



Strong Foundation - Bright Future



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Catholic College

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Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE) Assessment, ATAR and SETPlans

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Some
acronyms
and terms
decoded

QCAA - Queensland Curriculum & Assessment Authority

QTAC - Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre

QCE - Queensland Certificate of Education

ATAR - Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank

Syllabus - A syllabus is both a document about the course content, goals, and units and a guide for students to the kind of teaching, learning and assessment they can expect in a subject.

SETPlan - Senior Education & Training Plan

General subjects - Can be prerequisites for University; need a minimum of 4 for ATAR eligibility.

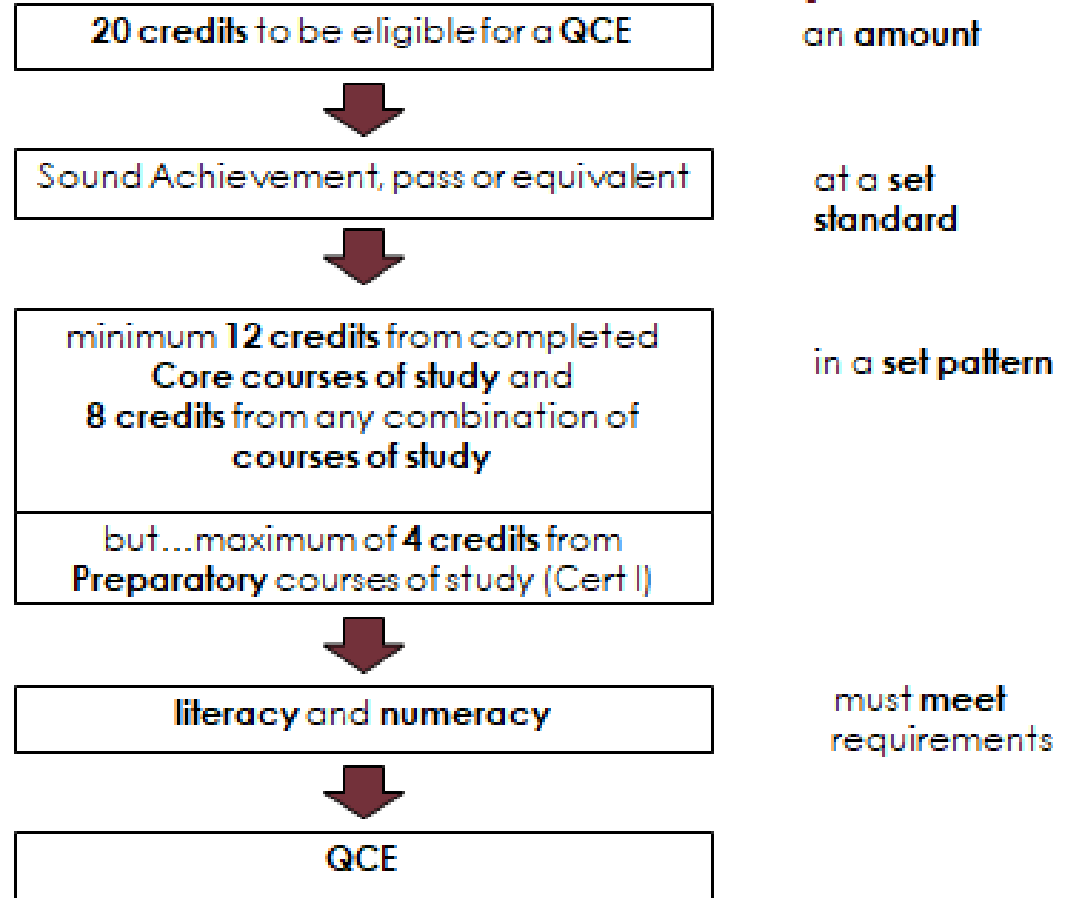
Applied subjects - Will usually be weighted lower than General subjects in ATAR calculations.



QCE
calculations



QCE – all subjects and Certificates can count towards a QCE. You have to pass.



Literacy and Numeracy requirements

Courses of study	Literacy	Numeracy	Set standard
General or Applied subjects	<p>QCAA General or Applied English subjects for Unit 1, Unit 2, or a Unit 3 <u>and</u> 4 pair:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • English • English & Literature Extension • English as an Additional Language • Literature • Essential English 	<p>QCAA General or Applied Mathematics subjects for Unit 1, Unit 2, or a Unit 3 <u>and</u> 4 pair:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General Mathematics • Mathematical Methods • Specialist Mathematics • Essential Mathematics 	<p>Satisfactory completion in Unit 1 or Unit 2</p> <p>or</p> <p>A grade of C or better in a Unit 3 <u>and</u> 4 pair</p>
Short Courses	QCAA Short Course in Literacy	QCAA Short Course in Numeracy	Grade of C or better



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QCAA



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FROM SYLLABUS TO RESULT



Assessment

- Combine internal school-based and external assessment to derive final subject result
- Four assessments in Units 3 and 4 (3 internal school-based + 1 external) per subject
- External assessments worth 25% except for Maths and Science subjects which are worth 50% of overall result
- QCAA endorse assessment prior to students completing
- QCAA confirm School based results prior to students sitting External assessment
- Students receive numerical (?/100) and A-E final subject result



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QTAC



CHOOSING THE RIGHT PATHWAY

ATAR



Tertiary Entrance

- QTAC responsible for tertiary entrance ranks

ATAR eligibility:

- students must **satisfactorily complete an English subject (C or better for Unit 3 and 4)** however English will only count if it is one of the student's best 5 subject results
- ATARs calculated from a student's best 5, one of which may be: a Cert III or higher; an Applied subject result
- ATAR is a number between 0.00 and 99.95. ATARs are in increments of 0.05
- Inter-subject scaling done by QTAC
- Alternative University options still available if completing a VET or Combination pathway.



QTAC will calculate ATARs based on either:

Best 5 QCAA General subjects	Best 4 QCAA General subjects + The best result in one of the following: QCAA Applied <u>or</u> Certificate III <u>or</u> Certificate IV <u>or</u> Diploma <u>or</u> Advanced diploma
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(If a student is eligible for an ATAR in both categories, QTAC will use their highest ATAR)

TYPES OF SUBJECTS

GENERAL SUBJECTS	APPLIED SUBJECTS	VET CERTIFICATES & SHORT COURSES
ENGLISH	ESSENTIAL ENGLISH	CERTIFICATE III IN FITNESS
LITERATURE	RELIGION & ETHICS	CERTIFICATE II IN HOSPITALITY
HEALTH	BUSINESS STUDIES	CERTIFICATE II IN ENGINEERING PATHWAYS
PHYSICAL EDUCATION	ESSENTIAL MATHEMATICS	CERTIFICATE II IN FURNITURE MAKING PATHWAYS
ACCOUNTING	SPORT & RECREATION	CERTIFICATE III BUSINESS
ANCIENT HISTORY	INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION TECH	*CERTIFICATE IV IN CRIME & JUSTICE
BUSINESS	VISUAL ARTS IN PRACTICE	*DIPLOMA OF SOCIAL MEDIA MARKETING
GEOGRAPHY		*DIPLOMA OF BUSINESS
LEGAL STUDIES		
MODERN HISTORY		SHORT COURSE IN LITERACY
STUDY OF RELIGION		SHORT COURSE IN NUMERACY
ITALIAN		
JAPANESE		
GENERAL MATHEMATICS		
MATHEMATICAL METHODS		
SPECIALIST MATHEMATICS		
BIOLOGY	GENERAL SUBJECTS continued	SUBJECT HANDBOOK AVAILABLE IN PARENT PORTAL; PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO REVIEW SUBJECTS AND PATHWAY OPTIONS PRIOR TO YOUR SETPLAN INTERVIEW.
CHEMISTRY	FOOD & NUTRITION	
MARINE SCIENCE	DRAMA	
PHYSICS	FILM, TELEVISION & NEW MEDIA	
DESIGN	MUSIC	
DIGITAL SOLUTIONS	MUSIC EXTENSION	
ENGINEERING	VISUAL ART	(Current similar subject)



PATHWAYS



- **ATAR Pathway:** Minimum 5 General Subjects (or 4 General + 1 Applied/Certificate course). At school 5 days a week.
- **Combination Pathway:** Combination of General, Applied and Certificate Courses. At school 5 days a week. Not eligible for an ATAR but can go to University through alternative entry.
- **VET Pathway:** Mix of General, Applied and Certificate courses. At school 3 days a week; 2 days in workforce and training. May be ATAR eligible (dependent upon subjects).

IF...



- you **do not like** studying and are not enjoying school, is a University (ATAR) pathway really for you? (4 years or more of University level study)
- you would **prefer to be out working and earning money**, but you would like to finish school, have you considered the VET program? Best of both worlds!
- you are **undecided between University and the immediate workforce** and would like to do a range of subjects and Certificate courses then there are ways to get to University that do not involve an ATAR.

SETPlan interviews...

Compulsory for all **Year 10** students in **QLD** to have a **SETPlan**.

- SETPlan is prepared in an interview with Ms Ambrose, you and your parents;
- Designed to structure your learning in Years 11 and 12 around your abilities, interests and ambitions and therefore your future success;
- SETPlan interviews can be booked using PTO (our online booking system used for PT interviews);



What can you do to enable your success?

ATTEND SETPlan interviews

CHOOSE AN APPROPRIATE PATHWAY

**SEEK HELP -
ASK QUESTIONS**

Thank you