

WAUCHOPE HIGH SCHOOL

SENIOR STUDIES

GUIDE

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Information for students in Year 10 on senior years and course selection



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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Congratulations on reaching this point in your high school journey.

As the culmination of 13 years of schooling, Years 11 and 12 can be a challenging, exciting and rewarding pathway. During this time, students will make the transition from the relatively secure and comfortable school environment to the wider community.

As a student in senior years, there are certain privileges provided at Wauchope High School, as well as increased responsibility and the expectation of leadership, by acting as an exemplary role model for all students.

To succeed at a high level, students in Years 11 and 12 must either have, or quickly develop, independent learning skills. These include setting and achieving goals, as well as time management to organise study and other personal pursuits.

To ensure that your decisions regarding course selections are appropriate and you are able to gain the most from your Year 11 and 12 studies, it is important that you:

- carefully read the information provided in the Subject Selection Guide, so you know what courses are available,
- participate fully in all aspects of the subject selection process, so you can learn about the courses in which you are interested, and
- actively seek help from your parents, careers advisor, year advisor and teachers so that you can choose subjects that will be beneficial for your future study or career pathway.

At Wauchope High School, you have the opportunity to engage in a broad, rigorous curriculum to suit your individual needs and which supports your future aspirations.

All staff at Wauchope High School are committed and dedicated to assisting students in working towards their goals, by guiding them in the decision-making processes, establishing effective study patterns, completing administrative duties and cultivating examination techniques to ensure success in the Higher School Certificate.



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HSC Minimum Standard

NSW Education Standards Authority



Reading, writing and numeracy — skills for everyday life



The HSC minimum standard has been introduced to ensure students have the reading, writing and numeracy skills needed for everyday life, work and further study.

What this means for students

Students need to meet the HSC minimum standard to receive the HSC. To show they meet this standard, students need to achieve Level 3 in short online reading, writing and numeracy tests. Schools will help students to decide when they are ready to take each test. Students get two chances a year to sit each test, from Year 10 up to five years after starting their first HSC course.

Only students who meet the HSC minimum standard will receive an HSC testamur.

Provisions and exemptions

Students do not need to meet the HSC minimum standard to:

- study HSC courses
- sit HSC exams
- receive HSC assessment and exam results
- receive an ATAR
- receive a Record of School Achievement.

Provisions are available for some students with disability. Some students with a disability studying Life Skills courses may also be exempt from meeting the minimum standard to receive their HSC testamur.

Find out more at educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/HSCminimumstandard



HSC Minimum Standard

What is the HSC minimum standard?

NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) has implemented the HSC minimum standard to help ensure that students have the key literacy and numeracy skills for life after school. Students in New South Wales will need to demonstrate a minimum standard of literacy and numeracy to receive the HSC credential in 2026. These skills are essential for everyday tasks and learning after school such as writing a letter for a job application or understanding a mobile phone plan. The standard is assessed through online tests across three areas: reading, writing and numeracy. The minimum standard online tests are 45 minutes long and include a multiple choice reading test, a multiple choice numeracy test and a short writing test based on a choice between a visual or written prompt. Examples of the tests are available on the NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) website. Students who do not meet the HSC minimum standard can still:

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

There are no pre-requisites for choosing subjects for Stage 6. Students do not need to achieve the minimum standard to choose a subject they will study in Stage 6 only.

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

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

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

Further information NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) <https://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/11-12/hsc/hsc-minimum-standard>.

SENIOR STUDIES AND THE HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATE

The Higher School Certificate and the NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA)

The Higher School Certificate (HSC) is the highest educational award in NSW schools. Your child will receive their HSC once they have successfully completed Year 11 and Year 12 (Stage 6) and satisfy all HSC course requirements.

If your child does not complete the HSC, they may still be eligible to receive a Record of School Achievement (RoSA).

On 1 January 2018, the NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) replaced the Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards NSW (BOSTES). The Board of NESA (the Board) is responsible for the Higher School Certificate in NSW. HSC students will receive a copy of the [HSC Rules and Procedures Guide](#) when they start their HSC study, outlining important information about HSC enrolment, assessment, examinations and results. Further information is available from your school or on the NESA website:

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

To be eligible for the HSC you must have:

- ◆ Satisfactorily completed Stage 5 requirements, RoSA or gained other qualifications NESA considers satisfactory
- ◆ Attended a government school, an accredited non-government school, a school outside NSW recognised by NESA, or a TAFE college
- ◆ Satisfactorily completed courses that comprise the pattern of study required by NESA for the award of the Higher School Certificate. You will be considered to have satisfactorily completed a course if you have met the following course completion criteria:
- ◆ Followed the course developed or endorsed by NESA
- ◆ Applied yourself with diligence and sustained effort to the set tasks and experiences provided in the course by the school
- ◆ Achieved some or all of the course outcomes.

For courses where school assessment marks are submitted, students must make a genuine attempt at assessment tasks, and have sat for and made a serious and genuine attempt at the required HSC examinations.

Students will need to meet a minimum standard of literacy and numeracy to receive your Higher School Certificate. (See page 4 *HSC Minimum Standards*)

All students (except those entered only for Stage 6 Life Skills courses) are required to have satisfactorily completed the *HSC: All My Own Work* program or its equivalent.

Preliminary courses are those usually taken in Year 11 and do not have an external examination. HSC courses are usually taken in Year 12 and mostly end with an HSC examination. You must complete the year 11 Preliminary Course before undertaking the Year 12 HSC Course in that subject. In some circumstances both the Preliminary and HSC components of a course may be studied in one year. Vocational Education and Training (VET) courses are not classified as Preliminary or HSC and may be studied in either or both years. The HSC examination in VET courses covers two years of coursework.

Pattern of Study

To qualify for the Higher School Certificate, you must satisfactorily complete

- ◆ a Year 11 pattern of study comprising at least 12 units (generally 6 subjects) and
- ◆ an Year 12 pattern of study comprising at least 10 units .

Both patterns must include:

- ◆ at least 2 units of a Board Developed Course in English.
- ◆ at least three courses of 2-unit value or greater (either Board Developed or Board Endorsed Courses)

Selecting Courses for the Higher School Certificate

You should use the following strategies when making your choice of courses - **need, interest, ability** and **opportunities**:

1. **Need:** Select courses which are necessary (i.e. prerequisite, assumed knowledge, recommended) for your chosen career/tertiary course, provided you are reasonably sure about what you wish to do and have the ability to obtain a satisfactory result in this course.
2. **Interest:** Select courses in which you are interested. If you are interested in a given course, there is some probability that you will be interested in a career/tertiary course related to this course. Students should not select courses based on their friends' choices.
3. **Ability:** Select courses in which you will succeed. There is no point studying a course which is too challenging for you only because it is a prerequisite. If you find it too difficult at school you are unlikely to be able to manage a similar course at a tertiary level. It may be wise for you to re-think your career goals. Individual interviews will be held prior to final selections to assist you in this process.
4. **Opportunities:** If possible, always try to select courses which will keep your options open, particularly if you are unsure about your future career/course direction. Draw up your plan for your pattern of studies for both the Year 11 course and Year 12 course.

When making decisions about courses it is best to think of a 'bundle' of courses from which you can then select once the lines have been established.

Note: Not all courses initially offered may be able to run. Student numbers and timetable factors will determine which courses will operate.

Types of courses

Most courses offered for the Higher School Certificate have a 2 unit Year 11 and a 2 unit Year 12 component. Each 2 unit course requires approximately 120 hours per year, or 4 hours per week, of classroom study.

In Year 11 Extension 1 courses are available in English and Mathematics. In Year 12 Extension courses are available in English, History, Mathematics, Science and most VET (Vocational Education and Training) courses. There are two main types of courses:

Board Developed Courses

The Board of the NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) develops a syllabus specifying aims, objectives, outcomes, structure and content for these courses. Most Board Developed HSC courses, including the VET Framework courses, may contribute to the calculation of the Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank (ATAR). Most Board Developed Courses at Wauchope High School are delivered at school. Automotive, Electrotechnology, Financial Services, Human Services and Tourism, Travel and Events are delivered by external providers ie TAFE.

Life Skills courses are Board Developed Courses that are specially designed to meet the needs of students within the context of an individual transition-planning process. They are not examined externally and do not contribute to an ATAR.

Board Endorsed Courses

There are two types of Board Endorsed Courses: Content Endorsed and locally developed. The Board Endorsed Courses available at Wauchope High School are primarily Content Endorsed Courses that have syllabuses endorsed by the NESA Board to cater for areas of special interest. Some courses are locally designed and have been approved by the Board.

All Board Endorsed Courses count towards the Higher School Certificate and are listed on the Record of Achievement. However, Board Endorsed Courses do not count towards calculation of the ATAR, as there is no external examination and assessment is school based. There are several Board Endorsed Courses delivered by Wauchope High School and by external providers eg. TAFE NSW.

Why Course Choice is Important

If you wish to undertake Tertiary Study - (University or TAFE)

- ◆ Some tertiary courses require you to have studied certain HSC courses. These are called prerequisite courses.
- ◆ Particular school courses are often listed as assumed knowledge by a University. This means that the institution will proceed with the assumption that you have studied this HSC course, although it does not require it. You may find tertiary courses very difficult if you have not studied the assumed knowledge.
- ◆ Other courses, whilst not being prerequisites or assumed knowledge, may be recommended as good preparation for a course of study.
- ◆ The ATAR is based on your best 10 Units of Board Developed Courses. One of your aims will therefore be to maximise your marks, and your choice of courses may play a part in this strategy.
- ◆ Be aware that some courses for example Business Studies, Food Technology, Mathematics, English, Hospitality, Textiles and Design and Computing Studies can be used to gain Credit Transfer in certain EVET courses. Students are advised to carefully investigate this aspect with teachers or the Careers Adviser/VET Coordinator/Deputy Principal.

If You Wish to Enter the Workforce after Leaving School

- ◆ The courses you choose may affect the career direction you are able to take.
- ◆ The courses studied may influence an employer in the selection of applicants for a job vacancy.

ATAR - Australian Tertiary Admission Rank

Generally one in three students will gain entrance to university in the two years following the Higher School Certificate. Most of these students will be selected for university entrance using the ATAR. Some students may gain entrance to university through early admission schemes.

The sole purpose of the ATAR is to assist universities in selecting students for entry into their courses in the first two years beyond the Higher School Certificate. If a student does not wish to enter university in the first two years of completing the Higher School Certificate, there is no need to gain an ATAR.

To be eligible for an ATAR you must satisfactorily complete at least 10 units of ATAR courses. These ATAR courses must include at least

- ◆ ten units from Board Developed courses
- ◆ Including minimum two units of English
- ◆ four subjects.

Students considering university entrance at the conclusion of Year 12 should consult with the University Entry Requirements Booklet produced by the University Admission Centre (UAC) and their Careers Adviser.

Further Information can be accessed at the Universities Admissions Centre website:

<http://www.uac.edu.au>

ATAR or non ATAR

Tertiary Candidates - ATAR

1. Find out where you can undertake the tertiary courses in which you are interested, the prerequisites and assumed knowledge that apply to each course, as well as the Australian Tertiary Admission Rank needed for acceptance in courses over the previous couple of years.

To do this, you can use:

- a. UAC Students Information Guide
 - b. Tertiary institution handbooks
 - c. TAFE handbook
 - d. HSC/TAFE Credit Transfer
 - e. Previous year's ATAR 'Cut Offs' (a guide only)
 - f. Resources in the Careers Centre at school
2. Discuss course content and your potential in this subject with course teachers.
 3. Talk to your Careers Adviser, VET Coordinator, teachers and parents/carers.

Most importantly, attend the Year 10 into 11 information evening before you make your final subject choices

Non-Tertiary Candidates - non ATAR

Examine which courses are relevant to the career/s you are considering.

1. Investigate the employment opportunities in your chosen career or industry
2. Will employers look at your ATAR (if you are eligible) despite the fact that you will not be attending a tertiary institution?
3. Consider Board Endorsed Courses that will suit your Career path/s
To do 1, 2 or 3 you can
 - a. Refer to the current 'Job Guide'
 - b. Visit Centrelink for labour market information
 - c. Consult with employers and employer organisations
4. Discuss course content and your potential in this subject with course teachers
5. Attend the Course Information Sessions conducted by various faculties at school
6. Talk to your Careers Adviser, VET Coordinator, teachers and parents / carers
7. Most importantly, attend the Yr 10-11 Subject Selection Information Evening before you make your final subject choices

Assessment and Reporting

At the commencement of both the Year 11 and Year 12 Courses students will be issued with a Senior Assessment Booklet.

The HSC is based on a standards referenced framework. That is, student performance is assessed and reported against standards of achievement established by NESA for each course.

School based assessment tasks constitute 50% of the HSC mark. The other 50% is based on the HSC examination. The HSC mark for 2 unit courses is reported on a scale of 0 to 100. A mark of 50 represents the minimum standard expected. There are five performance bands above 50 that correspond to different levels of achievement in knowledge, skills and understanding. Band 6 corresponds to the highest level of achievement, indicating a range of marks between 90 and 100.

Higher School Certificate Credentials

The Higher School Certificate testamur

The HSC testamur is awarded to students who have fulfilled all eligibility requirements.

The Higher School Certificate Record of Achievement

An HSC Record of Achievement is issued to students who satisfactorily complete the requirements for the Higher School Certificate.

The Higher School Certificate Record of Achievement is a cumulative record of all Year 11 and Year 12 courses satisfactorily completed.

Board Developed HSC courses

For Board Developed HSC courses, except Life Skills courses and VET courses, the HSC Record of Achievement shows an examination mark, assessment mark, HSC mark and performance band. For all Board Developed HSC courses the HSC Record of Achievement shows the course name and the year in which it was successfully completed.

(Note: the student's examination mark and assessment mark are averaged to create the HSC mark (rounded if necessary). It is the HSC mark that determines the performance band to which the student's result is allocated.)

For all Board Developed Year 11 courses (except Life Skills courses and VET courses) the HSC Record of Achievement shows the course, the year in which it was satisfactorily completed and the grade awarded.

VET Industry Curriculum Frameworks Courses

For students who undertake a VET Industry Curriculum Framework Course, the course is reported without a mark and with the notation Refer to Vocational Documentation.

The examination in a 240-hour VET Industry Curriculum Framework course is reported with a mark in the columns headed Examination Mark and HSC Mark. A performance band is also reported.

Board Endorsed Courses (including Content Endorsed Courses)

For Board Endorsed Year 12 courses, except VET courses and Life Skills courses, the HSC Record of Achievement shows a school assessment mark. For these courses, schools submit marks that are aligned to a generic performance scale.

For Board Endorsed Year 11 courses, except VET courses and Life Skills courses, the HSC Record of Achievement shows the grade awarded.

VET Board Endorsed Courses

The VET Board Endorsed Courses are reported without a mark.

Life Skills courses

Students who are undertaking one or more Life Skills courses for the Higher School Certificate receive an HSC Record of Achievement listing any Board Developed and Board Endorsed Courses satisfactorily completed, including Life Skills courses. The Life Skills courses are reported without a mark and with the notation 'Refer to Profile of Student Achievement'.

Vocational documentation

1. A Certificate is awarded to students in VET courses who have fulfilled the requirements of an Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) VET qualification. A Transcript of Competencies Achieved listing all units of competency satisfactorily achieved accompanies the Certificate.
2. Students who have achieved partial completion of an AQF VET qualification will receive a Statement of Attainment, which lists all units of competency achieved towards the qualification. These documents are issued by NESA on behalf of the school system's Registered Training Organisations (RTOs). In the case of TAFE - delivered courses or courses delivered by a private provider (a non-systems RTO), the statement is issued by the TAFE or the RTO. The qualification is recognised within the AQF.

The HSC Course Reports

Wauchope High School teaching staff report twice a year to parents on their child's progress for both the Year 11 and Year 12 courses.

Record of School Achievement (RoSA)

The NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) issues the Record of School Achievement (RoSA) to eligible students who leave school before completing the Higher School Certificate (HSC).

The RoSA is a cumulative credential, meaning it contains a student's record of academic achievement up until the date they leave school. This could be between the end of Year 10 up until and including some results from Year 12.

The RoSA records completed Stage 5 (Year 10) and Preliminary Stage 6 (Year 11) courses and grades, HSC (Year 12) results, and where applicable participation in any uncompleted Year 11 courses or Year 12 courses.

The RoSA is useful to students leaving school prior to the HSC because they can show it to potential employers or places of further learning.

The RoSA is also available to students who, from 2020, have not demonstrated the [HSC minimum standard](#) to receive their HSC.

Who can assist you and where to go for help

Principal and Deputy Principals will give overall requirements for the Higher School Certificate and ATAR, a sound pattern of study, as well as information on course options at each campus.

Course Teachers and Faculty Head Teachers can advise on levels, course content and course requirements in terms of examinations, assessments, practical work and your potential in this subject.

Senior Preparation Teacher/Careers Adviser/VET Coordinator can help with information on requirements for tertiary study and employment, on the relationship of school study with the 'world of work', the EVET courses available, as well as give general assistance in decision making.

Senior Preparation Teacher: Lauren Hinshelwood **Careers Adviser:** Karina Ostler and **VET Coordinator:** David Starr.

Year Adviser can provide overall support and direction.

Parents can help by giving positive support and listening. If parents need more information they can contact the school and arrange an appointment with a relevant teacher, Head Teacher or Careers Adviser.

NESA Liaison Officer and Department of Education VET Consultant:

NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) Liaison Officer, North Coast Region is Heidi O'Brien on 0428660126. The Regional Vocational Education (VET) Consultant at District Office can be contacted on 6586 6900.

Websites

Families with access to the internet at home, or students at school can access the NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) <http://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/home> website and the Department of Education <http://www.dec.nsw.gov.au/> website for further information. These sites are updated regularly and contain information about specific courses.

University Entry Requirements Year 10 Booklet produced by University Admission Centre (UAC) www.uac.edu.au

Higher School Certificate Options

It is possible for students to accumulate their HSC over a period of no more than five years. The five year period will commence in the first year a student attempts an Year 12 examination or completes a Year 12 VET course. Students considering this alternative pattern of study MUST first seek advice from their Deputy Principal.

Acceleration

Students may undertake Year 11 or Year 12 courses in advance of their cohort. The school principal will make a decision about acceleration. Students who are accelerated may be able to undertake additional units for the HSC or undertake further study with external providers eg TAFE NSW while still at school.

Life Skills Courses

Life Skills courses are generally for students with an intellectual disability who cannot access the regular outcomes of Board Developed or Board Endorsed Courses despite adjustments being made.

In general, students who enrol in Life Skills subjects would have completed at least 4 Life Skills courses in Stage 5 (Years 9 & 10). Each Stage 6 Life Skills course comprises a 2 unit Year 11 and a 2 unit Year 12 course.

There are no Life Skills Higher School Certificate HSC examinations.

Additional information is also available on the NESA website at:

<http://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/11-12/Diversity-in-learning/stage-6-special-education/life-skills>

Vocational Education and Training (VET)

Students entering Years 11 & 12 at Wauchope High School are able to undertake Vocational Education and Training (VET) courses with the opportunity to apply skills learned in the classroom to the workplace and gain nationally recognised qualifications as part of, and in addition to, their Higher School Certificate.

Vocational Education and Training (VET) courses teach industry specific skills relevant to future study and employment. These courses are competency based and allow students to gain both HSC qualifications and Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) accreditation. AQF qualifications are recognised by industry and employers throughout Australia and give students advanced standing and credit transfer in related study at TAFE NSW and other Registered Training Organisations. A work placement component is a compulsory part of all VET Framework courses.

There are thirteen Board Developed VET courses that are based on Industry Training Packages. Students must study the 240 hour course and undertake the optional written examination to have the course contribute to their ATAR calculation.

Why Choose a VET Course?

Students may choose a VET course or courses for a number of reasons. VET courses:

- ◆ Are for everybody irrespective of whether students intend transitioning to university or further training or the workforce. The skills that are learned will benefit you in any career.
- ◆ Enable students to commence on a career path in which they are interested for example Construction, Entertainment, Hospitality, Metal and Engineering, Primary Industries and Information and Digital Technology. Students will have a significant advantage when applying for employment, especially with nationally recognised qualifications.
- ◆ Help students obtain full time work after leaving school (or if a job was offered before completing Year 12) and may help in obtaining part-time work whilst studying at university, college or TAFE.

School delivered VET Courses (SVET)

School VET courses include Construction, Entertainment, Hospitality, Metal and Engineering and Primary Industries.

SVET courses

- ◆ Are available in year 11 & 12 as part of the HSC
- ◆ Provide nationally recognised qualifications
- ◆ May contribute to an ATAR
- ◆ Are taught by teachers at school
- ◆ Are designed for all students
- ◆ Enable students to gain/develop work related skills and increase opportunities for employment
- ◆ Are offered in a variety of industry areas.

All courses count towards the HSC and may also count towards an ATAR if the student chooses to complete the final external examination. Many courses also have a specialisation study in the Year 12 for further training.

Optional HSC Specialisation Courses in VET

- ◆ Cookery - 120 Specialisation available
- ◆ Hospitality - 120 hours Specialisation available
- ◆ Primary Industries - 120 hours Specialisation available

See each course description for more details about all specialisation courses.

Hospitality, Cookery, Primary Industries are delivered utilising the Wauchope High School Trade Training Centre facilities located at school.

Work Placement

School delivered VET courses complete mandatory work placement for 35 hours in the Year 11 and Year 12 years. This involves students being at a workplace for the whole day. Students must undertake to complete missed school lessons whilst attending work placement.

School-based Apprenticeships and Traineeships (SBATS)

School-based traineeships combine school training and paid work. Students gain three qualifications:

- ◆ A nationally recognised vocational qualification
- ◆ A Certificate of Proficiency on satisfactory completion of the traineeship
- ◆ Credit towards the Higher School Certificate

The School Based Apprenticeship and Traineeship Programs provide students with the opportunity to include a recognised VET qualification within their HSC and to combine this with paid work.

- ◆ School based apprentices and trainees must complete formal training that is delivered by a Registered Training Organisation (RTO). The formal training must meet the requirements of the relevant Vocational Training Order (VTO) for that apprenticeship or traineeship vocation, and leads to a nationally recognised qualification. The formal training component of School Based Apprenticeships and Traineeships will contribute unit credit to the HSC.
- ◆ School based apprentices and trainees must undertake a minimum of 100 days on-the-job training by completion of HSC examination period. The number of days required is specific to the type of SBAT being completed. This on-the-job training must be in the form of paid employment as an apprentice or trainee under an appropriate industrial arrangement.

School Based Apprentices are required to:

- ◆ Enter into a Training Contract for a nominal duration of generally five years – two years part-time followed by three years full-time post the HSC
- ◆ Undertake a minimum requirement of 100 days of paid employment by the conclusion of HSC examinations
- ◆ Enrol in a Certificate III AQF qualification level as specified in the Vocational Training Order (VTO)

School Based Trainees are required to:

- ◆ Enter into a Training Contract for a term of sufficient duration to allow them to complete their formal training requirements for the HSC as well as the minimum requirement of 100 days of paid employment by the conclusion of the HSC examination period. The minimum term for a school based traineeship is 18 months
- ◆ Enrol in a minimum Certificate II AQF qualification level as specified in the Vocational Training Order (VTO).

Becoming a School Based Apprentice or Trainee

- ◆ Students must first find an employer interested in hiring them as a school based apprentice or trainee. Once an offer of employment has been made, students must contact their School Based Apprenticeship and Traineeship Contact Person - VET Coordinator or Careers Adviser.
- ◆ The School Based Apprenticeship and Traineeship contact person will then commence the process to seek approval to establish a School Based Apprenticeship or Traineeship.

More Information

- ◆ Students seeking more information regarding SBATs should contact their campus Careers Adviser/VET coordinator
- ◆ The following website is a key source of information regarding SBATs:

www.sbatnsw.info

- ◆ Other useful sites:

<http://www.gtana.com.au>

<https://www.training.nsw.gov.au/>

<http://www.najobpathways.com.au/>

<http://www.aatinfo.com.au/>

<http://www.australianapprenticeships.gov.au/>



North Coast Institute of TAFE and Externally Delivered VET Courses (EVET)

The students of Wauchope High School have access to over 30 TAFE delivered Vocational and Educational Training courses allowing for greater student choice. The college has developed an effective partnership with TAFE that allows access to facilities and staff to enhance the delivery of college based courses.

Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) Courses available at TAFE: Automotive, Electrotechnology, Financial Services, Human Services and Tourism, Travel and Events.

These courses consist of established TAFE courses and are delivered by TAFE teachers at a College of TAFE, some outside normal school hours. They provide accreditation toward relevant TAFE awards as well as the HSC. They are vocationally oriented and will complement vocational type packages students wish to follow.

External VET Provision (EVET)

NSW schools participating in the Externally Delivered VET program (EVET) are able to offer students from years 9-12 a range of VET courses developed or endorsed by the NSW Education Standards Authority and delivered by training organisations external to the school.

To broaden the range of VET courses available to school students the NSW Government has an approved panel of quality Registered Training Organisations to deliver a wide range of (NESA) endorsed VET courses.

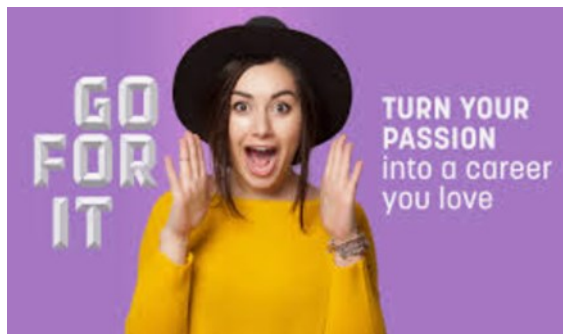
All courses contribute to the Year 11 and Year 12 units of study, as well as lead to the award of a nationally recognised VET qualification promoting school to work opportunities.

Students need to talk to their school EVET co-ordinator regarding these courses and what mode of delivery is available relevant to their specific location.

Expressions of interest for an EVET course must be made through the student's school.

More information can be found at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/career-and-study-pathways/skills-at-school/evet-courses-stage-6>

See the Careers Adviser or VET Coordinator for more information.



Please Note: Students enrolling in all external provider courses eg TAFE must be prepared to attend the TAFE campus and organise their own transport to and from school. Students at TAFE must remember that they are studying in an adult environment and are expected to maintain appropriate standards on campus and in the classroom.

Summary of courses offered at Wauchope High School

Board Developed Courses

These are courses for which the Board of the NSW Educational Standards Authority (NESA) develops a syllabus setting out the aims, objectives, outcomes, structure and content.

To be eligible for the HSC students must select at least 6 units from Board Developed Courses, including 2 units of English.

Board Developed Courses are all delivered at school.

Board Developed HSC Courses contribute to the calculation of the ATAR.

Board Developed Courses 2 unit ATAR
Agriculture
Ancient History
Biology
Business Studies
Chemistry
Community and Family Studies
Drama
English Advanced
English Standard
English Extension 1 (1 unit)
Health and Movement Science
Industrial Technology - Metal
Legal Studies
Mathematics Advanced
Mathematics Standard
<small>For Year 12 Mathematics Standard 2 Mathematics Standard 1</small>
Mathematics Extension 1 (1 unit)
Modern History
Music 1
Physics
Software Design & Development
Visual Arts

Board Developed Courses VET School Delivered (SVET) 2 unit
VET Cookery
VET Primary Industries
VET Hospitality

Content Endorsed Courses 2 unit non-ATAR
Sport, Lifestyle and Recreation Studies
Work Studies

Externally Delivered Courses - EVET
Information on the Externally Delivered Courses can be obtained from the careers advisor.

HSC Courses

Board Developed Courses Category A 1 unit ATAR Year 12 course only - please note specific prerequisites
Mathematics Extension 2
English Extension 2
History Extension
Science Extension

The course descriptions that follow are intended as a guide to help you select your subjects.

Classes can only be formed where sufficient students select the particular course.

The listing of a course here is not a guarantee that the course will proceed in a particular year.

Agriculture

2 Units in each of Year 11 Course and Year 12 Course

Board Developed Course

Major Project: No

Fees: Nil



What will I be doing in this course?

The Agriculture course is designed to increase student understanding and capabilities in a continuum from the farm level through to the international markets in which agricultural commodities are traded.

As it includes the study of a farm and agricultural product of particular interest to the student the relevance of the course is enhanced.

The course is made up of four main components:

- ◆ Overview of Australian Agriculture
- ◆ The Farm Case Study
- ◆ Plant Production
- ◆ Animal Production

Students will complete one option topic from the following areas:

- ◆ Agri-food, Fibre and Fuel Technologies
- ◆ Climate Challenge
- ◆ Farming for the 21st Century

Agriculture Stage 6 is designed to develop students' knowledge and understanding about the production and marketing of both animal and plant products.

Students should also develop the associated skills and responsible attitudes that are necessary to manage and market these products in a sustainable manner.

How will this course help me in the future?

The study of Agriculture Stage 6 provides students with knowledge, understanding and skills that form a valuable foundation for a range of courses at university and other tertiary institutions, including Veterinary Science,

Agricultural Economics, Agricultural Marketing, Rural Science, Agronomy, as well as animal & plant research and food processing industries.

In addition, the study of Agriculture Stage 6 assists students to gain recognition in vocational education and training.

Ancient History

2 Units in each of the Year 11 Course and the Year 12 Course

Board Developed Course

Major Project: No

Fees: Nil



What will I be doing in this course?

Year 11 Course

The Year 11 course is structured for students to investigate:

People, groups, events, institutions, societies and historical sites from the ancient world.

Archaeological and written evidence and the methods used by historians and archaeologists.

It covers:

- **Part I: Investigating Ancient History:** Topics may include Preserved Human Remains, Preservation and reconstruction of ancient sites, Persepolis, Roman, Britain and the Celts.
- **Part II: Features of Ancient Societies:** Topics include Weapons and Warfare in the Ancient World.
- **Part III: Historical Investigation:** Students undertake a study in an area of interest to them.

Year 12 Course

Students use archaeological and written evidence to investigate a Personality, an Ancient Society and a Historical Period, as well as a Compulsory study.

It requires study of at least two of the following civilisations: Egypt, Near East, Greece and Rome.

- **Part I: Compulsory Study:** Cities of Vesuvius -Pompeii and Herculaneum
- **Part II: One Ancient Society**
- **Part III: One Personality in Their Times**
- **Part IV: One Historical Period**

How will this course help me in the future?

Skills developed in the study of Ancient History are useful in a range of courses studied at university and TAFE NSW, as well as in the workforce and everyday life. They are particularly applicable to law, teaching, medicine, travel and tourism, librarianship, communications, social work and journalism.

Biology

2 Units in each of the Year 11 course and the Year 12 course

Board Developed Course

Depth Study: Yes. Minimum 15 hours

Fees: Nil



Biology explores the diversity of life from a molecular to a biological systems level. The course examines the interactions between living things and the environments in which they live. It explores the application of biology and its significance in finding solutions to health and sustainability issues in a changing world.

What will I be doing in this course?

Students will develop skills in applying the processes of Working Scientifically. They develop positive, informed values and attitudes towards biology, recognise the importance and relevance of biology in their lives, the influence of economic, political and societal impacts on the development of scientific knowledge and develop an appreciation of the influence of imagination and creativity in scientific research.

Year 11 students develop knowledge and understanding of the structure and function of organisms, and of the earth's biodiversity and the effect of evolution.

Year 12 students develop knowledge and understanding of heredity and genetic technologies, and of the effects of disease and disorders.

How will this course help me in the future?

The study of biology, which is often undertaken in interdisciplinary teams, complements the study of other Science disciplines and other STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) related courses. Through the analysis of qualitative and quantitative data, students are encouraged to solve problems and apply knowledge of biological interactions that relate to a variety of fields. The course provides the foundation knowledge and skills required to study biology after completing school, and supports participation in a range of careers in biology and related interdisciplinary industries. It is a fundamental discipline that focuses on personal and public health and sustainability issues, and promotes an appreciation for the diversity of life on the Earth and its habitats.

Students intending to study any of the Health Sciences, Veterinary Science, Medicine, Agriculture, Forestry or Environmental Science are strongly advised to study Biology

Business Studies

2 Units in each of the Year 11 course and the Year 12 course

Board Developed Course

Major Project: No

Fees: Nil



What will I be doing in this course?

Business Studies investigates the role, operation and management of businesses within our society. Factors in the running, growth and success of a small business are integral to this course.

Students develop research and independent learning skills in addition to analytical and problem solving competencies through their research projects.

In the Year 11 Course students study:

- ◆ Nature of Business
- ◆ Business Management
- ◆ Business Planning

The Year 12 Course covers:

- ◆ Operations
- ◆ Marketing
- ◆ Finance
- ◆ Human Resources

How will this course help me in the future?

By completing this course students will develop general and specific skills, including research, analysis, problem-solving, decision-making, critical thinking and communication. These skills enhance their confidence and ability to participate effectively, not only as members of the business world, but also as citizens dealing with issues emanating from business activity.

The study of Business Studies provides students with knowledge, understanding and skills that form a valuable foundation for a range of courses at university and TAFE NSW, as well as in the workforce and everyday life. Business Studies helps to prepare students for employment and full and active participation as citizens.

Chemistry

2 Units in each of the Year 11 course and the Year 12 course

Board Developed Course

Depth Study: Yes. Minimum 15 hours

Fees: Nil

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



What will I be doing in this course?

Students will develop skills in applying the processes of Working Scientifically. They develop positive, informed values and attitudes towards chemistry, recognise the importance and relevance of chemistry in their lives, the influence of economic, political and societal impacts on the development of scientific knowledge and develop an appreciation of the influence of imagination and creativity in scientific research.

Year 11 students develop knowledge and understanding of the fundamentals of chemistry and of the trends and driving forces in chemical interactions

Year 12 students develop knowledge and understanding of equilibrium and acid reactions, and of the applications of chemistry.

How will this course help me in the future?

The study of Chemistry provides a basis for undertaking investigations in a wide range of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) related fields. A knowledge and understanding of chemistry is often the unifying link between interdisciplinary studies.

The course provides the foundation knowledge and skills required to study chemistry after completing school, and supports participation in a range of careers in chemistry and related interdisciplinary industries. It is an essential discipline that currently addresses and will continue to address our energy needs and uses, the development of new materials, and sustainability issues as they arise.

It is especially appropriate for students interested in Pharmacy, Engineering, Biochemistry, Biotechnology, Environmental Science, Food Science, Metallurgy, Agriculture, Medicine or any of the Health Sciences.

Community and Family Studies

2 Units in each of the Year 11 course and the Year 12 course

Board Developed Course

Major Project: Yes

Fees: Nil



What will I be doing in this course?

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

The Year 11 course covers:

- ◆ Resource Management - basic concepts of the resource management process
- ◆ Individuals and Groups - the individual's roles, relationships and tasks within groups
- ◆ Families and Communities - family structures and functions and the interaction between family and community

The Year 12 course covers:

- ◆ Research Methodology - culminating in the production of an Independent Research Project
- ◆ Groups in Context - the characteristics and needs of specific community groups
- ◆ Parenting and Caring - issues facing individuals and groups who adopt roles of parenting and caring in contemporary society and
- ◆ one of the following HSC Option modules: Family and Societal Interactions, Social Impact of Technology and Individuals and Work

Students are required to complete an Independent Research Project as part of the HSC internal assessment. This major project will have a focus that must be related to the course content of one or more of the following areas: individuals, groups, families, communities or resource management.

How will this course help me in the future?

This course develops skills and understanding that are relevant to life after school. It helps students to set goals and make decisions about themselves, their families and the community.

It is relevant to a wide range of further studies at both TAFE and university and has particular application in careers such as Business Management, Human Resource Management, Teaching, Social Work, Nursing, Counselling and Marketing.

Drama

2 Units in each of the Year 11 course and the Year 12 course

Board Developed Course

Major Project: Yes

Fees: Nil



What will I be doing in this course?

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

The Year 11 course covers:

- ◆ Improvisation, Play building, Acting
- ◆ Elements of Production in Performance
- ◆ Theatrical Traditions and Performance Styles

The Year 12 Course involves theoretical study through:

- ◆ Practical workshops exploring theme, issues, styles and movement
- ◆ Australian Drama and Theatre
- ◆ Studies in Drama and Theatre
- ◆ The Group Performance (3 - 6 students) involves creating a piece of original theatre (8 to 12 minutes duration). It provides an opportunity for each student to demonstrate his or her performance skills.
- ◆ The Individual Project where students demonstrate their expertise in a particular area. They choose one project from:
 - ◆ Critical Analysis, Design (costume design, set design, promotion and program, lighting design), Performance, Script-writing, Video Drama
- ◆ 1 ½ hour written HSC exam

This course will provide students with knowledge and skills to:

- ◆ Make and perform different styles of drama
- ◆ Critically study drama and theatre in written form
- ◆ Work both independently and with others in teams to plan and organise activities
- ◆ Solve problems
- ◆ Collect, analyse and organise information and communicate ideas and information

How will this course help me in the future?

Students who wish to pursue a career in theatre or the entertainment industry, public relations and media communications education can gain relevant skills and experience through this course.

English Advanced

2 Units in each of the Year 11 course and the Year 12 course

Board Developed Course

Major Project: No

Fees: Nil



What will I be doing in this course?

Students examine the ways that events, experiences, ideas, values and processes are

represented in and through texts and analyse the ways texts reflect different values and attitudes. They analyse and evaluate texts and the ways they are valued in their contexts.

The Year 11 course has two sections: content common to Standard and Advanced through a unit of work called and Reading to Write; and two electives.

It requires:

- ◆ Study of Australian and other texts
- ◆ Exploration of a range of types of text drawn from prose fiction, drama, poetry, non-fiction, film or media or multimedia texts, including wide reading
- ◆ Integrating the modes of reading, writing, listening, speaking, and viewing and representing as appropriate
- ◆ Engaging in the integrated study of language and text

The Year 12 course has two sections:

1. Common content consists of a module common to both Standard and Advanced courses
2. Modules which emphasise particular aspects of shaping meaning and representation, questions of textual integrity, and ways in which texts are valued

It requires:

- ◆ The close study of at least five types of prescribed text, one drawn from some of the following categories: Shakespearean drama; prose fiction; drama or film; poetry; nonfiction or media or multimedia texts
- ◆ A wide range of additional related texts and textual forms

How will this course help me in the future?

Communication is the most basic requirement in modern Australian society in any field of further study, employment or life. This is why English is the only course that is compulsory to study for the HSC. Students who study the Advanced English course will be well equipped for further study of English and related disciplines at university. Success in this demanding course will be a good indicator of success in a large range of courses at university or TAFE NSW.

English Standard

2 Units in each of the Year 11 course and the Year 12 course

Board Developed Course

Major Project: No

Fees: Nil



What will I be doing in this course?

Students explore the ways events, experiences, ideas and processes are represented in and through texts. They reflect on and demonstrate the effectiveness of texts for different audiences and purposes.

The Year 11 Course has two sections: Reading to Write which is common to the Standard and Advanced courses, and two electives.

It requires:

- ◆ Study of Australian and other texts
- ◆ Exploration of a range of types of text drawn from prose fiction, drama, poetry, non-fiction, film or media or multimedia texts
- ◆ A wide reading program involving texts and textual forms composed in and for a wide variety of contexts
- ◆ Integrating the modes of reading, writing, listening, speaking, viewing and representing as appropriate
- ◆ Engaging in the integrated study of language and text

The Year 12 Course has two sections: content common to the Standard and Advanced courses, and Modules, which provide elective choices. It requires:

- ◆ The close study of at least four types of prescribed text, one drawn from each of the following categories: prose fiction; drama or poetry; non-fiction or film or media or multimedia
- ◆ A wide range of additional related texts and textual forms

How will this course help me in the future?

Communication is the most basic requirement in modern Australian society in any field of further study, employment or life. This is why English is the only course that is compulsory to study for the HSC.

Students who study the Standard English course gain good preparation for further education at TAFE NSW and employment in a wide range of career areas.

Standard English is accepted for entry to all university courses but it is not considered suitable preparation for students who wish to study English at university.

English Extension 1

1 Unit in Year 11 and/or Year 12

Board Developed Courses Prerequisites:

English (Advanced) course

Year 11 English Extension

Course is prerequisite for HSC Extension Course 1

HSC Extension Course 1 is co-requisite for HSC Extension Course 2

Exclusions: English Standard; English ESL, English Studies

Major Project: No

Fees: Nil



What will I be doing in this course?

Students explore how and why texts are valued in and appropriated into a range of contexts. They consider why some texts may be perceived as culturally significant. They explore ideas of value and consider how cultural values and systems of valuation arise.

In the **Year 11 Extension English course**, students evaluate a range of texts from both the past and present. They critically evaluate why these texts are valued and how this has changed over time. Students will complete a research project.

The HSC Extension Course 1 has one section. Students must complete one common module called Literary Worlds and one elective. It requires the study of prescribed texts, as well as a range of other relevant examples.

How will this course help me in the future?

As the course is analytical in nature, students will develop skills that are relevant to all forms of tertiary study. Students wishing to specialise in English or other humanities courses at tertiary level will be well prepared by the Extension English courses.

Health & Movement Science

(replacing the PDHPE course)

2 Units in each of the Year 11 course and the Year 12 course

Board Developed Course

Major Project: No

Fees: Nil

ATAR



What will I be doing this course?

The Year 11 component examines a range of areas that underpin health and physical activity. This includes current thinking about health and physical activity, the management of personal health and basic body movement. Students will participate in a collaborative study based on a selected area from the 2 main units and depth studies of two (2) selected areas.

In the Year 11 course the areas of study are Health for Individuals and communities and The Body and mind in Motion taking 80% of course time including the 2 depth studies.

The collaborative investigation will be 20% of the course time and will involve working as part of an investigative team to construct a collaborative presentation.



In the Year 12 course, the focus is on major issues related to Australia's health status in the Global Community. They also look at Training for Improved Performance. They undertake two depth study areas from a range of choices that will be decided upon as a class from the two focus areas of study.

The Year 12 Course areas of study are: Health in an Australian and global context and Training for improved performance.

How will this course help me in the future?

Undertaking this course will provide foundation studies for those students with a special or vocational interest in human movement, and individual and community health issues. It also will be beneficial for those looking for a career in sport, performance and psychology.

The course would be of great benefit to anyone wishing to take up a career in any of the sport sciences, nursing, coaching or physical education teaching, medicine, exercise physiology, medical sciences, defence forces, personal trainer, nutritionist, psychologist, early childcare, infant primary teaching, psychology and many more.



Industrial Technology - Metal

2 Units in each of the Year 11 course and the Year 12 course

Board Developed Course

Major Project: Yes

Fees: Year 11 \$\$80 plus project materials

Year 12 \$70 plus Major Project at student cost.

ATAR

What will I be doing in this course?

Industrial Technology is primarily a practical based subject however there is a theoretical component that must be completed.

Year 11 Course

Students must design, develop and construct a number of metal based projects (at least one group project). Project must include a management folio. Students also undertake the study of an individual business within the Metal Industry.

HSC Course

Students must design, develop and construct a metal based major project with a management folio. They also undertake a study related to the Metal Industry.

How will this course be assessed?

Students will be required to submit practical projects, portfolios of their work and written assignments.

They will be required to submit a Major work including portfolio documentation of the work undertaken for marking by Board of Studies HSC Markers. This work is submitted in mid August of the HSC year of work.

Students will need to supply safe footwear for working in the practical area.



Legal Studies

2 Units in each of the Year 11 course and the Year 12 course

Board Developed Course

Major Project: No

Fees: Nil

What will I be doing in this course?

The Year 11 course develops students' knowledge and understanding of the nature and functions of law and law-making and the development of the Australian and International legal systems. This is achieved by investigating, analysing and synthesising legal information and investigating legal issues from a variety of perspectives.

The Year 11 Course covers:

- The Legal System
- The Individual and the Law
- The Law in Practice

The Year 12 Course covers:

- Crime
- Human Rights
- Two of the following options: Consumers, Family, Global Environmental Protection, Indigenous Peoples, Shelter, Workplace and World Order

The key themes and challenges incorporated in all topics are:

- ◆ The role of the law in encouraging co-operation and resolving conflict.
- ◆ Issues of compliance and non-compliance with the law.
- ◆ Changes to the law as a response to changing values in the community.
- ◆ The role of law reform in achieving just outcomes.
- ◆ The effectiveness of legal and non-legal responses in achieving just outcomes.

How will this course help me in the future?

Although it would certainly be of benefit if you were to study law at university, this course is designed to prepare you to participate effectively in everyday life. The course is designed to foster intellectual, social and moral development by empowering students to think critically about the role of the law and legal institutions in society. As a consequence of this, Legal Studies will provide students with an understanding of the legal system,

Mathematics Advanced

2 Units in each of the Year 11 course and the Year 12 course

Board Developed Course

Prerequisites:

The Course assumes that students have achieved the outcomes in the stage 5.3 Mathematics course for Year 10.

This course is generally not recommended for students who have studied Stage 5.2 or Stage 5.1.

Exclusions: Mathematics Standard

Major Project: No

Fees: Nil

What will I be doing in this course?

The course is intended to give students an understanding of and competence in further aspects of Mathematics which are applicable to the real world.

Mathematics Advanced is a course based on algebra and calculus. The course has general educational merit and is also useful for concurrent studies in Science and Engineering.

It is a sufficient basis for further studies in Mathematics as a minor discipline at tertiary level in support of courses such as the life Sciences or Engineering.

The course covers:

- ◆ Functions
- ◆ Coordinate Methods in Geometry
- ◆ Trigonometric Functions
- ◆ Logarithmic and Exponential Functions
- ◆ Calculus
- ◆ Statistical Analysis

How will this course help me in the future?

The Mathematics Advanced course provides the minimum basis for entry into university courses requiring Mathematics, including courses in Science, Engineering, Computing, Economics and Business Studies.

Students intending to do tertiary studies should check recommendations for specific courses.



Mathematics Standard

2 Units in each of the Year 11 course and the Year 12 course

Board Developed Course

Standard 2

Prerequisites: The outcomes and content in the Stage 6 Mathematics Standard syllabus are written with the assumption that students studying this course will have engaged with all sub strands of Stage 5.1 and with the following sub strands of Stage 5.2 - Financial Mathematics, Linear and Non-linear Relationships, Right-angled Triangles (Trigonometry), Single Variable Data Analysis and Probability.

Major Project: No

Fees: Nil

What will I be doing in this course?

Students studying Mathematics Standard follow a common Year 11 course, leading to either HSC Mathematics Standard 1 or Standard 2.

Mathematics Standard approaches specific mathematical skills through a range of every day applications that clearly demonstrate the need for, and use of these skills.

The areas of study are:

- ◆ Financial Mathematics
- ◆ Statistical Analysis
- ◆ Measurement
- ◆ Networks
- ◆ Algebra

Please note:

Both Year 12 Standard Courses 1 and 2 are Board Developed Courses. Students studying the Standard 1 course may elect to undertake an optional HSC examination, in which case this may contribute to the student's ATAR.

How will this course help me in the future?

The Mathematics Standard courses provide a strong foundation for vocational pathways, either in the workforce or in further training. In the case of the higher course, Mathematics Standard 2, this includes a strong foundation for university courses in the humanities, nursing and paramedical Sciences.



Mathematics Extension 1

1 unit in Year 11 and 12

Board Developed Course

Prerequisites: The Course assumes that students have achieved a high level of competence in the study of the core and recommended options of Stage 5.3 of Year 10.

Students must concurrently be studying Mathematics Advanced in Years 11 and 12.

Exclusions: Mathematics Standard

Major Project: No

Fees: Nil



What will I be doing in this course?

The content of this course and the depth of treatment indicate that it is intended for students who have demonstrated a mastery of the skills of Stage 5.3 Mathematics and who are interested in further study in this area.

The course aims to give students a thorough understanding of how Algebra and Calculus may be used to solve real world problems.

Major topic areas include:

- ◆ Trigonometric Functions
- ◆ Functions
- ◆ Calculus
- ◆ Combinatorics

How will this course help me in the future?

This course is aimed at students who require substantial Mathematics at a tertiary level.

It is recommended as a minimum basis for further studies in Mathematics as a major discipline at university and for the study of Mathematics in support of the physical and engineering Sciences.

Students wishing to undertake tertiary studies should check recommendations for specific courses.

Modern History

2 Units in each of the Year 11 course and the Year 12 course

Board Developed Course

Major Project: No

Fees: Nil



What will I be doing in this course?

Year 11 Course

The Year 11 course is structured to provide students with opportunities to develop and apply their understanding of methods and issues involved in the investigation of modern History. This includes people, ideas, movements, events and developments.

Students are required to study all three sections of the course

Topic 1: Investigating Modern History. Consists of The Nature of Modern History and Case Studies.

Topic 2: Historical Investigation. You undertake a study in an area of interest. YOU CHOOSE.

Topic 3: The Shaping of the Modern World. An Investigation into the forces and ideas that have shaped the modern world through a study of World War I.

Year 12 Course

The Year 12 course is structured to provide students with opportunities to apply their understanding of sources and relevant historiographical issues in the investigation of the modern world.

Topic 1: Power and Authority in the Modern World 1919–1946. An examination of the Nazi regime.

Topic 2: National Study— Russia and the Soviet Union 1917-1941.

Topic 3: Peace and Conflict. - Conflict in Europe 1935-1945.

Topic 4: Change in the Modern World—The Cultural Revolution to Tiananmen Square 1966–1989 .

How will this course help me in the future?

The study of Modern History engages students in an investigation of the forces that have shaped the world, based on the analysis and interpretation of sources. It offers students the opportunity to investigate the possible motivations and actions of individuals and groups, and how they have shaped the world politically, culturally, economically and socially

The skills learned in this course are especially applicable to law, teaching, communications, social work and journalism.

Music 1

2 Units in each of the Year 11 course and the Year 12 course

Board Developed Course

Prerequisites:

Music mandatory course (or equivalent).

Major Project: Yes

Fees: Nil



What will I be doing in this course?

In the Year 11 and 12 courses students will study the concepts of music through the learning experiences of performance, composition, musicology and aural within the context of a range of styles, periods and aural. Students will be required to either play an instrument, or be a vocalist.

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

In the Year 12 course, in addition to core studies, students select three electives from any combination of performance, composition and musicology. These electives must represent each of the topics studied within the course. Elective choices allow students to focus on a key area of ability or knowledge. For example, if students are strong performers they may choose three performance electives. Each composition elective requires students to compile a portfolio and musicology electives to participate in a 10 minute viva voce (spoken examination) in the HSC year.

How will this course help me in the future?

Music 1 provides many of the skills required in the diverse fields of the Music industry. Students may progress into music courses at university or TAFE with a good foundation of knowledge and practical skills.

Music also provides knowledge and skills to enhance



Physics

2 Units in each of the Year 11 course and the Year 12 course

Board Developed Course

Depth Study: Yes. Minimum 15 hours in each of Year 11 and Year 12

Fees: Nil

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

What will I be doing in this course?

Students will develop skills in applying the processes of Working Scientifically. They develop positive, informed values and attitudes towards physics, recognise the importance and relevance of physics in their lives, the influence of economic, political and societal impacts on the development of scientific knowledge and develop an appreciation of the influence of imagination and creativity in scientific research.

Year 11 students develop knowledge and understanding of fundamental mechanics and energy.

Year 12 students develop knowledge and understanding of advanced mechanics and electromagnetism, and the role of evidence and prediction in the development of theories in physics. How will this course help me in the future?

The study of physics provides the foundation knowledge and skills required to support participation in a range of careers. It is a discipline that utilises innovative and creative thinking to address new challenges, such as sustainability, energy efficiency and the creation of new materials. This course develops a greater understanding of physics as a foundation for undertaking post-school studies in a wide range of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) fields. A knowledge and understanding of physics often provides the unifying link between interdisciplinary studies.

How will this course help me in the future?

Any student wishing to pursue university education in the fields of Science, Engineering, Medicine, Health, Radiography or the Defence Forces would be well advised to choose Physics.



Software Design & Development

2 Units in each of the Year 11 course and the Year 12 course

Board Developed Course

Major Project: Yes

Fees: Nil

What will I be doing in this course?

Year 11 Course

This course introduces students to the basics:

Concepts and Issues in the Design and Development of Software

- Social and ethical issues
- Hardware and software
- Software development approaches

Introduction to Software Development

- Defining the problem and planning software solutions
- Building software solutions
- Checking software solutions
- Modifying software solutions

Year 12 Course

This course builds on the Year 11 components, through scaffolds and language:

Development & Impact of Software Solutions

- Social & ethical issues
- Application of software development approaches

Software Development Cycle

- Defining & understanding the problem
- Planning and design of software solutions
- Testing and evaluation of software solutions
- Maintenance of software solutions

Developing a Solution Package Options

- Evolution of programming language; or
- The software developers view of the hardware

A major component in both Year 11 and HSC courses is practical experience.

How will this course help me in the future

You will have the skills and knowledge to seek further education at university or TAFE for courses that can lead to careers such as:

- Web Designer
- Software Architect
- Programmer
- Application Designer

The experience gained working in an online environment will allow you to work in similar environments in future.



Visual Arts

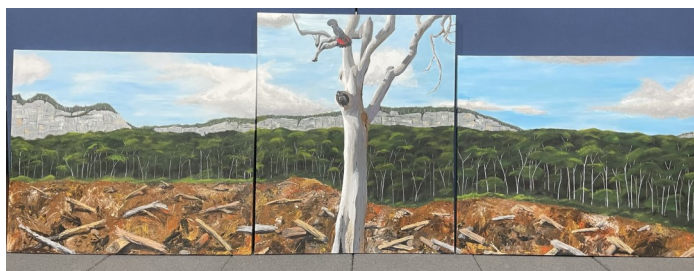
2 Units in each of the Year 11 & 12 Developed Course

Major Project: Yes

Fees: \$30

Some extra costs may be incurred for practical aspects and projects within this course

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What will I be doing in this course?

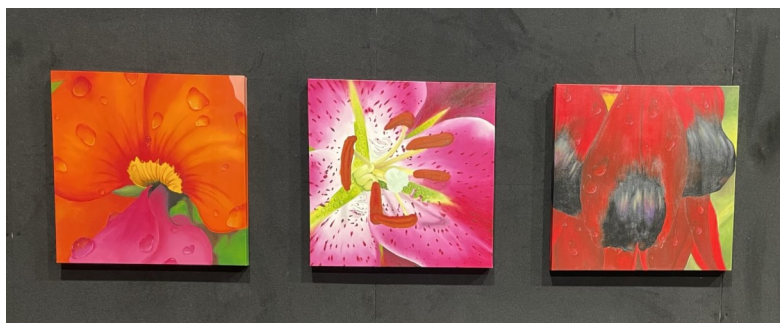
Visual Arts involves students in art making, art criticism and art history. Students develop their own artworks, culminating in a 'body of work' in the HSC course. Students critically and historically investigate artworks, critics, historians and artists from Australia as well as those from other cultures,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

The Year 11 course is broadly focused. Students will undertake a broad investigation of ideas in art making, art criticism and art History. Their learning opportunities focus on:

The nature of practice in art making, art criticism and art History through different investigations

The role and function of artists, artworks, the world and audiences in the art world

How students develop meaning, focus and interest in their work

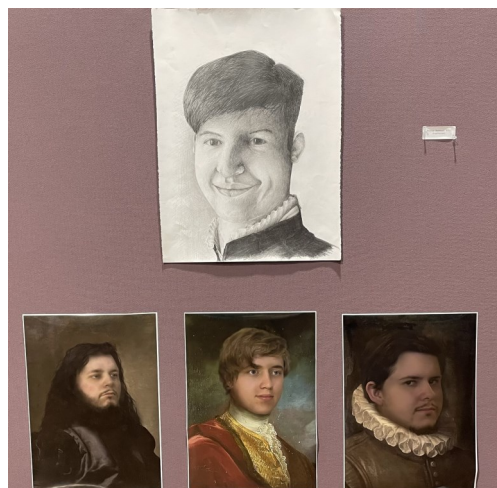


Building understandings over time through various investigations and working in different forms

The Year 12 course provides for deeper and more complex investigations. It requires the development of a body of work and use of a process diary. It includes a minimum of five Case Studies and a more complex investigation in art making, art criticism and art History.

This course is made up of 50% art making, 50% art criticism and art History. Students are required to submit a Body of Work at the end of their HSC course.

How will this course help me in the future? Students will develop skills and qualities that are relevant to many situations in the workplace and in further study. They will develop the confidence to express their individuality and acquire the skills to express these in a creative way. This course encourages tolerance and empathy for different values and beliefs as students' participation in Visual Arts will also strengthen their problem-solving and creative thinking skills especially in the area of visual communication. This course is recommended background for many university and TAFE NSW courses in Visual Arts and Design.



2025 Cookery Course Descriptor

SIT20421 Certificate II in Cookery

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

Course: [Hospitality \(Cookery\)](#)

Industry Curriculum Framework (ICF)
Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) eligible course

HSC credit – 4 units

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

By enrolling in this VET qualification with the NSW Department of Education RTO 90333, you are choosing to participate in a program of study which will provide you a pathway towards, HSC accreditation and a nationally recognised qualification (dual accreditation). To receive this qualification, you must meet the assessment requirements of SIT20421 Certificate II in Cookery <https://training.gov.au/training/details/SIT20421>. You will be expected to complete all the requirements of the Registered Training Organisation and NESA. To gain the full qualification you must achieve 13 units of competency. A statement of attainment towards the qualification is possible if at least one unit of competency is achieved.

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

Transferrable industry skills gained in this course

teamwork
attention to detail
organisational skills

adaptability
communication
problem solving

Examples of occupations in the hospitality industry

assistant cook
short order cook

food preparation cook
chef

breakfast cook
sandwich hand

VET requirements

Competency-Based Assessment

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

Appeals and Complaints

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

HSC requirements

Mandatory course requirements

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

External Assessment (optional HSC examination for ATAR purposes)

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

Consumable costs: Preliminary - \$90 HSC - \$90

Black polo, black pants, leather shoes

Refunds

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

A school-based traineeship is available in this course. For more information: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/schooling/students/career-and-study-pathways/school-based-apprenticeships-and-traineeships/traineeships/certificate-ii-hospitality-kitchen-operations>

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

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

2025 Hospitality Course Descriptor

SIT20322 Certificate II in Hospitality

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Course: Hospitality (Food and Beverage)

Industry Curriculum Framework (ICF)

Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) eligible course

HSC credit – 4 units

(2 units x 2 years or 4 units x 1 year)

Board Developed Course (240 hour)

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

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

Transferrable industry skills gained in this course

customer service skills
teamwork
organisational skills

adaptability
critical thinking
problem solving

Examples of occupations in the hospitality industry

food and beverage attendant
espresso coffee machine operator

restaurant host/hostess
receptionist

function attendant
barista and café service administration

VET requirements

Competency-Based Assessment

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

Appeals and Complaints

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

HSC requirements

Mandatory course requirements

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

External Assessment (optional HSC examination for ATAR purposes)

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

Consumable costs: Preliminary - \$90 HSC - \$90

Black polo shirt, Black long pants, leather shoes

Refunds

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

A school-based traineeship is available in this course. For more information: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/schooling/students/career-and-study-pathways/school-based-apprenticeships-and-traineeships/traineeships/certificate-ii-hospitality>

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

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

2025 Primary Industries Course Descriptor

AHC20122 Certificate II in Agriculture

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Course: Primary Industries

Industry Curriculum Framework (ICF)
Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) eligible course

HSC credit – 4 units

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

By enrolling in this VET qualification with the NSW Department of Education RTO 90333, you are choosing to participate in a program of study which will provide you a pathway towards, HSC accreditation and a nationally recognised qualification (dual accreditation). To receive this qualification, you must meet the assessment requirements of AHC20122 Certificate II in Agriculture <https://training.gov.au/Training/Details/AHC20122> You will be expected to complete all requirements of the Registered Training Organisation (RTO) and NESA. To gain the full qualification you must achieve 16 units of competency. To meet NESA's indicative hours 17 units of study may be required. A statement of attainment towards the qualification is possible if at least one unit of competency is achieved.

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

Transferrable industry skills gained in this course

risk management

time management

basic emergency response

communication
problem solving
decision making

Examples of occupations in the agriculture industry

farm or station hand/labourer

shearing hand

nursery assistant
livestock worker

VET requirements

Competency-Based Assessment

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

Appeals and Complaints

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

HSC requirements

Mandatory course requirements

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

External Assessment (optional HSC examination for ATAR purposes)

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

Consumable costs: Preliminary - \$30 HSC - \$30

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Refunds

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

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

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

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

Content Endorsed Courses School Delivered

Content Endorsed courses have syllabi endorsed or approved by the NSW Educational Standards Authority NESA.

The following courses are delivered at school and are timetabled as normal lessons.

All Content Endorsed Courses count towards the Higher School Certificate and are listed on the Record of Achievement. However, Board Endorsed Courses do not count towards calculation of the **ATAR**.

These courses are **non ATAR**.



Sport Lifestyle and Recreation Studies (SLR)

2 Units in the Year 11 and Year 12 course

Board Endorsed Course - School Delivery

Exclusions: Students studying SLR must not study modules which duplicate PDHPE modules.

Major Project: No

Work placement: No

Fees: Nil

**NON
ATAR**

What will I be doing in this course?

Students will learn about the importance of a healthy and active lifestyle and recognise the need to be responsible and informed decision makers. They are encouraged to establish a lifelong commitment to being physically active and to achieving movement potential.

This course caters for a wide range of student needs. It can assist students in developing high levels of performance skill in particular sports, the capacity to adopt administrative roles in community sport and recreation, and the skills of coach, trainer, first aid officer, referee and fitness leader. In the context of this course it may be possible for students to acquire recognised qualifications in these areas.

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

At the completion of this course a student will be able to:

- ◆ Understand and appreciate the factors that influence health and participation in physical activity
- ◆ Understand the principles that impact on quality of performance
- ◆ Analyse and implement strategies to promote health, activity and enhanced performance
- ◆ Identify the relationship between a healthy lifestyle and diet and exercise
- ◆ Be aware of anatomy and physiology
- ◆ Create and refine my own performance of movement skills and safe sporting practices

How will this course help me in the future?

This course will assist you to make valued and informed health decisions. This course would be of benefit to anyone interested in coaching, sport, the fitness industry, recreational education, physical education, nursing, occupational health or physiotherapy

Work Studies

2 Units in the Year 11 Course and Year 12 Course

Board Endorsed Course - School Delivery

Work placement: Yes, 1 Week

Fees: Nil

**NON
ATAR**

What will I be doing in this course?

This course has been extremely successful in getting students apprenticeships. Employers have had the opportunity to evaluate students one day each week, or block release, and students have developed workplace skills unable to be taught in the classroom. In the classroom, the main focus is on practical skills such as:

- Application for jobs
- Interview skills
- Workplace communication including telephone, written and electronic
- Dealing with difficult customers
- Personal grooming and self esteem

Over the course some of the following modules will be studied:

- In the Workplace
- Preparing Job Applications
- Workplace Communication
- Teamwork and Enterprise Skills
- Managing Work and Life Commitments
- Personal Finance
- Workplace Issues
- Self– Employment
- Experiencing Work

How will this course be assessed?

In order to meet course outcomes students will need to take part in work placement.

Other assessments include:

- Evaluation of performance at Work Placement
- Preparation of a C.V., a letter of application, a business study, yearly exam.

Content Endorsed Courses (non ATAR)

Year 11 2025

General Contribution \$90

Industrial Technology- Metal \$80

Visual Art \$30

VET Courses

Cookery \$90

Hospitality \$90

Primary Industries \$30

Plus WHS Whitecard

Year 12 2026

General Contribution \$90

Industrial Technology- Metal \$70

Visual Art \$30

VET Courses

Cookery \$90

Hospitality \$90

Primary Industries \$30

Plus WHS Whitecard

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