appropriate mathematical background for students whose future pathways will be founded in mathematics and its applications in such areas as science, engineering, finance and economics.

What else do I need to know?

Students are also required to study Mathematics Extension 1 and Mathematics Advanced in Year 12.

Students may not study the Mathematics Extension 2 course in conjunction with the Mathematics Standard 2, Mathematics Standard 1 course or Numeracy course.

	MATHEMATICS STANDARD 1				
Course Type Units	Board Developed Course 2 Unit	ATAR Duration	Optional HSC exam must be completed 2 Years / 240hrs	Course Fee: None	
Faculty	Mathematics				

The Mathematics Standard Year 11 course is a common course for all students studying the Mathematics Standard syllabus.

The course provides opportunities for students to consider various applications of mathematics in a broad range of contemporary contexts through the use of modelling and use these models to solve problems related to their present and future needs.

The Year 11 course is comprised of four topics: Algebra, Measurement, Financial Mathematics and Statistical Analysis.

The Year 12 course is comprised of five topics: Algebra, Measurement, Financial Mathematics, Statistical Analysis and Networks.

How will I be assessed?

There are three formal assessment tasks in the Year 11 course and four formal assessment tasks in the Year 12 course.

Students studying Mathematics Standard 1 may elect to undertake an optional HSC examination. The examination mark may be used to contribute to the calculation of the ATAR if a student's pattern of study satisfies the ATAR requirements.

How will this course help me in the future?

The Mathematics Standard 1 course provides appropriate mathematical background for students entering the workforce and/or undertaking further community and workplace training.

What else do I need to know?

Students may not study the Mathematics Standard 1 course in conjunction with the Mathematics Advanced and Mathematics Standard 2 course.

Students may choose to study the Stage 6 Numeracy course in conjunction with the Mathematics Standard 1 course.

	MATHEMATICS STANDARD 2				
Course Type	Board Developed Course	ATAR	Yes	Course Fee:	
Units	2 Unit	Duration	2 Years / 240hrs	None	
Faculty	Mathematics	Contact	Mr J. Anderson and Mrs K. Griffiths		

The Mathematics Standard Year 11 course is a common course for all students studying the Mathematics Standard syllabus.

The course provides opportunities for students to consider various applications of mathematics in a broad range of contemporary contexts through the use of modelling and use these models to solve problems related to their present and future needs.

The Year 11 course is comprised of four topics: Algebra, Measurement, Financial Mathematics and Statistical Analysis.

The Year 12 course is comprised of five topics: Algebra, Measurement, Financial Mathematics, Statistical Analysis and Networks.

How will I be assessed?

There are three formal assessment tasks in the Year 11 course and four formal assessment tasks in the Year 12 course.

In addition, all students studying the Mathematics Standard 2 course will sit for a Higher School Certificate examination.

How will this course help me in the future?

The Mathematics Standard 2 course provides appropriate mathematical background for students entering the workforce and/or undertaking further tertiary training.

What else do I need to know?

Students may not study the Mathematics Standard 2 course in conjunction with the Mathematics Advanced and Mathematics Standard 1 course.

Students may choose to study the Stage 6 Numeracy course in conjunction with the Mathematics Standard 2 course.

	MODERN HISTORY				
Course Type	Board Developed Course	ATAR	Yes	Course Fee:	
Units	2 Unit	Duration	2 Years / 240hrs	None	
Faculty	HSIE	Contact	Mr M. Quodling and Mr R. Raward		

Modern History is an enquiry into past experiences and aims to help students understand the forces that have shaped the modern world. In this course, you will learn not only what happened in the past, but you will consider motives, causes problems and consequences. Students learn to evaluate various types of historical sources and acquire skills that assist in the formulation and communication of logical arguments based on sound knowledge of historical issues.

The Year 11 course consists of four areas:

- 1. Investigating Modern History.
- 2. Case studies.
- 3. Historical Investigation.
- 4. The Shaping of the Modern world.

How will I be assessed?

HSC course comprises four parts:

- 1. Core Study.
- 2. National Studies.
- 3. Peace and Conflict.
- 4. Change in the Modern World.

There will be a range of assessments including research projects, multimedia presentations essays and seminar papers, role plays and dramatic recreations of events.

How will this course help me in the future?

A study of modern history will prepare you to play an active role in society. It will provide you with the knowledge with which to tackle many of the issues and problems presented by a complex and changing world. It will give you a sense of historical perspective and the ability to influence society for the better.

The study of Modern History is particularly used in professions such as law, politics, journalism, banking, tourism, business and administration and teaching. Skills developed in locating and analysing information, making informed judgements and communicating information, are sought after in all workplaces in the 21st century.

What else do I need to know?

An interest in learning to improve essay writing skills is essential as the HSC requires most questions to be answered in essay form. A history extension course could be offered in year 12.

	MUSIC 1					
Course Type	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,					
Units	2 Unit	2 Years / 240 hours	\$40 per year			
Faculty	САРА	Contact	Mr K. McGeary			

Students will have the opportunity to explore various aspects of music making throughout the course by engaging with performance, composition, and musicology projects over a variety of genres and artists.

In year 12 students will be able to specialise in specific areas within music, comprised of performance, composition, and musicology within the context of a variety of genres and styles.

Students are encouraged to develop their individual skills on an instrument, as well as engage in group performance activities. They will also have the opportunity to utilise industry leading software to explore various avenues of music production and music making, allowing them to explore future career opportunities.

How will I be assessed?

Students study three topics in their preliminary year, chosen from a list of 21 topics. Students study three topics in their HSC year, different from preliminary topics.

Each of the focus areas will be assessed equally in the Preliminary course. The HSC course is assessed on all four areas but the weightings depend on the Electives chosen, where you can specialise in Performance, Composition and/or Musicology.

How will this course help me in the future?

Students develop the skills that prepare them for the many career opportunities available in the music industry such as professional performance opportunities, studio and production work, teaching, music sales and promotion, and composition work in film, TV, and video games, amongst others.

What else do I need to know?

Private lessons are encouraged but not essential for vocalists and instrumentalists and bridging courses in theory can be done at home. The purpose of Music 1 is to provide students with the opportunity to acquire knowledge, skills, understanding and attitudes within a broad musical context and encourage the desire to continue learning in formal and informal music settings after school.

	NUMERACY				
Course Type	Content Endorsed Course	ATAR	No	Course Fee	
Units	nits 2 Unit Duration 2 Years / 240 hours				
Faculty	Faculty Mathematics Contact Mrs K. Griffiths				

Numeracy is a new course focused on the development and consolidation of core numeracy skills. These skills will be developed through authentic and relevant learning scenarios such as budgeting, shopping, record and account keeping, and a range of real-life activities requiring numeracy.

The course is aligned to the Australian Core Skills Framework (ACSF) Level 3, a nationally agreed level of functional numeracy.

How will I be assessed?

There are three formal assessment tasks in the Year 11 course and four formal assessment tasks in the Year 12 course.

How will this course help me in the future?

This course provides students with further opportunities to develop essential numeracy skills required for everyday life, including work, learning, community engagement and personal contexts. This may include students who are yet to demonstrate achievement of the HSC minimum standard in numeracy.

What else do I need to know?

Students who have already met the HSC minimum standard in numeracy will be better placed studying Mathematics Standard or Advanced in Year 11 and Year 12.

Students can study Numeracy alongside Mathematics Standard 1 and 2.

	PHYSICS					
Course Type	Board Developed Course	ATAR	Yes	Course Fee		
Units	2 Unit	2 Years / 240 hours	\$25 per year			
Faculty	Faculty Science Contact Mrs J. Bryant and Mr S. Harrington					

Physics involves the study of matter and its motion through space and time, along with related concepts that include energy and force. Physics deals with the study of phenomena on scales of space and time – from nuclear particles and their interactions up to the size and age of the Universe. This allows students to better understand the physical world and how it works, appreciate the uniqueness of the Universe, and participate in navigating and influencing the future.

The problem-solving nature of physics further develops students' Working Scientifically skills by focusing on the exploration of models and the analysis of theories and laws, which promotes an understanding of the connectedness of seemingly dissimilar phenomena. Students who study physics are encouraged to use observations to develop quantitative models of real-world problems and derive relationships between variables. They are required to engage in solving equations based on these models, make predictions, and analyse the interconnectedness of physical entities.

	Modules		Modules
V 11	1 Kinematics	Year 12	5 Advanced Mechanics
Year 11 (120 hours)	2 Dynamics	(120 hours)	6 Electromagnetism
(120 110015)	3 Waves and Thermodynamics	(120 1100.0)	7 The nature of Light
	4 Electricity and Magnetism		8 Science and Society

How will I be assessed?

Students will be assessed with school -based assessments including a depth study in both years and an external examination in year 12.

How will this course help me in the future?

Physics allows future studies important in the study of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) specific fields can be entered with having studied Physics allowing links for interdisciplinary studies. Examples for future job opportunities-Aviation, Defence Forces (Electronics/Technicians), Engineering, Medicine, Health, Computing, Communications, Astronomy, Nuclear Studies and Physics.

What else do I need to know?

Science should be a strength and mathematics is important.

	SCREEN AND MEDIA					
Course Type	Vocational Education and Training (VET) – CERT III	ATAR	No	Course Fee Year 11: \$50		
Units	2 Unit	Duration	2 Years / 240 hours	Year 12: \$30		
Faculty	Faculty CAPA Contact Ms R. Schafer – Mr K. McGeary					

This is a hands-on course that develops skills and knowledge around the technical operations of the screen and media industry through practical experiences. This course is great for creative and technically minded students with an eye and ear for detail. The course will give you the foundation skills needed to work in a number of roles in radio, film, sound, media, and web design.

In this course you will learn the practical skills and knowledge to create content for a range of media and visual design components, follow the design process, and develop and extend critical and creative thinking skills.

Successful completion of this course will provide skills and qualifications to seek work or further study in a variety of areas as radio programming and broadcast, camera and lighting operation, sound technician, media professional, digital content creator, web designer, game designer and 3D modelling. It will also give you the core skills needed to undertake further study in the field. Successful completion of the course will result an industry recognised Cert III in screen and media qualification.

How will I be assessed?

This is a competency-based pass or fail course and you will be assessed through a range of practical and project-based methods. You must complete all competencies to obtain the Certificate III in Screen and Media qualification. Your trainer will support you through all aspects of competency assessment.

What else do I need to know?

For further information please see Entertainment Industry Course Descriptor on the following page.

2025 Screen and Media Course Descriptor

CUA31020 Certificate III in Screen and Media

This information may change due to the Training Package and NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) updates. Notification of variations will be made in due time with minimal impact.

Course: Screen and Media	HSC credit – 4 units
Board Endorsed Course (240 hour)	There is no Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) for this
(2 units x 2 years or 4 unit x 1 year)	course

By enrolling in this VET qualification with the NSW Department of Education RTO 90333, you are choosing to participate in a program of study which will provide you a pathway towards, HSC accreditation and a nationally recognised qualification (dual accreditation). To receive this qualification, you must meet the assessment requirements of CUA31020 Certificate III in Screen and Media https://training.gov.au/training/details/cua31020. You will be expected to complete all requirements of the Registered Training Organisation and NESA requirements. To gain the full qualification you must achieve 11 units of competency. A statement of attainment towards the qualification is possible if at least one unit of competency is achieved.

Students may apply for Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) and/or Credit Transfer (CT) provided suitable evidence is submitted.

Transferrable industry skills gained in this course

- customer (client) service skills
- technical production and digital technologies
- communication

- creativity
- critical thinking
- problem solving

Examples of occupations in the screen and media industry

- camera / lighting assistant
- interactive media assistant
- production assistant

- assistant audio-visual technician
- community radio presenter
- editing assistant

VET requirements

Competency-Based Assessment

In this course you will work to develop the skills and knowledge described in each unit of competency. To be assessed as competent you must demonstrate your ability to satisfactorily complete the tasks required in the assessments.

Appeals and Complaints

You may lodge a complaint or an appeal about a decision (including assessment decisions) by following the Appeals and Complaints Guidelines

HSC requirements

Mandatory course requirements

You must complete 240 indicative hours of course work. Not meeting this requirement will incur an 'N' determined as required by NESA.

External Assessment

There is no external assessment (optional HSC examination) for this course.

Consumable costs: Preliminary - \$50	HSC - \$30	Refunds Refund arrangements are on a pro-rata basis. Please refer to your school refund policy	
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A school-based traineeship is available for this course. For more information:

Exclusions: Students undertaking both this Screen and Media course and another course based on the CUA Creative Arts and Culture Training Package should choose different units of competency to meet the requirements of each HSC course and qualification.

General information about NESA VET course exclusions can be found https://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/11-12/stage-6-learning-areas/vet/course-exclusions

	SOCIETY AND CULTURE								
Course Type	Board Developed Course	ATAR	Yes	Course Fee					
Units	2 Unit	Duration	2 Years / 240 hours	NONE					
Faculty	HSIE	Contact	Mr M. Quodling and Ms B. Kramer.						

Society and Culture is a course which allows you to discover yourself and the contemporary world. Throughout the course you learn more about yourself as an individual; a family member; an adolescent and as a member of your peer group or subculture. The course subject matter examines relationships which we all encounter as people and citizens. You will learn how to acquire the skills and knowledge that will allow you to become a socially literate person who understands how societies and cultures operate globally.

Preliminary Course:

It consists of three compulsory sections: The Social and Cultural World; Personal and Social Identity; International Communication

HSC Course:

It consists of two compulsory sections: The Personal Interest Project (PIP); Social and Cultural Continuity and Change. There are also two depth studies from the following: Popular Culture; Belief Systems and Ideologies; Social Inclusion and Exclusion; Social Conformity and Nonconformity.

How will I be assessed?

A significant proportion of assessment is the Personal Interest Project (PIP), which will be worth 40% of the assessment total. This project is externally marked and must be submitted on time.

Internal assessment will consist of examinations, social and cultural research tasks and oral tasks. How will this course help me in the future?

Society and Culture prepares students for immediate transition to work or for study at TAFE/University. Students learn to analyse issues, to write reports, to work in teams to conduct individual research, to communicate with a variety of people in many ways and to understand their place in the global community. The course is relevant for students now and in their future, especially for those interested in pursuing careers in counselling, social work, teaching, journalism and foreign affairs.

	SPORT, LIFESTYLE, AND RECREATION STUDIES								
Course Type	Content Endorsed Course	ATAR	No	Course Fee					
Units	2 Unit	Duration	2 Years / 240 hours	NONE					
Faculty	PDHPE	Contact	Mrs S. Johnston						

60% of the course is practical. Students will engage in a variety of individual and team-based sports and activities including badminton, mini tennis, futsal, lawn bowls and Oz tag.

Students will also learn about the importance of a healthy lifestyle and recognise the need to be active, responsible, and informed decision makers. The main theory topics include:

- Sports Administration
- Fitness
- Event management
- Sports Coaching
- First Aid and Sports injuries
- Healthy Lifestyles
- Psychology and Performance

This course is the logical extension of 7-1.0 PDHPE and Stage 5 PASS courses. It caters for a wide range of students needs and interests.

How will I be assessed?

Practical assessments, research tasks, peer teaching and examinations, there is no mandated external examination

How will this course help me in the future?

This course will benefit students interested in sport and physical activity. SLR will assist in developing sports administrators, coaches, trainers as well as promoting healthy active lifestyles. One does not have to be a great athlete to select or achieve in this course.

What else do I need to know?

Some practical activities may incur a cost and/or bus fare. Opportunities to implement learnt content may occur by assisting primary school carnivals and/or gala days.

Course Type	Board Developed course	ATAR	No	Course Fee
Units	2 Unit	Duration	2 Years / 240 hours	\$60 per year plus materials
Faculty	TAS	Contact	Mrs T. Crough	

Textiles and Design is the study of technologies and the industries that use them in the production of materials and finished goods. It is intended that students will gain knowledge through practical experience. Therefore, emphasis is placed upon the process of making practical judgements to gain an appreciation of this technological era.

In the Year 11 and HSC course, students will study design, properties and performance of textiles and the Australian Textiles, Clothing, Footwear and Allied Industries.

In the HSC course, students will select from one focus area (apparel, furnishings, costume, textile art and non-apparel) and complete a Major Textiles Project with supporting documentation.

How will I be assessed?

Preliminary Assessment:

The preliminary course is assessed through practical work and associated folios.

HSC Assessment:

- The HSC course involves a major project and comprehensive folio.
- Examinations will be conducted by the school for the Trial, and externally for the HSC.

How will this course help me in the future?

This course will assist students who wish to take up careers in the textiles industry. Examples include fashion design, fabric designing and textiles technology.

What else do I need to know?

You must be willing to supply your own project materials for assessment tasks. The project being assessed for the HSC is marked externally and usually just after the middle of Term 3 of the HSC year.

		VISUAL	ARTS	
Course Type	Board Developed course	ATAR	YES	Course Fee:
Units	2 Units	Duration	2 Years / 240 hours	
Faculty	САРА	Contact	Mr M. Francis, Ms. R. Schafer and Mr A. Strydom	\$45 per year plus materials

The Visual Arts course provides foundational skills in art making plus critical and historical study. It is not necessary to have studied art before undertaking this course, but any previous studies would be an advantage.

Students will have the opportunity to engage in various methods of art making including Ceramics, Drawing, Designed Objects and Environments, Digital Media (still and animated), Graphic Design, Painting, Photography, Printmaking, Sculpture, Textures and Fibre, Film and Video, Documented Forms and Interactive Works.

Students will expand their abilities to explore their conceptual ideas and develop their practice by engaging in art criticism and history. Students will explore agencies in the art world including artist, audience, artwork and world perspectives. Investigation of art works from different viewpoints (frames) will be included.

How will I be assessed?

Art Making – Body of work 50%, Art Criticism & Art History 50%. Students are required to record experiments, research and collect related material in a Visual Art Process Diary.

External Assessment: A written paper 50%, submission of a body of work 50%

Internal Assessment: Development of the body of work 50%, art criticism and art history 50%. This includes short answer and extended responses.

How will this course help me in the future?

This course aids insight into other cultures and beliefs. Its wide scope encourages personal investigation and the development of individual ideas and modes of expression. Art related vocations include Advertising, Animation, Architecture, Art Conservation/Preservation, Design, Fine Arts, Graphics, Fashion, Film and Television, Theatrical Design, Teaching.

What else do I need to know?

Exclusions: Projects developed for assessment in one subject are not to be used either in full or in part for assessment in any other subject.

A visual arts process diary (sketchbook) is a mandatory requirement for Year 11 and HSC courses.

VISUAL DESIGN							
Course Type	Content Endorsed Course	ATAR	No	Course Fee:			
Units	2 Units	Duration	2 Years / 240 hours				
Faculty	САРА	Contact	Mr M. Francis, Ms. R. Schafer and Mr A. Strydom	\$45 per year plus materials			

Visual Design provides opportunities for students to pursue their abilities and interests in the Design field. It encourages students to practice graphic design, ceramics, mural art and interior/exterior design. It enables students to pursue their interests in the products, materials, techniques and technologies that have a personal relevance and provides course modules that challenge and extend their intellectual and technical skills. These modules also provide for design projects that promote collaboration among students.

How will I be assessed?

Internal school assessment only.

- Designing and Making-70%
- Relative Studies -30%

How will this course help me in the future?

This course provides students with opportunities to explore careers in design. Visual Design offers a wide range of tertiary courses and work opportunities. At a more general level it enables students to make design decisions related to their own lives. Related vocations include advertising, architecture, graphic design, fine arts, fashion, theatrical design, teaching, interior design and exterior design including landscaping and architectural elements.

What else do I need to know?

Exclusions: Projects developed for assessment in one subject are not to be used either in full or in part for assessment in any other subject. A visual arts process diary (sketchbook) is a mandatory requirement for Year 11 and HSC courses.

TVET courses

Please note not all TAFE courses will run, as they require a minimum number of students to proceed. Additionally, some courses may be oversubscribed, meaning not all applicants will be offered place.

Timetable clashes: You are expected to catch up on any content you miss in your other subjects.

ATAR Eligibility: Some courses are ATAR eligible. This means they can count towards your ATAR if you sit the optional exam.

Mode of Delivery:

Face- to-face-participation in on- campus classes. Generally, on a weekly basis.

Blended- a mix of online, virtual and face-to-face delivery.

Virtual Delivery- teacher led virtual classrooms at scheduled time.

Online- Flexible delivery with no classroom attendance.

Students who wish to undertake a course of Blended, Virtual or Online need to ensure they are independent learners. Please seek advice from Ms K. Woodward

COURSE ID	Course Name	Delivery Pattern	Location	Mode of Delivery*	ATAR Eligibility	Delivery Day	Delivery Time	FQ or SoA
58158	Animal Care (Certificate II)	4u x 1y	CHEC	Face to Face	No	Wednesday	9:00am-4:00pm	FQ
41006	Apparel, Fashion and Textiles	•	Online	Online	No	Wednesday	•	-
	••	2u x 1y				•	12:30pm-4:30pm	SoA
65393	Applied Digital Technologies	3u x 1y	Virtual	Virtual	No	Friday	9:30am-1:30pm	FQ
65599	Auslan (Certificate II)	3u x 1y	Virtual	Virtual	No	Wednesday	9:00am-2:30pm	FQ
26032	Automotive (Mechanical Technology)	4u x 1y	CHEC	Face to Face	Yes	Friday	8:30am-4:00pm	FQ
26032	Automotive (Mechanical Technology)	4u x 1y	CHEC	Face to Face	Yes	Wednesday	8:30am-4:00pm	FQ
59403	Baking	2u x 1y	CHEC	Face to Face	No	Wednesday	1:30pm-5:30pm	SoA
43884	Beauty Services (Make-Up)	4u x 1y	CHEC	Face to Face	No	Wednesday	9:00am-3:30pm	SoA
26111	Business Services (Entrepreneurship)	2u x 2y	Virtual	Virtual	Yes	Wednesday	12:00pm-3:00pm	FQ
58256	Community Services	2u x 2y	Virtual	Virtual	No	Monday	9:00am -12:00pm	FQ
41824	Early Childhood Education and Care	2u x 2y	CHEC	Face to Face	No	Wednesday	9:00am-1:00pm	SoA
26321	Electrotechnology	2u x 2y	CHEC	Face to Face	Yes	Friday	8:00am-12:00pm	FQ
TBC	Engineering Pathways	4u x 1y	CHEC	Face to Face	No	Wednesday	9:00am-3:30pm	FQ
27211	Financial Services (300hr) (Accounts	2u x 2y	Virtual	Virtual	Yes	Wednesday	12:00pm-3:00pm	FQ
	Administration)							
41804	Fitness	2u x 2y	CHEC	Face to Face	No	Wednesday	9:00am-3:30pm	FQ
27121	Human Services (Allied Health Assistant	2u x 2y	Virtual	Virtual (with	Yes	Tuesday	12.00pm-3.00pm	FQ
	(Virtual))			workshop)		_	_	
27121	Human Services (Allied Health Assistant (Virtual))	2u x 2y	Virtual	Virtual (with workshop)	Yes	Monday	12pm-3pm	FQ

27129	Human Services (Individual Support (Ageing) 420hr course)	3u x 2y	Virtual	Virtual (with workshop)	Yes	Tuesday	12:00pm-3:00pm	FQ
27129	Human Services (Nursing 360hr course)	3u x 2y	CHEC	Blended	Yes	Wednesday	9:00am-3:00pm	FQ
27311	Information and Digital Technology	2u x 2y	CHEC	Face to Face	Yes	Wednesday	1:00pm-5:00pm	FQ
27310	Information and Digital Technology	2u x 1y	CHEC	Face to Face	No	Wednesday	1:00pm-5:00pm	SoA
27311	Information Technology (Cloud Computing)	2u x 2y	Virtual	Virtual	Yes	Wednesday	9.00am-1.00pm	FQ
27311	Information Technology (Cyber Security)	2u x 2y	Virtual	Virtual	Yes	Monday	12:00pm-3:00pm	FQ
27311	Information Technology (Game Design (360hrs))	2u x 2y	Virtual	Virtual	Yes	Tuesday	12:00pm-3:00pm	FQ
27311	Information Technology (Game Design (360hrs))	2u x 2y	Virtual	Virtual	Yes	Wednesday	9:00am-12:00pm	FQ
27311	Information Technology (Game Design (360hrs))	2u x 2y	Virtual	Virtual	Yes	Wednesday	12:00pm-3:00pm	FQ
27311	Information Technology (Web Development)	2u x 2y	Virtual	Virtual	Yes	Tuesday	12:00pm-3:00pm	FQ
59669	Maritime Operations - Certificate I (General Purpose Hand)	2u x 1y	CHEC	Face to Face	No	Friday	9:00am-1:00pm	FQ
65169	Music Industry- TAFE Coffs Harbour Glenreagh St Campus	2u x 2y	Coffs Har	Face to Face	No	Wednesday	1:00pm-5:00pm	FQ
52205	Plumbing - Introduction	2u x 2y	CHEC	Face to Face	No	Wednesday	TBC-TBC	SoA
26822	Primary Industries (Horticulture)	4u x 1y	CHEC	Face to Face	Yes	Wednesday	8:30am-4:00pm	FQ
58085	Real Estate Practice	2u x 1y	Virtual	Virtual	No	Tuesday	1:00pm-5:00pm	SoA
58086	Real Estate Practice	2u x 2y	Virtual	Virtual	No	Tuesday	9:00am-1:00pm	FQ
59883	Retail	3u x 1y	Virtual	Virtual	No	Tuesday	9:00am-1:00pm	FQ
26912	Retail Services	4u x 1y	Virtual	Virtual	Yes	Tuesday	9:00am-1:00pm	FQ
26912	Retail Services (Community Pharmacy)	4u x 1y	Virtual	Virtual	Yes	Tuesday	9:00am-1:00pm	FQ
65238	Salon Assistant	3u x 1y	CHEC	Face to Face	No	Friday	9:00am-3:30pm	FQ
44035	School Based Education Support	2u x 2y	CHEC	Face to Face	No	Wednesday	9:00am-3:00pm	SoA
27421	Tourism, Travel and Events (Events)	2u x 2y	Virtual	Virtual	Yes	Wednesday	12:00pm-4:00pm	FQ
27421	Tourism, Travel and Events (Tourism)	2u x 2y	Virtual	Virtual	Yes	Wednesday	12:00pm-4:00pm	FQ