Year 11 and 12
Subject Information

For 2016 / 2017

Subjects have been ordered in the booklet as follows:

- Yellow Section – General Information
- Pink Section - Compulsory Subjects
- White Section – Category A Subjects
- Gold Section – Category B Subjects
- Green Section – Non-ATAR Subjects
Stage 6 2016
Subject Selection Guide and Handbook

This is a very important time in the lives of our year 10 students. They are thinking about their future and whether to remain at school, apply for entry to TAFE, or seek employment. Each of these choices has its own level of difficulty and needs careful thought, particularly in the current economic environment. We ask you to consider all options and make the choice that is the best for you.

Past history tells us that the option of remaining at Dungog High School will be the most popular choice for year 10 students. There are many reasons for this, including the ease of transition in a known environment, the quality of teaching available to all students, the school’s academic record over many years. I encourage you to consider the importance of these reasons in your choice, and also to recognise the nature of the school community that makes Dungog High School unique.

Dungog High School is a country school with all the values this implies: closeness to the community, active participation in that community, staff understanding and knowledge of students that requires no “lead time” in an important senior year. Students have formed bonds within the school and with staff; they work in partnership with this highly qualified and experienced group of teachers. The values that the school embodies are those of this community and teach all students to be full participants in their local and wider community.

Subjects offered to students cover a range of academic and vocational areas, allowing a choice of study patterns that suit a variety of personal choices and needs. All senior subjects are taught by experienced teachers who have achieved excellent results in external examinations and vocational placement over many years.

Our expectations of senior students reflect the reality of the futures they seek: diligence in study, regular attendance, wearing of school uniform. We are sensitive to the needs of senior students and have developed co-curricular and well being programs that assist them in their development. Our aim is always to work together, ensuring students progress to the future that is right for them.

The curriculum selection process we are entering will involve information sessions for students and parents and interviews for all students. It is very important that choices are made for the best reasons, after information and discussion has occurred. There will be a number of opportunities for students to speak directly to staff and examine the choices on offer. Parents can also speak to staff to find out information that they need to help their sons and daughters in these decisions.

I look forward to being part of this process and discussing these matters with you.

Maureen Jarvis
Principal
The Higher School Certificate is the highest educational award you gain in NSW schools. It is an internationally recognized credential that provides a strong foundation for the future, whether you wish to pursue tertiary qualifications, vocational training or employment.

To be eligible for the award of the HSC you need to:

- Be enrolled in a school/TAFE in NSW
- Study a permitted combination of courses
- Complete the requirements for each course including any necessary oral, practical or project work
- Complete required assessment tasks
- Sit for and make a genuine attempt at the HSC examinations

When choosing courses you need to pay particular attention to exclusions. Some courses share common content and outcomes with other courses and you cannot double dip. For example students who choose Photography cannot submit a photographic portfolio as their major work in Visual Arts. Other exclusions apply to Hospitality and Tourism, Retail Services and Hairdressing, and the Science courses.

Candidates for the Higher School Certificate must undertake a program of study comprising at least:

- 12 units of Preliminary courses; and
- 10 units of Higher School Certificate courses.

In Year 12 the majority of students choose to study only 10 units.

Both the Preliminary course pattern and the HSC course pattern must include:

- at least six units of Board Developed Courses;
- at least two units of a Board Developed Course in English;
- at least three courses of two units value (or greater); and
- at least four subjects areas.

A subject is a defined area of study eg English, Mathematics, Science. A course is a branch of study within a subject. Some subjects contain a range of courses.

eg Mathematics courses are:

- 2U General Mathematics
- 2U Mathematics
- Mathematics Extension 1 (3U)
- Mathematics Extension 2 (4U)

Eg Science courses are:

- 2U Physics
- 2U Chemistry
- 2U Biology

Note: No more than six units of courses in Science can contribute to Higher School Certificate eligibility.
COURSES

There are different types of courses that you can select in Years 11 and 12.

BOARD DEVELOPED COURSES:
These courses are developed by the Board of Studies. There is a syllabus for each course, which contains:
- the course objectives, structure, content and outcomes;
- specific course requirements;
- assessment requirements;
- sample examination papers and marking guidelines;
- the performance scale (except for Vocational Education and Training Courses).

These courses are examined externally at the end of the HSC course and can count towards the calculation of the Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR). If you plan any further studies at a tertiary institution after you leave school, you should make sure you study at least 10 units of these subjects.

Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR)
To be eligible for an ATAR a student must complete at least ten units of Board Developed Courses including at least two units of English. The Board Developed Courses must include at least three courses of two units or greater, and at least four subjects.

If you are a reasonably capable student you need to keep all of your options open. Although you may not be considering a university course now, by the end of Year 12 this may be your preferred option. It is important that you meet the requirements of the ATAR. This is one decision that cannot be reversed. However, entry to university can be achieved in other ways after Year 12. For example the University of Newcastle runs the New Step program, as well as mature age entry.

The ATAR will be based on an aggregate of scaled marks in ten units of Board Developed Courses comprising:
- the best two units of English; and
- the best eight units from the remaining units, subject to the provision that no more than two units of Category B courses be included.

The Category B (ICF Framework) courses offered at DHS are:
- Business Services - Office Administration (240 hours) *
- Construction (240 hours) *
- Metal and Engineering (240 hours) *
- Hospitality Operations (240 hours) *
- Primary Industries (240 hours) *
- Retail Services (240 hours) *

Courses marked with an * have an optional examination for the HSC. This must be undertaken if you wish this course to contribute to the ATAR.
BOARD ENDORSED COURSES:
There are two main types of Board Endorsed Courses: - Content Endorsed Courses and School Designed Courses.

Content Endorsed Courses (CECs)
These have syllabuses endorsed by the Board of Studies to cater for areas of special interest not covered in the Board Developed Courses.

Most HSC VET (Vocational Education and Training) courses delivered by TAFE are Content Endorsed Courses (known as TVET – TAFE VET)

Content Endorsed Courses offered at DHS include:
- English Studies
- Exploring Early Childhood
- Mathematics General 1
- Sport, Lifestyle & Recreation
- Work Studies
- Visual Design

School Designed Courses
Schools may also design special courses to meet student needs. The Board of Studies must approve these courses. Once approval is granted, schools offer selected courses to senior students as part of the HSC.

There is no external examination for any Content Endorsed Course or School Designed Course, but all Board Endorsed Courses count towards the Higher School Certificate and appear on your Record of Achievement.

Board Endorsed Courses do not count in the calculation of the ATAR

LIFE SKILLS COURSES as part of a Special Program of Study.

Stage 6 (Years 11 and 12) Life Skills courses have been available for students following a Special Program of Study for the Higher School Certificate since 2001.

Students accessing a Special Program of Study in Stage 6 will, in general, need to have completed at least four Generic Life Skills courses within a Special Program of Study in Stage 5 (Years 9 and 10). Further, participation in a Special Program of Study will be based upon an individual transition-planning process which will occur for both the Preliminary and HSC years.

EXTENSION COURSES:

Extension courses are available in English and Mathematics. To be accepted into an extension course students must have demonstrated above average ability in prior course work and gained approval from the Head Teacher.
PATTERN OF STUDY

FULL-TIME:
A full-time student is required to study a **minimum of 12 units in Year 11**.
In Year 12 students must study a minimum of 10 units in total.

PART-TIME: Pathways
Most students complete their HSC studies over two years, however you may take up to five years to complete your HSC course. This **Pathways** option appeals to students with commitments outside school such as sporting representation or part-time employment. Students can opt to move to the Pathways option at any stage during Stage 6. If you are considering pathways, you need to consult with the Careers Adviser and the Principal.

HSC REPORT
On satisfactory completion of your HSC you will receive a portfolio containing:
- **The HSC Testamur** (The official certificate confirming your achievement of all requirements for the award).
- **The Record of Achievement** (This document lists the courses you have studied and reports the marks and bands you have achieved).
- **Course Reports** (For every HSC Board Developed Course you will receive a Course Report showing your marks, the Performance Scale and the band descriptions for that course. A graph showing the statewide distribution of marks in the course is also shown).

You will also receive four school reports during the Preliminary and HSC courses. Employers often request to see all four reports.

STUDY PATHWAYS AT DUNGOG HIGH SCHOOL
Our senior curriculum will operate through three programs. This should ensure that there is a suitable course available for each senior student, helping him or her to improve their chances for employment or further education.

OPTION 1: The ATAR HSC Program
If you plan to apply for tertiary study at a university at the end of Year 12 you should select HSC courses that keep the doors open for entry to a range of tertiary courses. Some universities stipulate that students achieve a certain standard in specified HSC courses. You should check that information with your Careers Advisor now.

One VET course can count towards an ATAR. You must complete the HSC exam.
Many students begin Year 11 thinking they are not interested in university, but during Year 12 wish they had kept this ATAR option available to them.
OPTION 2: The NON-ATAR HSC Program
In addition to the normal range of Board Developed Courses this option offers the following alternatives:

(a) VET Course/s;
(b) TAFE Delivered VET Courses; and
(c) Content Endorsed Courses

OPTION 3: The NON-ATAR HSC / Workplace Learning Program
This program is designed for students wishing to enter the working world or enrol in a TAFE course following their HSC. Students will receive their HSC but not an ATAR. The advantages of this option include the opportunity to gain an HSC, possible VET accreditation and valuable workplace learning. This option is designed to enhance the students’ employment prospects.

GENERAL INFORMATION

PRELIMINARY AND HSC COURSES
Your studies are divided into 2 parts: Preliminary Course and HSC Course.
Most preliminary courses finish with a yearly examination at the end of Term 3 in 2014 and students commence their HSC courses at the beginning of Term 4 provided they have satisfactorily completed the preliminary course.

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 unit. 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.

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

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

EXTENSION COURSE
Extension study is available in a number of 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. Undergraduate university courses will be available in some subjects.

English and Mathematics Extension Courses are available at Preliminary and HSC levels. Students must study the Preliminary 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.

**1 UNIT COURSE**

Some courses (e.g. Sport, Lifestyle and Recreation Studies, Visual Design and Exploring Early Childhood) can be undertaken as either a 1 unit or a 2 unit course.

**REQUIREMENTS FOR THE AWARD OF THE HSC**

If you wish to be awarded the HSC:

- you must study a minimum of 12 units in the Preliminary course and a minimum of 10 units in the HSC course. Both the Preliminary course and the HSC course must include the following:
  - at least 6 units from Board Developed Courses including at least 2 units of a Board Developed Course in English
  - at least three courses of 2 units value or greater
  - at least four subjects
- At most 6 units of courses in Science can contribute to Higher School Certificate eligibility (studied in each of Preliminary and HSC).
- students who have studied any 2 unit Science course in the Preliminary year may take up Senior Science for the HSC.
- you must complete the practical, oral or project works required for specific courses and the assessment requirements for each course.
- you must have sat for and made a serious attempt at the required Higher School Certificate examinations.

**SATISFACTORY COMPLETION OF A COURSE**

You will be considered to have satisfactorily completed a course if in the school principal’s view there is sufficient evidence that you have:

1. followed the course developed by the Board; and
2. applied yourself with diligence and sustained effort to the set tasks and experiences provided in the course by the school; and
3. achieved some or all of the course outcomes.
4. make a genuine attempt at assessment tasks which contribute in excess of 50 per cent of available marks in the course.

Receiving a mark for a course on your Record of Achievement issued by the Board of Studies is an indication that you have satisfactorily completed that course.
RECORD OF SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENT (ROSA)

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 records completed Stage 5 and Preliminary Stage 6 courses and grades, and participation in any uncompleted Preliminary stage 6 courses. It is of specific use to students leaving school prior to the HSC. Any time a student or school wants an up-to-date snapshot of a student’s academic progress, a transcript called a Student eRecord can be accessed via Schools Online or Students Online and printed or emailed.

Students who go on to complete the HSC will see all their Stage 6 (Year 11 and 12) courses and results on their HSC. Students who receive their HSC will be able to receive a RoSA at the same time as their HSC, detailing their achievement in their earlier years of study.

More information is available on the Board of Studies website.

Eligibility
To qualify for the RoSA, a student must have:

- attended a government school, an accredited non-government school or a recognised school outside NSW;
- completed courses of study that satisfy the Board’s curriculum and assessment requirements for the RoSA;
- complied with all requirements imposed by the Minister or the Board; and completed Year 10.

Students leaving school who do not meet the RoSA requirements will be issued with a printed Transcript of Study.

LITERACY AND NUMERACY TESTS
Students intending to leave school can take optional online literacy and numeracy tests. The tests are for students who intend to leave school before completing their HSC. They are designed to show an overview of a student’s level of achievement in these areas. These tests are conducted twice a year by the Board of Studies at school.

SCHOOL TIMETABLE
All courses offered are organized into a TIMETABLE that is made up of 6 lines. We do our best to provide students with all of the courses they want but it is not possible to include ALL courses named in the course selection form, and a number of students may have to change some of their choices.

Students wishing to study a course that cannot be offered on our timetable may consider the following options:
- enrol in Distance Education and study in the library and have contact with the teacher through the mail; or
- study this course at another school or at TAFE.
CAREERS ADVISER

It is crucial to consult with your Careers Adviser. Many tertiary institutions require minimum standards in specified courses and this may be assumed knowledge or compulsory prerequisites.

STUDENT FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

The Department of Education and Communities guidelines relating to school contributions are that while the payment of school contributions is not compulsory, schools are free to continue the practice of seeking a **General School Contribution**. This has been in place for many years and is acknowledged by the community. Thank you to the families who pay this contribution.

The compulsory side of school fees is used for the PURCHASE OF MATERIALS used and consumed in particular Key Learning Areas. Parents or guardians will be made fully aware of the costs involved prior to student enrolment in subjects which require additional costs.

The following information is provided for parents in relation to the school’s finances and family contributions. The school receives some financial grants from the state and federal government, however as you can imagine, it is nowhere near enough to provide all student requirements.

There are two separate forms of payment requested. The first is General School Contributions which apply to each student and vary according to their school year.

The second payment relates to consumable-specific subjects, and covers the actual amounts that will have to be paid if your child elects to study that particular subject.

The Administration Office will prepare details of these payments for your child, and an invoice will be sent home.

It is in this second area of payments that parents may apply to the school for financial support if there is a difficulty in meeting costs. This is done through the Student Assistance Scheme. The Student Assistance Scheme is available to students up to the age of 16 years; older students are eligible to apply for Youth Allowance, which can be used to meet these costs. The Principal will consider applications for Student Assistance Scheme from older students in special circumstances.

**General School Contributions** are as follows:

- Year 11 ... ... $100.00
- Year 12 ... ... $100.00

**Subject Materials Consumables.** Some subjects use a considerable amount of materials from which the individual students personally benefit. For example, Food Technology students experiment with recipes and Industrial Technology students take home the items they make. In Years 11 and 12 the total amount of subject material costs vary with the courses each student takes. Consumables are payable at the beginning of each year.

The preferred method of payment is via Parents Online Payments, accessed from the home page of the school’s website, [http://www.dungog-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/](http://www.dungog-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/) Make a payment button. By
selecting the link you will be taken to a secure Westpac Quickweb payment page. Payment of fees, excursions, etc can also be made by cash, cheque or EFTPOS which is available at the school office.

Details of all subject material contributions follow:

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<td>Hospitality</td>
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<td>NB Industry standard uniform required for practical lessons (can be purchased new, secondhand or from ‘pool’ at school).</td>
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<td>Primary Industries</td>
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<td>NB Students must provide themselves with industry standard protective eyewear and leather gloves (these may be purchased through school)</td>
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Students who have OUTSTANDING FEES for “ELECTIVE” SUBJECTS completed in Years 8, 9 or 10 will be unable to elect subjects that have a course fee in Years 11 and 12.
MAKING YOUR SENIOR SUBJECT CHOICES

There are several things you should ask yourself -

1. have I allowed enough flexibility to change my mind? Interests change, so don’t close off your options. If you are undecided about going to university, choose subjects that count towards an ATAR.

2. have I chosen subjects that will allow me to follow the career I am interested in? Some university courses assume or recommend certain senior school subjects. A few have prerequisites. That means that you have to have done a certain subject in Year 11 and 12 to be able to enrol in the University course. Usually these are science based courses. Some primary teaching courses and some nursing courses at some universities require you to have done Advanced English and/or Mathematics. There are reference books in the Careers Office if you need to know this - see the Careers Adviser.

3. am I being realistic? A student who wishes to become an engineer but who has trouble with Maths and Science would be wise to choose other options.

DO speak to other people - older students, parents, teachers. Listen to their advice but remember that it will be you who is studying the subject for the next two years. Choose what you enjoy and what you are good at and study at the level at which you can achieve good results.

DO NOT choose subjects on the basis of

• rumours - subjects are easy/hard; subjects are scaled up/down
• teachers - who will/will not be teaching the subject
• what your friends are doing
• pleasing other people

SUBJECT SELECTION PROCESS

From mid-2014 DHS will be implementing a new system to help students with their subject selection:

1. Careers lessons
   During their Careers lessons students will be issued with their Student Information Booklet that contains all the vital information in relation to the courses on offer at Dungog High School, including any course fees. Mrs Smith will walk the students through the booklet and how they need to select their subjects.

2. Parent Information Evening
   Students, along with their parents and caregivers, are invited to attend our Subject Information Evening. This is an opportunity for the students and parents to speak with the Head Teacher’s from each faculty about the courses on offer.
3. **Student Interviews**

Each student in Year 10 will be interviewed by a Head Teacher, with support from the Careers Adviser, in relation to what the student wants to do after high school and what subjects they are considering selecting. The Head Teachers will also have information from English, Mathematics and Science to guide students to the most appropriate level of subject for their ability. The students will make their Round 1 Subject Selection at this interview.

All courses offered are organized into a TIMETABLE that is made up of 6 lines. We do our best to provide students with all of the courses they want but it is not possible to include ALL courses named in the course selection information booklet.

Once the information from Round 1 Subject Selection has been collated and the lines set, students will make their final subject selection. This final subject selection must be signed by parents/caregivers.

**SUBJECT SELECTION SHEET**

Please ensure you complete the following tasks:

- read the Subject Selection booklet carefully;
- consult with your parents, teachers and careers adviser;
- make your Round 1 subject selections at your interview; and
- make your Final subject selection, signed by your parents/caregiver, by the due date.
English Faculty Subjects

For further information on these courses please see Mrs McKinna.

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**Course Description**

In the Preliminary English (Standard) course, students learn about language and literature by exploring and experimenting with the ways events, experiences, ideas and processes are represented in and through texts. Students study a range of texts which include prose fiction, drama, poetry, nonfiction, film, media and multimedia, as well as Australian texts.

In the HSC English (Standard) course, students further strengthen their knowledge and understanding of language and literature by reflecting on and demonstrating the effectiveness of texts for different audiences and purposes. Students study at least four types of prescribed texts drawn from: prose fiction; drama; poetry; nonfiction or film or media or multimedia texts.

**Main Topics Covered**

**Preliminary Course** – The course has two sections:

- Content common to the Standard and Advanced courses is undertaken through a unit of work called an Area of Study. Students explore texts and develop skills in synthesis. The common content comprises 40% of the course content. Students undertake at least one Area of Study.
- Electives in which students explore and examine texts and analyse aspects of meaning. The electives comprise 60% of the course content.

**HSC Course** – The course has two sections:

- The HSC Common Content which consists of one Area of Study common to the HSC Standard and the HSC Advanced courses where students analyse and explore texts and apply skills in synthesis.
- Modules that provide elective choices, which emphasise particular aspects of shaping meaning and demonstration of the effectiveness of texts for different audiences and purposes. Students are required to choose one elective from each of three Modules A, B and C.

**Particular Course Requirements**

In the Preliminary English (Standard) Course students are required to:

- study Australian and other texts
- explore a range of types of text drawn from: prose fiction; drama; poetry; nonfiction; film, media, multimedia texts
- undertake wide reading programs involving texts and textual forms composed in and for a variety of contexts
- integrate the modes of reading, writing, listening, speaking, and viewing and representing as appropriate
- engage in the integrated study of language and text.

**HSC English (Standard) Course requires the close study of:**

- at least four types of prescribed text, one drawn from each of the following categories: prose fiction; drama; poetry; nonfiction or film or media or multimedia texts
- a wide range of additional related texts and textual forms.
**Course:** English (Advanced)  
**Course No:** 15140

2 units for each of Preliminary and HSC Board Developed Course

**Exclusions:** English (Standard); Fundamentals of English; English (ESL)

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**Course Description**

In the Preliminary English (Advanced) course, students explore, examine and analyse a range of texts which include prose fiction, drama, poetry, nonfiction, film, media and multimedia, as well as Australian texts. They explore the ways events, experiences, ideas, values and processes are represented in and through texts and analyse the ways texts reflect different attitudes and values.

In the HSC English (Advanced) course, students further strengthen their knowledge and understanding of language and literature by analysing and evaluating texts and the ways they are valued in their contexts. Students study at least five types of prescribed texts drawn from: Shakespearean drama; prose fiction; drama or film; poetry; nonfiction or media or multimedia; and a wide range of additional related texts and textual forms.

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**Main Topics Covered**

**Preliminary Course** – The course has two sections:
- Content common to the Standard and Advanced courses is undertaken through a unit of work called an Area of Study. Students explore texts and develop skills in synthesis. The common content comprises 40% of the course content. Students undertake at least one Area of Study.
- Electives in which students explore, examine and analyse the ways in which texts and contexts shape and are shaped by different attitudes and values. The Electives comprise 60% of the content.

**HSC Course** – The course has two sections:
- The HSC Common Content consists of one Area of Study common to the HSC Standard and the Advanced courses where students analyse and explore texts and apply skills in synthesis.
- Modules which emphasise particular aspects of shaping meaning and representation, questions of textual integrity, and ways in which texts are valued. Students are required to choose one elective from each of three Modules A, B and C.

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**Particular Course Requirements**

In the Preliminary English (Advanced) Course students are required to:
- study Australian and other texts
- explore a range of types of text drawn from: prose fiction; drama; poetry; nonfiction; film, media, multimedia texts
- undertake wide reading programs involving texts and textual forms composed in and for a variety of contexts
- integrate the modes of reading, writing, listening, speaking, and viewing and representing as appropriate
- engage in the integrated study of language and text.

HSC English (Advanced) Course requires the close study of:
- at least five types of prescribed text, one drawn from each of the following categories: Shakespearean drama; prose fiction; drama or film; poetry; nonfiction or media or multimedia texts
- a wide range of additional related texts and textual forms.
### Courses:
- Preliminary English Extension
- HSC English Extension 1
- HSC English Extension 2

### Course No:
- TBA
- 15160
- 15170

1 unit of study for each of Preliminary and HSC

### Prerequisites:
- (a) English (Advanced)
- (b) Preliminary English (Extension) is a prerequisite for English Extension Course 1
- (c) English Extension Course 1 is a prerequisite for English Extension Course 2

### Exclusions:
- English (Standard); Fundamentals of English; English (ESL)

### Course Description

In the Preliminary English (Extension) Course, students explore how and why texts are valued in and appropriated into a range of contexts. They consider why some texts may be perceived as culturally significant.

In HSC English Extension Course 1, students explore ideas of value and consider how cultural values and systems of valuation arise.

In HSC English Extension Course 2, students develop a sustained composition, and document their reflection on this process.

### Main Topics Covered

#### Preliminary English (Extension) Course
The course has one mandatory section: Module: Texts, Culture and Value.

#### HSC English Extension Course 1
The course has one section. Students must complete one elective chosen from one of the three modules offered for study:
- Module A: Genre
- Module B: Texts and Ways of Thinking
- Module C: Language and Values.

#### HSC English Extension Course 2
The course requires students to complete a Major Work.

### Particular Course Requirements

In the Preliminary English (Extension) Course students are required to examine a key text from the past and its manifestations in one or more popular cultures. Students also explore, analyse and critically evaluate different examples of such appropriations in a range of contexts and media.

HSC English Extension Course 1 requires the study of prescribed texts (as outlined in the prescriptions document, HSC English 2009–2012 Electives and Prescribed Texts).

HSC English Extension Course 2 requires completion of a Major Work and a statement of reflection.
### Course: English Studies (Non-ATAR)

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#### Course Entry Guidelines

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.

Students considering choosing the course should be advised that:

- **English Studies** is a Stage 6 Content Endorsed Course with no HSC examination.
- Satisfactory completion of **English Studies** as part of the pilot program will fulfil English pattern-of-study requirements for the Higher School Certificate. **English Studies** will also count towards the six units of Board Developed Courses required for the award of the Higher School Certificate.
- Students who complete the course are not eligible for the calculation of an Australian Tertiary Admission rank (ATAR).

#### Course Description

In the **English Studies** course, students explore the ideas, values, language forms, features and structures of texts in a range of personal, social, cultural and workplace contexts. They respond to and compose texts to extend experience and understanding, access information and assess its reliability, and synthesise the knowledge gained from a range of sources for a variety of purposes.

#### Main Topics Covered

**Preliminary Course** (120 indicative hours):

- The module ‘Achieving through English – English and the worlds of education, careers and community’ is mandatory in the Preliminary course.
- Students will study a total of 3-5 modules (including the mandatory module), 20-40 indicative hours per module.

**HSC Course** (120 indicative hours):

- The module ‘We are Australians – English in citizenship, community and cultural identity’ is mandatory in the HSC course.
- Students will study a total of 3-5 different modules (including the mandatory module), 20-40 indicative hours per module.

The additional modules for both the Preliminary and HSC courses are selected from a list of elective modules within the syllabus. The elective modules may be studied in either course, but with an increasing level of challenge as students advance into the HSC course.

Schools may develop and offer one 20-hour module of their own design for the Preliminary year.

#### Particular Course Requirements

In each of the **Preliminary** and **HSC** courses students are required to:

- read, view, listen to and compose a wide range of texts, including print texts and multi-modal texts
- undertake study of at least one substantial print text and at least one substantial multi-modal text
- be involved in planning, research and presentation activities as part of one individual and/or one collaborative project
- engage with the community through avenues such as visits, surveys, interviews, work experience, listening to guest speakers and/or excursions
- develop a portfolio of texts they have planned, drafted, edited and presented in written, graphic and electronic forms across all the modules undertaken during the year.
Creative and Performing Arts (CAPA) Faculty Subjects

For further information on these courses please see Mrs Wilson.

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**Course Description**

Students in Drama study the practices of Making, Performing and Critically Studying. Students engage with these components through collaborative and individual experiences.

**Preliminary Course**

Content comprises an interaction between the components of Improvisation, Playbuilding and Acting, Elements of Production in Performance and Theatrical Traditions and Performance Styles. Learning comes from practical experiences in each of these areas.

**HSC Course**

Australian Drama and Theatre and Studies in Drama and Theatre involve the theoretical study through practical exploration of themes, issues, styles and movements of traditions of theatre, exploring relevant acting techniques, performance styles and spaces.

The **Group Performance** (3-6 students) involves creating a piece of original theatre (8–12 minutes duration). It provides opportunity for each student to demonstrate his or her performance skills.

For the **Individual Project**, students demonstrate their expertise in a particular area. They choose one project from Critical Analysis or Design or Performance or Script-writing or Video Drama.

**Main Topics Covered**

**Preliminary Course**

- Improvisation, Playbuilding, 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

**Particular Course Requirements**

The Preliminary course informs learning in the HSC course. In the study of theoretical components, students engage in practical workshop activities and performances to assist their understanding, analysis and synthesis of material covered in areas of study. In preparing for the group performance, the published **Course Prescriptions** include a topic list which is used as a starting point. The Individual Project is negotiated between the student and the teacher at the beginning of the HSC course. Students choosing Individual Project Design or Critical Analysis must base their work on one of the texts listed in the published text list. This list changes every three years. Students must ensure that they do not choose a text or topic they are studying in Drama in the written component or in any other HSC course when choosing Individual Projects.
**Course:** Music 1  
**Course No:** 15290

2 units for each of Preliminary and HSC Board Developed Course

**Exclusions:** Music 2

**Course Description**
In the Preliminary and HSC courses, students will study the concepts of music through the learning experiences of performance, composition, musicology and aural within the context of a range of styles, periods and genres.

**Main Topics Covered**
Students study three topics in each year of the course. Topics are chosen from a list of 21 which covers a range of styles, periods and genres.

**Particular Course Requirements**

**HSC course**
In addition to core studies in performance, composition, musicology and aural, students select three electives from any combination of performance, composition and musicology. These electives must represent each of the three topics studied in the course.

Students selecting Composition electives will be required to compile a portfolio of work as part of the process of preparing a submitted work. The portfolio may be requested by the Board of Studies to validate authorship of the submitted work.

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**Course:** Music 2  
**Course No:** 15300

2 units for each of Preliminary and HSC Board Developed Course

**Exclusions:** Music 1

**Course Description**
In the Preliminary and HSC courses, students will study the concepts of music through the learning experiences of performance, composition, musicology and aural within the context of a range of styles, periods and genres.

**Main Topics Covered**
Students study one Mandatory Topic covering a range of content and one Additional Topic in each year of the course.

In the Preliminary course, the Mandatory Topic is Music 1600–1900.

In the HSC course, the Mandatory Topic is Music of the Last 25 Years (Australian focus).

**Particular Course Requirements**
In addition to core studies in performance, composition, musicology and aural, students nominate one elective study in Performance, Composition or Musicology. Students selecting Composition or Musicology electives will be required to compile a portfolio of work as part of the process of preparing a submitted work. The portfolio may be requested by the Board of Studies to validate authorship of the submitted work.

All students will be required to develop a composition portfolio for the core composition.
**Course:** Visual Arts

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2 units for each of Preliminary and HSC Board Developed Course

**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.

**Course Description**

Visual Arts involves students in artmaking, art criticism and art history. Students develop their own artworks, culminating in a ‘body of work’ in the HSC course. Students critically and historically investigate artworks, critics, historians and artists from Australia as well as those from other cultures, traditions and times.

The Preliminary course is broadly focused, while the HSC course provides for deeper and more complex investigations. While the course builds on Visual Arts courses in Stages 4 and 5, it also caters for students with more limited experience in Visual Arts.

**Preliminary Course** learning opportunities focus on:
- the nature of practice in artmaking, art criticism and art history through different investigations
- the role and function of artists, artworks, the world and audiences in the artworld
- the different ways the visual arts may be interpreted and how students might develop their own informed points of view
- how students may develop meaning and focus and interest in their work
- building understandings over time through various investigations and working in different forms.

**HSC Course** learning opportunities focus on:
- how students may develop their practice in artmaking, art criticism, and art history
- how students may develop their own informed points of view in increasingly independent ways and use different interpretive frameworks in their investigations
- how students may learn about the relationships between artists, artworks, the world and audiences within the artworld and apply these to their own investigations
- how students may further develop meaning and focus in their work.

**Particular Course Requirements**

**Preliminary Course:**
- Artworks in at least two expressive forms and use of a process diary
- A broad investigation of ideas in art making, art criticism and art history.

**HSC Course:**
- Development of a body of work and use of a process diary
- A minimum of five Case Studies (4–10 hours each)
- Deeper and more complex investigations in art making, art criticism and art history.
Human Society and its Environment (HSIE)
Faculty Subjects

For further information on these courses please see Ms Archer.

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**Course Description**
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 will undertake consultation with Aboriginal communities and will 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.

**Main Topics Covered**

**Preliminary Course**
- **Part I: Aboriginality and the Land (20%)**
  - Aboriginal peoples’ relationship to Country
  - Dispossession and dislocation of Aboriginal peoples from Country
  - Impact of British colonisation on Country
- **Part II: Heritage and Identity (30%)**
  - The Dreaming and cultural ownership
  - Diversity of Aboriginal cultural and social life
  - Impact of colonisation on Aboriginal cultures and families
  - Impact of racism and stereotyping
- **Part III: International Indigenous Community: Comparative Study (25%)**
  - Location, environment and features of an international Indigenous community
  - Comparison of the key experiences of the international Indigenous and an Australian Aboriginal community in relation to Aboriginality and the Land; and Heritage and Identity
- **Part IV: Research and Inquiry Methods: Local Community Case Study (25%)**
  - Methods and skills relating to; community consultation; planning research; acquiring information; processing information; communicating information

**HSC Course**
- **Part I – Social Justice and Human Rights Issues (50%)**
  - **Global Perspective (20%)**
    - Global understanding of human rights and social justice
  - **Comparative Study (30%)**
    - A comparative case study on an Aboriginal and international Indigenous community, in relation to TWO of the following topics: Health, Education, Housing, Employment, Criminal Justice, Economic Independence
- **Part II – Case Study of an Aboriginal community for each topic (20%)**
  - **Aboriginality and the Land** – The Land Rights movement and the recognition of native title; government policies and legislation; non-Aboriginal responses
  - **OR**
### B Heritage and Identity – Contemporary aspects of Aboriginal heritage and identity, government policies and legislation; non-Aboriginal responses

- **Part III – Research and Inquiry Methods – Major Project (30%)**
  - Choice of project topic based on student interest.

### Particular Course Requirements

In both courses, 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.

### Course: HSC Ancient History

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### Course Description

The Preliminary course is structured to provide students with opportunities to investigate past people, groups, events, institutions, societies and historical sites from the sources available, by applying the methods used by historians and archaeologists.

The HSC course provides the opportunity for students to investigate in depth the range and nature of archaeological and written sources that provide evidence for a life in Pompeii and Herculaneum. They also study the key features and sources of an ancient society, historical period and ancient personality.

### Main Topics Covered

#### Preliminary Course

- **Part 1: Introduction**
  - Investigating the past: History, Archaeology and Science
  - Case Studies (at least ONE)

- **Part II: Studies of Ancient Societies, Sites and Sources**
  - At least ONE study to be chosen.

- **Part III: Historical Investigation**
  - The investigation can be either integrated into any aspect of the Preliminary course or attempted as one project, individually or as part of a group.

#### HSC Course

- **Part I: Core Study**: Cities of Vesuvius – Pompeii and Herculaneum (25%)
- **Part II: ONE Ancient Society (25%)**
- **Part III: ONE Personality in their Times (25%)**
- **Part IV: ONE Historical Period (25%)**

### Particular Course Requirements

In the Preliminary course, choices of studies in Parts I, II and III, must be chosen from different civilisations. The Historical Investigation and choice of topics in Parts I and II must not overlap or duplicate significantly any topic attempted for the HSC Ancient History or History Extension courses.
Course: Business Studies

Course No: 15040

2 units for each of Preliminary and HSC Board Developed Course

Exclusions: Nil

Course Description

Business activity is a feature of everyone's life. The Business Studies syllabus encompasses the theoretical and practical aspects of business in ways students will encounter throughout their lives. It offers learning from the planning of a small business to the management of operations, marketing, finance and human resource in large businesses.

Contemporary business issues and case studies are embedded in the course to provide a stimulating and relevant framework for students to apply to problems encountered in the business environment. Business Studies fosters intellectual, social and moral development by assisting students to think critically about the role of business and its ethical responsibilities to society.

Preliminary Course

Nature of business (20%) – the role and nature of business

Business management (40%) – the nature and responsibilities of management

Business planning (40%) – establishing and planning a small to medium enterprise

HSC Course

Operations (25%) – strategies for effective operations management

Marketing (25%) – development and implementation of successful marketing strategies

Finance (25%) – financial information in the planning and management of business

Human resources (25%) – human resource management and business performance
**Course**: Economics  
**Course No**: 15110  
**Exclusions**: Nil

### Course Description
Economics provides understanding for students about many aspects of the economy and its operation that are frequently reported in the media. It investigates issues such as why unemployment or inflation rates change and how these changes will impact on individuals in society. Economics develops students' knowledge and understanding of the operation of the global and Australian economy. It develops the analytical, problem-solving and communication skills of students. There is a strong emphasis on the problems and issues in a contemporary Australian economic context within the course.

### Main Topics Covered

#### Preliminary Course
- Introduction to Economics – the nature of economics and the operation of an economy
- Consumers and Business – the role of consumers and business in the economy
- Markets – the role of markets, demand, supply and competition
- Labour Markets – the workforce and role of labour in the economy
- Financial Markets – the financial market in Australia including the share market

#### HSC Course
- The Global Economy – Features of the global economy and globalisation
- Australia's Place in the Global Economy – Australia’s trade and finance
- Economic Issues – issues including growth, unemployment, inflation, wealth and management.
- Economic Policies and Management – the range of policies to manage the economy.
Course: Geography
Course No: 15190
Exclusions: Nil

Course Description
The Preliminary course investigates biophysical and human geography and develops students’ knowledge and understanding about the spatial and ecological dimensions of geography. Enquiry methodologies are used to investigate the unique characteristics of our world through fieldwork, geographical skills and the study of contemporary geographical issues.

The HSC course enables students to appreciate geographical perspectives about the contemporary world. There are specific studies about biophysical and human processes, interactions and trends. Fieldwork and a variety of case studies combine with an assessment of the geographers’ contribution to understanding our environment and demonstrates the relevance of geographical study.

Preliminary Course

HSC Course

Key concepts incorporated across all topics: change, environment, sustainability, spatial and ecological dimensions, interaction, technology, management and cultural integration.

Particular Course Requirements
Students complete a senior geography project (SGP) in the Preliminary course and should undertake 12 hours of fieldwork in both the Preliminary and HSC courses.
**Course: Legal Studies**  
Course No: 15220

| 2 units for each of Preliminary and HSC Board Developed Course | Exclusions: Nil |

**Course Description**
The Preliminary course develops students’ knowledge and understanding of the nature and functions of law and law-making, the development of Australian and international legal systems, the Australian constitution and law reform. It examines an individual’s rights and responsibilities, how disputes are resolved and examines a contemporary issue concerning the individual and technology. Students have the opportunity to investigate issues that illustrate how the law operates in practice. This is achieved by investigating, analysing and synthesising legal information from a variety of perspectives.

The HSC course investigates the key areas of law, justice and human rights through a variety of focus studies which consider how changes in societies influence law reform.

### Preliminary Course
- Part I – The Legal System (40% of course time)
- Part II – The Individual and the Law (30% of course time)
- Part III – The Law in Practice (30% of course time)

The Law in Practice unit is designed to provide opportunities for students to deepen their understanding of the principles of law covered in the first sections of the course. *This section may be integrated with Part I and Part II.*

### HSC Course
- Core Part I: Crime (30% of course time)
- Core Part II: Human Rights (20% of course time)
- Part III: Two options (50% of course time)

Two options are chosen from:
- Consumers
- Global environment and protection
- Family
- Indigenous peoples
- Shelter
- Workplace
- World order.

Each topic’s **themes and challenges** should be integrated into the study of the topic.

**Particular Course Requirements**  
No special requirements
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**Course Description**

The Preliminary course is structured to provide students with opportunities to investigate the role of key features, issues, individuals, groups, events and concepts from the C19th to the present using the methods of historical inquiry.

The HSC course provides the opportunity for students to investigate in depth a source-based study of World War I. They also study key features and issues in the history of ONE country during the C20th, ONE personality and ONE international study in peace and conflict.

**Main Topics Covered**

**Preliminary Course**

- **Part 1:** Case Studies (50%)
  - At least TWO Case Studies should be undertaken (see below).
- **Part II:** Historical Investigation (20%)
  - The investigation can be either integrated into any aspect of the Preliminary course or attempted as one project, individually or as part of a group.
- **Part III:** Core Study: The World at the Beginning of the C20th (30%) A source-based approach is to be used.

**HSC Course**

- **Part I:** Core Study: World War I: 1914–1919: A source-based study (25%)
- **Part II:** ONE National Study (25%)
- **Part III:** ONE Personality in the C20th (25%)
- **Part IV:** ONE International Study in Peace and Conflict (25%)

**Particular Course Requirements**

In the Preliminary course, one Case Study must be from Europe, North America or Australia (see list A on p.18 of the syllabus).

One Case Study must be from Asia, the Pacific, Africa, the Middle East or Central/South America (see list B on p.18 of the syllabus).

The Historical Investigation and choice of Case Study must not overlap or duplicate significantly any topic attempted for the HSC Modern History or History Extension courses.
Course: Society and Culture  
Course No: 15350

2 units for each of Preliminary and HSC Board Developed Course  
Exclusions: Nil

Course Description
Society and Culture deals with areas of interest and relevance to students and develops knowledge, understanding, skills, values and attitudes essential to an appreciation of the social world. The interaction of persons, society, culture, environment and time and how they shape human behaviour is a central theme of study. Students develop an understanding of research methodologies and undertake research in an area of particular interest to them. The research findings are presented for external assessment in the Personal Interest Project (PIP).

Preliminary Course
- The Social and Cultural World – the interaction between aspects of society and cultures
- Personal and Social Identity – socialisation and coming of age in a variety of social and cultural settings.
- Intercultural Communication – how people in different cultures interact and communicate.

HSC Course
Core
- Social and Cultural Continuity and Change – the nature, continuity and change, research and study of a selected country
- The Personal Interest Project – an individual research project.

Depth Studies
Two to be chosen from:
- Popular Culture – the interconnection between individuals and popular culture
- Belief Systems – role of belief systems in societies, cultures and personal life
- Equality and Difference – the nature of equality and difference in societies and cultures
- Work and Leisure – the nature and role of work and leisure in society.

Particular Course Requirements
Completion of Personal Interest Project.
Mathematics Faculty Subjects

For further information on these courses please see Mr Brown.

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**Course Description**

General Mathematics focuses on mathematical skills and techniques which have direct application to everyday activity. The course content is written in five areas of study, with an emphasis on application of specific skills and on tasks that involve integrating mathematical skills and techniques across a range of familiar and unfamiliar situations. These tasks may draw from more than one area of study, and encourage transfer of knowledge across the entire course, as well as linking with study in other Stage 6 subjects.

The course is fully prescribed, and is designed to support TAFE and other vocational courses. It provides an appropriate mathematical background for students who do not wish to pursue the formal study of mathematics at tertiary level, while giving a strong foundation for university study in the areas of business, humanities, nursing and paramedical sciences.

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### Course: Mathematics  
**Course No:** 15240

- 2 units for each of Preliminary and HSC Board Developed Course
- **Prerequisites:** For students who intend to study the Mathematics course, it is recommended that they study the topics *Real Numbers, Algebraic Techniques* and *Coordinate Geometry* as well as at least some of *Trigonometry* and *Deductive Geometry* from Stage 5.3 (identified by §) of *Mathematics Years 7–10 Syllabus*, if not all of the content.
- **Exclusions:** General Mathematics

#### Course Description

The course is intended to give students who have demonstrated general competence in the skills of Stage 5 Mathematics an understanding of and competence in some further aspects of mathematics which are applicable to the real world. It has general educational merit and is also useful for concurrent studies in science and commerce. The course is sufficient for further studies in mathematics as a minor discipline at tertiary level in support of courses such as the life sciences or commerce. Students who require substantial mathematics at a tertiary level, supporting the physical sciences, computer science or engineering, should undertake the Mathematics Extension 1 course or both the Mathematics Extension 1 and Mathematics Extension 2 courses.

#### Main Topics Covered

- **Basic arithmetic and algebra**
- **Real functions**
- **Trigonometric ratios**
- **Linear functions**
- **The quadratic polynomial and the parabola**
- **Plane geometry – geometrical properties**
- **Tangent to a curve and derivative of a function**

#### HSC Course

- **Coordinate methods in geometry**
- **Applications of geometrical properties**
- **Geometrical applications of differentiation**
- **Integration**
- **Trigonometric functions**
- **Logarithmic and exponential functions**
- **Applications of calculus to the physical world**
- **Probability**
- **Series and series applications**

### Course: Mathematics Extension 1  
**Course No:** 15250

- 1 unit in each of Preliminary (*Preliminary Mathematics Extension*) and HSC Board Developed Course
- **Prerequisites:** For students who intend to study the Mathematics Extension 1 course, it is recommended that they study the Stage 5 optional topics (identified by #) *Curve Sketching and Polynomials, Functions and Logarithms, and Circle Geometry of Mathematics Years 7–10 Syllabus*.
- **Exclusions:** General Mathematics

#### Course Description

The content of this course and its depth of treatment indicate that it 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. It has general educational merit and is also useful for concurrent studies of science, industrial arts and commerce. The course is a recommended minimum basis 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 sciences. Although the course is sufficient for these purposes, students of outstanding mathematical ability should consider undertaking the Mathematics Extension 2 course.
### Main Topics Covered

#### Preliminary Course
- Other inequalities
- Further geometry
- Further trigonometry
- Angles between two lines
- Internal and external division of lines into given ratios
- Parametric representation
- Permutations and combinations
- Polynomials
- Harder applications of the Mathematics Preliminary course topics

#### HSC Course
- Methods of integration
- Primitive of $\sin^2 x$ and $\cos^2 x$
- Equation $\frac{dN}{dt} = k(N - P)$
- Velocity and acceleration as a function of $x$
- Projectile motion
- Simple harmonic motion
- Inverse functions and inverse trigonometric functions
- Induction
- Binomial theorem
- Further probability
- Iterative methods for numerical estimation of the roots of a polynomial equation
- Harder applications of Mathematics HSC course topics

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#### Course Description

The course offers a suitable preparation for study of mathematics at tertiary level, as well as a deeper and more extensive treatment of certain topics than is offered in other mathematics courses. It represents a distinctly high level in school mathematics involving the development of considerable manipulative skill and a high degree of understanding of the fundamental ideas of algebra and calculus. These topics are treated in some depth. Thus, the course provides a sufficient basis for a wide range of useful applications of mathematics as well as an adequate foundation for the further study of the

### Main Topics Covered
- Graphs
- Complex Numbers
- Conics
- Integration
- Volumes
- Mechanics
- Polynomials
- Harder Mathematics Extension 1 topics
### Personal Development, Health and Physical Education (PDHPE) Faculty Subjects

For further information on these courses please see Mrs Wilson.

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**Course Description**

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 for how the body moves. Students have the opportunity to select from a range of practical options in areas such as first aid, outdoor recreation, composing and performing, and fitness choices.

In the HSC course, students focus on major issues related to Australia’s health status. They also look at factors that affect physical performance. They undertake optional study from a range of choices. This includes investigating the health of young people or of groups experiencing health inequities. In other options, students focus on improved performance and safe participation by learning about advanced approaches to training or sports medicine concepts. There is also an opportunity to think critically about the factors that impact on sport and physical activity in Australian society.

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**Particular Course Requirements**

In addition to core studies, students select two options in each of the Preliminary and HSC courses.
Science Faculty Subjects

For further information on these courses please see Mrs Amos.

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**Course Description**

The Preliminary course incorporates the study of the interactions between the components of agricultural production, marketing and management, while giving consideration to the issue of sustainability of the farming system. This is an ‘on-farm’, environment-oriented course.

The HSC course builds upon the Preliminary course. It examines the complexity and scientific principles of the components of agricultural production. It places greater emphasis on farm management to maximise productivity and environmental sustainability. The Farm Product Study is used as a basis for analysing and addressing social, environmental and economic issues as they relate to sustainability.

**Main Topics Covered**

**Preliminary Course**
- Overview (15%)
- The Farm Case Study (25%)
- Plant Production (30%)
- Animal Production (30%)

**HSC Course Core (80%)**
- Plant/Animal Production (50%)
- Farm Product Study (30%)

**Elective (20%)**
Choose ONE of the following electives to study:
- Agri-food, Fibre and Fuel Technologies
- Climate Challenge
- Farming for the 21st Century

**Particular Course Requirements**
Practical experiences should occupy a minimum of 30% of both Preliminary and HSC course time.
**Course:** Biology  
**Course No:** 15030

| 2 units for each of Preliminary and HSC Board Developed Course | **Exclusions:** Senior Science (Preliminary only) |

### Course Description

Biology is the study of living organisms, life processes and interactions between organisms and their environment.

The Preliminary course incorporates the study of the mechanisms and systems that living things use to obtain, transport and draw on materials for their own growth and repair; biotic and abiotic features of the environment and the interdependence of organisms in an ecosystem; the evolution of life on Earth; and the effects of global changes on the diversity of Australian biota during the formation of the Australian continent.

The HSC course builds upon the Preliminary course. It examines the processes and structures that plants and animals use to maintain a constant internal environment and the way in which characteristics are transmitted from generation to generation. The options cover a variety of interest areas and draw on the increased information and understanding provided by improved technology to examine areas of current research.

### Topics Covered

#### Preliminary Course

- **Biology Skills Module 8.1**
- **Core Modules**
  - A Local Ecosystem
  - Patterns in Nature
  - Life on Earth
  - Evolution of Australian Biota

#### HSC Course

- **Biology Skills Module 9.1**
- **Core Modules**
  - Maintaining a Balance
  - Blueprint of Life
  - The Search for Better Health
- **One Option from the following modules:**
  - Communication
  - Biotechnology
  - Genetics: The Code Broken?
  - The Human Story
  - Biochemistry

### Particular Course Requirements

Each module specifies content which provides opportunities for students to achieve the Biology skill outcomes. Biology modules 8.1 (Preliminary) and 9.1 (HSC) provide the skills content that must be addressed within and across each course. Teachers should provide opportunities based on the module content to develop the full range of skills content identified in Biology skills modules 8.1 and 9.1.

The Preliminary course includes a field study related to local terrestrial and aquatic environments. Students will complete a minimum of 80 indicative hours of practical experiences across Preliminary and HSC course time with no less than 35 hours in the HSC course. Practical experiences must include at least one open-ended investigation in both the Preliminary and HSC Courses.
Course: Chemistry  
Course No: 15050

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Course Description
Chemistry is the study of the physical and chemical properties of matter, with a focus on substances and their interactions. Chemistry attempts to provide chemical explanations and to predict events at the atomic and molecular level.

The Preliminary course develops a knowledge of atomic structure, chemical changes, rates of reaction and relationships between substances by focusing on increasing students’ understanding of the Earth’s resources, the development of increasingly sophisticated methods to extract and use metals, the importance of water on Earth and high energy carbon compounds.

The HSC course builds on the concepts developed in the Preliminary course, expanding on areas such as the search for new sources of traditional materials, the design and production of new materials, the management and monitoring of chemicals that have been developed and/or released as a result of human technological activity and the way in which environmental problems could be reversed or minimised. The options cover a variety of interest areas and draw on the increased information and understanding provided by improved technology to examine areas of current research.

Topics Covered

**Preliminary Course**
Chemistry Skills Module 8.1

**Core Modules**
- The Chemical Earth
- Metals
- Water
- Energy

**HSC Course**
Chemistry Skills Module 9.1

**Core Modules**
- Production of Materials
- The Acidic Environment
- Chemical Monitoring and Management

**One Option from the following modules:**
- Industrial Chemistry
- Shipwrecks, Corrosion and Conservation
- The Biochemistry of Movement
- The Chemistry of Art
- Forensic Chemistry

Particular Course Requirements
Each module specifies content which provides opportunities for students to achieve the Chemistry skill outcomes. Chemistry modules 8.1 (Preliminary) and 9.1 (HSC) provide the skills content that must be addressed within and across each course. Teachers should provide opportunities based on the module content to develop the full range of skills content identified in Chemistry skills modules 8.1 and 9.1.

Students will complete a minimum of 80 indicative hours of practical experiences across Preliminary and HSC course time with no less than 35 hours in the HSC course. Practical experiences must include at least one open-ended investigation in both the Preliminary and HSC Courses.
Course: Earth and Environmental Science  
Course No: 15100  
2 units for each of Preliminary and HSC Board Developed Course  
Exclusions: Senior Science (Preliminary only)

Course Description
Earth and Environmental Science is the study of the planet Earth, its processes and its environment. The Preliminary course develops a knowledge of the physical and chemical features of the environment, the available resources and human impact on Australian environments and the interplay between the internal and external forces that constantly shape the Earth. It increases students’ understanding of these concepts by focusing on the unique nature of the Australian continent, its geology and environments and, in particular, the local environment and the effect of human impact on it. The HSC course builds upon the Preliminary course. It examines the geological, physical and chemical evidence related to the evolution of Australia over time, current pressures and their effects on the Australian environment, and the indicators of environmental ill-health. The options cover a variety of interest areas and draw on increased information and understanding provided by improved technology to examine areas of current research.

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- ☐ Introduced Species and the Australian Environment
- ☐ Organic Geology – A Non-renewable Resource
- ☐ Mining and the Australian Environment
- ☐ Oceanography

Particular Course Requirements
Each module specifies content which provides opportunities for students to achieve the Earth and Environmental Science skill outcomes. Earth and Environmental Science modules 8.1 (Preliminary) and 9.1 (HSC) provide the skills content that must be addressed within and across each course. Teachers should provide opportunities based on the module content to develop the full range of skills content identified in Earth and Environmental Science skills modules 8.1 and 9.1.

The Preliminary course includes field experience in the identification of landforms, rocks and soil types, as well as how biological factors interact to form the local environment. Students will complete a minimum of 80 indicative hours of practical experiences across Preliminary and HSC course time with no less than 35 hours in the HSC course. Practical experiences must include at least one open-ended investigation in both the Preliminary and HSC Courses.
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**Course Description**

Physics investigates natural phenomena, identifies patterns and applies models, principles and laws to explain their behaviour.

The Preliminary course develops a knowledge of waves, motion, forces, fields, electricity and magnetism by focusing on increasing students’ understanding of current communication technologies, the use of electricity in the home, interaction involving vehicles (such as car crashes) and the mechanisms that maintain the physical conditions of planet Earth.

The HSC course builds on the concepts of the Preliminary course by expanding on areas such as relativity, the motor effect and solid state physics, and by focusing on space flight, motors and generators and the scientific advances involved in the development of semi-conductors and electronics. The options cover a variety of interest areas and draw on the increased information and understanding provided by improved technology to examine areas of current research.

**Topics Covered**

**Preliminary Course**

Physics Skills Module 8.1

**Core Modules**

- The World Communicates
- Electrical Energy in the Home
- Moving About
- The Cosmic Engine

**HSC Course**

Physics Skills Module 9.1

**Core Modules**

- Space
- Motors and Generators
- From Ideas to Implementation

**One Option from the following modules:**

- Geophysics
- Medical Physics
- Astrophysics
- From Quanta to Quarks
- The Age of Silicon

**Particular Course Requirements**

Each module specifies content which provides opportunities for students to achieve the Physics skill outcomes. Physics modules 8.1 (Preliminary) and 9.1 (HSC) provide the skills content that must be addressed within and across each course. Teachers should provide opportunities based on the module content to develop the full range of skills content identified in Physics skills modules 8.1 and 9.1.

Students will complete a minimum of 80 indicative hours of practical experiences across Preliminary and HSC course time with no less than 35 hours in the HSC course. Practical experiences must include at least one open-ended investigation in both the Preliminary and HSC Courses.
Course: Senior Science  
Course No: 15340

| 2 units for each of Preliminary and HSC Board Developed Course | Exclusions: Preliminary courses in Biology, Chemistry, Earth and Environmental Science and Physics |

**Course Description**

The Preliminary course incorporates the study of the collection, storage and conservation of water resources, and the structure and function of plants, with an emphasis on Australian native plants. It examines issues associated with the protection of the body in the workplace and the interactions between organisms in local ecosystems.

The HSC course investigates the importance of a range of biological molecules found in humans and other organisms, the physical and chemical properties of chemicals used by people on and in their bodies, and information systems. The options draw on the increased information and understanding provided by improved technology to examine a variety of interest areas.

The Senior Science course caters for students requiring a broad overview across all disciplines of science and focuses on encouraging them to become scientifically literate citizens. The course emphasises skill development and is particularly suited to students who have achieved Elementary to Substantial Achievement in the School Certificate in Science. In the HSC study pattern, students may study HSC Senior Science in combination with the HSC course in Biology, Chemistry, Earth and Environment Science or Physics to a maximum of six units. Students who are undertaking the Senior Science HSC course must have satisfactorily completed the Preliminary course in Senior Science or Biology or Chemistry or Earth and Environmental Science or Physics.

### Topics Covered

#### Preliminary Course

- **Senior Science Skills Module 8.1**
- **Core Modules**
  - Water for Living
  - Plants
  - Humans at Work
  - The Local Environment

#### HSC Course

- **Senior Science Skills Module 9.1**
- **Core Modules**
  - Lifestyle Chemistry
  - Medical Technology – Bionics
  - Information Systems
- **One Option from the following modules:**
  - Polymers
  - Preservatives and Additives
  - Pharmaceuticals
  - Disasters
  - Space Science

### Particular Course Requirements

Each module specifies content which provides opportunities for students to achieve the Senior Science skill outcomes. Senior Science modules 8.1 (Preliminary) and 9.1 (HSC) provide the skills content that must be addressed within and across each course. Teachers should provide opportunities based on the module content to develop the full range of skills content identified in Senior Science skills modules 8.1 and 9.1.

The Preliminary course includes field experience in the identification of soil types as well as how biological factors interact to form the local environment. Students will complete a minimum of 80 indicative hours of practical experiences across Preliminary and HSC course time with no less than 35 hours in the HSC course. Practical experiences must include at least one open-ended investigation in both the Preliminary and HSC Courses.
Technical Applied Studies (TAS)  
Faculty Subjects

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**Course Description**
Community and Family Studies is designed to develop in each student an understanding of the diverse nature and interdependence of families and communities, within Australian society. The course enables students to plan and manage resources effectively in order to address contemporary issues facing families and communities.

**Main Topics Covered**

**Preliminary Course**
- **Resource Management** Basic concepts of the resource management process (approximately 20% of course time).
- **Individuals and Groups** The individual's roles, relationships and tasks within groups (approximately 40% of course time).
- **Families and Communities** Family structures and functions and the interaction between family and community (approximately 40% of course time).

**HSC Course**
- **Research Methodology** Research methodology and skills culminating in the production of an Independent Research Project (approximately 25% of course time).
- **Groups in Context** The characteristics and needs of specific community groups (approximately 25% of course time).
- **Parenting and Caring** Issues facing individuals and groups who adopt roles of parenting and caring in contemporary society (approximately 25% of course time).

**HSC Option Modules**
Select one of the following (approximately 25% of course time):
- **Family and Societal Interactions** Government and community structures that support and protect family members throughout their lifespan.
- **Social Impact of Technology** The impact of evolving technologies on individuals and lifestyle.
- **Individuals and Work** Contemporary issues confronting individuals as they manage roles within both their family and work environments.

**Particular Course Requirements**
Students are required to complete an Independent Research Project as part of the HSC internal assessment. The focus of the Independent Research Project should be related to the course content of one or more of the following areas: individuals, groups, families, communities, resource management.
### Course: Design and Technology

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#### Course Description

The Preliminary course involves the study of both designing and producing. This is explored through areas such as design theory and practice, design processes, environmental and social issues, communication, research, technologies, and the manipulation of materials, tools and techniques. The course involves hands-on practical activities which develop knowledge and skills in designing and producing. The Preliminary course includes the completion of at least two design projects. These projects involve the design, production and evaluation of a product, system or environment and includes evidence of the design process recorded in a design folio. The design folio can take a variety of different forms.

The HSC course applies the knowledge and understanding of designing and producing from the preliminary course. It involves the development and realisation of a Major Design Project, a case study of an innovation, along with the study of innovation and emerging technologies. The study of the course content is integrated with the development of a Major Design Project, worth 60% of the HSC mark. This project requires students to select and apply appropriate design, production and evaluation skills to a product, system or environment that satisfies an identified need or opportunity. The case study of an innovation requires students to identify the factors underlying the success of the innovation selected, analyse associated ethical issues and discuss its impact on Australian society.

#### Main Topics Covered

**Preliminary Course**

Involves both theory and practical work in designing and producing. This includes the study of design theory and practice, design processes, factors affecting design and producing, design and production processes, technologies in industrial and commercial settings, environmental and social issues, creativity, collaborative design, project analysis, marketing and research, management, using resources, communication, manufacturing and production, computer-based technologies, occupational health and safety, evaluation, and manipulation of materials, tools and techniques.

**HSC Course**

Involves the study of innovation and emerging technologies, including a case study (20%) of an innovation and the study of designing and producing including a Major Design Project. The project folio addresses three key areas: project proposal and project management, project development and realisation, and project evaluation.

#### Particular Course Requirements

In the Preliminary course, students must participate in hands-on practical activities and undertake a minimum of two design projects. The projects will develop skills and knowledge to be further developed in the HSC course. Students will develop their knowledge of the activities within industrial and commercial settings which support design and technology and relate these processes to the processes used in their own designing and producing. Each project will place emphasis on the development of different skills and knowledge in designing and producing. This is communicated in a variety of forms, but students should be encouraged to communicate their design ideas using a range of appropriate media.

In the HSC course the activities of designing and producing that were studied in the Preliminary course are synthesised and applied. This culminates in the development and realisation of a Major Design Project and a case study of an innovation. Students should select and use the wide range of skills and knowledge developed in the Preliminary course, appropriate to their selected project. They must also relate the techniques and technologies used in industrial and commercial settings to those used in the development of design projects.
Course: Food Technology  
Course No: 15180

| Units for each of Preliminary and HSC Board Developed Course | Exclusions: Nil |

**Course Description**

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.

**Main Topics Covered**

**Preliminary 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%)

**Particular Course Requirements**

There is no prerequisite study for the 2 unit Preliminary course. Completion of the 2 unit Preliminary course is a prerequisite to the study of the 2 unit HSC course. In order 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.
Course: Industrial Technology | Course No: 15200

2 units for each of Preliminary and HSC Board Developed Course

Exclusions: Some Industry Focus areas with similar VET Curriculum Framework streams and Content Endorsed Courses

Course Description
Industrial Technology at Stage 6 will develop a student’s knowledge and understanding of a selected industry and its related technologies highlighting the importance of design, management and production through practical experiences.

Industrial Technology Stage 6 consists of project work and an industry study that will develop a broad range of skills and knowledge related to the focus area chosen for the course. The Focus Areas include Automotive Technologies; Electronics Technologies; Graphics Technologies; Metal and Engineering Technologies; Multimedia Technologies; Timber Products and Furniture Technologies.

Main Topics Covered

Preliminary Course
The following sections are taught in relation to the relevant focus area:

- Industry Study – structural, technical, environmental and sociological factors, personnel issues, Occupational Health and Safety (15%)
- Design – elements and principles, types of design, quality, influences affecting design (10%)
- Management and Communication – development of practical projects; research, analysis and evaluation; skills in managing a project and developing and presenting a management folio; computer based technologies (20%)
- Production – display a range of skills through the construction of a number of projects (40%)
- Industry Related Manufacturing Technology – understanding of a range of materials, processes, tools and equipment, machinery and technologies (15%)

HSC Course
The following sections are taught in relation to the relevant focus area through the development of a Major Project (60%) and a study of the relevant industry:

- Industry Study (15%)
- Major Project (60%)
  - Design, Management and Communication
  - Production
- Industry Related Manufacturing Technology (25%)

Particular Course Requirements
In the Preliminary course, students must design, develop and construct a number of projects. Each project will include a management folio. Each project may emphasise different areas of the preliminary course content. Students also undertake the study of an individual business within a focus area industry.

In the HSC course, students design, develop and construct a Major Project with a management folio. They will also undertake a study of the overall industry related to the specific focus area industry.
### Course: Information Processes and Technology

- **Course No:** 15210
- **Exclusions:** Computing Applications CEC

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<td>Information Processes and Technology is the study of information-based systems. It focuses on information processes performed by these systems and the information technology that allows them to take place. Social, ethical and non-computer procedures resulting from the processes are considered. Different types of information systems are studied. Through project work, students will create their own information system to meet an identified need.</td>
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**Course**: Software Design and Development  
**Course No**: 15360  
**Exclusions**: Computing Applications CEC

### Course Description

The Preliminary course introduces students to the basic concepts of computer software design and development. It does this by looking at the different ways in which software can be developed, the tools that can be used to assist in this process and by considering the interaction between software and the other components of the computer system.

The HSC course builds on the Preliminary course and involves the development and documentation of software using a variety of data structures and language facilities. Students learn to solve a number of interesting and relevant software problems.

#### Preliminary Course
- Concepts and Issues in the Design and Development of Software (30%)
  - Social and ethical issues
  - Hardware and software
  - Software development approaches
- Introduction to Software Development (50%)
  - Defining and understanding the problem
  - Planning and designing software solutions
  - Implementing software solutions
  - Testing and evaluating software solutions
  - Maintaining software solutions
- Developing software solutions (20%)

#### HSC Course
- Development and Impact of Software Solutions (15%)
  - Social and ethical issues
  - Application of software development approaches
- Software Development Cycle (40%)
  - Defining and understanding the problem
  - Planning and design of software solutions
  - Implementing software solutions
  - Testing and evaluating software solutions
  - Maintaining software solutions
- Developing a Solution Package (25%)
- Options (20%)
  - Study one of the following options:
    - Programming paradigms
    - The interrelationship between software and hardware

### Particular Course Requirements

There is no prerequisite study for the Preliminary course. Completion of the Preliminary course is a prerequisite for the HSC course.

It is a mandatory requirement that students spend a minimum of 20% of Preliminary course time and 25% of HSC course time on practical activities using the computer.
**Course: Textiles and Design**

Course No: 15390

2 units for each of Preliminary and HSC Board Developed Course

**Exclusions:**
- Fashion and Textiles TVET CEC 43480
- Fashion Design and Technology TVET CEC 41016

**Course Description**

The Preliminary course involves the study of design, communication techniques, manufacturing methods, fibres, yarns, fabrics and the Australian Textile Clothing, Footwear and Allied Industries. Practical experiences, experimenting and product manufacturing are integrated throughout the content areas and includes the completion of two preliminary textile projects. These projects develop each student’s creative abilities and skills in designing, manipulating, experimenting and selecting appropriate fabrics for an end use.

The HSC course builds upon the Preliminary course and involves the study of fabric colouration and decoration, historical design development, cultural factors that influence design and designers, contemporary designers, end-use applications of textiles, innovations and emerging textile technologies, appropriate textile technology and environmental sustainability, current issues and the marketplace.

This course involves the development of a Major Textiles Project, worth 50% of the HSC mark. The project is selected from one of the five focus areas and enables students to explore an area of interest. The project has two components: the supporting documentation and textile item/s.

**Main Topics Covered**

**Preliminary Course**
- Design (40%)
- Properties and Performance of Textiles (50%)
- The Australian Textiles, Clothing, Footwear and Allied Industries (10%).

**HSC Course**
- Design (20%)
- Properties and Performance of Textiles (20%)
- The Australian Textiles, Clothing, Footwear and Allied Industries (10%)
- Major Textiles Project (50%).

**Particular Course Requirements**

In the Preliminary course students will undertake two preliminary textile projects. Preliminary Project 1 is drawn from the area of study Design and focuses on the generation and communication of ideas, design modification, manipulative skills, evaluation of ideas and of the project, and management of time and resources. Preliminary Project 2 is drawn from the area of study of Properties and Performance of Textiles and focuses on an analysis of fabric, yarn and fibre properties, experimental procedures, product design, fabric choice, manipulative and management skills, communication methods and the recording of information.

In the HSC course, the Major Textiles Project allows students to develop a textile project from one of the following focus areas: apparel, furnishings, costume, textile arts, non-apparel. The selected focus area allows students to explore in detail one area of interest through a creative textile design process that integrates the areas of Design, Properties and Performance of Textiles and the Australian Textiles, Clothing, Footwear and Allied Industries.
**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

**What does VET mean?**
VET means Vocational Education and Training. VET courses are available at Stage 5 and at stage 6 - Higher School Certificate (HSC) courses for students which allows the student to gain an HSC and an AQF credential at the same time. School, TAFE and other private providers deliver VET courses.

**What is the difference between VET courses and other HSC courses?**
- VET courses can deliver dual accreditation, meaning a VET course can give an Australian Qualification Framework (AQF) qualification in addition to units of study counting towards the HSC.
- Learning and assessment focuses on skills and is competency based.
- In some VET courses work placement is compulsory.

**What is reported on the HSC?**
All VET courses are recorded on the HSC. As well, an HSC student receives either an Australian Qualification Framework (AQF) credential or a Statement of Attainment towards an AQF credential with a transcript of the units of competency achieved. Units of competencies are reported to the Board of Studies, Teaching & Educational Standards.

**What are competencies?**
A student is assessed for competency against standards set by industry for skill performance. Being assessed as competent means a student has reached a pre-defined minimum level of work performance in an industry skill area.

**Do VET courses count towards the Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank (ATAR)?**
VET courses can be included in the HSC pattern of study. All VET Industry Curriculum Framework Courses (ICF), VET Board Developed Courses (VET BEC) as well as Accounting (Board Developed Course) are Category B. Only one Category B course can be used in the calculation of the ATAR. In order for a VET course to count towards a ATAR, a student must study a 240 hour course and must sit a written exam for the HSC.

**What is the Australian Quality Framework (AQF)?**
The AQF broadly refers to national principles, standards for delivery and qualifications in VET. VET is delivered by Registered Training Organisations. Tamworth 90162 is currently delivering Vocational Education and Training in 118 schools.
What are Australian Qualification Framework (AQF) qualifications?
VET qualifications are expressed as AQF levels. They are recognised Australia wide. Students may gain an AQF credential at either Certificate I or II and in some instances either part or all of Certificate III depending on the VET course they study and the units of competency they achieve.

What are Industry Curriculum Frameworks?
The Board of Studies has packaged VET courses from national Training Packages into courses and units of study for the Higher School Certificate. A student may do a 120-hour course, 240-hour course, and may elect to do a 60 or 120-hour specialisation course.

ICF courses have a mandatory work placement component and an optional HSC exam that may contribute to the ATAR.

What is the difference between an Industry Curriculum Framework (ICF) course and a VET Board Endorsed Course (VET BEC)?
A VET BEC course may have a mandatory work placement but does not have a HSC exam. Both ICF and BEC VET courses contribute to a student’s HSC pattern of study. However a Board Endorsed Course (VET BEC) does not contribute to the ATAR.

What are Specialisation Courses?
Specialisation courses are 1 unit or 2 unit extensions added to the 240 hour (2 unit x two years) course. Specialisation courses build upon the normal ICF course and deliver more training towards AQF levels. They may be selected during the HSC year. These units do not count towards the ATAR but do count towards the HSC.

Why is work placement compulsory in some VET courses?
Industry says workplace learning greatly enhances classroom training. Work placement in a 240-hour course is 70 hours (usually done as two one-week blocks, one week during the Preliminary course and one week during the HSC course). Part-time work may be used to claim Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) credit. Specialisation courses also have work placement requirements.

Who delivers VET to students?
VET courses are delivered in schools by teachers who have undertaken additional training to become qualified to deliver a VET course.

What is RPL?
Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) allows students to seek recognition of their skills and knowledge gained prior to beginning a VET course as a result of formal training, work experience, life experience and part-time work. The relevant VET Coordinator at your school holds application forms.
What is Credit Transfer?
Credit Transfer (CT) allows students to seek recognition of their skills and knowledge gained as a result of previous achievement of units of competency and/or a qualification. The relevant VET Coordinator at your school holds application forms.

How do employability skills relate to VET courses?

Employability Skills feature in all units of competency; they are defined as "skills required not only to gain employment, but also to progress within an enterprise so as to achieve one's potential and contribute successfully to enterprise strategic directions". The eight Employability Skills are communication, teamwork, problem solving, initiative and enterprise, planning and organising, self-management, learning, and technology.

All AQF Credentials or Statements of Attainment achieved by students provide an Employability Skills Summary that lists the elements of each skill that have been identified for the qualification.

STUDY IN A VET ICF COURSE MAY GIVE A STUDENT ACCESS TO THE HSC AND AN AQF CREDENTIAL, WORKPLACE LEARNING AND AN ATAR.

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For further information on the following courses, please see:

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BSB20112 Certificate II in Business (BSB07 release 12)
2015 STAGE 6 COURSE DESCRIPTION – BUSINESS SERVICES

This Course is available as
- 2Unit x 1year/120 hours
- 2Unit x 2years/240 hours
- 4Unit x 1year/240 hours

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### Board Developed Course

- Category B status for Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR)

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#### Course description
- This course is designed for students who wish to develop knowledge and skills to commence a career and be an effective employee in the business administration and support industry. Students who are assessed as competent in sufficient of the above units will be eligible for a full Certificate qualification; partial completion will lead to a Statement of Attainment. Qualification pathway information is available from the Australian Apprenticeships Training Information Service: [Australian Apprenticeships Training Information Service](http://www.employment.gov.au/apprenticeships/

#### Course structure: The following content will be addressed as part of this Qualification. Reduced or modified patterns of delivery may target specific units of competency. Please discuss units of competency with your school.

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<td>BSBWOR203B</td>
<td>Work effectively with others</td>
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<td>BSBWOR204A</td>
<td>Use business technology</td>
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#### Course contribution (to be made directly to school):
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#### Refunds:
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#### Course specific resources and equipment:
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#### Exclusions:
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#### Competency-based assessment

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#### Mandatory Work Placement

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CPC20211 Certificate II in Construction Pathways (CPC08 release V9)
2015 STAGE 6 COURSE DESCRIPTION – CONSTRUCTION

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Course description - This course is designed for students who wish to develop knowledge and skills to commence a career and be an effective employee in the construction industry. Students who are assessed as competent in sufficient units of competency will be eligible for a full Certificate qualification; partial completion will lead to a Statement of Attainment. Qualification pathway information is available from the Australian Apprenticeships Training Information Service:

Course structure: The following content will be addressed as part of this Qualification. Reduced or modified patterns of delivery may target specific units of competency. Please discuss units of competency with your school.

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<td>CPCCCA2011A Handle carpentry materials</td>
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<td>CPCCCA2002B Use carpentry tools and equipment</td>
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<td>CPCCCM1014A Conduct workplace communication</td>
<td>CPCCIN2001A Assemble components</td>
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<td>CPCCCM1015A Carry out measurements and calculations</td>
<td>CPCCIN2002B Prepare for off-site manufacturing processes</td>
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<td>CPCCCM2001A Read and interpret plans and specifications</td>
<td>CPCCWF2001A Handle wall and floor tiling materials</td>
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<td>CPCCCOHS2001A Apply OHS requirements, policies and procedures in the construction industry</td>
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<td>CPCCCM2006B Apply basic levelling procedures</td>
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<td>CPCCCM2005A Use construction tools and equipment</td>
<td>CPCCBL2001A Handle and prepare bricklaying and blocklaying materials</td>
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<td>CPCCCO2013A Carry out concreting to simple forms</td>
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<td>CPCCCA2003A Erect and dismantle formwork for foots and slabs on ground</td>
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Course contribution (to be made directly to school): $170 (Year 11) $0 (Year 12)

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Refunds: Students who exit the course before completion may be eligible for a partial refund of fees. The amount of the refund will be pro-rata, dependent upon the time the student has been enrolled in the course.

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MEM10105 Certificate I in Engineering (MEM05 release 11)
2015 STAGE 6 COURSE DESCRIPTION – METAL AND ENGINEERING

This Course is available as
- 2Unit x 1year/120 hours
- 2Unit x 2years/240 hours
- 4Unit x 1year/240 hours

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### Course description

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### Course structure

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#### Compulsory/Core Units – HSC Examinable

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<td>Work with others in a manufacturing, engineering or related environment</td>
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<td>Perform engineering measurements</td>
<td>MEM03003B</td>
<td>Perform sheet and plate assembly</td>
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<td>Apply principles of occupational health and safety in the work environment</td>
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<td>Apply quality procedures</td>
<td>MEM18001C</td>
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#### Elective Units

- MEM11011B

### Course contribution (to be made directly to school): $40 per year

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### Exclusions


*Enrolment in a Certificate I Engineering excludes you from studying Industrial Technology - Metals and Engineering focus area.*
Assessment and course completion

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**SIT20213 Certificate II in Hospitality (SIT12 release 2)**

**2015 STAGE 6 COURSE DESCRIPTION – HOSPITALITY**

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<td>SITHFAB203</td>
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AHC20110 Certificate II in Agriculture (AHC release 8)
2015 STAGE 6 COURSE DESCRIPTION – PRIMARY INDUSTRIES

This Course is available as
2Unit x 1year/120 hours  2Unit x 2years/240 hours  4Unit x 1year/240 hours

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Board Developed Course

Category B status for Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR)

This curriculum framework includes courses which are accredited for the HSC and provides students with the opportunity to obtain nationally recognised vocational qualifications. This is known as dual accreditation.

Course description - This course is designed for students who wish to develop knowledge and skills to commence a career and be an effective employee in the Agriculture, Horticulture and Primary industries. Students who are assessed as competent in sufficient units of competency will be eligible for a full Certificate qualification; partial completion will lead to a Statement of Attainment. Qualification pathway information is available from the Australian Apprenticeships Training Information Service:

Course structure: The following content will be addressed as part of this Qualification. Reduced or modified patterns of delivery may target specific units of competency. Please discuss units of competency with your school.

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Elective units

Students may study a range of drawn from the following areas
- Basic fencing
- Weed and pest treatment and prevention
- Use and maintenance of farm machinery
- Safe use of tractors and other farm vehicles
- Livestock care and welfare
- Plants and propagation

A variety of other units relevant to farm assistance and agricultural work may also be delivered by other RTOs. Talk to your school for more information.

Course contribution (to be made directly to school): $30 per year

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Refunds: Students who exit the course before completion may be eligible for a partial refund of fees. The amount of the refund will be pro-rata, dependent upon the time the student has been enrolled in the course. Please discuss any matters relating to refunds with your school.

Course specific resources and equipment:
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Exclusions:
VET course exclusions can be checked on the Board’s website at www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/voc_ed/exclusions.html.
Assessment and course completion

Competency-based assessment
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- 2 Unit x 1 year courses: 35 hours
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**SIR20212 Certificate II in Retail (SIR07 release 3.2)**

**2015 STAGE 6 COURSE DESCRIPTION – RETAIL SERVICES**

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### Exploring Early Childhood (TAS)

**Content Endorsed Course**

Our society is increasingly recognising children’s experiences in the early childhood years as the foundation for future growth, development and learning. This course explores issues within an early childhood context and considers these in relation to the students themselves, their family and the community.

The study of this course will enable students to:

- develop an awareness and understanding of the growth, development and learning of young children and the importance of the early childhood years
- recognise the uniqueness of all children, including those who have special needs
- become aware of the value of play in the lives of children, and consider means of providing safe and challenging environments for play
- identify the range of services developed and provided for young children and their families
- consider the role of family and community in the growth, development and learning of young children
- reflect upon potential implications for themselves as adults, in relation to young children
- understand and appreciate the diversity of cultures within Australia and the ways in which this influences children and families
- become aware of the work opportunities available in the area of children’s services.

**Exclusions:** Nil

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### Mathematics General 1

**Content Endorsed Course**

2 units for Preliminary Board Developed Course and 2 units HSC Content Endorsed Course

**Prerequisites:** For students who intend to study the General Mathematics course, it is recommended that they study at least some of the Stage 5.2 content of Mathematics Years 7–10 Syllabus, particularly the Patterns and Algebra topics and Trigonometry, if not all of the content.

**Course Description**

General Mathematics focuses on mathematical skills and techniques which have direct application to everyday activity. The course content is written in five areas of study, with an emphasis on application of specific skills and on tasks that involve integrating mathematical skills and techniques across a range of familiar and unfamiliar situations. These tasks may draw from more than one area of study, and encourage transfer of knowledge across the entire course, as well as linking with study in other Stage 6 subjects.

The course is fully prescribed, and is designed to support TAFE and other vocational courses. It provides an appropriate mathematical background for students who do not wish to pursue the formal study of mathematics at tertiary level, while giving a strong foundation for university study in the areas of business, humanities, nursing and paramedical sciences.

**Main Topics Covered**

**Preliminary Course**

- Financial Mathematics
- Data Analysis
- Measurement
- Probability
- Algebraic Modelling

**HSC Course**

- Financial Mathematics
- Data Analysis
- Measurement
- Probability
- Algebraic Modelling

**Focus Studies**

- Mathematics and Communication
- Mathematics and Driving

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**Note:** This is a CEC Course only in Year 12
**Course:** Sport, Lifestyle and Recreation Studies (PDHPE)

**Content Endorsed Course**

**Exclusions:** Students studying Board Developed PDHPE must not study CEC modules which duplicate PDHPE modules.

Students will learn about the importance of a healthy and active lifestyle and recognise the need to be responsible and informed decision-makers. This course enables students to further develop their understanding of and competence in a range of sport and recreational pursuits. They are encouraged to establish a lifelong commitment to being physically active and to achieving movement potential.

Through the course students will develop:
- knowledge and understanding of the factors that influence health and participation in physical activity
- knowledge and understanding of the principles that impact on quality of performance
- an ability to analyse and implement strategies to promote health, activity and enhanced performance
- a capacity to influence the participation and performance of self and others.

The course provides the opportunity to specialise in areas of expertise or interest through optional modules such as:
- Aquatics
- Athletics
- First Aid
- Fitness
- Specific Sports
- Gymnastics
- Outdoor Recreation
- Sports Administration
- Coaching
- Social Perspectives of Sport
- Healthy Lifestyle.

**Course:** Work Studies (HSIE)

**Content Endorsed Course**

**Exclusions:** Nil

Work in all its forms – paid and unpaid – plays a central role in our lives. Technological, social and economic factors are rapidly changing the nature of work and traditional patterns of work organisation. Many of the occupations in which students will work do not yet exist.

This course in Work Studies will assist students:
- to recognise the links between education, training, work and lifestyle, and to recognise the economic and social factors that affect work opportunities
- to develop an understanding of the changing nature of work organisation and the implications for individuals and society
- to undertake an extended work placement to allow for the development of specific job-related skills
- to acquire general work-related knowledge, skills and attitudes, transferable across a number of occupational areas
- to develop their skills in accessing work-related information, presenting themselves to potential employers, and functioning effectively in the workplace.

The course has two core studies, and elective course modules.

**Core 1 – Work and change**

**Core 2 – Experiencing work**

**Modules**

There are 12 elective modules which expand on the issues introduced in the core. Modules are studied for either 15 or 30 hours.
**Course:** Visual Design (CAPA)

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**Course Description**

This course provides students with opportunities to exploit the links between art and design by designing and making images and objects in which aesthetic qualities and symbolic meanings are as important as utilitarian function. It encourages students to explore the practices of graphic, wearable, product and interior/exterior designers in contemporary societies and promotes imaginative and innovative approaches to design within the context of the Australian environment and culture. Through the critical and historical study of designed images and objects students are able to analyse and make informed judgements about the designed works that surround them – works which reflect and construct the image they have of themselves, others and their world. The course is designed to enable students to gain an increasing accomplishment and independence in their representation of ideas in different fields of design and to understand and value how graphic design, wearable design, product design, and interior/exterior design, invite different interpretations and explanations. Students will develop knowledge, skills and understanding through the making of works in design that lead to and demonstrate conceptual and technical accomplishment. They will also develop knowledge, skills and understanding that lead to increasingly accomplished critical and historical investigations of design.

**Main Topics Covered**

Modules may be selected in any of the four broad fields of:
- graphic design
- wearable design
- product design
- interior/exterior design.

The additional module Individual/Collaborative Project extends students’ learning experiences and may reflect students’ increasing interests and desire to specialise in one or more of these fields or explore the connections further between the fields. The Occupational Health and Safety Module is mandatory in any course.

**Particular Course Requirements**

Students are required to keep a diary throughout the course.