

HELENSVALE STATE HIGH SCHOOL

Year 10 into 11 2026

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT *of Country.*

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Helensvale State High School as **One Community**, acknowledges the Kombumerri Peoples, the Traditional Custodians of the land on which our school is built. We respect their long history, ancestry and culture. We pay our respects to the Elders, past, present and emerging for they carry the memories and traditions of past times.

We would also like to extend our acknowledgment to other First Nations Peoples: those hailing from the Torres Strait Islands and those belonging to other Aboriginal Language Groups.

We acknowledge the strength and **resilience** of Kombumerri peoples. We **respect** their enduring connection to the local wetlands and the cultural **responsibility** they uphold to preserve wildlife. Together, we go forward, learning in the spirit of these values.



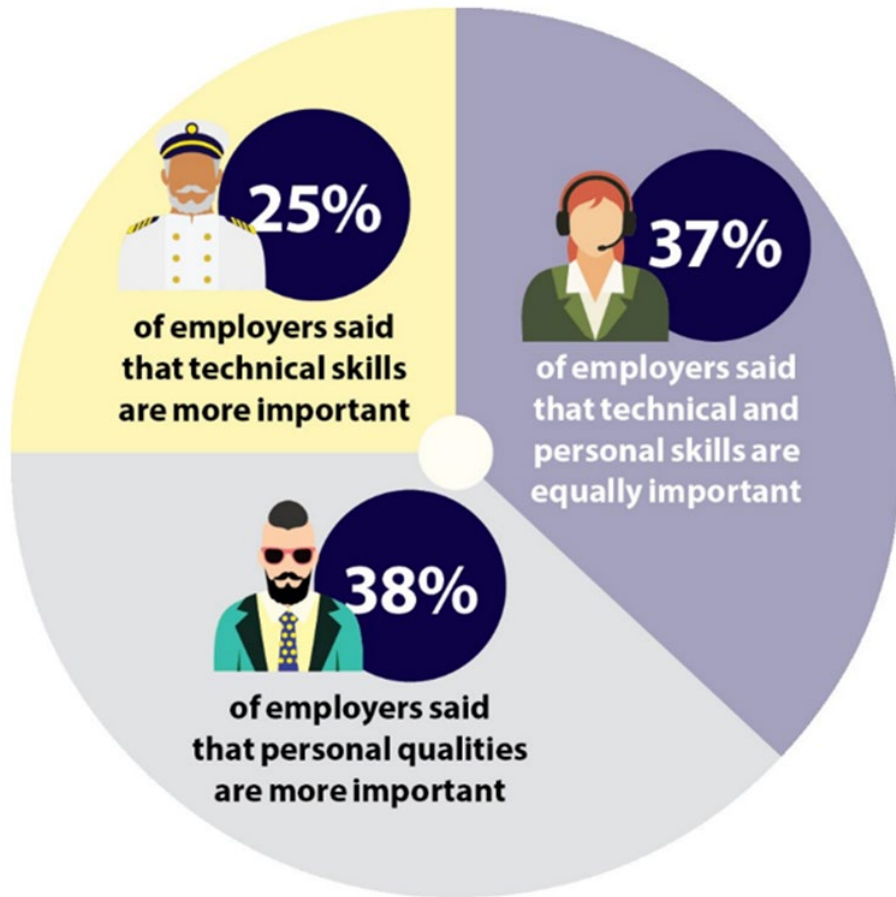
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STATE HIGH SCHOOL

We *Aspire* **for Each and**
Every **Student to** *Succeed*

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Responsible, Respectful, Resilient



2024 Australian Jobs Publication

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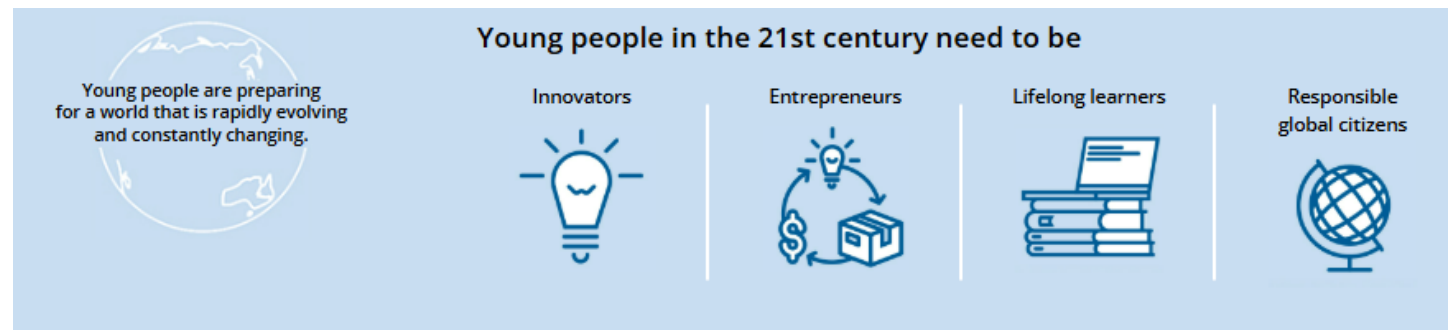


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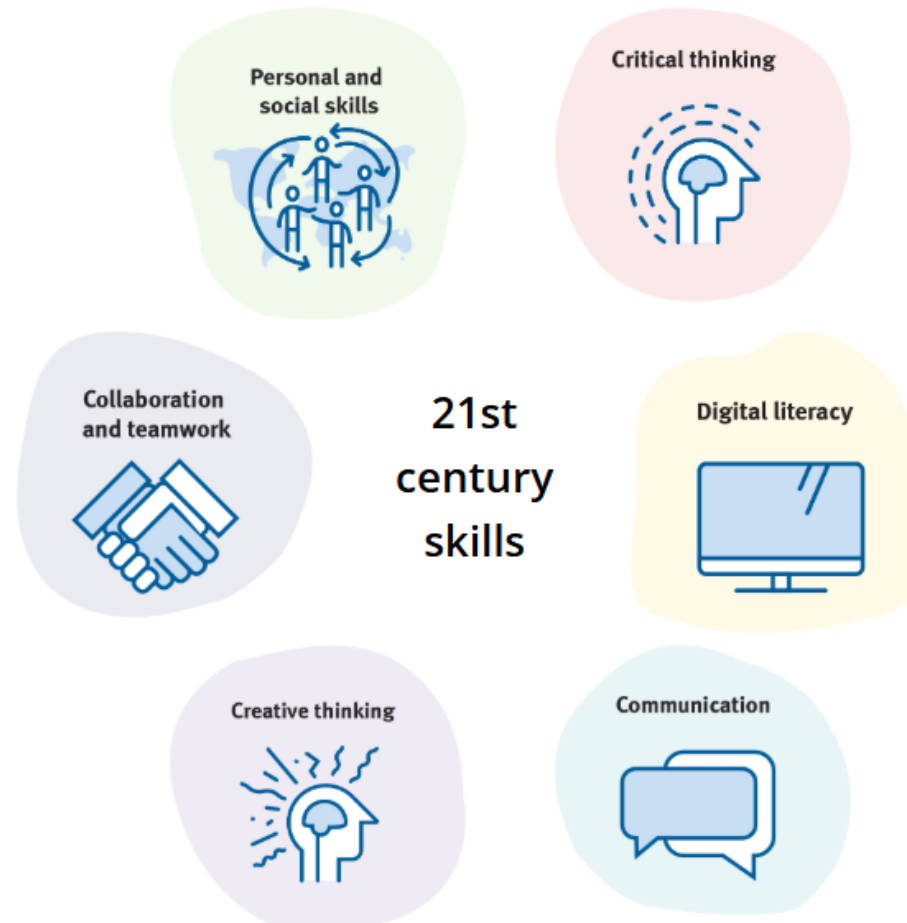


QCE – Preparing you for a Changing World



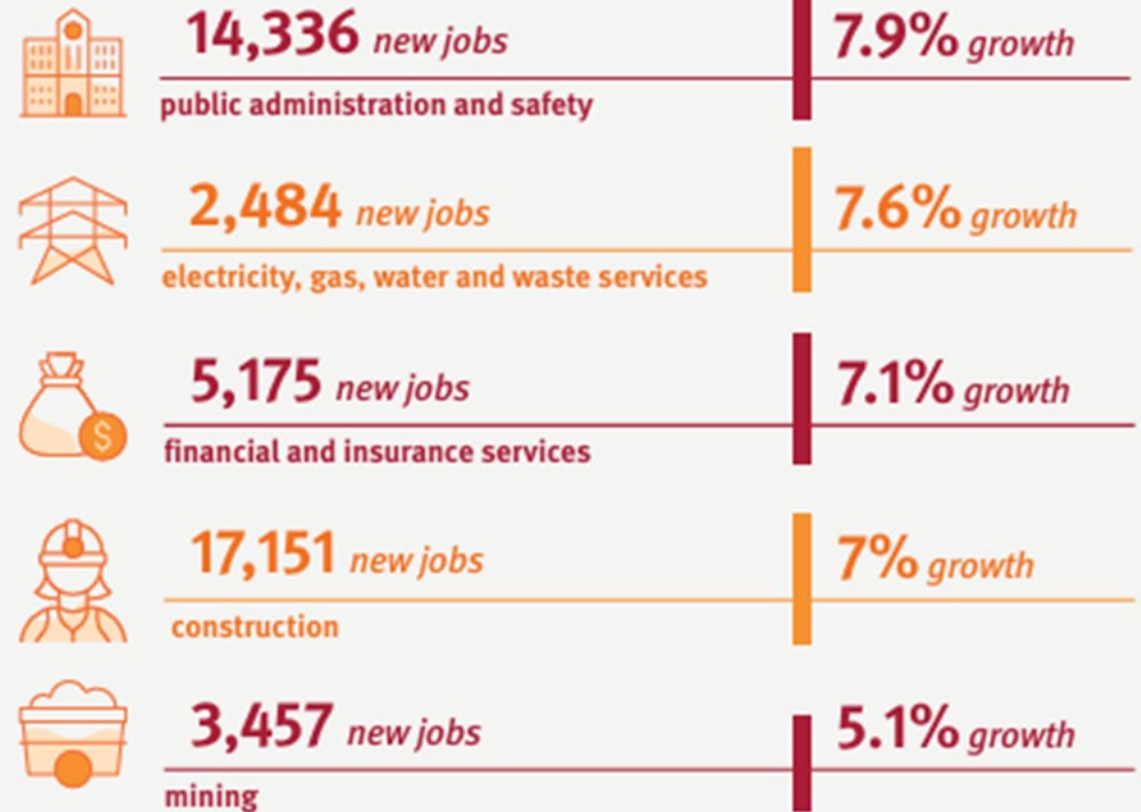
What are the 21st century skills in the senior syllabuses?

Hover over an image for an explanation of the associated skills.



QCE – Preparing for a Changing World

Queensland's growth industries 2025-26



The Queensland Skills Strategy
2024 – 2028 (Qld Gov)

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How does this affect Year 11 students?

- ✓ **It can affect your subject choices and the pathway you take in Year 11 and 12**
- ✓ **Choose subjects you will enjoy and feel confident that can achieve good results in**
- ✓ **Help you reach your career and / or tertiary goals**
- ✓ **Have a pathway that is suitable for you**

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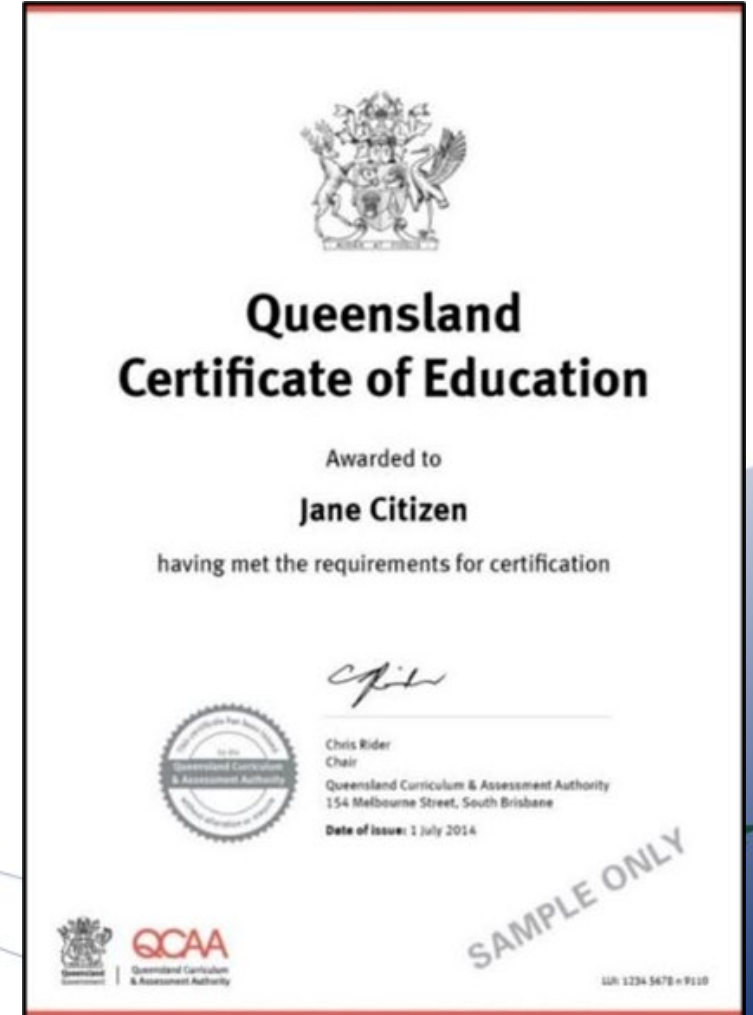


QCE – Queensland Certificate of Education

The QCE is Queensland's senior schooling qualification.

- Internationally recognised
- Shows student achievement
- Flexible
- Wide range of learning options

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How does the QCE work?

- Set amount: 20 credits
- Set pattern:
 - 12 credits from completed Core courses
 - 8 credits from Core, Preparatory & Complementary courses
- Satisfactory completion
- Literacy & numeracy



Set amount

Set
amount

20 credits from a range of learning options:

- QCAA courses
 - General subjects
 - Applied subjects
 - Short Courses
 - Senior External Examination syllabuses
- Vocational Education and Training (VET) certificates or qualifications
- Other recognised studies



Set pattern — Core courses



12 credits from completed Core courses:

Course	Credits per course
QCAA General subjects and Applied subjects	up to 4
QCAA General Extension subjects	up to 2
QCAA General Senior External Examination subjects	4
Certificate II qualifications	up to 4
Certificate III and IV qualifications (includes traineeships)	up to 8
School-based apprenticeships	up to 6
Recognised studies categorised as Core	credit varies



QCE credit allocation for Core courses: General and Applied subjects

General and Applied subjects	Set standard	QCE credits
Unit 1	Satisfactory	1
Unit 2	Satisfactory	1
Units 3 and 4	Grade of C or better	2
Maximum credit available		4

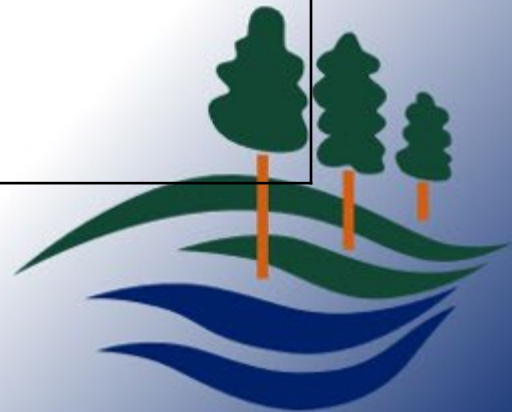
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COMPULSORY SUBJECTS for Year 11 & 12

YEAR 11 AND 12	
ENGLISH	GENERAL ENGLISH and/or LITERATURE ESSENTIAL ENGLISH
MATHS	GENERAL MATHEMATICS or MATHEMATICS METHODS ESSENTIAL MATHEMATICS

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Pathway Options at HSHS

ATAR Pathway		Vocational Pathway
<p><u>HONOURS</u></p> <p>Students study:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 6 General subjects• A maximum of 5 General subjects and a Cert III or higher	<p><u>GENERAL</u></p> <p>Students study:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 6 General subjects• A maximum of 5 General subjects and a Cert III or higher• A minimum of 4 General subjects, a Cert III or higher and 1 Applied subject	<p>Students must include a minimum of 1 Certificate II in their course of study</p> <p>Students can complete Traineeships, Apprenticeships and TAFE courses in this Pathway</p>



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ATAR Pathway (Honours)

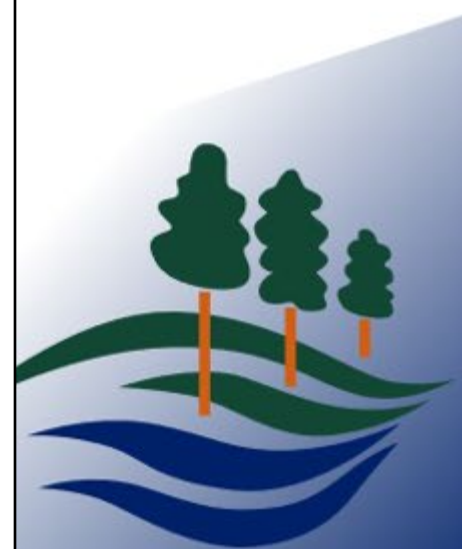
English
Literature
Accounting
Business
Legal Studies
Japanese
Modern History
Geography
Design
Digital Solutions
Food and Nutrition
Health
Physical Education
Drama
Film, Television & New Media
Music
Visual Art

6 General Subjects OR
a maximum 5 **General** + **Cert III or higher**

General Mathematics
Mathematical Methods
Specialist Mathematics
Biology
Chemistry
Physics
Psychology
Marine Science

*****Maths and Science
Exam in Term 4 Year 12 is
worth 50%
of student's mark

Diploma of Business
Cert IV Crime and Justice
Cert III Business
Cert III Screen and Media
Cert III Dance
Cert III Visual Art (Photography)
Cert III Sport & Rec /Cert II Sport & Rec*
Cert III Fitness
*can do Sports Academy



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ATAR Pathway (General)

- 6 **General** Subjects
- a maximum 5 **General** + **Cert III or higher**
- a minimum 4 **General**, a **Cert III or higher** + 1 **Applied subject**

English, Literature

General Mathematics, Maths Methods

Accounting, Business, Legal Studies

Japanese

Modern History, Geography

Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Marine,

Psychology, Digital Solutions,

Design

Food and Nutrition

Health Education, Physical Education

Drama

Film, Television & New Media

Music, Visual Art

Dip of Business, Cert IV Crime and Justice

Cert III Business, Cert III Screen and Media,

Cert III Dance, Cert III Visual Arts (Photography)

Cert III Sport & Rec /Cert II Sport & Rec*

Cert III Fitness

Sport and Recreation / Sports Excellence

Industrial Technology Skills

Building and Construction Skills

Early Childhood Studies

Hospitality Practices

Media Arts in Practice (Digital Arts)

Music in Practice

Visual Arts in Practice

Tourism

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Vocational Pathway

- ✓ Students must include a minimum of **1 Cert II** in their course of study
- ✓ Students can complete Traineeships and TAFE courses in this Pathway

Essential English
Essential Mathematics
General Mathematics
Aquatic Practices
Sport and Recreation
Building and Construction Skills
Industrial Technology Skills
Early Childhood Studies
Hospitality Practices
Media Arts in Practice
Music in Practice
Tourism
Visual Arts in Practice

Cert IV Crime and Justice
Cert III Business
Cert III Screen and Media
Cert III Dance
Cert III Sport & Rec /Cert II Sport & Rec*
Cert III Fitness
Cert III in Visual Arts (photography)
Cert II Horticulture
Cert II in Cookery
Cert II in Creative Industries
Cert II in Applied Digital Technologies

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Other Rules to Consider

DUE TO QCAA REGULATIONS (QUEENSLAND CURRICULUM AND ASSESSMENT AUTHORITY)

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

TRAINING PACKAGES

A **maximum of eight credits** from the same training package can contribute to a QCE.

CUA Creative Arts and Cultural Training Package	SIT Travel, Tourism and Hospi- tality Training Package	SIS Sport, Fitness and Recrea- tion Training Package	BSB Business Services Training Package
Certificate III Dance (8 credits) Certificate III Screen and Me- dia (8 credits) Certificate III Visual Arts (8 credits) CUA20220 Certificate II in Cre- ative Industries (4 credits)	Certificate II Cookery (4 credits)	Certificate II Sports and Recrea- tion and Certificate III Sport, Aquatics and Recreation (8 credits) Certificate II Sport and Recrea- tion and Certificate III Fitness (8 credits)	Diploma of Business (8 credits) Certificate III Business (8 credits)

TRAINING PACKAGES AND APPLIED SUBJECTS

Students cannot study the following subjects together, as they will not maximise credit points:

- Certificate II Sport and Recreation* / Certificate III Sport, Aquatics and Recreation **and** Sport and Recreation (Applied) / Sports Academy
- Certificate II Sport and Recreation* / Certificate III Fitness **and** Sport and Recreation (Applied) / Sports Academy

Contribution of TAFE courses and School Based Traineeships/Apprenticeships will also have to be taken into account for crossover of Training Packages or Applied Subjects.



Subject Selection Handbook – HSHS website

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Curriculum

○ Subjects and programs

- Bring Your Own Device
- Health and Physical Education
- Junior secondary
- Senior secondary
- Programs of Excellence

Subjects and programs

2025 subject selections

This page contains subject selection books with necessary and important information for students and families to make informed decisions for subject selections.

For further information regarding the Australian Curriculum and Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE), students and families can also visit the [Queensland Curriculum & Assessment Authority \(QCAA\) website](#).

[Print](#)[Email](#)

Related links

- [SETP/Subject Selection](#)
- [2026 year 11 senior pathway and subject guide \(PDF, 2476KB\)](#)

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Assessment — QCAA subjects/courses

QCAA General subjects:

- three internal assessments (set/marked by schools)
- one external assessment (set/marked by the QCAA and held at the same time in schools across Queensland)

Most external assessment will contribute 25% to the final subject result. In Mathematics and Science subjects, it will contribute 50%.

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QCAA Applied subjects:

- four internal assessments (set/marked by schools)
- Essential English and Essential Mathematics — one of the four is a common internal assessment (set by the QCAA and marked by schools)

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ATAR – Tertiary Entrance

- The ATAR is used nationally to measure a student's position relative to other ATAR-eligible students.
- The Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre (QTAC) will calculate and issue ATARs.

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ATAR – Eligibility

- To be eligible for an ATAR, students must successfully complete:
 - 5 General subjects, or
 - 4 General subjects + 1 Applied subject or completed VET qualification at Certificate III or above.
- Students must also successfully complete an English subject.

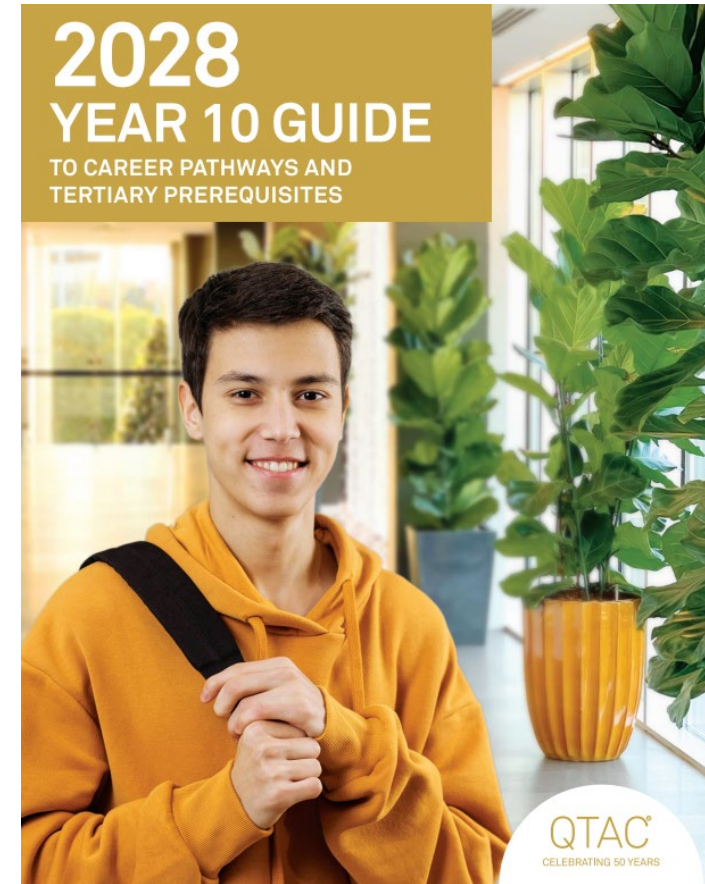
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Using your QTAC Guide

The Year 10 Guide to Career Pathways and 2028 Tertiary Prerequisites provides:

- General information and entry requirements for Tertiary courses in 2028
- It is compiled by QTAC
- For more detailed information regarding course entry requirements, contact the relevant tertiary institution



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HOW IS SUBJECT SELECTION COMPLETED?

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- Attend your child's SETP interview as per email from school
- Log on to PTO to book your time
- Meetings are compulsory and will happen on Wednesday 13th August Face to Face meetings (or TEAMS).

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SEEKING HELP

- Head of Department
- Guidance Officer
- Deputy Principal
- Industry Liaison Officer (ILO)
- Academy Directors
- Teachers

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