

year 11 Subject HANDBOOK

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# **Mission Statement**

Under Freshwater Christian College's mission of **LIFE | LOVE | LEARN**, Secondary aims to develop young leaders of character who will influence their community for God and for good. We do this by building a learning community that is relevant, relational, and creative, teaching our learners for their future.

#### Jeremiah 32:38-39

"And they shall be my people, and I will be their God. I will give them one heart and one way, that they may fear me forever, for their own good and the good of their children after them."

#### 2 Samuel 22:33

"This God is my strong refuge and has made my way blameless."

# About the Handbook

This handbook is designed to give students and their parents direction as they undergo the task of choosing a learning pathway for Year 11 and 12. The choices to be made are complex and challenging; however, armed with up-to-date and relevant information, an appropriate plan can be established. It is the heart of the College that every student is able to navigate the Senior Phase of Learning in such a way as to maximise their opportunities to grow, develop and prepare for the life that awaits them beyond Freshwater Christian College.

As with any major decision, knowledge is power. Whilst the information within these pages is a great place to begin, be sure to explore other sources of information along the way. For subject specific information, converse with teachers of those subjects; they will be more than happy to unpack the curriculum and assessment requirements with you. The Head of Secondary, Director of Curriculum, and Head of Student Pathways can provide advice of a more general nature and are happy to discuss the advantages of different academic programs. Remember also, to commit your decisions to the Lord in prayer. It is my sincere belief that God has a unique and special plan for each of his people and the sooner we discover what that plan is and align our vision with His, the sooner God-given potential is realised in the life of our students.

It may be the case that students are yet to discover what they believe they are to do in life and, in reality, this is not unusual and can be influenced by many factors: family, friends and the media – it is a difficult task to see into the future. It's important to remember that the pathways to career goals are becoming more numerous and varied all the time. Universities are decreasing the number of prerequisites that they require for entry into their courses. The Senior Phase of Learning is now more accommodating of vocational education pathways. All this helps to reduce the pressure of choosing the "perfect" academic course from the outset. This is not to say that making the right choice initially is not important, but there is the option to change and adapt along the way. Students without clearly defined career goals should choose subjects that they are passionate about (or at least enjoy) or subjects with which they have experienced success previously. It is also useful to choose a variety of subjects from different disciplines that enable students to keep their options open.

Finally, we encourage students and parents to work together, along with the College to develop a plan for the exciting journey ahead.

# **Informed Choices**

Year 10s have some important decisions to make as they face such crucial questions as:

- Will I continue on at school?
- What are the alternatives?
- If I stay on, what subjects will I study?
- How am I going with my career decisions?

Students should discuss these matters with their parents, their class teachers, and any friends who have experienced school life after Year 10. Some will take longer than others in making decisions in these areas but you must not step back from thinking about them. You will find the thought and effort that goes into these decisions most rewarding. This booklet will thus be important in the choosing of senior subjects.

#### Ability of Student and Past Achievement:

Choice of subjects in Senior will be determined to a considerable extent by the marks that the student has already achieved. For instance, if a student has struggled in Science during the Junior years, subjects such as Physics and Chemistry will be difficult in Year 11 and 12.

It is important in Senior schooling for students to focus on subjects in which they can then achieve to the maximum potential.

#### **Student Goals:**

- What are possible future employment options?
- What are the educational requirements for such employment?
- What subjects are needed as prerequisites for tertiary study? If there is any doubt on these, students should seek counselling to decide on the most appropriate option.

#### What choice is there?

Queensland Government policy requires that students after completing Year 10 follow one of the following options:

- i. Remain at school until turning 17 or finish Year 12;
- ii. Be engaged in other education or training at least to Certificate III level;
- iii. Be involved in employment of at least 25 hours per week.

#### The Do's of making a subject choice

- Do subjects you enjoy.
- Do subjects you are interested in.
- Do subjects in which you have already achieved good grades.
- Do subjects that will give you valuable life skills.
- Do subjects that can lead to the training choice you want.
- Do subjects that allow you to fulfil prerequisites for tertiary courses.

#### The Don'ts of making a subject choice

- Don't let your friends decide for you.
- Don't avoid a subject because of the teacher.
- Don't let your sibling's experience decide for you.
- Don't take a subject because you think it might be easy.
- Don't choose subjects because you think it might give you a better ATAR.

If you are not sure of your future career directions, it is advisable to do a range of subjects to keep your options open.

# **Senior Pathways**

Students choosing to study at Freshwater Christian College for Years 11 and 12 (the Senior Years) will follow one of three pathways: Academic, Vocational or Hybrid.

Each pathway provides the opportunity for students to achieve their Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE). The Academic and Hybrid Pathways also provide the opportunity for students to achieve an Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank (ATAR) for university entrance.

Maintaining QCE Eligibility is a requirement for the Senior Years at Freshwater Christian College.

All Pathways require students to select an English, a Mathematics subject, and 4 electives. Academic Pathway: General English, General Mathematics or Mathematical Methods + 4 General Subject Electives

**Vocational Pathway**: Essential English, Essential Mathematics, + 3 Applied and 1 Certificate **Hybrid Pathway**: General English, General Mathematics or Mathematical Methods + a mix of Applied and General Subjects (not more than 2 Applied).

Pathways	Line One	Line Two	Line Three	Line Four	Line Five	Line Six
Academic General English, General	General English	Mathematical Methods				
Mathematics or Mathematical Methods + 4 General Subject Electives	matical Jds + 4 heral oject General Maths			Selection of General Subjects on offer at Freshwater Christian College		
Hybrid General English, General Mathematics or Mathematical						
Methods + mix of Applied and General Subjects (not more than 2 Applied)						
Vocational Essential English, Essential Mathematics, + 3 Applied and 1 Certificate	Essential English	Essential Maths		on offer at Freshwa	ubjects and Certific ter Christian Colleg ased Traineeship*	

\* Students undertaking TAFE or a School Based Traineeship will miss Thursday classes

#### **The Pathways**

Note: All examples provided are samples only and not intended as selection choices. Subject/Line options are samples only and may change to cater for student, staffing and other needs. Line options will be set for Subject Selection during SET Plans.

#### The University / Academic Pathway

This pathway is for students looking to enter university based purely on their ATAR. This pathway is best for students looking to achieve a higher ATAR. Students will choose six General subjects but may be able to reduce to five subjects after Unit 2 (if all subjects have been successfully completed).

#### Example One: Maths/ Science Specialisation

A Maths/Science specialisation at school can lead to university degrees in fields like Engineering, Medicine, Computer Science, or Physics, opening doors to careers in technology, healthcare, research, and innovation. Prerequisites and recommendations should be considered for each specific university course. This will be discussed during SET plans.

Line One:	General English
Line Two:	Mathematical Methods
Line Three:	General Subject: Biology
Line Four:	General Subject: Chemistry
Line Five:	General Subject: Physics
Line Six:	General Subject: Specialist Mathematics

#### Example Two: The All-Rounder

This pathway is appropriate for most degrees that may not require specific prerequisites. Prerequisites and recommendations should always be considered for each specific university course.

Line One:	General English
Line Two:	Mathematical Methods or General Maths
Line Three:	General Subject: Ancient History
Line Four:	General Subject: Food and Nutrition
Line Five:	General Subject: Biology
Line Six:	Start Uni Now (minimum of two subjects).

#### The Hybrid Pathway

The Hybrid Pathway caters for students who want to participate in both General and VET subjects. Students will be able to apply to university via their ATAR or using the Certificate Equivalency.

This pathway is also popular for students who plan to enter the workplace or attend TAFE after school. To obtain an ATAR, four General subjects are required, and two subjects can be selected from the VET options. To be ATAR eligible, you must successfully complete either General English or General Maths/Math Methods. Most university courses have General English as a prerequisite. Students with a Certificate III or Diploma can use the qualification to obtain an ATAR equivalency.

#### Example One (ATAR):

This pathway is appropriate for most degrees that do not require specific prerequisites.

Line One:	General English
Line Two:	General Maths
Line Three:	General Subject: Business
Line Four:	General Subject: Design
Line Five:	General Subject: Biology
Line Six:	Certificate III in Visual Arts (Photography)

#### Example Two (ATAR):

Students may enter university either using their ATAR or their VET equivalency.

- Line One: General English
- Line Two: Essential Maths (Applied)
- Line Three: General Subject: Drama
- Line Four: General Subject: Design
- Line Five: General Subject: Music
- Line Six: TAFE or Certificate (e.g. Cert II Outdoor Rec and Cert III Fitness)

#### Example Three (ATAR equivalency):

This example is appropriate for university courses that accept an ATAR equivalency.

Line One: General English
Line Two: General Maths
Line Three: General subject: Drama
Line Four: Applied Subject: Social and Community Practices
Line Five: Applied Subject: Visual Arts in Practice
Line Six: Certificate III or Diploma in chosen area (e.g. Cert III Fitness)

#### The Vocational (Vocation Education and Training) Pathway

This pathway is appropriate for students who want to complete the Queensland Certificate of Education but do not plan to attend university after school. It is ideal for students who wish to attend TAFE or enter the workplace. Some VET courses incur an additional cost.

#### Example One:

Line One:	Essential English
Line Two:	Essential Maths
Line Three:	Applied Subject: Industrial Technology Skills
Line Four:	Applied Subject: Social and Community Practices
Line Five:	Applied Subject: Visual Arts in Practice
Line Six:	TAFE or Certificate or School-Based-Traineeship/Apprenticeship (e.g. Cert II Electrotechnology)

### **Co-Contribution Fees for Senior Pathways**

All fees listed below are per year.

Band 1: This is the academic pathway core FCC offered subjects on the timetable. Including

- subjects offered and delivered at FCC.
- subjects offered and delivered via distance education that are not viable for FCC to run.
- subjects that are continuing from year 10 that are not offered in Year 11.

In this band, the co-payment is Nil per subject.

**Band 2:** This is the academic pathway where the student chooses to undertake a subject that is not part of the FCC timetabled subject selection, is a core QCE subject and facilitated via **Distance Education**. Examples include (not exhaustive)

- Languages
- Health
- Digital Solutions

In this band, the co-payment is \$750 for one subject. Second subject is **full fee** at approximately \$1500 per subject, and an exit fee of \$750 will apply if the student discontinues the subject.

Band 3: This is the Vocational pathway where funding is provided by alternative sources.

- TAFE Cert II courses
- Other Certificate courses up to Level II where the cost is fully covered by Vocational Education Training in Schools (VETiS)

In this band, the co-payment is Nil per subject/course.

Band 4: This is the vocational pathway where funding is provided or supplemented by FCC.

- Any Certificate II or III course that does not attract VETiS funding.
- Any Certificate II or III course that does attract VETiS funding and there are RTO provider costs to the College or additional costs to FCC including School-Based Traineeships.

In this band, the minimum co-payment is fixed at \$350.00 per subject/course. \*\* Note the Cert II and III in Outdoor Recreation and Fitness will have a co-contribution of \$500 per annum\*\*

**Band 5:** This is the Vocational and alternative study options pathway for courses beyond the scope of Secondary education.

- All Certificate IV courses
- All Diploma Level courses.
- Early University programs where a contract is made between the university and the student.
- Any other course of study not covered by the above bands.

In this band, the full cost of the course is met by the student or parents, either directly invoiced by the provider or FCC. Full course costs are variable, and dependent on the course being studied.

#### Notes.

- If a student has already used their VETiS funding and requires an additional Certificate or qualification to meet QCE eligibility, the full cost of the course will be the responsibility of the student or their parents/ guardians.
- Please be aware that the current VETiS (Vocational Education and Training in Schools) funding may transition to the Careers Ready funding scheme in the future. Should this change occur, it may affect course availability and associated costs for families. Any adjustments to co-contribution fees will be communicated promptly once confirmed by the Government.

# **Senior Education Profile**

Students in Queensland are issued with a Senior Education Profile (SEP) upon completion of senior studies. This profile may include a:

- Senior Statement
- Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE)
- Queensland Certificate of Individual Achievement (QCIA).

For more information about the SEP see www.qcaa.qld.edu.au/senior/certificates-and-qualifications/sep.

### **Senior Statement**

The Senior Statement is a transcript of a student's learning account. It shows all QCEcontributing studies and the results achieved that may contribute to the award of a QCE.

If a student has a Senior Statement, then they have satisfied the completion requirements for Year 12 in Queensland.

## **Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE)**

Students may be eligible for a Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE) at the end of their senior schooling. Students who do not meet the QCE requirements can continue to work towards the certificate post-secondary schooling. The QCAA awards a QCE in the following July or December, once a student becomes eligible. Learning accounts are closed after nine years; however, a student may apply to the QCAA to have the account reopened and all credit continued.

# Queensland Certificate of Individual Achievement (QCIA)

The Queensland Certificate of Individual Achievement (QCIA) reports the learning achievements of eligible students who complete an individual learning program. At the end of the senior phase of learning, eligible students achieve a QCIA. These students have the option of continuing to work towards a QCE post-secondary schooling.

# Senior subjects

The QCAA develops five types of senior subject syllabuses — Applied, General, General (Extension), General (Senior External Examination) and Short Course. Results in Applied and General subjects contribute to the award of a QCE and may contribute to an Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) calculation, although no more than one result in an Applied subject can be used in the calculation of a student's ATAR.

Typically, it is expected that most students will complete these courses across Years 11 and 12. All subjects build on the P–10 Australian Curriculum.

For more information about specific subjects, schools, students and parents/carers are encouraged to access the relevant senior syllabuses at www.qcaa.qld.edu.au/senior/subjects-from-2024 and, for Senior External Examinations, www.qcaa.qld.edu.au/senior/see

#### Applied and Applied (Essential) syllabuses

Applied subjects are suited to students who are primarily interested in pathways beyond senior secondary schooling that lead to vocational education and training or work.

#### **General syllabuses**

General subjects are suited to students who are interested in pathways beyond senior secondary schooling that lead primarily to tertiary studies and to pathways for vocational education and training and work.

#### **General (Extension) syllabuses**

Extension subjects are extensions of the related General subjects and are studied either concurrently with, or after, Units 3 and 4 of the related General course.

Extension courses offer more challenge than the related General courses and build on the studies students have already undertaken in the subject.

#### **General (Senior External Examination) syllabuses**

Senior External Examinations are suited to:

- students in the final year of senior schooling (Year 12) who are unable to access particular subjects at their school
- students less than 17 years of age who are not enrolled in a Queensland secondary school, have not completed Year 12 and do not hold a Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE) or Senior Statement
- adult students at least 17 years of age who are not enrolled at a Queensland secondary school.

#### Short Course syllabuses

Short Courses are developed to meet a specific curriculum need and are suited to students who are interested in pathways beyond senior secondary schooling that lead to vocational education and training and establish a basis for further education and employment.

### **Underpinning factors**

All senior syllabuses are underpinned by:

- literacy the set of knowledge and skills about language and texts essential for understanding and conveying content
- numeracy the knowledge, skills, behaviours and dispositions that students need to use mathematics in a wide range of situations, to recognise and understand the role of mathematics in the world, and to develop the dispositions and capacities to use mathematical knowledge and skills purposefully.

#### Applied and Applied (Essential) syllabuses

In addition to literacy and numeracy, Applied syllabuses are underpinned by:

- applied learning the acquisition and application of knowledge, understanding and skills in real-world or lifelike contexts
- community connections the awareness and understanding of life beyond school through authentic, real-world interactions by connecting classroom experience with the world outside the classroom
- 21st century skills the attributes and skills students need to prepare them for higher education, work and engagement in a complex and rapidly changing world. These include critical thinking, creative thinking, communication, collaboration and teamwork, personal and social skills, and digital literacy.

#### General syllabuses and Short Course syllabuses

In addition to literacy and numeracy, General syllabuses and Short Course syllabuses are underpinned by:

• 21st century skills — the attributes and skills students need to prepare them for higher education, work and engagement in a complex and rapidly changing world. These include critical thinking, creative thinking, communication, collaboration and teamwork, personal and social skills, and digital literacy.

## Vocational education and training (VET)

Students can access VET programs through the school if it:

- is a registered training organisation (RTO)
- has a third-party arrangement with an external provider who is an RTO
- offers opportunities for students to undertake school-based apprenticeships or traineeships.

## QCE eligibility

To receive a QCE, students must achieve 20 credits of learning, at the set standard, in a set pattern, while meeting literacy and numeracy requirements. Contributing courses of study include QCAA-developed subjects or courses, vocational education and training (VET) qualifications and other recognised courses. Typically, students will study six subjects/courses across Years 11 and 12. Many students choose to include vocational education and training (VET) courses in their QCE pathway and some may also wish to extend their learning through university courses or other recognised study.

Students can find more information about QCE eligibility requirements, example pathways and how to plan their QCE on the myQCE website at https://myqce.qcaa.qld.edu.au/your-qce-pathway/planning-your-pathway.

# Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) eligibility

The calculation of an Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) will be based on a student's:

- best five scaled General subject results or
- best results in a combination of four General subject results plus an Applied subject result or a Certificate III or higher VET qualification.

The Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre (QTAC) has responsibility for ATAR calculations.

#### English requirement

Eligibility for an ATAR will require satisfactory completion of a QCAA English subject.

Satisfactory completion will require students to attain a result that is equivalent to a C Level of Achievement in one of five subjects — English, Essential English, Literature, English and Literature Extension or English as an Additional Language.

While students must meet this standard to be eligible to receive an ATAR, it is not mandatory for a student's English result to be included in the calculation of their ATAR.

# Applied and Applied (Essential) syllabuses

Syllabuses are designed for teachers to make professional decisions to tailor curriculum and assessment design and delivery to suit their school context and the goals, aspirations and abilities of their students within the parameters of Queensland's senior phase of learning.

In this way, the syllabus is not the curriculum. The syllabus is used by teachers to develop curriculum for their school context. The term *course of study* describes the unique curriculum and assessment that students engage with in each school context. A course of study is the product of a series of decisions made by a school to select, organise and contextualise units, integrate complementary and important learning, and create assessment tasks in accordance with syllabus specifications.

It is encouraged that, where possible, a course of study is designed such that teaching, learning and assessment activities are integrated and enlivened in an authentic applied setting.

## **Course structure**

Applied and Applied (Essential) syllabuses are four-unit courses of study.

The syllabuses contain QCAA-developed units as options for schools to select from to develop their course of study.

Units and assessment have been written so that they may be studied at any stage in the course. All units have comparable complexity and challenge in learning and assessment. However, greater scaffolding and support may be required for units studied earlier in the course.

Each unit has been developed with a notional time of 55 hours of teaching and learning, including assessment.

#### Curriculum

Applied syllabuses set out only what is essential while being flexible so teachers can make curriculum decisions to suit their students, school context, resources and expertise.

Schools have autonomy to decide:

- which four units they will deliver
- how and when the subject matter of the units will be delivered
- how, when and why learning experiences are developed, and the context in which the learning will occur
- how opportunities are provided in the course of study for explicit and integrated teaching and learning of complementary skills such as literacy, numeracy and 21st century skills
- how the subject-specific information found in this section of the syllabus is enlivened through the course of study.

Giving careful consideration to each of these decisions can lead teachers to develop units that are rich, engaging and relevant for their students.

#### Assessment

Applied syllabuses set out only what is essential while being flexible so teachers can make assessment decisions to suit their students, school context, resources and expertise.

Applied syllabuses contain assessment specifications and conditions for the two assessment instruments that must be implemented with each unit. These specifications and conditions ensure comparability, equity and validity in assessment.

Schools have autonomy to decide:

- specific assessment task details within the parameters mandated in the syllabus
- assessment contexts to suit available resources
- how the assessment task will be integrated with teaching and learning activities
- how authentic the task will be.

Teachers make A–E judgments on student responses for each assessment instrument using the relevant instrument-specific standards. In the final two units studied, the QCAA uses a student's results for these assessments to determine an exit result.

More information about assessment in Applied senior syllabuses is available in Section 7.3.1 of the QCE and QCIA policy and procedures handbook.

# Essential English and Essential Mathematics — Common internal assessment

For the two Applied (Essential) syllabuses, students complete a total of *four* summative internal assessments in Units 3 and 4 that count toward their overall subject result. Schools develop *three* of the summative internal assessments for each of these subjects and the other summative assessment is a common internal assessment (CIA) developed by the QCAA.

The CIA for Essential English and Essential Mathematics is based on the learning described in Unit 3 of the respective syllabus. The CIA is:

- developed by the QCAA
- common to all schools
- delivered to schools by the QCAA
- administered flexibly in Unit 3
- · administered under supervised conditions
- marked by the school according to a common marking scheme developed by the QCAA.

The CIA is not privileged over the other summative internal assessment.

#### Summative internal assessment — instrument-specific standards

The Essential English and Essential Mathematics syllabuses provide instrument-specific standards for the three summative internal assessments in Units 3 and 4.

The instrument-specific standards describe the characteristics evident in student responses and align with the identified assessment objectives. Assessment objectives are drawn from the unit objectives and are contextualised for the requirements of the assessment instrument.

# **General syllabuses**

### **Course overview**

General syllabuses are developmental four-unit courses of study.

Units 1 and 2 provide foundational learning, allowing students to experience all syllabus objectives and begin engaging with the course subject matter. It is intended that Units 1 and 2 are studied as a pair. Assessment in Units 1 and 2 provides students with feedback on their progress in a course of study and contributes to the award of a QCE.

Students should complete Units 1 and 2 before starting Units 3 and 4.

Units 3 and 4 consolidate student learning. Assessment in Units 3 and 4 is summative and student results contribute to the award of a QCE and to ATAR calculations.

### Assessment

#### Units 1 and 2 assessments

Schools decide the sequence, scope and scale of assessments for Units 1 and 2. These assessments should reflect the local context. Teachers determine the assessment program, tasks and marking guides that are used to assess student performance for Units 1 and 2.

Units 1 and 2 assessment outcomes provide feedback to students on their progress in the course of study. Schools should develop at least *two* but no more than *four* assessments for Units 1 and 2. At least *one* assessment must be completed for *each* unit.

Schools report satisfactory completion of Units 1 and 2 to the QCAA, and may choose to report levels of achievement to students and parents/carers using grades, descriptive statements or other indicators.

#### Units 3 and 4 assessments

Students complete a total of *four* summative assessments — three internal and one external — that count towards the overall subject result in each General subject.

Schools develop *three* internal assessments for each senior subject to reflect the requirements described in Units 3 and 4 of each General syllabus.

The three summative internal assessments need to be endorsed by the QCAA before they are used in schools. Students' results in these assessments are externally confirmed by QCAA assessors. These confirmed results from internal assessment are combined with a single result from an external assessment, which is developed and marked by the QCAA. The external assessment result for a subject contributes to a determined percentage of a students' overall subject result. For most subjects this is 25%; for Mathematics and Science subjects it is 50%.

#### Instrument-specific marking guides

Each syllabus provides instrument-specific marking guides (ISMGs) for summative internal assessments.

The ISMGs describe the characteristics evident in student responses and align with the identified assessment objectives. Assessment objectives are drawn from the unit objectives and are contextualised for the requirements of the assessment instrument.

Schools cannot change or modify an ISMG for use with summative internal assessment.

As part of quality teaching and learning, schools should discuss ISMGs with students to help them understand the requirements of an assessment task.

#### **External assessment**

External assessment is summative and adds valuable evidence of achievement to a student's profile. External assessment is:

- common to all schools
- administered under the same conditions at the same time and on the same day
- developed and marked by the QCAA according to a commonly applied marking scheme.

The external assessment contributes a determined percentage (see specific subject guides — assessment) to the student's overall subject result and is not privileged over summative internal assessment.

# **General (Extension) syllabuses**

### **Course overview**

Extension subjects are extensions of the related General subjects and include external assessment. Extension subjects are studied either concurrently with, or after, Units 3 and 4 of the General course of study.

Extension syllabuses are courses of study that consist of two units (Units 3 and 4).

Subject matter, learning experiences and assessment increase in complexity across the two units as students develop greater independence as learners.

The results from Units 3 and 4 contribute to the award of a QCE and to ATAR calculations.

**Note:** In the case of Music Extension, this subject has three syllabuses, one for each of the specialisations — Composition, Musicology and Performance.

### Assessment

#### Units 3 and 4 assessments

Students complete a total of *four* summative assessments — three internal and one external — that count towards the overall subject result in each General (Extension) subject.

Schools develop *three* internal assessments for each senior subject to reflect the requirements described in Units 3 and 4 of each General syllabus.

The three summative internal assessments need to be endorsed by the QCAA before they are used in schools. Students' results in these assessments are externally confirmed by QCAA assessors. These confirmed results from internal assessment are combined with a single result from an external assessment, which is developed and marked by the QCAA. The external assessment result for a subject contributes to a determined percentage of a students' overall subject result. For most subjects this is 25%; for Mathematics and Science subjects it is 50%.

# General (Senior External Examination) syllabuses

### **Course overview**

Senior External Examinations (SEEs) consist of individual subject examinations in a range of language and non-language subjects, conducted across Queensland in October and November each year.

The syllabuses are developmental courses of study consisting of four units. Each syllabus unit has been developed with a notional teaching, learning and assessment time of 55 hours.

A SEE syllabus sets out the aims, objectives, learning experiences and assessment requirements for each examination subject.

Students/candidates may enrol in a SEE subject:

- to gain credit towards a QCE
- to meet tertiary entrance or employment requirements
- for personal interest.

Senior External Examination subjects are for Year 12 students, candidates under 17 years who are not at school, and adults.

#### **Students**

#### School

These are students who are:

- in the final year of senior secondary schooling (Year 12)
- enrolled in a Queensland secondary school, and
- unable to study particular subjects at their school because the subjects are not taught or there is a timetable clash.

#### Non-school

These are candidates who:

- are less than 17 years of age
- are Queensland residents
- are not enrolled in a Queensland secondary school
- have not completed Year 12, and
- do not hold a Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE) or Senior Statement.

#### Adults

These are candidates who:

- will be at least 17 years by the end of the year in which they propose to take the examination
- are Queensland residents
- are not enrolled in a Queensland secondary school.

#### Eligibility — school students

Eligible Year 12 students can sit a maximum of *two* SEE subject examinations in their Year 12 year of schooling.

Year 12 students wishing to register for SEEs must do so through their secondary school. The school principal will determine students' eligibility based on information in the QCAA memorandum.

#### Tuition

School students must obtain appropriate tuition in examination subjects. They must discuss tuition arrangements with school staff at the start of the school year. Tuition may be available from their secondary school, an after-hours language school, a teaching centre or a tutor. A registering school that provides tuition to a student must monitor the student's progress. It is the school's responsibility to register their students for SEE examinations. **Applications from language schools or tutors will not be accepted.** 

#### Eligibility — candidates less than 17 years

Candidates less than 17 years of age wishing to register for SEEs:

- must reside in Queensland
- must be less than 17 years by the end of the year in which they propose to take the examination
- must not be enrolled currently in a Queensland secondary school
- must apply to establish their eligibility.

If eligible, candidates may register for a maximum of *three* SEE subjects in one calendar year.

#### Tuition

Although these candidates may sit examinations without tuition, QCAA recommends that they obtain tuition to maximise their chances of success.

Non-school candidates can study at an examination teaching centre, with a private tutor or independently.

#### Eligibility — adult candidates 17 years and older

Adult candidates wishing to register for SEEs:

- must reside in Queensland
- must be 17 years or older by the end of the year in which they propose to take the examination
- must not be enrolled currently in a Queensland secondary school

• do not have to satisfy any other eligibility requirements.

Adult candidates may register for as many SEE subjects as they wish.

#### Tuition

Although adult candidates may sit examinations without tuition, QCAA recommends that they obtain tuition to maximise their chances of success.

Adult candidates can study at an examination teaching centre, with a private tutor or independently.

### Assessment

Assessment for these subjects is at the end of the course and is an external examination.

These examinations are conducted across Queensland in October and November of each year. Important dates and the examination timetable are published in the Senior Education Profile (SEP) calendar, available at www.qcaa.qld.edu.au/senior/certificates-and-qualifications/sep/sepcalendar/sep-calendar-search.

SEE results are based solely on students'/candidates' demonstrated achievement in the end-ofyear examinations. Work undertaken during the year (such as class tests or assignments) is not assessed.

Senior External Examination results may contribute credit to the award of a QCE and may contribute to ATAR calculations.

Note: Senior External Examinations (SEEs) are different from the external assessment component in General subjects in the new QCE system.

For more information about Senior External Examinations, see www.qcaa.qld.edu.au/senior/see.

# Short Course syllabuses

### **Course overview**

Short Courses are one-unit courses of study. A Short Course syllabus includes topics and subtopics. Results contribute to the award of a QCE. Results do not contribute to ATAR calculations.

Short Courses are available in:

- Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Languages
- Career Education
- Literacy
- Numeracy.

### Assessment

Short Course syllabuses use two summative school-developed assessments to determine a student's exit result. Schools develop these assessments based on the learning described in the syllabus. Short Courses do not use external assessment.

Short Course syllabuses provide instrument-specific standards for the two summative internal assessments. The instrument-specific standards describe the characteristics evident in student responses and align with the identified assessment objectives. Assessment objectives are drawn from the topic objectives and are contextualised for the requirements of the assessment instrument.

# QCAA senior syllabuses on offer at FCC

#### English

General

- English
- Applied
- Essential English

#### **Mathematics**

General

- General Mathematics
- Mathematical Methods
- Specialist Mathematics Applied
- Essential Mathematics

#### Technologies

General

- Design
- Food & Nutrition
- Applied
- Industrial Technology Skills

# Health and Physical Education

#### General

Physical Education

# Humanities and Social Sciences

#### General

- Ancient History
- Business
- Legal Studies
- Modern History
- Applied
- Social & Community Studies

#### Sciences

#### General

- Biology
- Chemistry
- Physics
- Psychology

#### The Arts

- General
- Drama
- Music

#### Applied

Visual Arts in Practice

#### **Subject Prerequisites**

- General English requires a pass in Year 10 English
- General Maths requires a pass in Year 10 Maths
- Mathematical Methods and Physics requires a B or above in Year 10 Maths
- Specialist Maths requires a B+ or above in Year 10 Math
- All Sciences require a pass in Year 10 Science

### English General senior subject

The subject English focuses on the study of both literary texts and non-literary texts, developing students as independent, innovative and creative learners and thinkers who appreciate the aesthetic use of language, analyse perspectives and evidence, and challenge ideas and interpretations through the analysis and creation of varied texts.

Students have opportunities to engage with language and texts through a range of teaching and learning experiences to foster:

- skills to communicate effectively in Standard Australian English for the purposes of responding to and creating literary and non-literary texts
- skills to make choices about generic structures, language, textual features and technologies for participating actively in literary analysis and the creation of texts in a range of modes, mediums and forms, for a variety of purposes and audiences
- enjoyment and appreciation of literary and non-literary texts, the aesthetic use of language, and style
- creative thinking and imagination, by exploring how literary and non-literary texts shape perceptions of the world and enable us to enter the worlds of others
- critical exploration of ways in which literary and non-literary texts may reflect or challenge social and cultural ways of thinking and influence audiences
- empathy for others and appreciation of different perspectives through studying a range of literary and non-literary texts from diverse cultures and periods, including Australian texts by Aboriginal writers and/or Torres Strait Islander writers.

#### Pathways

A course of study in English promotes openmindedness, imagination, critical awareness and intellectual flexibility — skills that prepare students for local and global citizenship, and for lifelong learning across a wide range of contexts.

#### **Objectives**

By the conclusion of the course of study, students will:

- use patterns and conventions of genres to achieve particular purposes in cultural contexts and social situations
- establish and maintain roles of the writer/speaker/designer and relationships with audiences
- create and analyse perspectives and representations of concepts, identities, times and places
- make use of and analyse the ways cultural assumptions, attitudes, values and beliefs underpin texts and invite audiences to take up positions
- use aesthetic features and stylistic devices to achieve purposes and analyse their effects in texts
- select and synthesise subject matter to support perspectives
- organise and sequence subject matter to achieve particular purposes
- use cohesive devices to emphasise ideas and connect parts of texts
- make language choices for particular purposes and contexts
- use grammar and language structures for particular purposes
- use mode-appropriate features to achieve particular purposes.

#### Structure

Unit 1	Unit 2	Unit 3	Unit 4
<ul> <li>Perspectives and texts</li> <li>Texts in contexts</li> <li>Language and textual analysis</li> <li>Responding to and creating texts</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Texts and culture</li> <li>Texts in contexts</li> <li>Language and textual analysis</li> <li>Responding to and creating texts</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Textual connections</li> <li>Conversations about issues in texts</li> <li>Conversations about concepts in texts.</li> </ul>	Close study of literary texts • Creative responses to literary texts • Critical responses to literary texts

#### Assessment

Schools devise assessments in Units 1 and 2 to suit their local context.

In Units 3 and 4 students complete *four* summative assessments. The results from each of the assessments are added together to provide a subject score out of 100. Students will also receive an overall subject result (A–E).

#### Summative assessments

Unit 3		Unit 4	
Summative internal assessment 1 (IA1): • Spoken persuasive response	25%	Summative internal assessment 3 (IA3): • Examination — extended response	25%
Summative internal assessment 2 (IA2): • Written response for a public audience	25%	Summative external assessment (EA): • Examination — extended response	25%

## **Essential English**

Applied senior subject

The subject Essential English develops and refines students' understanding of language, literature and literacy to enable them to interact confidently and effectively with others in everyday, community and social contexts. The subject encourages students to recognise language and texts as relevant in their lives now and in the future and enables them to understand, accept or challenge the values and attitudes in these texts.

Students have opportunities to engage with language and texts through a range of teaching and learning experiences to foster:

- skills to communicate confidently and effectively in Standard Australian English in a variety of contemporary contexts and social situations, including everyday, social, community, further education and workrelated contexts
- skills to choose generic structures, language, language features and technologies to best convey meaning
- skills to read for meaning and purpose, and to use, critique and appreciate a range of contemporary literary and non-literary texts
- effective use of language to produce texts for a variety of purposes and audiences
- creative and imaginative thinking to explore their own world and the worlds of others
- active and critical interaction with a range of texts, and an awareness of how language positions both them and others
- empathy for others and appreciation of different perspectives through a study of a range of texts from diverse cultures, including Australian texts by Aboriginal writers and/or Torres Strait Islander writers
- enjoyment of contemporary literary and nonliterary texts, including digital texts.

#### Pathways

A course of study in Essential English promotes open-mindedness, imagination, critical awareness and intellectual flexibility — skills that prepare students for local and global citizenship, and for lifelong learning across a wide range of contexts.

#### **Objectives**

By the conclusion of the course of study, students will:

- use patterns and conventions of genres to suit particular purposes and audiences
- use appropriate roles and relationships with audiences
- construct and explain representations of identities, places, events and/or concepts
- make use of and explain opinions and/or ideas in texts, according to purpose
- explain how language features and text structures shape meaning and invite particular responses
- select and use subject matter to support perspectives
- sequence subject matter and use modeappropriate cohesive devices to construct coherent texts
- make language choices according to register informed by purpose, audience and context
- use mode-appropriate language features to achieve particular purposes across modes.

#### Structure

Unit 1	Unit 2	Unit 3	Unit 4
<ul> <li>Language that works</li> <li>Responding to texts</li> <li>Creating texts</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Texts and human experiences</li> <li>Responding to texts</li> <li>Creating texts</li> </ul>	Language that influences • Creating and shaping perspectives on community, local and global issues in texts • Responding to texts that seek to influence audiences	<ul> <li>Representations and popular culture texts</li> <li>Responding to popular culture texts</li> <li>Creating representations of Australian identifies, places, events and concepts</li> </ul>

#### Assessment

Schools devise assessments in Units 1 and 2 to suit their local context.

In Units 3 and 4 students complete *four* summative assessments. Schools develop three summative internal assessments and the common internal assessment (CIA) is developed by the QCAA.

#### Summative assessments

Unit 3	Unit 4
Summative internal assessment 1 (IA1):	Summative internal assessment 3 (IA3):
• Spoken response	• Multimodal response
Summative internal assessment 2 (IA2):	Summative internal assessment (IA4):
• Common internal assessment (CIA)	• Written response

## **Physical Education**

General senior subject

The Physical Education syllabus is developmental and becomes increasingly complex across the four units. In Unit 1, students develop an understanding of the fundamental concepts and principles underpinning their learning of movement sequences and how they can enhance movement from a biomechanical perspective. In Unit 2, students broaden their perspective by determining the psychological factors, barriers and enablers that influence their performance and engagement in physical activity. In Unit 3, students enhance their understanding of factors that develop tactical awareness and influence ethical behaviour of their own and others' performance in physical activity. In Unit 4, students explore energy, fitness and training concepts and principles to optimise personal performance.

Students learn experientially through three stages of an inquiry approach to ascertain relationships between the scientific bases and the physical activity contexts. Students recognise and explain concepts and principles about and through movement, and demonstrate and apply body and movement concepts to movement sequences and movement strategies. Through their purposeful and authentic experiences in physical activities, students gather, analyse and synthesise data to devise strategies to optimise engagement and performance. They evaluate and justify strategies about and in movement by drawing on informed, reflective decision-making.

Physically educated learners develop the 21st century skills of critical thinking, creative thinking, communication, personal and social skills, collaboration and teamwork, and information and communication technologies skills through rich and diverse learning experiences about, through and in physical activity. Physical Education fosters an appreciation of the values and knowledge within and across disciplines, and builds on students' capacities to be self-directed, work towards specific goals, develop positive behaviours and establish lifelong active engagement in a wide range of pathways beyond school.

#### **Pathways**

A course of study in Physical Education can establish a basis for further education and employment in the fields of exercise science, biomechanics, the allied health professions, psychology, teaching, sport journalism, sport marketing and management, sport promotion, sport development and coaching.

#### **Objectives**

By the conclusion of the course of study, students will:

- recognise and explain concepts and principles about movement
- demonstrate specialised movement sequences and movement strategies
- apply concepts to specialised movement sequences and movement strategies
- analyse and synthesise data to devise strategies about movement
- evaluate strategies about and in movement
- justify strategies about and in movement
- make decisions about and use language, conventions and mode-appropriate features for particular purposes and contexts.

#### Structure

Unit 1	Unit 2	Unit 3	Unit 4
Motor learning, functional anatomy and biomechanics in	Sport psychology and equity in physical activity	Tactical awareness and ethics in physical activity	Energy, fitness and training in physical activity
<ul> <li><b>physical activity</b></li> <li>Motor learning in physical activity</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Sport psychology in physical activity</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Tactical awareness in physical activity</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Energy, fitness and training integrated in the second second second second integrated in</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Functional anatomy and biomechanics in physical activity</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Equity — barriers and enablers</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Ethics and integrity in physical activity</li> </ul>	physical activity

#### Assessment

Schools devise assessments in Units 1 and 2 to suit their local context.

In Units 3 and 4 students complete *four* summative assessments. The results from each of the assessments are added together to provide a subject score out of 100. Students will also receive an overall subject result (A–E).

#### Summative assessments

Unit 3		Unit 4	
Summative internal assessment 1 (IA1): • Project — folio	25%	Summative internal assessment 3 (IA3): • Project — folio	25%
Summative internal assessment 2 (IA2): • Investigation — report	25%	Summative external assessment (EA): • Examination — combination response	25%

Ancient History is concerned with studying people, societies and civilisations of the Ancient World, from the development of the earliest human communities to the end of the Middle Ages. Students explore the interaction of societies and the impact of individuals and groups on ancient events and ways of life, enriching their appreciation of humanity and the relevance of the ancient past. Ancient History illustrates the development of some of the distinctive features of modern society which shape our identity, such as social organisation, systems of law, governance and religion. Ancient History highlights how the world has changed, as well as the significant legacies that continue into the present. This insight gives context for the interconnectedness of past and present across a diverse range of societies. Ancient History aims to have students think historically and form a historical consciousness. A study of the past is invaluable in providing students with opportunities to explore their fascination with, and curiosity about, stories of the past and the mysteries of human behaviour.

Throughout the course of study, students develop an understanding of historical issues and problems by interrogating the surviving evidence of ancient sites, societies, individuals, events and significant historical periods. Students investigate the problematic nature of evidence, pose increasingly complex questions about the past and develop an understanding of different and sometimes conflicting perspectives on the past. A historical inquiry process is integral to the study of Ancient History. Students use the skills of historical inquiry to investigate the past. They devise historical questions and conduct research, analyse historical sources and evaluate and synthesise evidence from sources to formulate justified historical arguments.

Historical skills form the learning and subject matter provides the context. Learning in context enables the integration of historical concepts and understandings into four units of study: Investigating the Ancient World, Personalities in their times, Reconstructing

A course of study in Ancient History empowers students with multi-disciplinary skills in analysing and evaluating textual and visual sources, constructing arguments, challenging assumptions, and thinking both creatively and critically. Ancient History students become knowledge creators, productive and discerning users of technology, and empathetic, open-minded global citizens.

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#### **Pathways**

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A course of study in Ancient History can establish a basis for further education and employment in the fields of archaeology, history, education, psychology, sociology, law, business, economics, politics, journalism, the media, health and social sciences, writing, academia and research.

#### **Objectives**

By the conclusion of the course of study, students will:

- devise historical questions and conduct research
- comprehend terms, concepts and issues
- analyse evidence from historical sources
- evaluate evidence from historical sources
- synthesise evidence from historical sources
- communicate to suit purpose.

#### Structure

Unit 1	Unit 2	Unit 3	Unit 4
Investigating the Ancient World • Digging up the past • Features of ancient societies	Personalities in their time • Personality from the Ancient World 1 • Personality from the Ancient World 2	<ul> <li>Reconstructing the Ancient World</li> <li>Schools select two of the following historical periods to study in this unit:</li> <li>Thebes — East and West, from the 18th to the 20th Dynasty</li> <li>The Bronze Age Aegean</li> <li>Assyria from Tiglath Pileser III to the fall of the Empire</li> <li>The Ancient Levant — First and Second Temple Period</li> <li>Persia from Cyrus II to Darius III</li> <li>Fifth Century Athens (BCE)</li> <li>Macedonian Empire from Philip II to Alexander III</li> <li>Rome during the Republic</li> <li>Early Imperial Rome from Augustus to Nero</li> <li>Pompeii and Herculaneum</li> <li>Later Han Dynasty and the Three Kingdoms</li> <li>The Celts and/or Roman Britain</li> <li>The Medieval Crusades</li> <li>Classical Japan until the end of the Heian Period</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>People, power and authority</li> <li>Schools select one of the following historical periods to study in this unit:</li> <li>Ancient Egypt — New Kingdom Imperialism</li> <li>Ancient Greece — the Persian Wars</li> <li>Ancient Greece — the Peloponnesian War</li> <li>Ancient Carthage and/or Rome — the Punic Wars</li> <li>Ancient Rome — Civil War and the breakdown of the Republic</li> <li>Ancient Rome — the Augustan Age</li> <li>Ancient Rome — the fall of the Western Roman Empire</li> <li>Ancient Rome — the Byzantine Empire</li> <li>Schools select one of the personality options that has been nominated by the QCAA for the external assessment. Schools will be notified of the options at least two years before the external assessment is implemented.</li> </ul>

#### Assessment

Schools devise assessments in Units 1 and 2 to suit their local context.

In Units 3 and 4 students complete *four* summative assessments. The results from each of the assessments are added together to provide a subject score out of 100. Students will also receive an overall subject result (A–E).

#### Summative assessments

Unit 3		Unit 4	
Summative internal assessment 1 (IA1): • Examination — extended response	25%	Summative internal assessment 3 (IA3): • Investigation	25%
Summative internal assessment 2 (IA2): • Investigation	25%	Summative external assessment (EA): • Examination — short responses	25%

### Business General senior subject

Business is multifaceted. It is a contemporary discipline with representation in every aspect of society including individuals, community and government. Business, as a dynamic and evolving discipline, is responsive to environmental changes such as emerging technologies, globalisation, sustainability, resources, economy and society.

The study of business is relevant to all individuals in a rapidly changing, technologyfocused and innovation-driven world. Through studying Business, students are challenged academically and exposed to authentic practices. The knowledge and skills developed in Business will allow students to contribute meaningfully to society, the workforce and the marketplace and prepare them as potential employees, employers, leaders, managers and entrepreneurs of the future.

Students investigate the business life cycle from the seed to post-maturity stage and develop skills in examining business data and information. Students learn business concepts, theories and strategies relevant to leadership, management and entrepreneurship. A range of business environments and situations is explored. Through this exploration, students investigate the influence of and implications for strategic development in the functional areas of finance, human resources, marketing and operations.

Learning in Business integrates an inquiry approach with authentic case studies. Students become critical observers of business practices by applying an inquiry process in undertaking investigations of business situations. They use a variety of technological, communication and analytical tools to comprehend, analyse and interpret business data and information. Students evaluate strategies using business criteria that are flexible, adaptable and underpinned by communication, leadership, creativity and sophistication of thought.

This multifaceted course creates a learning environment that fosters ambition and success, while being mindful of social and ethical values and responsibilities. Opportunity is provided to develop interpersonal and leadership skills through a range of individual and collaborative activities in teaching and learning. Business develops students' confidence and capacity to participate as members or leaders of the global workforce through the integration of 21st century skills.

Business allows students to engage with the dynamic business world (in both national and global contexts), the changing workforce and emerging digital technologies. It addresses contemporary implications, giving students a competitive edge in the workplace as socially responsible and ethical members of the business community, and as informed citizens, employees, consumers and investors.

#### **Pathways**

A course of study in Business can establish a basis for further education and employment in the fields of business management, business development, entrepreneurship, business analytics, economics, business law, accounting and finance, international business, marketing, human resources management and business information systems.

#### **Objectives**

By the conclusion of the course of study, students will:

- describe business situations and environments
- explain business concepts and strategies

#### Structure

- analyse and interpret business situations
- evaluate business strategies
- create responses that communicate meaning to suit audience, context and purpose.

Unit 1	Unit 2	Unit 3	Unit 4
<ul> <li>Business creation</li> <li>Fundamentals of business</li> <li>Creation of business ideas</li> </ul>	<ul><li>Business growth</li><li>Establishment of a business</li><li>Entering markets</li></ul>	Business diversification • Competitive markets • Strategic development	<ul> <li>Business evolution</li> <li>Repositioning a business</li> <li>Transformation of a business</li> </ul>

#### Assessment

Schools devise assessments in Units 1 and 2 to suit their local context.

In Units 3 and 4 students complete *four* summative assessments. The results from each of the assessments are added together to provide a subject score out of 100. Students will also receive an overall subject result (A–E).

Summative assessments

Unit 3		Unit 4	
Summative internal assessment 1 (IA1): • Examination — combination response	25%	Summative internal assessment 3 (IA3): • Feasibility report	25%
Summative internal assessment 2 (IA2): • Business report	25%	Summative external assessment (EA): • Examination — combination response	25%

Legal Studies focuses on the interaction between society and the discipline of law. Students study the legal system and how it regulates activities and aims to protect the rights of individuals, while balancing these with obligations and responsibilities. An understanding of legal processes and concepts enables citizens to be better informed and able to constructively question and contribute to the improvement of laws and legal processes. This is important as the law is dynamic and evolving, based on values, customs and norms that are challenged by technology, society and global influences.

Legal Studies explores the role and development of law in response to current issues. The subject starts with the foundations of law and explores the criminal justice process through to punishment and sentencing. Students then study the civil justice system, focusing on contract law and negligence. With increasing complexity, students critically examine issues of governance that are the foundation of the Australian and Queensland legal systems, before they explore contemporary issues of law reform and change. The study finishes with considering Australian and international human rights issues. Throughout the course, students analyse issues and evaluate how the rule of law, justice and equity can be achieved in contemporary contexts.

The primary skills of inquiry, critical thinking, problem-solving and reasoning empower Legal Studies students to make informed and ethical decisions and recommendations. Learning is based on an inquiry approach that develops reflection skills and metacognitive awareness. Through inquiry, students identify and describe legal issues, explore information and data, analyse, evaluate to propose recommendations, and create responses that convey legal meaning. They improve their research skills by using information and communication technology (ICT) and databases to access research, commentary, case law and legislation. Students analyse legal information to determine the nature and scope of the legal issue and examine different or opposing views, which are evaluated against legal criteria. These are critical skills that allow students to think strategically in the 21st century.

Knowledge of the law enables students to have confidence in approaching and accessing the legal system and provides them with an appreciation of the influences that shape the system. Legal knowledge empowers students to make constructive judgments on, and knowledgeable commentaries about, the law and its processes. Students examine and justify viewpoints involved in legal issues, while also developing respect for diversity. Legal Studies satisfies interest and curiosity as students question, explore and discuss tensions between changing social values, justice and equitable outcomes.

Legal Studies enables students to appreciate how the legal system is relevant to them and their communities. The subject enhances students' abilities to contribute in an informed and considered way to legal challenges and change, both in Australia and globally.

#### **Pathways**

A course of study in Legal Studies can establish a basis for further education and employment in the fields of law, law enforcement, criminology, justice studies and politics. The knowledge, skills and attitudes students gain are transferable to all discipline areas and post-schooling tertiary pathways. The research and analytical skills this course develops are universally valued in business, health, science and engineering industries.

#### **Objectives**

By the conclusion of the course of study, students will:

• comprehend legal concepts, principles and processes

#### Structure

- select legal information from sources
- analyse legal issues
- evaluate legal situations
- create responses that communicate meaning to suit the intended purpose.

Unit 1	Unit 2	Unit 3	Unit 4
<ul> <li>Beyond reasonable doubt</li> <li>Legal foundations</li> <li>Criminal investigation process</li> <li>Criminal trial process</li> <li>Punishment and sentencing</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Balance of probabilities</li> <li>Civil law foundations</li> <li>Contractual obligations</li> <li>Negligence and the duty of care</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Law, governance and change</li> <li>Governance in Australia</li> <li>Law reform within a dynamic society</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Human rights in legal contexts</li> <li>Human rights</li> <li>Australia's legal response to international law and human rights</li> <li>Human rights in Australian contexts</li> </ul>

#### Assessment

Schools devise assessments in Units 1 and 2 to suit their local context.

In Units 3 and 4 students complete *four* summative assessments. The results from each of the assessments are added together to provide a subject score out of 100. Students will also receive an overall subject result (A–E).

#### Summative assessments

Unit 3		Unit 4	
Summative internal assessment 1 (IA1): • Examination — combination response	25%	Summative internal assessment 3 (IA3): • Investigation — analytical essay	25%
Summative internal assessment 2 (IA2): • Investigation — inquiry report	25%	Summative external assessment (EA): • Examination — combination response	25%

Modern History is a discipline-based subject where students examine traces of humanity's recent past so they may form their own views about the Modern World since 1750. Through Modern History, students' curiosity and imagination is invigorated while their appreciation of civilisation is broadened and deepened. Students consider different perspectives and learn that interpretations and explanations of events and developments in the past are contestable and tentative. Modern History distinguishes itself from other subjects by enabling students to empathise with others and make meaningful connections between what existed previously, and the world being lived in today — all of which may help build a better tomorrow.

Modern History has two main aims. First, Modern History seeks to have students gain historical knowledge and understanding about some of the main forces that have contributed to the development of the Modern World. Second, Modern History aims to have students engage in historical thinking and form a historical consciousness in relation to these same forces. Both aims complement and build on the learning covered in the Australian Curriculum: History 7–10. The first aim is achieved through the thematic organisation of Modern History around four of the forces that have helped to shape the Modern World — ideas, movements, national experiences and international experiences. In each unit, students explore the nature, origins, development, legacies and contemporary significance of the force being examined. The second aim is achieved through the rigorous application of historical concepts and historical skills across the syllabus. To fulfil both aims, engagement with a historical inquiry process is integral and results in students devising historical questions and

conducting research, analysing, evaluating and synthesising evidence from historical sources, and communicating the outcomes of their historical thinking.

Modern History benefits students as it enables them to thrive in a dynamic, globalised and knowledge-based world. Through Modern History, students acquire an intellectual toolkit consisting of literacy, numeracy and 21st century skills. This ensures students of Modern History gain a range of transferable skills that will help them forge their own pathways to personal and professional success, as well as become empathetic and critically literate citizens who are equipped to embrace a multicultural, pluralistic, inclusive, democratic, compassionate and sustainable future.

#### **Pathways**

A course of study in Modern History can establish a basis for further education and employment in the fields of history, education, psychology, sociology, law, business, economics, politics, journalism, the media, writing, academia and strategic analysis.

#### **Objectives**

By the conclusion of the course of study, students will:

- devise historical questions and conduct research
- comprehend terms, concepts and issues
- analyse evidence from historical sources
- evaluate evidence from historical sources
- synthesise evidence from historical sources
- communicate to suit purpose.

Unit 1	Unit 2	Unit 3	Unit 4
Ideas in the Modern World Schools select two of the following topics to study in this unit: • Australian Frontier Wars, 1788–1930s (First Fleet arrives in Australia – Caledon Bay Crisis ends) • Age of Enlightenment, 1750s–1789 (Encyclopédie published – French Revolution begins) • Industrial Revolution, 1760s–1890s (Spinning Jenny invented – Kinetoscope developed) • American Revolution, 1763– 1783 (French and Indian War ends – Treaty of Paris signed) • French Revolution, 1789–1799 (Estates General meets – New Consulate established) • Age of Imperialism, 1848–1914 (Second Anglo-Sikh War begins – World War I begins) • Meiji Restoration, 1868–1912 (Meiji Government established – Emperor Meiji dies) • Boxer Rebellion and its aftermath, 1900– 1911 (Boxer militancy in Pingyuan begins – overthrow of the Qing Dynasty) • Russian Revolution, 1905–1920s (Bloody Sunday takes place – Russian Civil War ends) • Xinhai Revolution and its aftermath,	<ul> <li>Movements in the Modern World</li> <li>Schools select two of the following topics to study in this unit:</li> <li>Empowerment of First Nations Australians since 1938 (first Day of Mourning protest takes place)</li> <li>Independence movement in India, 1857–1947 (Sepoy Rebellion begins – Indian Independence Act 1947 becomes law)</li> <li>Workers' movement since the 1860s (Great Shoemakers Strike in New England begins)</li> <li>Women's movement since 1893 (Women's suffrage in New Zealand becomes law)</li> <li>May Fourth Movement in China and its aftermath, 1919–1930s (Student protests at Beijing University begin – the New Life Movement begins)</li> <li>Independence movement in Algeria, 1945–1962 (demonstrations in Setif begin – Algerian independence declared)</li> <li>Independence movement in Vietnamese independence</li> <li>declared – Saigon falls to North Vietnamese forces)</li> <li>Anti-apartheid movement in South Africa, 1948–1991 (apartheid laws start – apartheid laws end)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>National experiences in the Modern World Schools select two of the following topics to study in this unit:</li> <li>Australia since 1901 (Federation of Australia)</li> <li>United Kingdom since 1901 (Edwardian Era begins)</li> <li>France, 1799–1815 (Coup of 18 Brumaire begins – Hundred Days end)</li> <li>New Zealand since 1841 (separate colony of New Zealand established)</li> <li>Germany since 1914 (World War I begins)</li> <li>United States of America, 1917–1945 (entry into World War I – World War II ends)</li> <li>Soviet Union, 1920s–1945 (Russian Civil War ends – World War II ends)</li> <li>Japan since 1931 (invasion of Manchuria begins)</li> <li>China since 1931 (invasion of Manchuria begins)</li> <li>Indonesia since 1942 (Japanese occupation begins)</li> <li>India since 1947 (Indian Independence Act of 1947 becomes law)</li> <li>Israel since 1917 (announcement of the Balfour Declaration)</li> <li>South Korea since 1948 (Republic of Korea begins).</li> </ul>	International experiences in the Modern World Schools select one of the following topics to study in this unit: • Australian engagement with Asia since 1945 (World War II in the Pacific ends) • Search for collective peace and security since 1815 (Concert of Europe begins) • Trade and commerce between nations since 1833 (Treaty of Amity and Commerce between Siam and the United States of America signed) • Mass migrations since 1848 (California Gold Rush begins) • Information Age since 1936 (On Computable Numbers published) • Genocides and ethnic cleansings since the 1930s (Holocaust begins) • Nuclear Age since 1945 (first atomic bomb detonated) • Cold War and its aftermath, 1945–2014 (Yalta Conference begins – Russo- Ukrainian War begins) • Struggle for peace in the Middle East since 1948 (Arab-Israeli War begins) • Cultural globalisation since 1956 (international broadcast of the 1956 Summer Olympics in Melbourne takes place) • Space exploration since the 1950s (publication of articles focused on space travel) • Rights and recognition of First Peoples since 1982 (United Nations Working Group on

Unit 1	Unit 2	Unit 3	Unit 4
<ul> <li>1911–1916 (Wuchang Uprising begins – death of Yuan Shikai)</li> <li>Iranian Revolution and its aftermath, 1977–1980s (anti- Shah demonstrations take place – Iran becomes an Islamic Republic)</li> <li>Arab Spring since 2010 (Tunisian Revolution begins)</li> <li>Alternative topic for Unit 1.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>African-American civil rights movement since 1954 (judgment in Brown v. Board of Education delivered)</li> <li>Environmental movement since the 1960s (Silent Spring published)</li> <li>LGBTQIA+ civil rights movement since 1969 (Stonewall Riots begin)</li> <li>Pro-democracy movement in Myanmar (Burma) since 1988 (People Power Uprising begins)</li> <li>Alternative topic for Unit 2.</li> </ul>		<ul> <li>Indigenous Populations established)</li> <li>Terrorism, anti-terrorism and counter-terrorism since 1984 (Brighton Hotel bombing takes place).</li> <li>Schools select one of the topic options that has been nominated by the QCAA for the external assessment and has not been studied in Topic 1.</li> <li>Schools will be notified of the topic options at least two years before the external assessment is implemented.</li> </ul>

## Assessment

Schools devise assessments in Units 1 and 2 to suit their local context.

In Units 3 and 4 students complete *four* summative assessments. The results from each of the assessments are added together to provide a subject score out of 100. Students will also receive an overall subject result (A–E).

Unit 3		Unit 4	
Summative internal assessment 1 (IA1): • Examination — extended response	25%	Summative internal assessment 3 (IA3): • Investigation	25%
Summative internal assessment 2 (IA2): • Investigation	25%	Summative external assessment (EA): • Examination — short response	25%

# **Social & Community Studies**

Applied senior subject

Social & Community Studies fosters personal and social knowledge and skills that lead to self-management and concern for others in the broader community. It empowers students to think critically, creatively and constructively about their future role in society.

Knowledge and skills to enhance personal development and social relationships provide the foundation of the subject. Personal development incorporates concepts and skills related to self-awareness and self-management, including understanding personal characteristics, behaviours and values; recognising perspectives; analysing personal traits and abilities; and using strategies to develop and maintain wellbeing.

The focus on social relationships includes concepts and skills to assist students engage in constructive interpersonal relationships, as well as participate effectively as members of society, locally, nationally or internationally.

Students engage with this foundational knowledge and skills through a variety of topics that focus on lifestyle choices, personal finance, health, employment, technology, the arts, and Australia's place in the world, among others. In collaborative learning environments, students use an inquiry approach to investigate the dynamics of society and the benefits of working thoughtfully with others in the community, providing them with the knowledge and skills to establish positive relationships and networks, and to be active and informed citizens.

Social & Community Studies encourages students to explore and refine personal values and lifestyle choices. In partnership with families, the school community and the community beyond school, including virtual communities, schools may offer a range of contexts and experiences that provide students with opportunities to practise, develop and value social, community and workplace participation skills.

## **Pathways**

A course of study in Social & Community Studies can establish a basis for further education and employment, as it helps students develop the skills and attributes necessary in all workplaces.

#### **Objectives**

By the conclusion of the course of study, students should:

- explain personal and social concepts and skills
- examine personal and social information
- apply personal and social knowledge
- communicate responses
- evaluate projects.

Social & Community Studies is a four-unit course of study. This syllabus contains six QCAAdeveloped units as options for schools to select from to develop their course of study.

Unit option	Unit title
Unit option A	Lifestyle and financial choices
Unit option B	Healthy choices for mind and body
Unit option C	Relationships and work environments
Unit option D	Legal and digital citizenship
Unit option E	Australia and its place in the world
Unit option F	Arts and identity

## Assessment

Students complete two assessment tasks for each unit. The assessment techniques used in Social & Community Studies are:

Technique	Description	Response requirements
Project	Students develop recommendations or provide advice to address a selected issue related to the unit context.	<ul> <li>Item of communication One of the following: <ul> <li>Multimodal (at least two modes delivered at the same time): up to 5 minutes, 6 A4 pages, or equivalent digital media</li> <li>Spoken: up to 4 minutes, or signed equivalent</li> <li>Written: up to 600 words</li> </ul> Evaluation One of the following: <ul> <li>Multimodal (at least two modes delivered at the same time): up to 4 minutes, 4 A4 pages, or equivalent digital media</li> </ul> Spoken: up to 3 minutes, or signed equivalent</li></ul>
Extended response	Students respond to stimulus related to issue that is relevant to the unit context.	<ul> <li>Written: up to 400 words</li> <li>One of the following:</li> <li>Multimodal (at least two modes delivered at the same time): up to 7 minutes, 10 A4 pages, or equivalent digital media</li> <li>Spoken: up to 7 minutes, or signed equivalent</li> <li>Written: up to 1000 words</li> </ul>
Investigation	Students investigate an issue relevant to the unit context by collecting and examining information to consider solutions and form a response.	<ul> <li>One of the following:</li> <li>Multimodal (at least two modes delivered at the same time): up to 7 minutes, 10 A4 pages, or equivalent digital media</li> <li>Spoken: up to 7 minutes, or signed equivalent</li> <li>Written: up to 1000 words</li> </ul>

# **General Mathematics**

General senior subject

Mathematics is a unique and powerful intellectual discipline that is used to investigate patterns, order, generality and uncertainty. It is a way of thinking in which problems are explored and solved through observation, reflection and logical reasoning. It uses a concise system of communication, with written, symbolic, spoken and visual components. Mathematics is creative, requires initiative and promotes curiosity in an increasingly complex and data-driven world. It is the foundation of all quantitative disciplines.

To prepare students with the knowledge, skills and confidence to participate effectively in the community and the economy requires the development of skills that reflect the demands of the 21st century. Students undertaking Mathematics will develop their critical and creative thinking, oral and written communication, information & communication technologies (ICT) capability, ability to collaborate, and sense of personal and social responsibility ultimately becoming lifelong learners who demonstrate initiative when facing a challenge. The use of technology to make connections between mathematical theory, practice and application has a positive effect on the development of conceptual understanding and student disposition towards mathematics.

Mathematics teaching and learning practices range from practising essential mathematical routines to develop procedural fluency, through to investigating scenarios, modelling the real world, solving problems and explaining reasoning. When students achieve procedural fluency, they carry out procedures flexibly, accurately and efficiently. When factual knowledge and concepts come to mind readily, students are able to make more complex use of knowledge to successfully formulate, represent and solve mathematical problems. Problem-solving helps to develop an ability to transfer mathematical skills and ideas between different contexts. This assists students to make connections between related concepts and adapt what they already know to new and unfamiliar situations. With appropriate effort and experience, through discussion, collaboration and reflection of ideas, students should develop confidence and experience success in their use of mathematics.

The major domains of mathematics in General Mathematics are Number and algebra, Measurement and geometry, Statistics and Networks and matrices, building on the content of the P-10 Australian Curriculum. Learning reinforces prior knowledge and further develops key mathematical ideas, including rates and percentages, concepts from financial mathematics, linear and non-linear expressions, sequences, the use of matrices and networks to model and solve authentic problems, the use of trigonometry to find solutions to practical problems, and the exploration of real-world phenomena in statistics.

General Mathematics is designed for students who want to extend their mathematical skills beyond Year 10 but whose future studies or employment pathways do not require calculus. It incorporates a practical approach that equips learners for their needs as future citizens. Students will learn to ask appropriate questions, map out pathways, reason about complex solutions, set up models and communicate in different forms. They will experience the relevance of mathematics to their daily lives, communities and cultural backgrounds. They will develop the ability to understand, analyse and take action regarding social issues in their world. When students gain skill and self-assurance, when they understand the content and when they evaluate their success by using and transferring their knowledge, they develop a mathematical mindset.

## **Pathways**

A course of study in General Mathematics can establish a basis for further education and employment in the fields of business, commerce, education, finance, IT, social science and the arts.

## **Objectives**

By the conclusion of the course of study, students will:

- recall mathematical knowledge
- use mathematical knowledge
- communicate mathematical knowledge
- evaluate the reasonableness of solutions
- justify procedures and decisions
- solve mathematical problems.

Unit 1	Unit 2	Unit 3	Unit 4
<ul> <li>Money, measurement, algebra and linear equations</li> <li>Consumer arithmetic</li> <li>Shape and measurement</li> <li>Similarity and scale</li> <li>Algebra</li> <li>Linear equations and their graphs</li> </ul>	Applications of linear equations and trigonometry, matrices and univariate data analysis Applications of linear equations and their graphs Applications of trigonometry Matrices Univariate data analysis 1 Univariate data analysis 2	<ul> <li>Bivariate data and time series analysis, sequences and Earth geometry</li> <li>Bivariate data analysis 1</li> <li>Bivariate data analysis 2</li> <li>Time series analysis</li> <li>Growth and decay in sequences</li> <li>Earth geometry and time zones</li> </ul>	Investing and networking • Loans, investments and annuities 1 • Loans, investments and annuities 2 • Graphs and networks • Networks and decision mathematics 1 • Networks and decision mathematics 2

## Structure

## Assessment

Schools devise assessments in Units 1 and 2 to suit their local context.

In Units 3 and 4 students complete *four* summative assessments. The results from each of the assessments are added together to provide a subject score out of 100. Students will also receive an overall subject result (A–E).

Unit 3		Unit 4	
		sessment 1 (IA1): 20% and modelling task	
Summative internal assessment 2 (IA2): • Examination — short response	15%	Summative internal assessment 3 (IA3): • Examination — short response	15%
		assessment (EA): 50% - combination response	

# **Mathematical Methods**

**General senior subject** 

Mathematics is a unique and powerful intellectual discipline that is used to investigate patterns, order, generality and uncertainty. It is a way of thinking in which problems are explored and solved through observation, reflection and logical reasoning. It uses a concise system of communication, with written, symbolic, spoken and visual components. Mathematics is creative, requires initiative and promotes curiosity in an increasingly complex and data-driven world. It is the foundation of all quantitative disciplines.

To prepare students with the knowledge, skills and confidence to participate effectively in the community and the economy requires the development of skills that reflect the demands of the 21st century. Students undertaking Mathematics will develop their critical and creative thinking, oral and written communication, information & communication technologies (ICT) capability, ability to collaborate, and sense of ultimately becoming lifelong learners who demonstrate initiative when facing a challenge. The use of technology to make connections between mathematical theory, practice and application has a positive effect on the development of conceptual understanding and student disposition towards mathematics.

Mathematics teaching and learning practices range from practising essential mathematical routines to develop procedural fluency, through to investigating scenarios, modelling the real world, solving problems and explaining reasoning. When students achieve procedural fluency, they carry out procedures flexibly, accurately and efficiently. When factual knowledge and concepts come to mind readily, students are able to make more complex use of knowledge to successfully formulate, represent and solve mathematical problems. Problem-solving helps to develop an ability to transfer mathematical skills and ideas between different contexts. This assists students to make connections between related concepts and adapt what they already know to new and unfamiliar situations. With appropriate effort and experience, through discussion, collaboration and reflection of ideas, students should develop confidence and experience success in their use of mathematics.

The major domains of mathematics in Mathematical Methods are Algebra, Functions, relations and their graphs, Calculus and Statistics. Topics are developed systematically, with increasing levels of sophistication, complexity and connection, and build on algebra, functions and their graphs, and probability from the P-10 Australian Curriculum. Calculus is essential for developing an understanding of the physical world. The domain Statistics is used to describe and analyse phenomena involving uncertainty and variation. Both are the basis for developing effective models of the world and solving complex and abstract mathematical problems. The ability to translate written, numerical, algebraic, symbolic and graphical information from one representation to another is a vital part of learning in Mathematical Methods.

Students who undertake Mathematical Methods will see the connections between mathematics and other areas of the curriculum and apply their mathematical skills to real-world problems, becoming critical thinkers, innovators and problemsolvers. Through solving problems and developing models, they will appreciate that mathematics and statistics are dynamic tools that are critically important in the 21st century.

## **Pathways**

A course of study in Mathematical Methods can establish a basis for further education and employment in the fields of natural and physical sciences (especially physics and chemistry), mathematics and science education, medical and health sciences (including human biology, biomedical science, nanoscience and forensics), engineering (including chemical, civil, electrical and mechanical engineering, avionics, communications and mining), computer science (including electronics and software design), psychology and business.

## **Objectives**

By the conclusion of the course of study, students will:

- recall mathematical knowledge
- use mathematical knowledge
- communicate mathematical knowledge
- evaluate the reasonableness of solutions
- justify procedures and decisions
- solve mathematical problems.

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Unit 1	Unit 2	Unit 3	Unit 4
<ul> <li>Surds, algebra, functions and probability</li> <li>Surds and quadratic functions</li> <li>Binomial expansion and cubic functions</li> <li>Functions and relations</li> <li>Trigonometric functions <ul> <li>Probability</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Calculus and further functions</li> <li>Exponential functions</li> <li>Logarithms and logarithmic functions</li> <li>Introduction to differential calculus</li> <li>Applications of differential calculus <ul> <li>Further differentiation</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Further calculus and introduction to statistics</li> <li>Differentiation of exponential and logarithmic functions</li> <li>Differentiation of trigonometric functions and differentiation rules</li> <li>Further applications of differentiation</li> <li>Introduction to integration <ul> <li>Discrete random variables</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Further calculus, trigonometry and statistics</li> <li>Further integration</li> <li>Trigonometry</li> <li>Continuous random variables and the normal distribution</li> <li>Sampling and proportions <ul> <li>Interval estimates for proportions</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

## Assessment

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In Units 3 and 4 students complete *four* summative assessments. The results from each of the assessments are added together to provide a subject score out of 100. Students will also receive an overall subject result (A–E).

Unit 3		Unit 4	
Summative internal assessment 1 (IA1): 20% Problem-solving and modelling task			
Summative internal assessment 2 (IA2): • Examination — short response	15%	Summative internal assessment 3 (IA3): • Examination — short response	15%
Summative external assessment (EA): 50% • Examination — combination response			

# **Specialist Mathematics**

General senior subject

Mathematics is a unique and powerful intellectual discipline that is used to investigate patterns, order, generality and uncertainty. It is a way of thinking in which problems are explored and solved through observation, reflection and logical reasoning. It uses a concise system of communication, with written, symbolic, spoken and visual components. Mathematics is creative, requires initiative and promotes curiosity in an increasingly complex and data-driven world. It is the foundation of all quantitative disciplines.

To prepare students with the knowledge, skills and confidence to participate effectively in the community and the economy requires the development of skills that reflect the demands of the 21st century. Students undertaking Mathematics will develop their critical and creative thinking, oral and written communication, information & communication technologies (ICT) capability, ability to collaborate, and sense of ultimately becoming lifelong learners who demonstrate initiative when facing a challenge. The use of technology to make connections between mathematical theory, practice and application has a positive effect on the development of conceptual understanding and student disposition towards mathematics.

Mathematics teaching and learning practices range from practising essential mathematical routines to develop procedural fluency, through to investigating scenarios, modelling the real world, solving problems and explaining reasoning. When students achieve procedural fluency, they carry out procedures flexibly, accurately and efficiently. When factual knowledge and concepts come to mind readily, students are able to make more complex use of knowledge to successfully formulate, represent and solve mathematical problems. Problem-solving helps to develop an ability to transfer mathematical skills and ideas between different contexts. This assists students to make connections between related concepts and adapt what they already know to new and unfamiliar situations. With appropriate effort and experience, through discussion, collaboration and reflection of ideas, students should develop confidence and experience success in their use of mathematics.

The major domains of mathematical knowledge in Specialist Mathematics are Vectors and matrices, Real and complex numbers, Trigonometry, Statistics and Calculus. Topics are developed systematically, with increasing levels of sophistication, complexity and connection, building on functions, calculus, statistics from Mathematical Methods, while vectors, complex numbers and matrices are introduced. Functions and calculus are essential for creating models of the physical world. Statistics are used to describe and analyse phenomena involving probability, uncertainty and variation. Matrices, complex numbers and vectors are essential tools for explaining abstract or complex relationships that occur in scientific and technological endeavours.

Students who undertake Specialist Mathematics will develop confidence in their mathematical knowledge and ability, and gain a positive view of themselves as mathematics learners. They will gain an appreciation of the true nature of mathematics, its beauty and its power.

## **Pathways**

A course of study in Specialist Mathematics can establish a basis for further education and employment in the fields of science, all branches of mathematics and statistics, computer science, medicine, engineering, finance and economics.

## **Objectives**

By the conclusion of the course of study, students will:

- recall mathematical knowledge
- use mathematical knowledge

- communicate mathematical knowledge
- evaluate the reasonableness of solutions
- justify procedures and decisions
- solve mathematical problems.

## Structure

Specialist Mathematics is to be undertaken in conjunction with, or on completion of, Mathematical Methods.

Unit 1	Unit 2	Unit 3	Unit 4
Combinatorics, proof, vectors and matrices • Combinatorics • Introduction to proof • Vectors in the plane • Algebra of vectors in two dimensions • Matrices	Complex numbers, further proof, trigonometry, functions and transformations • Complex numbers • Complex arithmetic and algebra • Circle and geometric proofs • Trigonometry and functions • Matrices and transformations	<ul> <li>Further complex numbers, proof, vectors and matrices</li> <li>Further complex numbers</li> <li>Mathematical induction and trigonometric proofs</li> <li>Vectors in two and three dimensions</li> <li>Vector calculus <ul> <li>Further matrices</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Further calculus and statistical inference</li> <li>Integration techniques</li> <li>Applications of integral calculus</li> <li>Rates of change and differential equations</li> <li>Modelling motion <ul> <li>Statistical inference</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

## Assessment

Schools devise assessments in Units 1 and 2 to suit their local context.

In Units 3 and 4 students complete *four* summative assessments. The results from each of the assessments are added together to provide a subject score out of 100. Students will also receive an overall subject result (A–E).

Unit 3		Unit 4	
Summative internal assessment 1 (IA1): • Problem-solving and modelling task	20%	Summative internal assessment 3 (IA3): • Examination — short response	15%
Summative internal assessment 2 (IA2): • Examination — short response	15%		
		essessment (EA): 50%	

# **Essential Mathematics**

Applied senior subject

Mathematics is a unique and powerful intellectual discipline that is used to investigate patterns, order, generality and uncertainty. It is a way of thinking in which problems are explored and solved through observation, reflection and logical reasoning. It uses a concise system of communication, with written, symbolic, spoken and visual components. Mathematics is creative, requires initiative and promotes curiosity in an increasingly complex and data-driven world. It is the foundation of all quantitative disciplines.

To prepare students with the knowledge, skills and confidence to participate effectively in the community and the economy requires the development of skills that reflect the demands of the 21st century. Students undertaking Mathematics will develop their critical and creative thinking, oral and written communication, information & communication technologies (ICT) capability, ability to collaborate, and sense of ultimately becoming lifelong learners who demonstrate initiative when facing a challenge. The use of technology to make connections between mathematical theory, practice and application has a positive effect on the development of conceptual understanding and student disposition towards mathematics.

Mathematics teaching and learning practices range from practising essential mathematical routines to develop procedural fluency, through to investigating scenarios, modelling the real world, solving problems and explaining reasoning. When students achieve procedural fluency, they carry out procedures flexibly, accurately and efficiently. When factual knowledge and concepts come to mind readily, students are able to make more complex use of knowledge to successfully formulate, represent and solve mathematical problems. Problem-solving helps to develop an ability to transfer mathematical skills and ideas between different contexts. This assists students to make connections between related concepts and adapt what they already know to new and unfamiliar situations. With appropriate effort and experience, through discussion, collaboration and reflection of ideas, students should develop confidence and experience success in their use of mathematics.

The major domains of mathematics in Essential Mathematics are Number, Data, Location and time, Measurement and Finance. Teaching and learning builds on the proficiency strands of the P–10 Australian Curriculum. Students develop their conceptual understanding when they undertake tasks that require them to connect mathematical concepts, operations and relations. They will learn to recognise definitions, rules and facts from everyday mathematics and data, and to calculate using appropriate mathematical processes.

Students will benefit from studies in Essential Mathematics because they will develop skills that go beyond the traditional ideas of numeracy. This is achieved through a greater emphasis on estimation, problemsolving and reasoning, which develops students into thinking citizens who interpret and use mathematics to make informed predictions and decisions about personal and financial priorities. Students will see mathematics as applicable to their employability and lifestyles, and develop leadership skills through self-direction and productive engagement in their learning. They will show curiosity and imagination, and appreciate the benefits of technology. Students will gain an appreciation that there is rarely one way of doing things and that real-world mathematics requires adaptability and flexibility.

## **Pathways**

A course of study in Essential Mathematics can establish a basis for further education and employment in the fields of trade, industry, business and community services. Students learn within a practical context related to general employment and successful participation in society, drawing on the mathematics used by various professional and industry groups.

## **Objectives**

By the conclusion of the course of study, students will:

- recall mathematical knowledge
- use mathematical knowledge
- communicate mathematical knowledge
- evaluate the reasonableness of solutions
- justify procedures and decisions
- solve mathematical problems.

Unit 1	Unit 2	Unit 3	Unit 4
Number, data and graphs • Fundamental topic: Calculations • Number • Representing data • Managing money	<ul> <li>Data and travel</li> <li>Fundamental topic: Calculations</li> <li>Data collection</li> <li>Graphs</li> <li>Time and motion</li> </ul>	Measurement, scales and chance • Fundamental topic: Calculations • Measurement • Scales, plans and models • Probability and relative frequencies	Graphs, data and loans • Fundamental topic: Calculations • Bivariate graphs • Summarising and comparing data • Loans and compound interest

## Structure

## Assessment

Schools devise assessments in Units 1 and 2 to suit their local context.

In Units 3 and 4 students complete *four* summative assessments. Schools develop three summative internal assessments and the common internal assessment (CIA) is developed by the QCAA.

Unit 3	Unit 4
Summative internal assessment 1 (IA1):	Summative internal assessment 3 (IA3):
• Problem-solving and modelling task	• Problem-solving and modelling task
Summative internal assessment 2 (IA2):	Summative internal assessment (IA4):
• Common internal assessment (CIA)	• Examination — short response

## **Biology** General senior subject

Biology provides opportunities for students to engage with living systems. In Unit 1, students develop their understanding of cells and multicellular organisms. In Unit 2, they engage with the concept of maintaining the internal environment. In Unit 3, students study biodiversity and the interconnectedness of life. This knowledge is linked in Unit 4 with the concepts of heredity and the continuity of life.

Students will learn valuable skills required for the scientific investigation of questions. In addition, they will become citizens who are better informed about the world around them and who have the critical skills to evaluate and make evidence-based decisions about current scientific issues.

Biology aims to develop students':

- sense of wonder and curiosity about life
- respect for all living things and the environment
- understanding of how biological systems interact and are interrelated, the flow of matter and energy through and between these systems, and the processes by which they persist and change
- understanding of major biological concepts, theories and models related to biological systems at all scales, from subcellular processes to ecosystem dynamics
- appreciation of how biological knowledge has developed over time and continues to develop; how scientists use biology in a wide range of applications; and how biological knowledge influences society in local, regional and global contexts

 ability to plan and carry out fieldwork, laboratory and other research investigations, including the collection and analysis of qualitative and quantitative data and the interpretation of evidence Genera

- ability to use sound, evidence-based arguments creatively and analytically when evaluating claims and applying biological knowledge
- ability to communicate biological understanding, findings, arguments and conclusions using appropriate representations, modes and genres.

#### **Pathways**

A course of study in Biology can establish a basis for further education and employment in the fields of medicine, forensics, veterinary, food and marine sciences, agriculture, biotechnology, environmental rehabilitation, biosecurity, quarantine, conservation and sustainability.

#### **Objectives**

By the conclusion of the course of study, students will:

- describe ideas and findings
- apply understanding
- analyse data
- interpret evidence
- evaluate conclusions, claims and processes
- investigate phenomena.

Unit 1	Unit 2	Unit 3	Unit 4
Cells and multicellular organisms • Cells as the basis of life • Exchange of nutrients and wastes • Cellular energy, gas exchange and plant physiology	<ul> <li>Maintaining the internal environment</li> <li>Homeostasis — thermoregulation and osmoregulation</li> <li>Infectious disease and epidemiology</li> </ul>	Biodiversity and the interconnectedness of life • Describing biodiversity and populations • Functioning ecosystems and succession	<ul> <li>Heredity and continuity of life</li> <li>Genetics and heredity</li> <li>Continuity of life on Earth</li> </ul>

#### Assessment

Schools devise assessments in Units 1 and 2 to suit their local context.

In Units 3 and 4 students complete *four* summative assessments. The results from each of the assessments are added together to provide a subject score out of 100. Students will also receive an overall subject result (A–E).

Unit 3		Unit 4	
Summative internal assessment 1 (IA1): • Data test	10%	Summative internal assessment 3 (IA3): • Research investigation	20%
Summative internal assessment 2 (IA2): • Student experiment	20%		
		sessment (EA): 50% ombination response	

## Chemistry General senior subject

Chemistry is the study of materials and their properties and structure. In Unit 1, students study atomic theory, chemical bonding, and the structure and properties of elements and compounds. In Unit 2, students explore intermolecular forces, gases, aqueous solutions, acidity and rates of reaction. In Unit 3, students study equilibrium processes and redox reactions. In Unit 4, students explore organic chemistry, synthesis and design to examine the characteristic chemical properties and chemical reactions displayed by different classes of organic compounds.

Chemistry aims to develop students':

- interest in and appreciation of chemistry and its usefulness in helping to explain phenomena and solve problems encountered in their ever-changing world
- understanding of the theories and models used to describe, explain and make predictions about chemical systems, structures and properties
- understanding of the factors that affect chemical systems and how chemical systems can be controlled to produce desired products
- appreciation of chemistry as an experimental science that has developed through independent and collaborative research, and that has significant impacts on society and implications for decisionmaking

- expertise in conducting a range of scientific investigations, including the collection and analysis of qualitative and quantitative data, and the interpretation of evidence
- ability to critically evaluate and debate scientific arguments and claims in order to solve problems and generate informed, responsible and ethical conclusions
- ability to communicate chemical understanding and findings to a range of audiences, including through the use of appropriate representations, language and nomenclature.

#### **Pathways**

A course of study in Chemistry can establish a basis for further education and employment in the fields of forensic science, environmental science, engineering, medicine, pharmacy and sports science.

## **Objectives**

By the conclusion of the course of study, students will:

- describe ideas and findings
- apply understanding
- analyse data
- interpret evidence
- evaluate conclusions, claims and processes
- investigate phenomena.

Unit 1	Unit 2	Unit 3	Unit 4
Chemical fundamentals — structure, properties and reactions • Properties and structure of atoms • Properties and structure of materials • Chemical reactions — reactants, products and energy change	<ul> <li>Molecular interactions and reactions</li> <li>Intermolecular forces and gases</li> <li>Aqueous solutions and acidity</li> <li>Rates of chemical reactions</li> </ul>	Equilibrium, acids and redox reactions • Chemical equilibrium systems • Oxidation and reduction	<ul> <li>Structure, synthesis and design</li> <li>Properties and structure of organic materials</li> <li>Chemical synthesis and design</li> </ul>

## Assessment

Schools devise assessments in Units 1 and 2 to suit their local context.

In Units 3 and 4 students complete *four* summative assessments. The results from each of the assessments are added together to provide a subject score out of 100. Students will also receive an overall subject result (A–E).

Unit 3		Unit 4 Summative internal assessment 3 (IA3): 20%	
Summative internal assessment 1 (IA1): • Data test	10%	Summative internal assessment 3 (IA3): • Research investigation	20%
Summative internal assessment 2 (IA2): • Student experiment	20%		
		ssessment (EA): 50% combination response	

## Physics General senior subject

Physics provides opportunities for students to engage with the classical and modern understandings of the universe. In Unit 1, students learn about the fundamental concepts of thermodynamics, electricity and nuclear processes. In Unit 2, students learn about the concepts and theories that predict and describe the linear motion of objects. Further, they will explore how scientists explain some phenomena using an understanding of waves. In Unit 3, students engage with the concept of gravitational and electromagnetic fields, and the relevant forces associated with them. Finally, in Unit 4, students study modern physics theories and models that, despite being counterintuitive, are fundamental to our understanding of many common observable phenomena.

Students will learn valuable skills required for the scientific investigation of questions. In addition, they will become citizens who are better informed about the world around them, and who have the critical skills to evaluate and make evidence-based decisions about current scientific issues.

Physics aims to develop students':

- appreciation of the wonder of physics and the significant contribution physics has made to contemporary society
- understanding that diverse natural phenomena may be explained, analysed and predicted using concepts, models and theories that provide a reliable basis for action
- understanding of the ways in which matter and energy interact in physical systems across a range of scales
- understanding of the ways in which models and theories are refined, and new models and theories are developed in

physics; and how physics knowledge is used in a wide range of contexts and informs personal, local and global issues

- investigative skills, including the design and conduct of investigations to explore phenomena and solve problems, the collection and analysis of qualitative and quantitative data, and the interpretation of evidence
- ability to use accurate and precise measurement, valid and reliable evidence, and scepticism and intellectual rigour to evaluate claims
- ability to communicate physics understanding, findings, arguments and conclusions using appropriate representations, modes and genres.

#### **Pathways**

A course of study in Physics can establish a basis for further education and employment in the fields of science, engineering, medicine and technology.

#### **Objectives**

By the conclusion of the course of study, students will:

- describe ideas and findings
- apply understanding
- analyse data
- interpret evidence
- evaluate conclusions, claims and processes
- investigate phenomena.

Unit 1	Unit 2	Unit 3	Unit 4
Thermal, nuclear and electrical physics • Heating processes • Ionising radiation and nuclear reactions • Electrical circuits	Linear motion and waves • Linear motion and force • Waves	Gravity and electromagnetism • Gravity and motion • Electromagnetism	Revolutions in modern physics • Special relativity • Quantum theory • The Standard Model

## Assessment

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In Units 3 and 4 students complete *four* summative assessments. The results from each of the assessments are added together to provide a subject score out of 100. Students will also receive an overall subject result (A–E).

Unit 3		Unit 4	
Summative internal assessment 1 (IA1): • Data test	10%	Summative internal assessment 3 (IA3): • Research investigation	20%
Summative internal assessment 2 (IA2): • Student experiment	20%		
		ssessment (EA): 50% combination response	

## Psychology General senior subject

Psychology provides opportunities for students to engage with concepts that explain behaviours and underlying cognitions. In Unit 1, students examine individual development in the form of the role of the brain, cognitive development, human consciousness and sleep. In Unit 2, students investigate the concept of intelligence, the process of diagnosis and how to classify psychological disorder and determine an effective treatment, and lastly, the contribution of emotion and motivation on the individual behaviour. In Unit 3, students examine individual thinking and how it is determined by the brain, including perception, memory, and learning. In Unit 4, students consider the influence of others by examining theories of social psychology, interpersonal processes, attitudes and cross-cultural psychology.

Psychology aims to develop students':

- interest in psychology and their appreciation for how this knowledge can be used to understand contemporary issues
- appreciation of the complex interactions, involving multiple parallel processes that continually influence human behaviour
- understanding that psychological knowledge has developed over time and is used in a variety of contexts, and is informed by social, cultural and ethical considerations

- ability to conduct a variety of field research and laboratory investigations involving collection and analysis of qualitative and quantitative data and interpretation of evidence
- ability to critically evaluate psychological concepts, interpretations, claims and conclusions with reference to evidence
- ability to communicate psychological understandings, findings, arguments and conclusions using appropriate representations, modes and genres.

## **Pathways**

A course of study in Psychology can establish a basis for further education and employment in the fields of psychology, sales, human resourcing, training, social work, health, law, business, marketing and education.

## **Objectives**

By the conclusion of the course of study, students will:

- describe ideas and findings
- apply understanding
- analyse data
- interpret evidence
- evaluate conclusions, claims and processes
- investigate phenomena.

Unit 1	Unit 2	Unit 3	Unit 4
<ul> <li>Individual development</li> <li>The role of the brain</li> <li>Cognitive development</li> <li>Consciousness, attention and sleep</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Individual behaviour</li> <li>Intelligence</li> <li>Diagnosis</li> <li>Psychological disorders and treatments</li> <li>Emotion and motivation</li> </ul>	Individual thinking <ul> <li>Brain function</li> <li>Sensation and perception</li> <li>Memory</li> <li>Learning</li> </ul>	The influence of others Social psychology Interpersonal processes Attitudes Cross- cultural psychology

#### Assessment

Schools devise assessments in Units 1 and 2 to suit their local context.

In Units 3 and 4 students complete *four* summative assessments. The results from each of the assessments are added together to provide a subject score out of 100. Students will also receive an overall subject result (A–E).

Unit 3		Unit 4	
Summative internal assessment 1 (IA1): • Data test	10%	Summative internal assessment 3 (IA3): • Research investigation	20%
Summative internal assessment 2 (IA2): • Student experiment	20%		
		sessment (EA): 50% combination response	

## Design General senior subject

The Design subject focuses on the application of design thinking to envisage creative products, services and environments. Designing is a complex and sophisticated form of problem-solving that uses divergent and convergent thinking approaches that can be practised and improved. Designers are separated from the constraints of production processes to allow them to appreciate and exploit innovative ideas.

In Unit 1, students will learn about and experience designing in the context of stakeholder-centred design. They will be introduced to the range and importance of stakeholders and how the design process is used to respond to their needs and wants. In Unit 2, students will learn about and experience designing in the context of commercial design, considering the role of the client and the influence of economic, social and cultural issues. They will use a collaborative design approach. In Unit 3, students will learn about and experience designing in the context of human-centred design. They will use designing with empathy as an approach as they respond to the needs and wants of a particular person. In Unit 4, students will learn about and experience designing in the context of sustainable design. They will explore design opportunities and design to improve economic, social and ecological sustainability.

The teaching and learning approach uses a design process grounded in the problembased learning framework. This approach enables students to learn about and experience design through exploring needs, wants and opportunities; developing ideas and design concepts; using sketching and low-fidelity prototyping skills; and evaluating ideas. Students communicate design proposals to suit different audiences.

Students will learn how design has influenced the economic, social and cultural

environment in which they live. They will understand the agency of humans in conceiving and imagining possible futures through design. Students will develop valuable 21st century skills in critical thinking, creative thinking, communication, collaboration and teamwork, personal and social skills, and information & communication technologies (ICT) skills. Collaboration, teamwork and communication are crucial skills needed to work in design teams and liaise with stakeholders. The design thinking students learn is broadly applicable to a range of professions and supports the development of critical and creative thinking.

Students will develop an appreciation of designers and their role in society. They will learn the value of creativity and build resilience as they experience iterative design processes, where the best ideas may be the result of trial and error and a willingness to take risks and experiment with alternatives. Design equips students with highly transferrable, future-focused thinking skills relevant to a global context.

## **Pathways**

A course of study in Design can establish a basis for further education and employment in the fields of architecture, digital media design, fashion design, graphic design, industrial design, interior design and landscape architecture.

## **Objectives**

By the conclusion of the course of study, students will:

- describe design problems and design criteria
- represent ideas, design concepts and design information using visual representation skills
- analyse needs, wants and opportunities using data

- devise ideas in response to design problems
- evaluate ideas to make refinements
- propose design concepts in response to design problems
- make decisions about and use modeappropriate features, language and conventions for particular purposes and contexts.

## Structure

Unit 1	Unit 2	Unit 3	Unit 4
Stakeholder-centred design	Commercial design influences	Human-centred design	Sustainable design influences
<ul> <li>Designing for others</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Responding to needs and wants</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Designing with empathy</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Responding to opportunities</li> </ul>

## Assessment

Schools devise assessments in Units 1 and 2 to suit their local context.

In Units 3 and 4 students complete *four* summative assessments. The results from each of the assessments are added together to provide a subject score out of 100. Students will also receive an overall subject result (A–E).

Unit 3		Unit 4	
Summative internal assessment 1 (IA1): • Design challenge	20%	Summative internal assessment 3 (IA3): • Project	25%
Summative internal assessment 2 (IA2): • Project	30%	Summative external assessment (EA): • Examination — extended response	25%

Food & Nutrition is the study of food in the context of food science, nutrition and food technologies. Students explore the chemical and functional properties of nutrients to create food solutions that maintain the beneficial nutritive values. This knowledge is fundamental for continued development of a safe and sustainable food system that can produce high quality, nutritious solutions with an extended shelf life. The food system includes the sectors of production, processing, distribution, consumption, research and development. Waste management, sustainability and food protection are overarching principles that have an impact on all sectors of the food system. Students will actively engage in a food and nutrition problem-solving process to create food solutions that contribute positively to preferred personal, social, ethical, economic, environmental, legal, sustainable and technological futures.

Food & Nutrition is a developmental course of study. In Unit 1, students develop an understanding of the chemical and functional properties of vitamins, minerals and proteinbased food, as well as sensory profiling, food safety, spoilage and preservation. In Unit 2, students explore consumer food drivers, sensory profiling, labelling and food safety, and the development of food formulations. In Unit 3, students develop knowledge about the chemical, functional and sensory properties of carbohydrate- and fat-based food, and food safety, food preservation techniques and spoilage. In Unit 4, students focus on the investigation of problems for nutrition consumer markets and develop solutions for these while improving safety, nutrition, transparency and accessibility, as well as considering the wider impacts and implications of solutions.

Using a problem-solving process in Food and Nutrition, students learn to apply their food science, nutrition and technologies knowledge to solve real-world food and nutrition problems. Students learn to explore complex, open-ended problems and develop food and nutrition solutions. They recognise and describe problems, determine solution success criteria, develop and communicate ideas and generate, evaluate and refine real-world-related solutions. Students justify their decision-making and acknowledge the societal, economic and environmental sustainability of their food and nutrition solutions. The problem-based learning framework in Food and Nutrition encourages students to become self-directed learners and develop beneficial collaboration and management skills.

Food & Nutrition is inclusive of students' needs, interests and aspirations. It challenges students to think about, respond to, and create solutions for contemporary problems in food and nutrition. Students will become enterprising individuals and make discerning decisions about the safe development and use of technologies in the local and global fields of food and nutrition.

In Food & Nutrition, students learn transferable 21st century skills that support their aspirations, including critical thinking, creative thinking, communication, collaboration and teamwork, personal and social skills, and information & communication technologies (ICT) skills. Students become adaptable and resilient through their problem-solving learning experiences. These skills enable students to innovate and collaborate with people in the fields of science, technology, engineering and health to create solutions to contemporary problems in food and nutrition.

## Pathways

A course of study in Food & Nutrition can establish a basis for further education and employment in the fields of science, technology, engineering and health.

## **Objectives**

By the conclusion of the course of study, students will:

- recognise and describe food and nutrition facts and principles
- explain food and nutrition ideas and problems
- analyse problems, information and data
- determine solution requirements and criteria

- synthesise information and data
- generate solutions to provide data to determine the feasibility of the solution
- evaluate and refine ideas and solutions to make justified recommendations for enhancement
- make decisions about and use modeappropriate features, language and conventions for particular purposes and contexts.

Unit 1	Unit 2	Unit 3	Unit 4
Food science of vitamins, minerals and protein • Introduction to the food system • Vitamins and minerals • Protein	<ul> <li>Food drivers and emerging trends</li> <li>Consumer food drivers</li> <li>Sensory profiling</li> <li>Food safety and labelling</li> <li>Food formulation for consumers</li> </ul>	Food science of carbohydrate and fat • Carbohydrate • Fat	Food solution development for nutrition consumer markets • Formulation and reformulation for nutrition consumer markets • Nutrition consumer markets

## Structure

## Assessment

Schools devise assessments in Units 1 and 2 to suit their local context.

In Units 3 and 4 students complete *four* summative assessments. The results from each of the assessments are added together to provide a subject score out of 100. Students will also receive an overall subject result (A–E).

Unit 3		Unit 4	
Summative internal assessment 1 (IA1): • Examination — combination response	25%	Summative internal assessment 3 (IA3): • Food & Nutrition solution	25%
Summative internal assessment 2 (IA2): • Food & Nutrition solution	25%	Summative external assessment (EA): • Examination — combination response	25%

# Industrial Technology Skills

Applied senior subject

Technologies are an integral part of society as humans seek to create solutions to improve their own and others' quality of life. Technologies affect people and societies by transforming, restoring and sustaining the world in which we live. In an increasingly technological and complex world, it is important to develop the knowledge, understanding and skills associated with traditional and contemporary tools and materials used by Australian manufacturing industries to produce products. The manufacturing industry transforms raw materials into products wanted by society. This adds value for both enterprises and consumers. Australia has strong manufacturing industries that continue to provide employment opportunities.

Industrial Technology Skills includes the study of industry practices and production processes through students' application in and through trade learning contexts in a range of industrial sector industries, including building and construction, engineering and furnishing. Industry practices are used by industrial sector enterprises to manage the manufacture of products from raw materials. Production processes combine the production skills and procedures required to produce products. Students engage in applied learning to demonstrate knowledge and skills of the core learning in units that meet local needs, available resources and teacher expertise. Through both individual and collaborative learning experiences, students learn to meet customer expectations of product quality at a specific price and time.

Applied learning supports students' development of transferable 21st century, literacy and numeracy skills relevant to a variety of industries. Students learn to interpret drawings and technical information, select and demonstrate safe practical production processes using hand/power tools, machinery and equipment, communicate using oral, written and graphical modes, organise, calculate, plan, evaluate and adapt production processes and the products they produce. The majority of learning is done through manufacturing tasks that relate to business and industry. Students work with each other to solve problems and complete practical work.

## **Pathways**

A course of study in Industrial Technology Skills can establish a basis for further education and employment in manufacturing industries. Employment opportunities may be found in the industry areas of aeroskills, automotive, building and construction, engineering, furnishing, industrial graphics and plastics.

## **Objectives**

By the conclusion of the course of study, students should:

- demonstrate practices, skills and procedures
- interpret drawings and technical information
- select practices, skills and procedures
- sequence processes
- · evaluate skills, procedures and products
- adapt plans, skills and procedures.

Industrial Technology Skills is a four-unit course of study. This syllabus contains the four industrial sector syllabuses with QCAA-developed units as options for schools to select from to develop their course of study.

When selecting units to design a course of study in Industrial Technology Skills, the units must:

- be drawn from at least two industrial sector syllabuses and include no more than two units from each
- not be offered at the school in any other Applied industrial sector syllabus.

#### Assessment

Students complete two assessment tasks for each unit. The assessment techniques used in Industrial Technology Skills are:

Technique	Description	Response requirements
Practical demonstration	Available in the selected industrial sector syllabus.	
Project		

## Drama General senior subject

Drama interrogates the human experience by investigating, communicating and embodying stories, experiences, emotions and ideas that reflect the human experience. It allows students to look to the past with curiosity, and explore inherited traditions of artistry to inform their own artistic practice and shape their world as global citizens. Drama is created and performed in diverse spaces, including formal and informal theatre spaces, to achieve a wide range of purposes. Drama engages students in imaginative meaning-making processes and involves them using a range of artistic skills as they make and respond to dramatic works. The range of purposes, contexts and audiences provides students with opportunities to experience, reflect on, understand, communicate, collaborate and appreciate different perspectives of themselves, others and the world in which they live.

Across the course of study, students will develop a range of interrelated skills of drama that will complement the knowledge and processes needed to create dramatic action and meaning. They will learn about the dramatic languages and how these contribute to the creation, interpretation and critique of dramatic action and meaning for a range of purposes. A study of a range of forms and styles in a variety of inherited traditions, current practice and emerging trends, including those from different cultures and contexts, forms a core aspect of the learning. Drama provides opportunities for students to learn how to engage with dramatic works as both artists and audience through the use of critical literacies.

In Drama, students engage in aesthetic learning experiences that develop the 21st century skills of critical thinking, creative thinking, communication, collaboration and teamwork, personal and social skills, and digital literacy. They learn how to reflect on their artistic, intellectual, emotional and kinaesthetic understanding as creative and critical thinkers and curious artists. Additionally, students will develop personal confidence, skills of inquiry and social skills as they work collaboratively with others.

Drama engages students in the making of and responding to dramatic works to help them realise their creative potential as individuals. Learning in Drama promotes a deeper and more empathetic understanding and appreciation of others and communities. Innovation and creative thinking are at the forefront of this subject, which contributes to equipping students with highly transferable skills that encourage them to imagine future perspectives and possibilities.

#### **Pathways**

A course of study in Drama can establish a basis for further education and employment in the field of drama, and to broader areas in creative industries, cultural institutions, administration and management, law, communications, education, public relations, research, science and technology. The understanding and skills built in Drama connect strongly with careers in which it is important to understand different social and cultural perspectives in a range of contexts, and to communicate meaning in functional and imaginative ways.

## **Objectives**

By the conclusion of the course of study, students will:

- demonstrate skills of drama
- apply literacy skills

- interpret purpose, context and text
- manipulate dramatic languages
- analyse dramatic languages
- evaluate dramatic languages.

## Structure

Unit 1	Unit 2	Unit 3	Unit 4
Share How does drama promote shared understandings of the human experience?	Reflect How is drama shaped to reflect lived experience?	<b>Challenge</b> How can we use drama to challenge our understanding of humanity?	Transform How can you transform dramatic practice?

#### Assessment

Schools devise assessments in Units 1 and 2 to suit their local context.

In Units 3 and 4 students complete *four* summative assessments. The results from each of the assessments are added together to provide a subject score out of 100. Students will also receive an overall subject result (A–E).

Unit 3		Unit 4	
Summative internal assessment 1 (IA1): • Performance	20%	Summative internal assessment 3 (IA3): • Practice-led project	35%
Summative internal assessment 2 (IA2): • Dramatic concept	20%		
Summative external assessment (EA): 25% • Examination — extended response			

Music is a unique art form that uses sound and silence as a means of personal expression. It allows for the expression of the intellect, imagination and emotion and the exploration of values. Music occupies a significant place in everyday life of all cultures and societies, serving social, cultural, celebratory, political and educational roles.

The study of music combines the development of cognitive, psychomotor and affective domains through making and responding to music. The development of musicianship through making (composition and performance) and responding (musicology) is at the centre of the study of music.

Through composition, students use music elements and concepts, applying their knowledge and understanding of compositional devices to create new music works. Students resolve music ideas to convey meaning and/or emotion to an audience.

Through performance, students sing and play music, demonstrating their practical music skills through refining solo and/or ensemble performances. Students realise music ideas through the demonstration and interpretation of music elements and concepts to convey meaning and/or emotion to an audience.

In musicology, students analyse the use of music elements and concepts in a variety of contexts, styles and genres. They evaluate music through the synthesis of analytical information to justify a viewpoint.

In an age of change, Music has the means to prepare students for a future of unimagined possibilities; in Music, students develop highly transferable skills and the capacity for flexible thinking and doing. Literacy in Music is an essential skill for both musician and audience, and learning in Music prepares students to engage in a multimodal world. The study of Music provides students with opportunities for intellectual and personal growth, and to make a contribution to the culture of their community. Students develop the capacity for working independently and collaboratively, reflecting authentic practices of music performers, composers and audiences.

#### **Pathways**

A course of study in Music can establish a basis for further education and employment in the field of music, and more broadly, in creative industries, cultural institutions, administration and management, health, communications, education, public relations, research, science and technology. As more organisations value work-related creativity and diversity, the processes and practices of Music develop 21st century skills essential for many areas of employment. Specifically, the study of Music helps students develop creative and critical thinking, collaboration and communication skills, personal and social skills, and digital literacy - all of which is sought after in modern workplaces.

## **Objectives**

By the conclusion of the course of study, students will:

- demonstrate technical skills
- use music elements and concepts
- analyse music
- apply compositional devices
- apply literacy skills
- interpret music elements and concepts
- evaluate music
- realise music ideas
- resolve music ideas.

Unit 1	Unit 2	Unit 3	Unit 4
<b>Designs</b> Through inquiry learning, the following is explored:	<b>Identities</b> Through inquiry learning, the following is explored:	<b>Innovations</b> Through inquiry learning, the following is explored:	<b>Narratives</b> Through inquiry learning, the following is explored:
How does the treatment and combination of different music elements enable musicians to design music that communicates meaning through performance and composition?	How do musicians use their understanding of music elements, concepts and practices to communicate cultural, political, social and personal identities when performing, composing and responding to music?	How do musicians incorporate innovative music practices to communicate meaning when performing and composing?	How do musicians manipulate music elements to communicate narrative when performing, composing and responding to music?

## Assessment

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In Units 3 and 4 students complete *four* summative assessments. The results from each of the assessments are added together to provide a subject score out of 100. Students will also receive an overall subject result (A–E).

Unit 3		Unit 4	
Summative internal assessment 1 (IA1): • Performance	20%	Summative internal assessment 3 (IA3): • Project	35%
Summative internal assessment 2 (IA2): • Composition	20%		
Summative external assessment (EA): 25% • Examination — extended response			

# Visual Arts in Practice

Applied senior subject

The arts are woven into the fabric of community. They have the capacity to engage and inspire students, enriching their lives, stimulating curiosity and imagination, and encouraging them to reach their creative and expressive potential. Arts subjects provide opportunities for students to learn problem-solving processes, design and create art, and use multiple literacies to communicate intention with diverse audiences.

In Visual Arts in Practice, students respond to authentic, real-world stimulus (e.g. problems, events, stories, places, objects, the work of artists or artisans), seeing or making new links between art-making purposes and contexts. They explore visual language in combination with media, technologies and skills to make artworks. Throughout the course, students are exposed to two or more art-making modes, selecting from 2D, 3D, digital (static) and time-based and using these in isolation or combination, as well as innovating new ways of working.

When responding, students use analytical processes to identify problems and develop plans or designs for artworks. They use reasoning and decision-making to justify their choices, reflecting and evaluating on the success of their own and others' artmaking. When making, students demonstrate knowledge and understanding of visual features to communicate artistic intention. They develop competency with and independent selection of media, technologies and skills as they make experimental and resolved artworks, synthesising ideas developed throughout the responding phase.

#### **Pathways**

Learning in Visual Arts in Practice is connected to relevant industry practice and opportunities, promoting future employment and preparing students as agile, competent, innovative and safe workers who can work collaboratively to solve problems and complete project-based work in various contexts.

A course of study in Visual Arts in Practice can establish a basis for further education and employment in a range of fields, including creative industries, education, advertising and marketing, communications, humanities, health, recreation, science and technology.

## **Objectives**

By the conclusion of the course of study, students should:

- use visual arts practices
- plan artworks
- communicate ideas
- evaluate artworks.

Visual Arts in Practice is a four-unit course of study. This syllabus contains four QCAA-developed units as options for schools to combine in any order to develop their course of study.

Unit option	Unit title
Unit option A	Looking inwards (self)
Unit option B	Looking outwards (others)
Unit option C	Clients
Unit option D	Transform & extend

#### Assessment

Students complete two assessment tasks for each unit. The assessment techniques used in Visual Arts in Practice are:

Technique	Description	Response requirements
Project	Students make experimental or prototype artworks, or design proposals or stylistic experiments. They evaluate artworks, art style and/or practices that explore the	<ul> <li>Experimental folio</li> <li>Up to 8 experimental artworks: 2D, 3D, digital (static) and/or time-based</li> <li>OR</li> <li>Prototype artwork</li> <li>2D, 3D, digital (static) and/or time-based media: up to 4</li> </ul>
	focus of the unit. Students plan resolved artworks.	artwork/s OR
		<b>Design proposal</b> Multimodal (at least two modes delivered at the same time): up to 5 minutes, 8 A4 pages, or equivalent digital media, including up to 4 prototype artwork/s — 2D, 3D, digital (static) and/or time-based
		OR
		Folio of stylistic experiments
		Up to 8 experimental artworks: 2D, 3D, digital (static) and/or time-based
		AND
		Planning and evaluations
		One of the following:
		<ul> <li>Multimodal (at least two modes delivered at the same time): up to 5 minutes, 8 A4 pages, or equivalent digital media</li> </ul>
		Written: up to 600 words
		Spoken: up to 4 minutes, or signed equivalent
Resolved artwork	Students make a resolved artwork that communicates purpose and context relating to the focus of the unit.	<ul> <li>Resolved artwork</li> <li>2D, 3D, digital (static) and/or time-based media: up to 4 artwork/s</li> </ul>

# SIS30321 CERTIFICATE III IN FITNESS + SIS20122 CERTIFICATE II IN SPORT AND RECREATION

On Premises Delivery NOTE: This VET Course has an associated fee. This course is not available to International students studying on subclass 500

## **Registered Training Organisation**

#### Binnacle Training (RTO Code: 31319)

## **Delivery Overview**

SIS30321 Certificate III in Fitness (with entry qualification SIS20115 Certificate II in Sport and Recreation) is delivered as a senior subject by qualified school staff via a third-party arrangement with external Registered Training Organisation (RTO) Binnacle Training. Students successfully achieving all qualification requirements will be provided with the qualification and record of results. Students who achieve at least one unit (but not the full qualification) will receive a Statement of Attainment.

- Upon successful completion students will achieve a maximum 8 QCE credits.
- Students eligible for an Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) may be able to use their completed Certificate III to contribute towards their ATAR. For further information please visit https://www.qcaa.qld.edu.au/senior/australian-tertiary-admission-rank-atar

#### **Entry Requirements**

At enrolment, each student will be required to create (or simply supply if previously created) a Unique Student Identifier (USI). A USI creates an online record of all training and qualifications attained in Australia.

## Language, Literacy And Numeracy Skills

A Language, Literacy & Numeracy (LLN) Screening process is undertaken at the time of initial enrolment (or earlier) to ensure students have the capacity to effectively engage with the content. Please refer to Binnacle Training's Student Information document for a snapshot of reading, writing and numeracy skills that would be expected in order to satisfy competency requirements.

## Course Outline

Students will participate in the delivery of a range of fitness programs and services to clients within their school community. Graduates will be competent in a range of essential skills – such as undertaking client health assessments, planning and delivering fitness programs, and conducting group fitness sessions in indoor and outdoor fitness sessions, including with older adult clients. This program also includes the following:

- First Aid qualification and CPR certificate
- A range of career pathway options including direct pathway into Certificate IV in Fitness (Personal Trainer) at another RTO.

## **Units of Competency**

Unit Code	Unit name
HLTAID011	Provide First Aid
HLTWHS001	Participate in workplace health and safety
SISXEMR001	Respond to emergency situations
SISXIND001	Work effectively in sport, fitness and recreation environments
SISXCAI002	Assist with activity session
SISXIND002	Maintain sport, fitness and recreation industry knowledge
SISXCCS001	Provide quality service
BSBSUS211	Participate in sustainable work practices
BSBWOR202	Organise and complete daily work activities
BSBTEC201	Use business software applications
BSBTEC202	Use digital technologies to communicate in a work environment
BSBTEC203	Research using the internet
ICTICT203	Operate application software packages
BSBSUS201	Participate in environmentally sustainable work practices
SISFFIT047	Use anatomy and physiology knowledge to support safe and effective exercise
BSBOPS304	Deliver and monitor a service to customers
BSBPEF301	Organise personal work priorities
SISFFIT035	Plan group exercise sessions
SISFFIT036	Instruct group exercise sessions
SISFFIT032	Complete pre-exercise screening and service orientation
SISFFIT033	Complete client fitness assessments
SISFFIT052	Provide healthy eating information
SISFFIT040	Develop and instruct gym-based exercise programs for individual clients

## Assessment

Program delivery will combine both class-based tasks and practical components in a real gym environment at the school. This involves the delivery of a range of fitness programs to clients within

the school community (students, teachers, and staff). A range of teaching/learning strategies will be used to deliver the competencies. These include:

- Practical tasks
- Hands-on activities involving participants/clients
- Group work
- Practical experience within the school sporting programs and fitness facility

Evidence contributing towards competency will be collected throughout the course.

#### Pathways

The Certificate III in Fitness will predominantly be used by students seeking to enter the sport, fitness and recreation industry as a fitness instructor, community coach, sports coach, athlete, or activity assistant.

Students may also choose to continue their study by completing the Certificate IV in Fitness at another RTO.

## Support Services

#### **Training Support Services:**

Binnacle Training and the school are committed to supporting student success. Students enrolled in this course have access to academic support including:

- Access to the course trainer for regular feedback and guidance
- Study sessions and time management assistance
- Help with understanding and meeting assessment requirements.

#### Wellbeing Support Services:

Students can also access wellbeing and pastoral care support through the Pastoral Care Team. This includes:

- Chaplaincy or Pastoral Care Team support
- Referral to external services if required.

To access support, students are encouraged to:

- Speak directly to their trainer or Head of Student Pathways
- Visit the Secondary Office or Pastoral Care Office

Request an appointment via the school intranet or by email.

## **PROGRAM DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

This Subject Outline is to be read in conjunction with Binnacle Training's Program Disclosure Statement (PDS). The PDS sets out the services and training products Binnacle Training provides and those services carried out by the 'Partner School' (i.e. the delivery of training and assessment services).

To access Binnacle's PDS, visit: www.binnacletraining.com.au/rto and select 'RTO Files' or view the PDS via the VET Coordinator.



# **CUA31120 Certificate III in Visual Arts**

On Premises Delivery | Focus on Photography NOTE: This VET Course has an associated fee. This course is not available to International students studying on subclass 500

#### COSAMP (RTO Code 41549)

This qualification reflects the role of individuals who are developing a range of visual art skills and who take responsibility for own outputs in work and learning. Practice at this level is underpinned by the application of introductory art theory and history. Visual drawing skills, explorations of styles and a keen ability to take photographs at every opportunity is key to thriving in this subject.

## **Course Overview**

This course will be delivered across 2 years and requires 4.5 hours per week across two years. Students will need to provide their own equipment for the course:

- Own DSLR or camera (recommendations can be made by the trainer)
- Own memory card
- Card reader
- Laptop preferably
- Photo printing paper for projects
- External hard drive (optional)
- Lightroom and Photoshop/Photopea will be provided by the school.

## Units of Competency

Unit Code	Unit name
BSBWHS211	Contribute to the health and safety of self and others (core)
BSBTWK201	Work effectively with others (elective)
BSBSUS211	Participate in sustainable work practices (elective)
CUARES301	Apply knowledge of history and theory to own arts practice (core)
CUAPPR311	Produce creative work (core)
CUAPHI312	Capture photographic images (elective)
CUADIG315	Produce Digital images (elective)
CUADIG303	Produce and prepare photo images (elective)
CUADES201	Follow a design process (elective)
CUAACD311	Produce drawings to communicate ideas (core)
CUAACD201	Develop drawing skills to communicate ideas (elective)
ICTWEB306	Develop web presence using social media (elective)

## Assessment methods

Class assignments both individual and group as well as projects. An art exhibition will also be assessed.

## **Entry Requirements**

At enrolment, each student will be required to create (or simply supply if previously created) a Unique Student Identifier (USI). A USI creates an online record of all training and qualifications attained in Australia.

- Successful completion of this certificate may provide 8 Credits towards the QCE.
- Students eligible for an Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) may be able to use their completed Certificate III to contribute towards their ATAR. For further information please visit https://www.qcaa.qld.edu.au/senior/australian-tertiary-admission-rank-atar

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View the Course Brochure at: https://www.cosamp.edu.au/qualifications/

