

# Senior Phase of Learning



Senior Subject Selection Policy

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**School Policy is that all Senior phase of learning students are required to make subject selections that result in them being ATAR (Australian tertiary entrance rank) eligible OR competent to be awarded a Nationally Accredited Certificate III in a Vocational area. All of these options must also make the student QCE eligible.**

## **Guidelines for Subject Selection for students electing to be ATAR Eligible**

1. Students must choose a general English and Maths subject.
2. Students who wish to concentrate on achieving Tertiary Entrance as their main goal should select six (5) General subjects. Their 6<sup>th</sup> subject can be a general or applied subject or a certificate course.
3. Students who select Specialist mathematics must also select Mathematical methods.
4. Students wishing to do an ATAR course need to have displayed the academic discipline required for successful completion. A year 10 result of a grade point total of 21 (across 6 ATAR preparation subjects) is highly recommended, (A-5, B-4, C-3, D-2, E-1) to start an ATAR course, or by negotiation with the Principal.

## **Guidelines for Subject Selection for students electing to be ATAR Ineligible**

1. Students must choose a general or applied English and Maths subject.
2. Students who opt to be ATAR Ineligible are required to undertake a Vocational Education Certificate III as a minimal qualification. Students have options as to how this can be achieved.
  - students can take “stand alone” Vocational subjects that the school offers either as a subject or through an external provider, or
  - Students can achieve a Certificate II/III by undertaking a School-based apprenticeship or Traineeship (Hairdressing; Retail Operations; Salon Assistant; Hospitality; Retail; Sport and Recreation; Business; Marine Craft; Mechanics; Outdoor recreation).
3. Students who opt to be ATAR ineligible are advised to select a suite of Applied, General or certificate courses.

It is recommended that students do not choose 4 General subjects and 1 other as a means to an ATAR.

Students who select a Course of Study **outside** of the **RECOMMENDED Guidelines** above are required to apply in writing or have an appointment with their parent/guardian and the Principal/Deputy Principal/Guidance Officer to discuss and seek approval for their Course.