



19 July 2024

SUBJECT SELECTION INFORMATION EVENING AND PROCESSES

Dear Year 10 Parents/Caregivers,

In Year 9 your students made decisions about their three-year senior pathway, which commenced in Year 10. Your students will now have received Term 1 and Semester 1 report cards and it is essential to review their senior pathway in line with these results.

All Year 10 students and parents are invited to attend the Subject Selection Information Evening, where you will be informed about post-schooling pathways of university entry, vocational education or employment.

When: Tuesday 30 July 2024

Format: Faculty, TAFE, University & RTO Stalls 3:00pm - 5:00pm (Hall)

Principal rolling Subject Selection Information Session 3:30pm, 4:15pm, & 5:00pm (Q1)

Experience Gold Coast Parent Information Session 3:30pm & 4:00pm (Library)

From Wednesday 14 August, Year 10 students who have not enrolled in Vocational Education and Training (VET) or are not on track for a successful completion of Year 10, will be required on campus each Wednesday from 12:10pm – 3:00pm in the Library. This Wednesday session is a support measure to ensure your student is on track to meet graduation requirements.

On Wednesday 28 August, we will require some Year 10 students and their parents/caregivers to attend a 30-minute Senior Education and Training Plan (SETP) review meeting, to discuss support for:

- Students who have not enrolled in a VET program.
- Students who are at risk of failing subjects and/or require a pathway change.

We look forward to meeting with you to support your student to be on an appropriate senior pathway.

Yours faithfully,

Rachel Cutajar
Principal

FAQ

Is it necessary to attend the SETP review meeting?

Yes, attending the Student Education and Training Plan (SETP) review meeting is mandatory. It is the culmination of the subject selection program provided by the school and a clear opportunity to review progress of your student and their pathway. Students have already completed their SETP in OneSchool and a meeting with a parent/carer occurred last year. During that formal SETP meeting, students finalised their senior subjects and pathway. This meeting is a review.

What is the Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE)?

The Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE) is Queensland's senior schooling qualification.

What is the Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR)?

The ATAR is a ranking system used for tertiary admissions that reflects a student's overall position relative to other students. More information can be found at <https://myqce.qcaa.qld.edu.au/assessment-and-results/atar>

How do the QCE and ATAR differ?

The QCE is Queensland's senior schooling qualification, whereas the ATAR is a ranking used for tertiary admissions reflecting a student's position compared to peers. We aim to ensure every student graduates with a QCE. There are requirements a student must meet to ensure this can occur and students graduate Year 12 successfully.

What is Vocational Education and Training in Schools (VETiS)?

VETiS is a learning pathway that Years 10-12 students can undertake whilst completing senior secondary. These are funded or fee for service courses; delivered by registered training providers (RTOs); they provide students with a nationally recognised qualification on completion; and, most provide credit towards your Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE).

What type of VETiS can my student participate in?

1. VETiS funded Certificate I or II courses with an accredited training provider (RTO)
2. Fee for Service Certificate I, II, III, IV or (partial or full) Diploma courses

How long does it take to complete VETiS?

This varies depending qualification type and level. Some industry areas and/or higher-level courses require vocational placement (student workplace volunteering and sampling). Approximately:

- Certificate I/II: 6-12 months
- Certificate III: 12-month duration
- Certificate IV: 12-18 months
- Diploma: 18-24 months

What are School-based Apprentice-Traineeships (SATs)?

These are earning and learning contracts that students can commence from Year 10, that sees them complete:

- School timetable subjects on campus
- Participate in paid work with a local employer one school day and outside school hours (e.g., weekends, holidays)
- Enrol and complete a Certificate III qualification aligned to workplace tasks and industry at that level

How does VET (Certificates & Diplomas) benefit my Year 10-12 student?

Once completed, your qualification is recognised nationally for future training and employment pathways. Successful completion of VET will award students points to their QCE or QCIA. For Certificate III, IV and Diploma courses, students will be awarded an ATAR rank equivalent which may provide entry to eligible university courses.

What is the benefit of completing VET in Year 10?

Students who complete a certificate III, IV or Diploma will be awarded a study line on completion. This affords students an additional 210 minutes per week of study, supporting the academic rigour of Years 11 and 12.

Can my student change their pathway?

Year 10 students will have the opportunity to review their senior pathway at the end of Semester 1 following reporting results by appointment with HOD Senior or Deputy Principal Middle School. Students undertake a three year senior pathway. Any pathway changes need to occur in Year 10 as students begin collecting QCE points in Year 11. Students will not change subjects to 'try new electives'. This only occurs in the Junior Secondary years.

Where can I access more information?

More information can be found at the Merrimac State High School website using the following [link](#).