

HELENSVALE STATE HIGH SCHOOL



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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

of Country.

Kaiala,

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.



HELENSVALE
STATE HIGH SCHOOL

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

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Critical
Thinkers

Collaborators

Creative
Thinkers



Socially and Personally
Aware

Digital Experts

Excellent
Communicators

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Responsible, Respectful, Resilient

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QCE – Preparing for a Changing World

By 2025, over **64%** of employment growth is expected to come from **four industries**²:



Health care and social assistance



Professional, scientific and technical services



Accommodation and food services



Education and training



74% of students believe **lifelong learning** will be essential for them to **future-proof their career**³

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75%
of the **fastest growing**
occupations require **STEM skills**⁴



QCE – Preparing you for a Changing World

21st century skills

Preparing students for a changing world



Young Queenslanders in the 21st century need to be

Innovators



Entrepreneurs



Lifelong learners



Responsible global citizens



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

Critical thinking



- analytical thinking
- problem-solving
- decision-making
- reasoning
- reflecting and evaluating
- intellectual flexibility

Creative thinking



- innovation
- initiative and enterprise
- curiosity and imagination
- creativity
- generating and applying new ideas
- identifying alternatives
- seeing or making new links

Communication



- effective oral and written communication
- using language, symbols and texts
- communicating ideas effectively with diverse audiences

Collaboration and teamwork



- relating to others (interacting with others)
- recognising and using diverse perspectives
- participating and contributing
- community connections

Personal and social skills



- adaptability/flexibility
- management (self, career, time, planning and organising)
- character (resilience, mindfulness, open- and fair-mindedness, self-awareness)
- leadership
- citizenship
- cultural awareness
- ethical (and moral) understanding

ICT skills



- operations and concepts
- accessing and analysing information
- being productive users of technology
- digital citizenship (being safe, positive and responsible online)



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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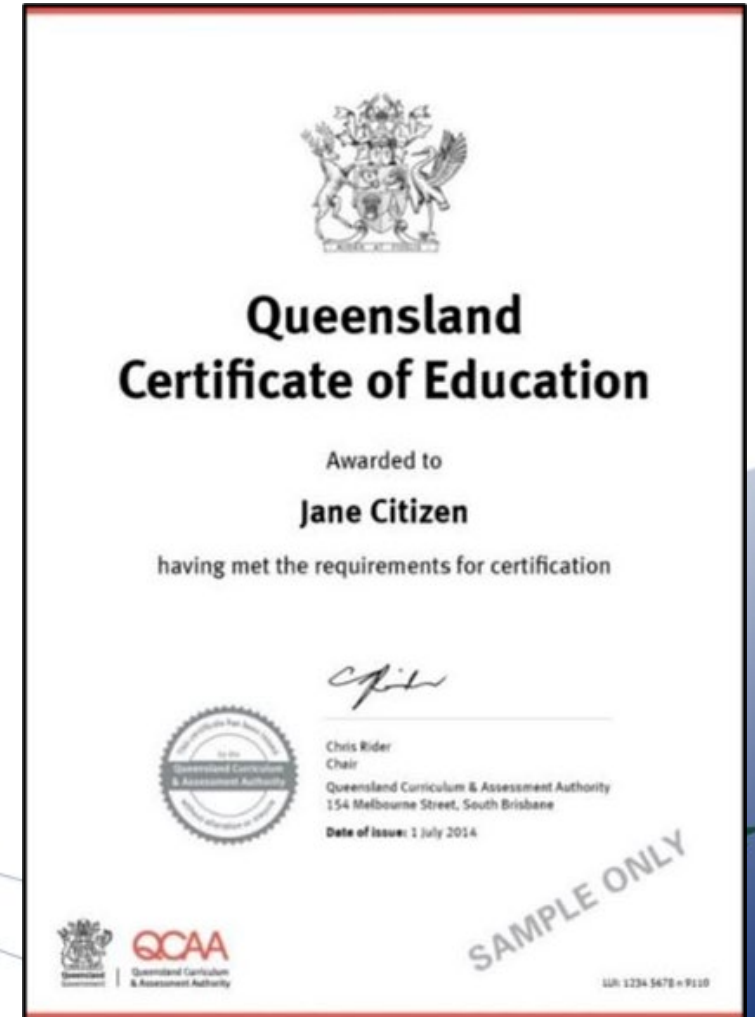


QCE – Queensland Certificate of Education

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

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
amount



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's in their course of study</p> <p>Students can complete Traineeships, Apprenticeships and TAFE courses in this Pathway</p>



At Helensvale SHS

ATAR Pathway (Honours)

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

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

General Mathematics
Mathematical Methods
Specialist Mathematics
Biology
Chemistry
Physics
Marine Science

Diploma of Business
Cert IV Crime and Justice
Cert III Business
Cert III Screen and Media
Cert III Dance
Cert III Photography
Cert III Sport & Rec /Cert II Sport & Rec*

******Maths and Science**

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



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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
Ancient History, Japanese
Modern History
Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Marine
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 Photography
Cert III Sport & Rec /Cert II Sport & Rec*

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 in Visual Arts (photography)

Cert II Horticulture

Cert II in Cookery

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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)	Certificate II Cookery (4 credits)	Certificate II Sport and Recrea- tion and Certificate III Fitness (8 credits)	Diploma of Business (8 credits) Certificate III Business (8 credits)

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Structures

Subject Selection Handbook – HSHS website



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2023 subject selections

Junior School

During Term 3, Year 8 and Year 9 students at Helensvale State High School have been reflecting on their strengths and weaknesses, learning about career pathways and exploring subject offerings for next year. The online subject selection process is available from Friday 5 August and students are to return their forms, signed by a parent/carer, to their Futures teacher by Friday 19 August. Instructions for how to complete subject selection for Year 9 and 10 2023 can be found in the 'How to do subject selection' link on the right.

Related links

- [SETP/Subject Selection](#)
- [2023 VET Student Handbook \(PDF, 606KB\)](#)
- [2024 year 9 subject selection book \(PDF, 1256KB\)](#)
- [2024 year 10 subject selection book \(PDF, 1199KB\)](#)
- [2024 year 11 subject selection book \(PDF, 4895KB\)](#)

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CHOOSE CAREFULLY

- At Helensvale State High School, we design our timetable **AFTER** students select their subjects.
- Subject changes are therefore not always possible and are only permitted at certain times.
- There are **NO** changes in Year 12 for Units 3 and 4.

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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 2026 Tertiary Prerequisites provides:

- General information and entry requirements for Tertiary courses in 2026
- 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 Friday 11th August via Face to Face or TEAMs meetings.

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SEEKING HELP

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

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