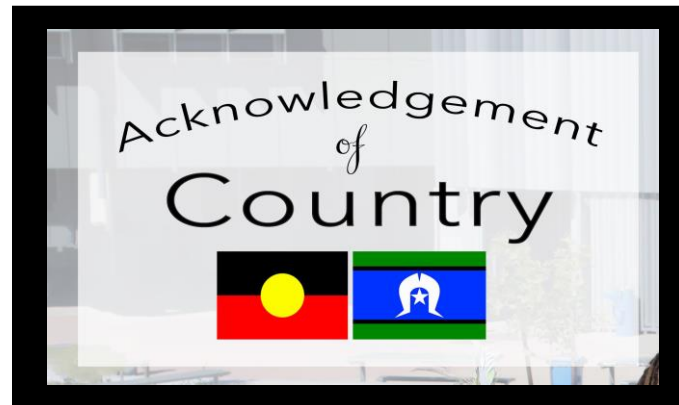


# **QCE and ATAR Information Evening**



**2021**

*We respectfully acknowledge the traditional custodians,  
the Kombumerri people, on whose land we have the  
privilege to live and work each day. We pay our respects  
to the Elders both past, present and emerging and  
thank them for allowing us to work together, share  
knowledge and walk alongside them in the education of  
our Jarjums.*





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# Senior School at Helensvale

- Designated Pathways
- Not every student's pathway will be the same
- Pathways need to suit the individual
- There are multiple pathways to reach a goal
- The educational, industrial and training landscapes are constantly changing

# **Senior School at Helensvale**

## **Our Expectations:**

- **All students attain a QCE, irrespective of Pathway chosen**
- **93% Attendance**
- **All students adhere to HSHS Senior Schooling Policy which includes our Responsible Behaviour Plan**

# What is the QCE?

- **Queensland Certificate of Education – certificate based on two years of learning**
- **Learning is to a set standard – MUST achieve a minimum of a ‘C’**
- **Learning is in a set pattern – MUST complete a CORE of subjects**
- **Must have Literacy and Numeracy**



# What is the QCE?

Students study either General, Applied or VET subjects

For General and Applied subjects-

- Students are awarded 1 QCE point for satisfactory completion of work in Unit 1 (A – C)
- Students are awarded 1 QCE point for satisfactory completion of work in Unit 2 (A – C)
- Students are awarded 2 QCE points for satisfactory completion of work in Units 3 and 4 (A – C)

# What is the QCE?

## 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



# Resources



## myQCE

Plan your pathway to achieving a QCE and explore further study, training and career options.

<https://myqce.qcaa.qld.edu.au/>



Student Portal

[Access Student Portal](#)



Need help with your QCE?

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QCAA website

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**Information in your student learning account will include your:**

- personal details such date of birth and home and email addresses
- subject and course enrolments
- external exam timetable
- final results.

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Learning  
Account

## Enrolments

### Subjects

#### Biology

2019-2020 (General)

✓ Unit 1

✓ Unit 2

✓ Unit 3

#### Dance

2019-2020 (General)

✓ Unit 1

✓ Unit 2

✓ Unit 3

✓ Unit 4

#### English

2019-2020 (General)

✓ Unit 1

✓ Unit 2

✓ Unit 3

✓ Unit 4

#### General Mathematics

2019-2020 (General)

✓ Unit 1

✓ Unit 2

✓ Unit 3

✓ Unit 4

### VET

SIT20116 - Certificate II in  
Tourism

Start date: 06/03/2019

Cease date: 20/12/2021

[Show competencies](#)

**MY LEARNING ACCOUNT:** Where students can view the subjects they are enrolled in, QCE points attained and External Examination Timetable (once released).



My Online  
Learning

## My Online Learning



### Academic integrity

QCAA has developed an online course to help you understand the correct way to approach assessment. It includes advice on how to maintain academic integrity and produce your best work. You should be able to complete the four-part course in about one hour.

Overall progress



[View course](#)

**MY ONLINE LEARNING:** Where ALL students must complete the Online Learning Academic Integrity course.

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# Reporting

Reporting for each of **Unit One and Two** is an **A to E** for parents / carers and a **S or U** to the QCAA (June and October 2021)

VET subjects are reported usually as WTC (Working Towards Competency) until you have achieved the Certificate

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# Reporting

## Units 3 and 4 General Subjects and Essential Maths and English

- QCAA are given each result at set junctures throughout the year.
- Results are Confirmed
- Results then released to schools and students
- All Unit 3 and 4 results for General Subjects and Essential Maths and Essential English are subject to this process
- Units Three and Four will be reported on together. You will see an A to E grade on QCE Certificate
- HSHS will report to parents after Confirmation of IA1 (June 2021) and after Confirmation of IA2 and IA3 (Nov 2021)

# AARAs

- **Access Arrangements and Reasonable Adjustments – AARA (QCE & QCIA policy and procedures handbook 2019 v1.2)**
- **Access Arrangements and Reasonable Adjustment (AARA), formerly known as Special Provision, is the process that is now at the discretion of the Queensland Curriculum & Assessment Authority (QCAA) and no longer a school-based process.**



# AARAs

## ***AARAs DOES NOT COVER:***

- Matters of a parental/carer's or student's students own choosing ie family holidays in term time
- Unfamiliarity with the English Language
- Matters that could have been avoided ie misreading an exam timetable or assignment due date, computer/IT failure
- Teachers absence or difficulty

# AARAs

## AARAs do cover:

- Disability (cognitive, physical, sensory, social/emotional)
- Illness
- Misadventure (ie unforeseen circumstances)
- Some cultural obligations

**All of these categories can be either permanent, temporary or intermittent**

# **AARAs**

**Students need to provide supporting documentation for QCAA to approve an AARA.**

**Documentation must include:**

- Medical report (no earlier than Year 10) OR**
- A valid Education Adjustment Program (EAP)**

**Please note - For ALL social/emotional illness – Medical Report must be updated every 6 months**

**ATAR**

**Australian  
Tertiary  
Admissions  
Rank**



## QCE

Certifies learning, showing the individual has achieved a specific standard of education at senior schooling level and may be considered by employers and the general community.



## ATAR

Tells us about a student's position (or ranking) compared to all other students in the state. The only intended purpose for the ATAR is to assist with selecting applicants for tertiary study.

# QTAC

**QTAC is a not-for-profit organisation owned by seven Queensland universities**

**QTAC:**

- **Provides information about tertiary study and courses**
- **Assesses approximately 75,000 applications per year**
- **Makes offers in 1,700 undergraduate courses on behalf of 16 institutions**
- **Calculates and awards ATARs.**
- **Helps match applicants with an opportunity that is right for them.**

# What is the Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR)?

Primary mechanism used nationally for tertiary admissions.  
Indicates a student's position relative to other students.

2,000 point scale from 99.95 down to 0.00.  
ATARs less than 30.00 will be expressed as '*30 or less*'.

**An ATAR of 80.00 does not mean a student got 80%. It indicates that the student placed in the top 20% of students in Queensland in their Year 12 age group.**





## ATAR Eligibility Requirements

5 General  
Subjects

OR

4 General  
Subjects *plus*  
either:

- Applied subject
- Completed Certificate III or Higher Level VET Qualification

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## English – Compulsory Subject

Students must successfully complete one of the following:

- English
- English as an Additional Language
- English & Literature Extension
- Literature
- Essential English

Successfully complete = 'C' letter grade or higher.  
No specific subjects are mandated inclusions in the ATAR.



**While students must satisfactorily complete an English subject to be eligible for an ATAR, the result in English will only be included in the ATAR calculation if it is one of the student's best five scaled results.**

## QCE Units of Study as ATAR Inputs

- Results are added together at the completion of Units 3 and 4 of each subject
- This will lead to the overall raw subject result to be provided to QTAC for scaling, and from which the ATAR will be calculated.

## Scaling - Overview

- Scaling is necessary so that student results in different subjects can be compared fairly.
- Each state in Australia uses a scaling process in the calculation of the ATAR. In Qld, subject results are scaled by QTAC.
- The process involves adjusting the “raw” subject results for a given subject to allow results for that subject to be fairly compared with the results from any other subject.
- Uses some complex mathematics to underpin the process

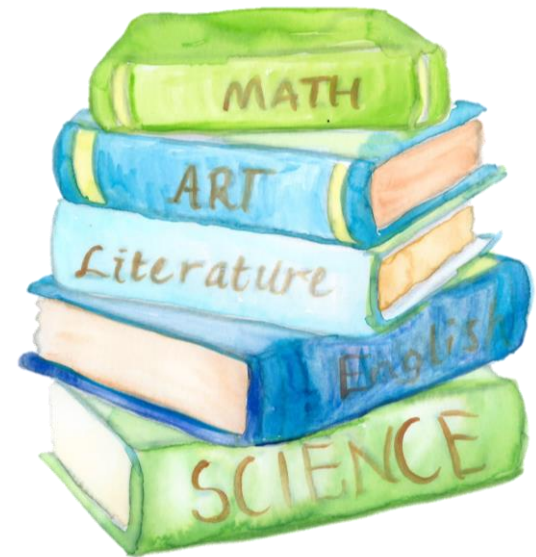


# Skills to Succeed

Now is the time to develop good routines and study habits –  
*It's never too late!*

Skills needed for success include:

- Study Planner
- Routines
- Regular Revision: bite sized – chunk your revision
- Organisation: clean study space, no earphones, no music
- Time Management: a couple of hours every night



# Resources

## Elevate Education Workshops & Futures Lessons

Engage with the program. Take on board the information. Change your practice.

QCAA (Queensland Curriculum & Assessment Authority)

<https://www.qcaa.qld.edu.au/>

myQCE

<https://myqce.qcaa.qld.edu.au/>

QTAC (Queensland Tertiary and Admissions Centre)

<https://www.qtac.edu.au/>

ATAR Notes

<https://atarnotes.com/>

School

Attend tutorials. Start a study group. Ask for help.

# ATAR Notes

[www.atarnotes.com](http://www.atarnotes.com)


- Is an on-line website that offers “*free educational services such as downloadable study notes, subject lectures, revision videos, helpful articles..*” etc for the new senior syllabi & QCE.
- It must be noted that the QCAA & QTAC has no involvement in or responsibility for any material appearing on this site. Nor does QCAA or QTAC endorse or make any warranties regarding the study resources available on this site or sold by ATAR Notes Media Pty Ltd.
- There are many useful articles and information to support students generally with their studies, such as time management, extending your QCE vocabulary, coping with stress, etc.
- Current subjects listed include Sciences, English and Maths areas.



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# Calendar – Year 11, 2021

Please refer to the **Helensvale SHS Delivery Schedule 2021**, emailed to students, parents and carers. Also on HSHS Website

## UNIT 1

**Term 1 Week 9: Two Day EXAM SHUTDOWN (Thursday and Friday)**

**Term 2 Week 5: All Week EXAM SHUTDOWN**

## UNIT 2

**Term 3 Week 10: All Week EXAM SHUTDOWN**

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# Calendar – Year 12, 2021

## UNIT 3 and UNIT 4

Please check Assessment Calendar for all relevant dates

### TERM 3

Week 9: Mock Exams begin 8<sup>th</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup> September

Week 10: Mock Exam Week – Shutdown week

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# Calendar – Year 12, 2021

## EXTERNAL EXAMS

- The QCAA has not published External Assessment Timetable yet. We do know that the General English Exam will be the first of the External Exams and it will be held on the morning of 25<sup>th</sup> October, 2021. External Exams run until 16<sup>th</sup> November.
- The External Exam Timetable will be published during Term 1 2021. Students will be able to access the timetable on the QCAA student portal (myQCE), as well as Helensvale State High School Newsletters.

## IMPORTANT DATES

- |                           |                       |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| • Year 12 Formal          | Friday 3 September    |
| • Year 12 Farewell Parade | Friday 22 October     |
| • Year 12 Graduation      | Wednesday 17 November |

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