

# Chatham High School

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## Year 10 into 11 Information Evening 2017



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## **Purpose of this presentation**

The aim of this presentation is to give you an understanding of the subject selection process and the requirements of the HSC.

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## Course Selection Considerations

- Abilities
  - Interests/Motivation
  - Career aspirations and needs
  - Syllabus requirements - Practical/Major work components
  - Subject combinations
  - Other commitments
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## The Higher School Certificate

- is the culmination of a student's school career
  - is the highest educational award that can be achieved at secondary school in New South Wales
  - reports student achievement in terms of a **standard** achieved in individual courses
  - presents a **profile** of student achievement across a broad range of subjects
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## HSC Course Structure

- All courses in the HSC have a **unit value**
  - Most courses are **2 units** which equates to **120 hours** of study and an HSC result out of **100**
  - Some courses are **1 unit**. This is equivalent to **60 hours** of study and a HSC result out of **50**
  - Many 1 unit courses are **extension** courses, enabling 3 or 4 units of a course to be studied
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## Here is where it starts to get confusing...

There are a number of rules in regards to your pattern of study.





## Requirements for the HSC

### Year 11

- minimum of **12 units**
- students must satisfactorily **complete** the Year 11 course before commencing the corresponding Year 12 course

### Year 12

- minimum of **10 units**
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## Requirements for the HSC

Both the Year 11 and Year 12 pattern of study must include:

- 2 units of **compulsory English**
  - at least **6 units** of Board Developed Courses
  - at least **3 courses** of **2 units** value or greater
  - at least **4 subjects** (including English)
  - a maximum of **6 units** of Science may be included in the Year 11 pattern of study.
  - from 2019, a maximum of **7 units** of Science may be included in the Year 12 pattern of study. – (Extension Science)
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## What is this thing called an ATAR?

It stands for the **A**ustralian **T**ertiary **A**dmission **R**ank.

- is for students wishing to gain a place at a university
  - is a rank **NOT** a mark
  - provides information about how a student performs overall in relation to other students
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## Types of HSC Courses

Board Developed Courses	Board Endorsed Courses
<p>HSC examination except for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• optional examination in English Studies and Mathematics Standard 1 and VET Framework courses</li><li>• All Life Skills courses</li></ul>	<p>No HSC examination – school-based assessment only</p>
<p>May be included in the calculation of a student's Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR).</p>	<p>Not included in the calculation of a student's Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR).</p>
<p>Includes some Vocational Education and Training (VET) courses.</p>	<p>Includes some Vocational Education and Training (VET) courses.</p>
<p>Includes Life Skills courses.</p>	



## Board Developed Courses and the ATAR

Category A Courses	Category B Courses
May be included in the calculation of a student's Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR)	No more than 2 units of Category B courses can be included in the calculation of a student's ATAR
Compulsory HSC Examination for most courses	Optional HSC examination for some courses
	Include VET Curriculum Framework courses and have compulsory work placement.

Examples of **Category B** subjects are English Studies, Mathematics Standard 1, VET construction / retail / entertainment / hospitality.

**You can only study 1 of these if you would like an ATAR.**

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## HSC Course Structure

To re-cap...

- **Board Developed Course**

*Can be Category A or B...*

- **Board Endorsed Course**

*No exam or ATAR*

- **VET**

*Certificate plus optional exam*

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## HSC: All My Own Work

- HSC: All My Own Work is a **mandatory program** designed to help HSC students to follow the principles and practices of good scholarship.
- It consists of five modules:
  - Scholarship Principles and Practices
  - Acknowledging Sources
  - Plagiarism
  - Copyright
  - Working with Others

*This will be completed  
after the Yearly exams  
in term 4, YEAR 10!.*



## **English – The only compulsory subject!**

- **English Studies (Category B)**
  - **English Standard**
  - **English Advanced**
    - English Extension 1 (must be studied with Advanced)
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## Vocational Education & Training (VET)

- Board Developed HSC VET syllabus
  - Based on **nationally** endorsed Training Package(s)
  - Includes HSC outcomes and content
  - Has an **optional** HSC examination
    - provides access to ATAR pathway
  - Includes a **mandatory** work placement
  - You get a National Accreditation Certificate
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## VET: Board Developed Courses

- Automotive
- Business Services
- Construction
- Electro technology
- Entertainment Industry
- Financial Services
- Hospitality
- Human Services
- Information and Digital Technology
- Metal and Engineering
- Primary Industries
- Retail Services
- Tourism, Travel and Events

*These are category B subjects*

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## Life Skills Courses

Life Skills Courses are designed for a small percentage of students with **special education needs**.  
Life Skills Courses:

- have Board Developed Course status
  - contribute to the attainment of the HSC
  - do not have HSC examinations and so do not contribute to the calculation of an ATAR
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## Other Considerations

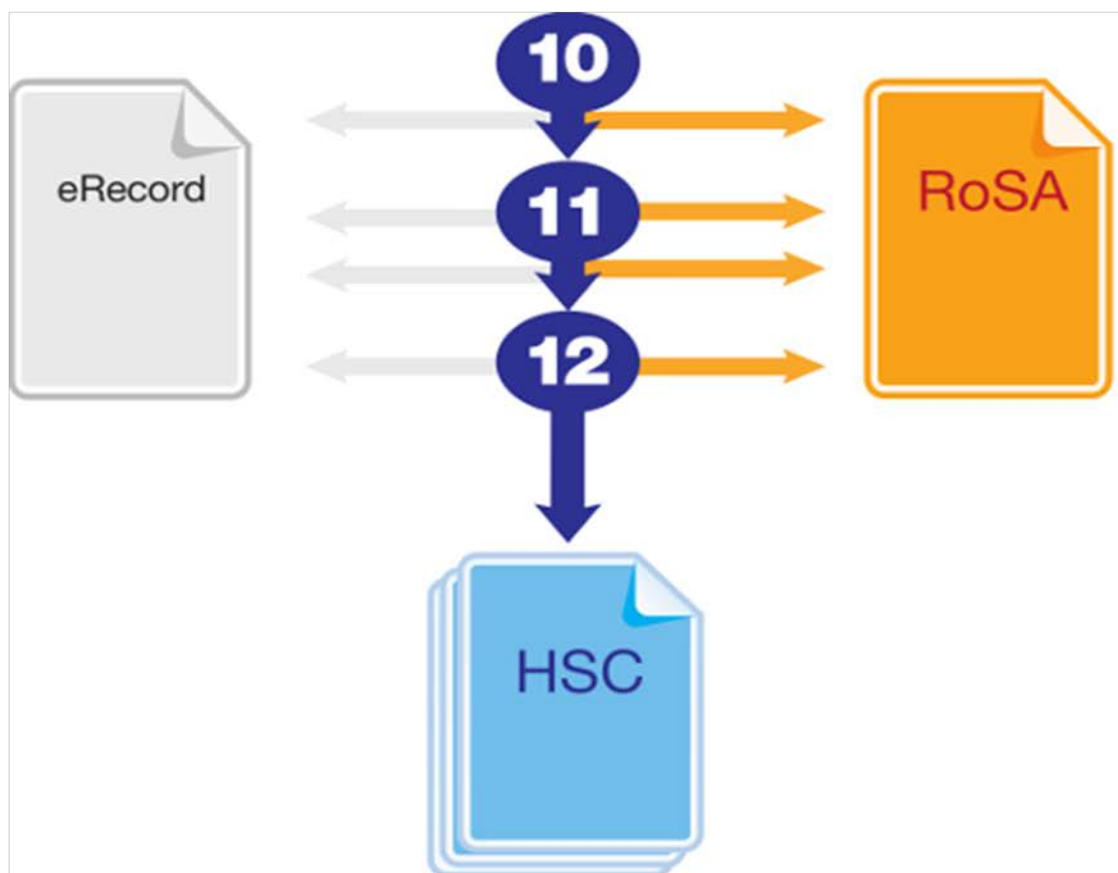
- What do I want for my future?
- What 'pathway' best suits me?
- Ask for advice from:
  - teachers
  - parents
  - year adviser
  - careers adviser

Pathways

Find YOUR way...



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## What type of student are you?

1. University?

2. University / TAFE / Work / Unsure???

3. Getting ready for work, TAFE or leaving school?

# Subject Selection Process Flowchart

1. Year 10 into 11 Information Evening – Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> July – Week 2



2. Careers Expo – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> July – Week 2



3. Subject Information Sessions – Monday 31<sup>st</sup> July – Week 3



4. Interview Panels – Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> August – Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> August – Week 3



5. Subject Selections – First Round – Week 4



6. Subject Lines Set – Week 4 to Week 5



7. Subject Selections – Final Selections – Week 6

Line 1	Line 2	Line 3	Line 4	Line 5	Line 6	Line 7
English Advanced	Maths Advanced	Drama	Business Studies	Legal Studies	Modern History	English Extension
English Standard	Maths Standard	Retail	IT Wood	SLR	Skills for Life	Maths Extension
English Studies	CAFS	Construction VET	Sports Coach VET	Physics	PE	TAFE
		Chemistry	Hospitality VET	Biology	Textiles	
		Investigating Science	Visual Arts	EEC	Agriculture	
					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Entertainment</li> <li>•Music 1</li> <li>•Engineering Studies</li> <li>•Primary</li> </ul>	



## Important staff you need to know....

- Year Adviser – Mrs Susan Schneider
- Careers Advisor – Mr James Cooper
- Head Teachers



"Mr. Brown may I be excused? My brain is full."



## How did we go?

- Do you better understand the requirements of the HSC? 1-5
- Do you understand the subject selection process? 1-5
- Do you know who to ask if you are not sure? 1-5

Please complete the very short evaluation before you leave. Any feedback is greatly appreciated. Don't forget to book your time for the interviews next week.

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