# Year 10 Subject Selection for Stage 6

For Year 10 students and their parents.





# **Purpose of this presentation**

This presentation has been developed to assist schools to provide relevant NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) information to

Year 10 students and their parents.



### **Course Selection Considerations**

- Abilities
- Interests/Motivation
- Career aspirations and needs
- Syllabus requirements Practical/Major work components
- Subject combinations
- Other commitments



# **The Higher School Certificate**

- is the culmination of a student's school career.
- is the highest educational award that can be achieved at secondary school in NSW
- reports student achievement in terms of a standard achieved in individual courses
- presents a profile of student achievement across a broad range of subjects



### **HSC Course Structure**

- All courses in the HSC have a unit value
- Most courses are 2 units which equates to 120 hours of study and a HSC result out of 100
- Some courses are 1 unit. This is equivalent to 60 hours of study and a HSC result out of 50
- Many 1 unit courses are extension courses, enabling 3 or 4 units of a course to be studied



# Requirements for the HSC

#### Year 11

- minimum of 12 units
- students must satisfactorily complete the Year 11 course before commencing the corresponding Year 12 course

#### Year 12

minimum of 10 units



# Requirements for the HSC

#### Both the Year 11 and Year 12 pattern of study must include:

- 2 units of compulsory English
- at least 6 units of Board Developed Courses
- at least 3 courses of 2 units value or greater
- at least 4 subjects (including English)
- a maximum of 6 units of Science may be included in the Year 11 pattern of study.
- a maximum of 7 units of Science may be included in the Year 12 pattern of study.



# Requirements for the HSC – meeting the minimum standard in literacy and numeracy

- From 2020, students need to demonstrate they have met a minimum standard in literacy and numeracy to be eligible for a HSC.
- Students will show they meet the HSC minimum standard by passing online tests of basic literacy and numeracy skills, which are available for them to sit when they are ready in Year 10, 11 and 12 and after the HSC.



### About the minimum standard online tests

- Any eligible student will have two opportunities each year to sit the tests
- The test is available on all school days

#### About the tests:

Reading: 45 multiple choice computer adaptive questions (45 minutes)

Numeracy: 45 multiple choice computer adaptive questions (45 minutes)

Writing: answer <u>one</u> question out of a choice of two prompts.

Refer to the <u>NESA website</u> for more information and resources for parents, students and schools



# **Types of HSC Courses**

Board Developed Courses	Board Endorsed Courses	
<ul> <li>HSC examination except for:</li> <li>optional examination in English Studies and Mathematics Standard 1 and VET Curriculum Framework courses</li> <li>all Life Skills courses</li> </ul>	No HSC examination – school-based assessment only	
May be included in the calculation of a student's Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR).	Not included in the calculation of a student's Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR).	
Includes some Vocational Education and Training (VET) courses.	Includes some Vocational Education and Training (VET) courses.	
Includes Life Skills courses.		



# **Board Developed Courses and the ATAR**

Category A Courses	Category B Courses
May be included in the calculation of a student's Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR)	No more than 2 units of Category B courses can be included in the calculation of a student's ATAR
Compulsory HSC Examination for most courses	Optional HSC examination for some courses
	Include VET Curriculum Framework courses and have compulsory work placement.



### SATISFACTORY COMPLETION OF A COURSE

- Students must:
  - follow the course developed or endorsed by NESA
  - apply themselves with diligence and sustained effort to the set tasks and experiences provided in the course by the school, and
  - achieve some or all of the course outcomes

 VET Board Developed Courses require students to complete mandatory work placement



# ADDITIONAL COMPLETION REQUIREMENTS FOR HSC COURSES

#### **Students must:**

 complete HSC assessment tasks that contribute in excess of 50 per cent of available marks in courses where internal assessment marks are submitted, and

 sit for and make a serious attempt at any requisite Higher School Certificate examinations for a course



# **Confirmation of Entry**

Students will receive a NESA Confirmation of Entry from the school

Before signing the Confirmation of Entry each year (Years 10, 11 and 12) students should **check that they are:** 

- enrolled in the correct courses
- eligible for:
  - Year 10: Record of School Achievement
  - Year 11: Stage 6 Preliminary
  - Year 12: HSC



# **HSC: All My Own Work**

- HSC: All My Own Work is a mandatory program designed to help HSC students to follow the principles and practices of good scholarship.
- It consists of five modules:
  - Scholarship Principles and Practices
  - Acknowledging Sources
  - > Plagiarism
  - Copyright
  - > Working with Others

# **Key Features of some Courses**



### English – Year 11

- English Advanced
  - English Extension 1 (must be studied with Advanced)
- English Standard
- English EAL/D (English as an additional language or dialect)
- English Studies



# English – Year 12

- English Advanced
  - ➤ English Extension 1 (must be studied with Advanced)
  - ➤ English Extension 2 (must be studied with Extension 1)
- English Standard
- English EAL/D
- English Studies



### **Mathematics – Year 11**

- Mathematics Advanced
  - ➤ Mathematics Extension 1 (must be studied with Mathematics Advanced)
- Mathematics Standard



### **Mathematics – Year 12**

- Mathematics Advanced
  - ➤ Mathematics Extension 1 (must be studied with Advanced)
  - ➤ Mathematics Extension 2 (must be studied with Extension 1)
- Mathematics Standard 2
- Mathematics Standard 1



# Languages

#### Eligibility criteria apply to language courses:

- > Beginners
- Continuers
- > Language in Context (Chinese, Indonesian, Japanese, Korean)
- > Language and Literature (Chinese, Indonesian, Japanese, Korean)
- Extension courses are available for some Continuers courses



### **Additional Extension Courses**

#### Year 12

- History Extension
- Music Extension
- Science Extension
- Extension courses are also available for selected Languages and VET courses



### **Life Skills Courses**

- Life Skills Courses are designed for a small percentage of students with special education needs.
- Life Skills Courses:
  - have Board Developed Course status
  - contribute to the attainment of the HSC
  - do not have HSC examinations and so do not contribute to the calculation of an ATAR



# Vocational Education & Training (VET) in the HSC

- Package/endorse VET qualifications for HSC unit credit
- Board Developed VET courses
  - Stage 6 Industry Curriculum Frameworks
- Board Endorsed VET courses
  - Stage 6 (Years 11–12)
- Courses may be available to:
  - all students
  - school-based trainees only
  - school-based apprentices only



# Industry curriculum framework

- Board Developed HSC VET syllabus
- Based on nationally endorsed Training Package(s)
  - lists which qualifications and units of competency have been included in the HSC syllabus
  - describes how units of competency are arranged into HSC VET courses
- Includes HSC outcomes and content
- Has an optional HSC examination
  - provides access to ATAR pathway
- Includes a mandatory work placement



# **VET: Board Developed Courses**

- Automotive
- Business Services
- Construction
- Electrotechnology
- Entertainment Industry
- Financial Services
- Hospitality

- Human Services
- Information and Digital Technology
- Metal and Engineering
- Primary Industries
- Retail Services
- Tourism, Travel and Events



## **VET Credentials**

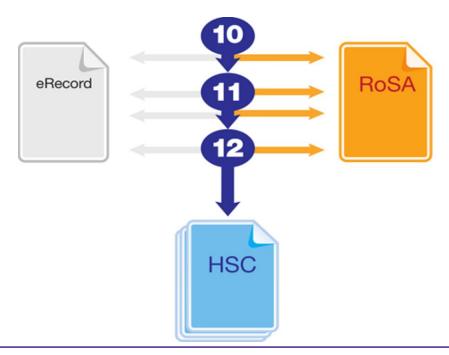




# **HSC Credentials**



## **Record of School Achievement**





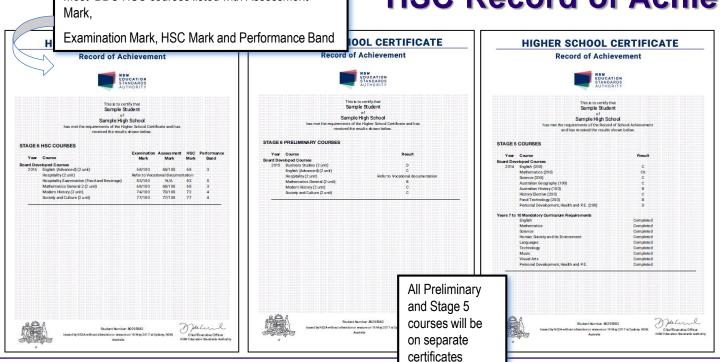
# **NSW HSC Testamur**





Most BDC HSC courses listed with Assessment

### **HSC Record of Achievement**







#### Student eRecord

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#### Sample Student

Sample High School

#### STAGE 6 HSC COURSES

Enrolled in the following courses

#### Year Course

Board Developed Courses
2017 English (Mavancel) (2 unit)
Entertainment Industry (2 unit)
Entertainment Industry Examination
Japanese Continuers (2 unit)
Musici 1 (2 unit)
Society and Culture (2 unit)

Student Number: 99971092 Date produced: 18 May 2017



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#### STAGE 6 PRELIMINARY COURSES

Year	Course	Result	
Board Dev	eloped Courses		
2016	English (Advanced) (2 unit)	C	
	Entertainment Industry (2 unit)	Refer to Vocational documentation	
	Japanese Continuers (2 unit)	В	
	Modern History (2 unit)	C	
	Music 1 (2 unit)	A	
	Society and Culture (2 unit)	В	

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#### STAGE 5 COURSES

Year	Course	Result
Board Dev	eloped Courses	
2015	English (200)	В
	Mathematics (200)	D4
	Science (200)	В
	Australian Geography (100)	В
	History (100)	C
	Japanese (200)	A
	Music (200)	A
	Personal Development, Health and P.E. (100)	C

#### Years 7 to 10 Mandatory Curriculum Requirements

Completed
Complete
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Complete
Completed
Complete
Completed

#### Eligible for Record of School Achievement.

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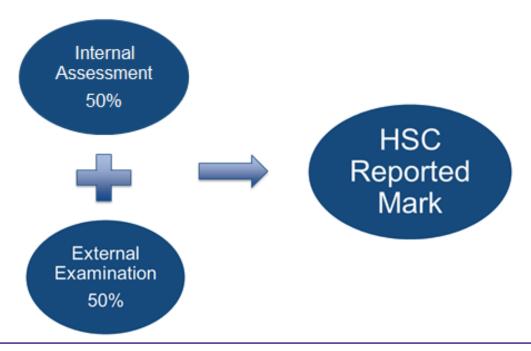
### **More Information**

- www.educationstandards.nsw.edu.au
- www.uac.edu.au

# **HSC Marks**



### **How is the HSC Mark Determined?**



# **Australian Tertiary Admission Rank**



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#### The Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR):

- is for students wishing to gain a place at a university
- is a rank NOT a mark
- provides information about how a student performs overall in relation to other students



### **Other Considerations**

- What do I want for my future?
- What 'pathway' best suits me?
- Ask for advice from:
  - teachers
  - parents
  - Year adviser
  - careers adviser