

ROMA STATE COLLEGE

Year 11 and 12

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SUBJECT INFORMATION GUIDE

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Introduction

Roma State College students will select an English subject, a Mathematics subject and four other subjects or Certificates, over the two years of Year 11 and 12, with the aim of achieving their QCE

Students will need to select one option in each of the 6 lines of the Roma State College Subject Line Structure.

All students can also study a range of additional Certificates, ATAR preparation and career and life topics in our Career Course Education program (CCE) which is held on line 7.

If students are interested in completing a Certificate course or a School- based Apprenticeship or Traineeship, they will need to make an appointment with a Head of Department/ Campus.

Choosing your Senior Subjects

It is important to choose senior subjects carefully as your decisions may affect the types of occupations you choose in the future, your success at school and your feelings about school. Even though there are many factors to consider, choosing your course of study can be made easier if you go about the task calmly and logically, and follow a set of planned steps.

OVERALL PLAN

As an overall plan, it is suggested that you choose subjects:

- you enjoy
- in which you have achieved good results
- which reflect your interests and abilities
- which help you reach your career and employment goals
- which will develop skills, knowledge and attitudes useful throughout your life
- which will meet the prerequisite requirements for University Courses.

Senior Education Profile

Students in Queensland are issued with a Senior Education Profile (SEP) upon completion of senior studies. This profile may include a:

- statement of results
- Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE)
- Queensland Certificate of Individual Achievement (QCIA).

For more information about the SEP see: www.qcaa.qld.edu.au/senior/certificatesqualifications/sep.

Statement of results

Students are issued with a statement of results in the December following the completion of a QCAA-developed course of study. A new statement of results is issued to students after each QCAA-developed course of study is completed.

A full record of study will be issued, along with the QCE qualification, in the first December or July after the student meets the requirements for a QCE.

Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE)

Students may be eligible for a Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE) at the end of their senior schooling. Students who do not meet the QCE requirements can continue to work towards the certificate post-secondary schooling. The QCAA awards a QCE in the following July or December, once a student becomes eligible. Learning accounts are closed after nine years; however, a student may apply to the QCAA to have the account reopened and all credit continued.



Queensland Certificate of Individual Achievement (QCIA)

The Queensland Certificate of Individual Achievement (QCIA) reports the learning achievements of eligible students who complete an individual learning program. At the end of the senior phase of learning, eligible students achieve a QCIA. These students have the option of continuing to work towards a QCE post-secondary schooling.

Senior subjects

The QCAA develops four types of senior subject syllabuses — General, Applied, Senior External Examinations and Short Courses. Results in General and Applied subjects contribute to the award of a QCE and may contribute to an Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) calculation, although no more than one result in an Applied subject can be used in the calculation of a student's ATAR.

Extension subjects are extensions of the related General subjects and are studied either concurrently with, or after, Units 3 and 4 of the General course.

Typically, it is expected that most students will complete these courses across Years 11 and 12. All subjects build on the P–10 Australian Curriculum.

General syllabuses

General subjects are suited to students who are interested in pathways beyond senior secondary schooling that lead primarily to tertiary studies and to pathways for vocational education and training and work. General subjects include Extension subjects.

Applied syllabuses

Applied subjects are suited to students who are primarily interested in pathways beyond senior secondary schooling that lead to vocational education and training or work.

Senior External Examination

The Senior External Examination consists of individual subject examinations provided across Queensland in October and November each year by the QCAA.

Short Courses

Short Courses are developed to meet a specific curriculum need and are suited to students who are interested in pathways beyond senior secondary schooling that lead to vocational education and training and establish a basis for further education and employment. They are informed by, and articulate closely with, the requirements of the Australian Core Skills Framework (ACSF). A grade of C in Short Courses aligns with the requirements for ACSF Level 3.

For more information about the ACSF see: https://www.education.gov.au/australian-core-skills-framework.

Underpinning factors

All senior syllabuses are underpinned by:

- literacy the set of knowledge and skills about language and texts essential for understanding and conveying content
- numeracy the knowledge, skills, behaviours and dispositions that students need to use mathematics in a wide range of situations, to recognise and understand the role of mathematics in the world, and to develop the dispositions and capacities to use mathematical knowledge and skills purposefully.

General syllabuses and Short Courses

In addition to literacy and numeracy, General syllabuses and Short Courses are underpinned by:

• 21st century skills — the attributes and skills students need to prepare them for higher education, work and engagement in a complex and rapidly changing world. These include critical thinking, creative thinking, communication, collaboration and teamwork, personal and social skills, and information & communication technologies (ICT) skills.

Applied syllabuses

In addition to literacy and numeracy, Applied syllabuses are underpinned by:

- applied learning the acquisition and application of knowledge, understanding and skills in real-world or lifelike contexts
- community connections the awareness and understanding of life beyond school through authentic, real-world interactions by connecting classroom experience with the world outside the classroom
- core skills for work the set of knowledge, understanding and non-technical skills that underpin successful participation in work.

Vocational education and training (VET)

Students can access VET programs through the school if it:

- is a registered training organisation (RTO)
- has a third-party arrangement with an external provider who is an RTO
- offers opportunities for students to undertake school-based apprenticeships or traineeships.

Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) eligibility

The calculation of an Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) will be based on a student's:

- best five General subject results or
- best results in a combination of four General subject results plus an Applied subject result or a Certificate III or higher VET qualification.

The Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre (QTAC) has responsibility for ATAR calculations.

English requirement

Eligibility for an ATAR will require satisfactory completion of a QCAA English subject.

Satisfactory completion will require students to attain a result that is equivalent to a Sound Level of Achievement in one of five subjects — English, Essential English, Literature, English and Literature Extension or English as an Additional Language.

While students must meet this standard to be eligible to receive an ATAR, it is not mandatory for a student's English result to be included in the calculation of their ATAR.

General syllabuses

Structure

The syllabus structure consists of a course overview and assessment.

General syllabuses course overview

General syllabuses are developmental four-unit courses of study.

Units 1 and 2 provide foundational learning, allowing students to experience all syllabus objectives and begin engaging with the course subject matter. It is intended that Units 1 and 2 are studied as a pair. Assessment in Units 1 and 2 provides students with feedback on their progress in a course of study and contributes to the award of a QCE.

Students should complete Units 1 and 2 before starting Units 3 and 4.

Units 3 and 4 consolidate student learning. Assessment in Units 3 and 4 is summative and student results contribute to the award of a QCE and to ATAR calculations.

Assessment

Units 1 and 2 assessments

RSC will decide the sequence, scope and scale of assessments for Units 1 and 2. These assessments should reflect the local context. Teachers determine the assessment program, tasks and marking guides that are used to assess student performance for Units 1 and 2.

Units 1 and 2 assessment outcomes provide feedback to students on their progress in the course of study. Schools should develop at least *two* but no more than *four* assessments for Units 1 and 2. At least *one* assessment must be completed for *each* unit.

RSC will report satisfactory completion of Units 1 and 2 to the QCAA, and will report levels of achievement to students and parents/carers using grades, descriptive statements or other indicators.

Units 3 and 4 assessments

Students complete a total of *four* summative assessments — three internal and one external — that count towards the overall subject result in each General subject.

Schools develop *three* internal assessments for each senior subject to reflect the requirements described in Units 3 and 4 of each General syllabus.

The three summative internal assessments need to be endorsed by the QCAA before they are used in schools. Students' results in these assessments are externally confirmed by QCAA assessors. These confirmed results from internal assessment are combined with a single result from an external assessment, which is developed and marked by the QCAA. The external assessment result for a subject contributes to a determined percentage of a students' overall subject result. For most subjects this is 25%; for Mathematics and Science subjects it is 50%.

Instrument-specific marking guides

Each syllabus provides instrument-specific marking guides (ISMGs) for summative internal assessments.

The ISMGs describe the characteristics evident in student responses and align with the identified assessment objectives. Assessment objectives are drawn from the unit objectives and are contextualised for the requirements of the assessment instrument.

Schools cannot change or modify an ISMG for use with summative internal assessment.

As part of quality teaching and learning, schools should discuss ISMGs with students to help them understand the requirements of an assessment task.

External assessment

External assessment is summative and adds valuable evidence of achievement to a student's profile. External assessment is:

- common to all schools
- administered under the same conditions at the same time and on the same day
- developed and marked by the QCAA according to a commonly applied marking scheme.

The external assessment contributes a determined percentage (see specific subject guides — assessment) to the student's overall subject result and is not privileged over summative internal assessment.

Applied Subjects

Structure

The syllabus structure consists of a course overview and assessment.

Applied syllabuses course overview

Applied syllabuses are developmental four-unit courses of study.

Units 1 and 2 of the course are designed to allow students to begin their engagement with the course content, i.e. the knowledge, understanding and skills of the subject. Course content, learning experiences and assessment increase in complexity across the four units as students develop greater independence as learners.

Units 3 and 4 consolidate student learning. Results from assessment in Applied subjects contribute to the award of a QCE and results from Units 3 and 4 may contribute as a single input to ATAR calculation.

A course of study for Applied syllabuses includes core topics and elective areas for study.

Assessment

Applied syllabuses use *four* summative internal assessments from Units 3 and 4 to determine a student's exit result.

Schools should develop at least *two* but no more than *four* internal assessments for Units 1 and 2 and these assessments should provide students with opportunities to become familiar with the summative internal assessment techniques to be used for Units 3 and 4.

Applied syllabuses do not use external assessment.

Instrument-specific standards matrixes

For each assessment instrument, schools develop an instrument-specific standards matrix by selecting the syllabus standards descriptors relevant to the task and the dimension/s being assessed. The matrix is shared with students and used as a tool for making judgments about the quality of students' responses to the instrument. Schools develop assessments to allow students to demonstrate the range of standards.

Essential English and Essential Mathematics — Common internal assessment

Students complete a total of *four* summative internal assessments in Units 3 and 4 that count toward their overall subject result. Schools develop *three* of the summative internal assessments for each senior subject and the other summative assessment is a common internal assessment (CIA) developed by the QCAA.

The CIA for Essential English and Essential Mathematics is based on the learning described in Unit 3 of the respective syllabus. The CIA is:

- developed by the QCAA
- common to all schools
- delivered to schools by the QCAA
- administered flexibly in Unit 3
- administered under supervised conditions
- marked by the school according to a common marking scheme developed by the QCAA.

The CIA is not privileged over the other summative internal assessment.

Summative internal assessment — instrument-specific standards

The Essential English and Essential Mathematics syllabuses provide instrument-specific standards for the three summative internal assessments in Units 3 and 4.

The instrument-specific standards describe the characteristics evident in student responses and align with the identified assessment objectives. Assessment objectives are drawn from the unit objectives and are contextualised for the requirements of the assessment instrument.

QCAA Senior Subjects

Mathematics

General

- General Mathematics
- Mathematical Methods

Applied

• Essential Mathematics

Short Course

• Numeracy

English

General

• English

Applied

• Essential English

Short Course

Literacy

Humanities

General

- Ancient History
- Geography
- Legal Studies

Applied

- Business Studies
- Social & Community Studies

Short course

- Career Education
- ATIS Languages

Science

General

- Agricultural Science
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Physics
- Psychology

Applied

Agricultural Practices

The Arts

Applied

- Arts in Practice
- Visual Arts in Practice

General

Visual Art

Languages

Short Courses

• ATSI Languages

Applied

- Sport & Recreation
- Early Childhood Studies

Technologies

General

Design

Applied

- Industrial Technology Skills
- Information & Communication Technology
- Hospitality Studies

Health and Physical Education

General Mathematics

General senior subject

General Mathematics' major domains are Number and algebra, Measurement and geometry, Statistics, and Networks and matrices, building on the content of the P–10 Australian Curriculum.

General Mathematics is designed for students who want to extend their mathematical skills beyond Year 10 but whose future studies or employment pathways do not require calculus.

Students build on and develop key mathematical ideas, including rates and percentages, concepts from financial mathematics, linear and non-linear expressions, sequences, the use of matrices and networks to model and solve authentic problems, the use of trigonometry to find solutions to practical problems, and the exploration of real-world phenomena in statistics.

Students engage in a practical approach that equips learners for their needs as future citizens. They learn to ask appropriate questions, map out pathways, reason about complex solutions, set up models and communicate in different forms. They experience the relevance of mathematics to their daily lives, communities and cultural backgrounds. They develop the ability to understand, analyse and take action regarding social issues in their world.

Pathways

A course of study in General Mathematics can establish a basis for further education and employment in the fields of business, commerce, education, finance, IT, social science and the arts.

Objectives

By the conclusion of the course of study, students will:

- select, recall and use facts, rules, definitions and procedures drawn from Number and algebra, Measurement and geometry, Statistics, and Networks and matrices
- comprehend mathematical concepts and techniques drawn from Number and algebra, Measurement and geometry, Statistics, and Networks and matrices
- communicate using mathematical, statistical and everyday language and conventions
- evaluate the reasonableness of solutions
- justify procedures and decisions by explaining mathematical reasoning
- solve problems by applying mathematical concepts and techniques drawn from Number and algebra, Measurement and geometry, Statistics, and Networks and matrices.

Structure

Unit 1	Unit 2	Unit 3	Unit 4
 Money, measurement and relations Consumer arithmetic Shape and measurement Linear equations and their graphs 	 Applied trigonometry, algebra, matrices and univariate data Applications of trigonometry Algebra and matrices Univariate data analysis 	 Bivariate data, sequences and change, and Earth geometry Bivariate data analysis Time series analysis Growth and decay in sequences Earth geometry and time zones 	 Investing and networking Loans, investments and annuities Graphs and networks Networks and decision mathematics

Assessment

Schools devise assessments in Units 1 and 2 to suit their local context.

In Units 3 and 4 students complete four summative assessments. The results from each of the assessments are added together to provide a subject score out of 100. Students will also receive an overall subject result (A–E).

Unit 3		Unit 4	
Summative internal assessment 1 (IA1): • Problem-solving and modelling task	20%	Summative internal assessment 3 (IA3): • Examination	15%
Summative internal assessment 2 (IA2): • Examination	15%		
Summative external assessment (EA): 50% • Examination			

Mathematical Methods

General senior subject

Mathematical Methods' major domains are Algebra, Functions, relations and their graphs, Calculus and Statistics.

Mathematical Methods enables students to see the connections between mathematics and other areas of the curriculum and apply their mathematical skills to real-world problems, becoming critical thinkers, innovators and problem-solvers.

Students learn topics that are developed systematically, with increasing levels of sophistication, complexity and connection, and build on algebra, functions and their graphs, and probability from the P–10 Australian Curriculum. Calculus is essential for developing an understanding of the physical world. The domain Statistics is used to describe and analyse phenomena involving uncertainty and variation. Both are the basis for developing effective models of the world and solving complex and abstract mathematical problems.

Students develop the ability to translate written, numerical, algebraic, symbolic and graphical information from one representation to another. They make complex use of factual knowledge to successfully formulate, represent and solve mathematical problems.

Pathways

A course of study in Mathematical Methods can establish a basis for further education and employment in the fields of natural and physical sciences (especially physics and chemistry), mathematics and science education, medical and health sciences (including human biology, biomedical science, nanoscience and forensics), engineering (including chemical, civil, electrical and mechanical engineering, avionics, communications and mining), computer science (including electronics and software design), psychology and business.

Objectives

By the conclusion of the course of study, students will:

- select, recall and use facts, rules, definitions and procedures drawn from Algebra, Functions, relations and their graphs, Calculus and Statistics
- comprehend mathematical concepts and techniques drawn from Algebra, Functions, relations and their graphs, Calculus and Statistics
- communicate using mathematical, statistical and everyday language and conventions
- evaluate the reasonableness of solutions
- justify procedures and decisions by explaining mathematical reasoning
- solve problems by applying mathematical concepts and techniques drawn from Algebra, Functions, relations and their graphs, Calculus and Statistics.

Structure

Unit 1	Unit 2	Unit 3	Unit 4
 Algebra, statistics and functions Arithmetic and geometric sequences and series 1 Functions and graphs Counting and probability Exponential functions 1 Arithmetic and geometric sequences 	Calculus and further functions Exponential functions 2 The logarithmic function 1 Trigonometric functions 1 Introduction to differential calculus Further differentiation and applications 1 Discrete random variables 1 	 Further calculus The logarithmic function 2 Further differentiation and applications 2 Integrals 	 Further functions and statistics Further differentiation and applications 3 Trigonometric functions 2 Discrete random variables 2 Continuous random variables and the normal distribution Interval estimates for proportions

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Summative external assessment (EA): 50% • Examination			

Essential Mathematics

Applied senior subject

Essential Mathematics' major domains are Number, Data, Location and time, Measurement and Finance.

Essential Mathematics benefits students because they develop skills that go beyond the traditional ideas of numeracy.

Students develop their conceptual understanding when they undertake tasks that require them to connect mathematical concepts, operations and relations. They learn to recognise definitions, rules and facts from everyday mathematics and data, and to calculate using appropriate mathematical processes.

Students interpret and use mathematics to make informed predictions and decisions about personal and financial priorities. This is achieved through an emphasis on estimation, problem-solving and reasoning, which develops students into thinking citizens.

Pathways

A course of study in Essential Mathematics can establish a basis for further education and employment in the fields of trade, industry, business and community services. Students learn within a practical context related to general employment and successful participation in society, drawing on the mathematics used by various professional and industry groups.

Objectives

By the conclusion of the course of study, students will:

- select, recall and use facts, rules, definitions and procedures drawn from Number, Data, Location and time, Measurement and Finance
- comprehend mathematical concepts and techniques drawn from Number, Data, Location and time, Measurement and Finance
- communicate using mathematical, statistical and everyday language and conventions
- evaluate the reasonableness of solutions
- justify procedures and decisions by explaining mathematical reasoning
- solve problems by applying mathematical concepts and techniques drawn from Number, Data, Location and time, Measurement and Finance.

Structure

Unit 1	Unit 2	Unit 3	Unit 4
Number, data and graphs	Money, travel and data	Measurement, scales and data	Graphs, chance and loans
 Fundamental topic: Calculations Number Representing data 	 Fundamental topic: Calculations Managing money Time and motion 	 Fundamental topic: Calculations Measurement Scales, plans and 	 Fundamental topic: Calculations Bivariate graphs Probability and
Graphs	Data collection	Summarising and comparing data	 robusing and relative frequencies Loans and compound interest

Assessment

Schools devise assessments in Units 1 and 2 to suit their local context.

In Units 3 and 4 students complete four summative assessments. Schools develop three summative internal assessments and the common internal assessment (CIA) is developed by the QCAA.

Unit 3	Unit 4
Summative internal assessment 1 (IA1):	Summative internal assessment 3 (IA3):
• Problem-solving and modelling task	Problem-solving and modelling task
Summative internal assessment 2 (IA2):	Summative internal assessment (IA4):
• Common internal assessment (CIA)	• Examination

Numeracy Short Course

Numeracy is a one-unit course of study, developed to meet a specific curriculum need. It is informed by the Australian Core Skills Framework (ACSF) Level 3.

Numeracy is integral to a person's ability to function effectively in society. Students learn strategies to develop and monitor their own learning, identify and communicate mathematical information in a range of texts and real-life contexts, use mathematical processes and strategies to solve problems, and reflect on outcomes and the appropriateness of the mathematics used.

Students identify, locate, act upon, interpret and communicate mathematical ideas and information. They represent these ideas and information in a number of ways, and draw meaning from them for everyday life and work activities. Students use oral and written mathematical language and representation to convey information and the results of problem-solving actvities.

Pathways

A course of study in Numeracy may establish a basis for further education and employment in the fields of trade, industry, business and community services. Students will learn within a practical context related to general employment and successful participation in society, drawing on the mathematics used by various professional and industry groups.

Objectives

By the conclusion of the course of study, students will:

- select and interpret mathematical information
- select from and use a variety of developing mathematical and problemsolving strategies
- use oral and written mathematical language and representation to communicate mathematically
- plan, implement and adjust processes to achieve learning outcomes
- apply learning strategies.

Structure and assessment

Schools develop two assessment instruments to determine the student's exit result.

Topic 1: Personal identity and education	Topic 2: The work environment
 One assessment consisting of two parts: an extended response — oral mathematical presentation (Internal assessment 1A) a student learning journal (Internal assessment 1B). 	 One assessment consisting of two parts: an examination — short response (Internal assessment 2A) a student learning journal (Internal assessment 2B).

English General senior subject

English focuses on the study of both literary texts and non-literary texts, developing students as independent, innovative and creative learners and thinkers who appreciate the aesthetic use of language, analyse perspectives and evidence, and challenge ideas and interpretations through the analysis and creation of varied texts.

Students are offered opportunities to interpret and create texts for personal, cultural, social and aesthetic purposes. They learn how language varies according to context, purpose and audience, content, modes and mediums, and how to use it appropriately and effectively for a variety of purposes. Students have opportunities to engage with diverse texts to help them develop a sense of themselves, their world and their place in it.

Students communicate effectively in Standard Australian English for the purposes of responding to and creating texts. They make choices about generic structures, language, textual features and technologies for participating actively in literary analysis and the creation of texts in a range of modes, mediums and forms, for a variety of purposes and audiences. They explore how literary and non-literary texts shape perceptions of the world, and consider ways in which texts may reflect or challenge social and cultural ways of thinking and influence audiences.

Pathways

A course of study in English promotes openmindedness, imagination, critical awareness and intellectual flexibility — skills that prepare students for local and global citizenship, and for lifelong learning across a wide range of contexts.

Objectives

By the conclusion of the course of study, students will:

- use patterns and conventions of genres to achieve particular purposes in cultural contexts and social situations
- establish and maintain roles of the writer/speaker/signer/designer and relationships with audiences
- create and analyse perspectives and representations of concepts, identities, times and places
- make use of and analyse the ways cultural assumptions, attitudes, values and beliefs underpin texts and invite audiences to take up positions
- use aesthetic features and stylistic devices to achieve purposes and analyse their effects in texts
- select and synthesise subject matter to support perspectives
- organise and sequence subject matter to achieve particular purposes
- use cohesive devices to emphasise ideas and connect parts of texts
- make language choices for particular purposes and contexts
- use grammar and language structures for particular purposes
- use mode-appropriate features to achieve particular purposes.

Structure

Unit 1	Unit 2	Unit 3	Unit 4
 Perspectives and texts Examining and creating perspectives in texts Responding to a variety of non-literary and literary texts Creating responses for public audiences and persuasive texts The Importance of Being Earnest, Oscar Wilde Media Texts 	 Texts and culture Examining and	 Textual connections Exploring	 Close study of
	shaping	connections between	literary texts Engaging with
	representations of	texts Examining different	literary texts from
	culture in texts Responding to	perspectives of the	diverse times and
	literary and non-	same issue in texts	places Responding to
	literary texts,	and shaping own	literary texts
	including a focus on	perspectives Creating responses	creatively and
	Australian texts Creating imaginative	for public audiences	critically Creating imaginative
	and analytical texts Poetry Texts To Kill a	and persuasive texts The Crucible, Arthur	and analytical texts The Turning, Tim
	Mockingbird, Harper	Miller Four Corners, ABC	Winton Macbeth, William
	Lee	TV	Shakespeare

Assessment

Schools devise assessments in Units 1 and 2 to suit their local context.

In Units 3 and 4 students complete four summative assessments. The results from each of the assessments are added together to provide a subject score out of 100. Students will also receive an overall subject result (A–E).

Unit 3		Unit 4	
 Summative internal assessment 1 (IA1): Extended response — written response for a public audience 	25%	 Summative internal assessment 3 (IA3): Extended response — imaginative written response 	25%
Summative internal assessment 2 (IA2): • Extended response — persuasive spoken response	25%	 Summative external assessment (EA): Examination — analytical written response 	25%

Essential English

Applied senior subject

Essential English develops and refines students' understanding of language, literature and literacy to enable them to interact confidently and effectively with others in everyday, community and social contexts. Students recognise language and texts as relevant in their lives now and in the future and learn to understand, accept or challenge the values and attitudes in these texts.

Students engage with language and texts to foster skills to communicate confidently and effectively in Standard Australian English in a variety of contemporary contexts and social situations, including everyday, social, community, further education and workrelated contexts. They choose generic structures, language, language features and technologies to best convey meaning. They develop skills to read for meaning and purpose, and to use, critique and appreciate a range of contemporary literary and nonliterary texts.

Students use language effectively to produce texts for a variety of purposes and audiences and engage creative and imaginative thinking to explore their own world and the worlds of others. They actively and critically interact with a range of texts, developing an awareness of how the language they engage with positions them and others.

Pathways

A course of study in Essential English promotes open-mindedness, imagination, critical awareness and intellectual flexibility — skills that prepare students for local and global citizenship, and for lifelong learning across a wide range of contexts.

Objectives

By the conclusion of the course of study, students will:

- use patterns and conventions of genres to achieve particular purposes in cultural contexts and social situations
- use appropriate roles and relationships with audiences
- construct and explain representations of identities, places, events and concepts
- make use of and explain the ways cultural assumptions, attitudes, values and beliefs underpin texts and influence meaning
- explain how language features and text structures shape meaning and invite particular responses
- select and use subject matter to support perspectives
- sequence subject matter and use modeappropriate cohesive devices to construct coherent texts
- make mode-appropriate language choices according to register informed by purpose, audience and context
- use language features to achieve particular purposes across modes.

Structure

Unit 1	Unit 2	Unit 3	Unit 4
Language that works	Texts and human experiences	Language that influences	Representations and popular culture texts
 Responding to a variety of texts used in and developed for a work context Creating multimodal and written texts 	 Responding to reflective and nonfiction texts that explore human experiences Creating spoken and written texts 	 Creating and shaping perspectives on community, local and global issues in texts Responding to texts that seek to influence audiences 	 Responding to popular culture texts Creating representations of Australian identifies, places, events and concepts

Assessment

Schools devise assessments in Units 1 and 2 to suit their local context.

In Units 3 and 4 students complete four summative assessments. Schools develop three summative internal assessments and the common internal assessment (CIA) is developed by the QCAA.

Unit 3	Unit 4
Summative internal assessment 1 (IA1):	Summative internal assessment 3 (IA3):
• Extended response — spoken/signed response	• Extended response — Multimodal response
Summative internal assessment 2 (IA2):	Summative internal assessment (IA4):
• Common internal assessment (CIA)	• Extended response — Written response

Literacy Short Course

Literacy is a one-unit course of study, developed to meet a specific curriculum need. It is informed by the Australian Core Skills Framework (ACSF) Level 3.

Literacy is integral to a person's ability to function effectively in society. It involves the integration of speaking, listening and critical thinking with reading and writing.

Students learn strategies to develop and monitor their own learning, select and apply reading and oral strategies to comprehend and make meaning in texts, demonstrate the relationships between ideas and information in texts, evaluate and communicate ideas and information, and learn and use textual features and conventions.

Students identify and develop a set of knowledge, skills and strategies needed to shape language according to purpose, audience and context. They select and apply strategies to comprehend and make meaning in a range of texts and text types, and communicate ideas and information in a variety of modes. Students understand and use textual features and conventions, and demonstrate the relationship between ideas and information in written, oral, visual and multimodal texts.

Pathways

A course of study in Literacy may establish a basis for further education and employment

in the fields of trade, industry, business and community services. Students will learn within a practical context related to general employment and successful participation in society, drawing on the literacy used by various professional and industry groups.

Objectives

By the conclusion of the course of study, students will:

- evaluate and integrate information and ideas to construct meaning from texts and text types
- select and apply reading strategies that are appropriate to purpose and text type
- communicate relationships between ideas and information in a style appropriate to audience and purpose
- select vocabulary, grammatical structures and conventions that are appropriate to the text
- select and use appropriate strategies to establish and maintain spoken communication
- derive meaning from a range of oral texts
- plan, implement and adjust processes to achieve learning outcomes
- apply learning strategies.

Structure and assessment

Schools develop two assessment instruments to determine the student's exit result.

Topic 1: Personal identity and education	Topic 2: The work environment
 One assessment consisting of two parts: an extended response — written (Internal assessment 1A) a student learning journal (Internal assessment 1B). 	 One assessment consisting of two parts: an extended response — short response (Internal assessment 2A) a reading comprehension task (Internal assessment 2B).

Ancient History

General senior subject

General

Ancient History provides opportunities for students to study people, societies and civilisations of the past, from the development of the earliest human communities to the end of the Middle Ages. Students explore the interaction of societies, and the impact of individuals and groups on ancient events and ways of life, and study the development of some features of modern society, such as social organisation, systems of law, governance and religion.

Students analyse and interpret archaeological and written evidence. They develop increasingly sophisticated skills and understandings of historical issues and problems by interrogating the surviving evidence of ancient sites, societies, individuals and significant historical periods. They investigate the problematic nature of evidence, pose increasingly complex questions about the past and formulate reasoned responses.

Students gain multi-disciplinary skills in analysing textual and visual sources, constructing arguments, challenging assumptions, and thinking both creatively and critically.

Pathways

A course of study in Ancient History can establish a basis for further education and employment in the fields of archaeology, history, education, psychology, sociology, law, business, economics, politics, journalism, the media, health and social sciences, writing, academia and research.

Objectives

By the conclusion of the course of study, students will:

- comprehend terms, issues and concepts
- devise historical questions and conduct research
- analyse historical sources and evidence
- synthesise information from historical sources and evidence
- evaluate historical interpretations
- create responses that communicate meaning.

Unit 1	Unit 2	Unit 3	Unit 4
 Investigating the ancient world Digging up the past Ancient societies — Beliefs, rituals and funerary practices. 	Personalities in their timeHatshepsutPerikles	 Reconstructing the ancient world Philip II and Alexander III of Macedon Pompeii and Herculaneum 	 People, power and authority Greece – The Persian Wars QCAA has nominated the external examination on: Augustus

Structure

Assessment

Schools devise assessments in Units 1 and 2 to suit their local context.

In Units 3 and 4 students complete four summative assessments. The results from each of the assessments are added together to provide a subject score out of 100. Students will also receive an overall subject result (A-E).

Unit 3		Unit 4		
 Summative internal assessment 1 (IA1): Examination — essay in response to historical sources 	25%	 Summative internal assessment 3 (IA3): Investigation — historical essay based on research 	25%	
Summative internal assessment 2 (IA2): • Independent source investigation	25%	 Summative external assessment (EA): Examination — short responses to historical sources 	25%	

Geography

General senior subject

Geography focuses on the significance of 'place' and 'space' in understanding our world. Students engage in a range of learning experiences that develop their geographical skills and thinking through the exploration of geographical challenges and their effects on people, places and the environment.

Students investigate places in Australia and across the globe to observe and measure spatial, environmental, economic, political, social and cultural factors. They interpret global concerns and challenges including responding to risk in hazard zones, planning sustainable places, managing land cover transformations and planning for population change. They develop an understanding of the complexities involved in sustainable planning and management practices.

Students observe, gather, organise, analyse and present data and information across a range of scales. They engage in real-world applications of geographical skills and thinking, including the collection and representation of data.

Pathways

A course of study in Geography can establish a basis for further education and employment in the fields of urban and environmental design, planning and management; biological and environmental science; conservation and land management; emergency response and hazard management; oceanography, surveying, global security, economics, business, law, engineering, architecture, information technology, and science.

Objectives

By the conclusion of the course of study, students will:

- explain geographical processes
- comprehend geographic patterns
- analyse geographical data and information
- apply geographical understanding
- synthesise information from the analysis to propose action
- communicate geographical understanding.

Unit 1	Unit 2	Unit 3	Unit 4
 Responding to risk and vulnerability in hazard zones Natural hazard zones Ecological hazard zones 	 Planning sustainable places Responding to challenges facing a place in Australia Managing the challenges facing a megacity 	 Responding to land cover transformations Land cover transformations and climate change Responding to local land cover transformations 	 Managing population change Population challenges in Australia Global population change

Structure

Assessment

Schools devise assessments in Units 1 and 2 to suit their local context.

In Units 3 and 4 students complete four summative assessments. The results from each of the assessments are added together to provide a subject score out of 100. Students will also receive an overall subject result (A–E).

Unit 3		Unit 4	
Summative internal assessment 1 (IA1): • Examination — combination response	25%	Summative internal assessment 3 (IA3): • Investigation — data report	25%
Summative internal assessment 2 (IA2): • Investigation — field report	25%	Summative external assessment (EA): • Examination — combination response	25%

Legal Studies General senior subject

Legal Studies focuses on the interaction between society and the discipline of law and explores the role and development of law in response to current issues. Students study the legal system and how it regulates activities and aims to protect the rights of individuals, while balancing these with obligations and responsibilities.

Students study the foundations of law, the criminal justice process and the civil justice system. They critically examine issues of governance, explore contemporary issues of law reform and change, and consider Australian and international human rights issues.

Students develop skills of inquiry, critical thinking, problem-solving and reasoning to make informed and ethical decisions and recommendations. They identify and describe legal issues, explore information and data, analyse, evaluate to make decisions or propose recommendations, and create responses that convey legal meaning. They question, explore and discuss tensions between changing social values, justice and equitable outcomes.

Pathways

A course of study in Legal Studies can establish a basis for further education and employment in the fields of law, law enforcement, criminology, justice studies and politics. The knowledge, skills and attitudes students gain are transferable to all discipline areas and post-schooling tertiary pathways. The research and analytical skills this course develops are universally valued in business, health, science and engineering industries.

Objectives

By the conclusion of the course of study, students will:

- comprehend legal concepts, principles and processes
- select legal information from sources
- analyse legal issues
- evaluate legal situations
- create responses that communicate meaning.

Unit 1	Unit 2	Unit 3	Unit 4
 Beyond reasonable doubt Legal foundations Criminal investigation process Criminal trial process Punishment and sentencing 	 Balance of probabilities Civil law foundations Contractual obligations Negligence and the duty of care 	 Law, governance and change Governance in Australia Law reform within a dynamic society 	 Human rights in legal contexts Human rights The effectiveness of international law Human rights in Australian contexts

Structure

Assessment

Schools devise assessments in Units 1 and 2 to suit their local context.

In Units 3 and 4 students complete four summative assessments. The results from each of the assessments are added together to provide a subject score out of 100. Students will also receive an overall subject result (A–E).

Unit 3		Unit 4	
Summative internal assessment 1 (IA1): • Examination — combination response	25%	 Summative internal assessment 3 (IA3): Investigation — argumentative essay 	25%
Summative internal assessment 2 (IA2): • Investigation — inquiry report	25%	Summative external assessment (EA): • Examination — combination response	25%

Business Studies

Applied senior subject

Business Studies provides opportunities for students to develop practical business knowledge, understanding and skills for use, participation and work in a range of business contexts.

Students develop their business knowledge and understanding through applying business practices and business functions in business contexts, analysing business information and proposing and implementing outcomes and solutions in business contexts.

Students develop effective decision-making skills and learn how to plan, implement and evaluate business outcomes and solutions, resulting in improved economic, consumer and financial literacy.

Pathways

A course of study in Business Studies can establish a basis for further education and employment in office administration, data entry, retail, sales, reception, small business, finance administration, public relations, property management, events administration and marketing.

Objectives

By the end of the course of study, students should:

- describe concepts and ideas related to business functions
- explain concepts and ideas related to business functions
- demonstrate processes, procedures and skills related to business functions to complete tasks
- analyse business information related to business functions and contexts
- apply knowledge, understanding and skills related to business functions and contexts
- use language conventions and features to communicate ideas and information
- make and justify decisions for business solutions and outcomes
- plan and organise business solutions and outcomes
- evaluate business decisions, solutions and outcomes.

Structure

The Business Studies course is designed around core and elective topics. The elective learning occurs through business contexts.

Core topics	Elective topics
• Business practices, consisting of Business fundamentals, Financial literacy, Business communication and Business technology	 Real estate Retail Rural Tourism
 Business functions, consisting of Working in administration, Working in finance, Working with customers and Working in marketing 	• Travel

Assessment

For Business Studies, assessment from Units 3 and 4 is used to determine the student's exit result, and consists of four instruments from at least three different assessment techniques, including:

- at least one project
- no more than two assessment instruments from any one technique.

Project	Extended response	Examination
A response to a single task, situation and/or scenario.	A technique that assesses the interpretation, analysis/examination and/or evaluation of ideas and information in provided stimulus materials.	A response that answers a number of provided questions, scenarios and/or problems.
At least two different components from the following: • written: 500–900 words • spoken: 2½–3½ minutes • multimodal: 3–6 minutes • performance: continuous class time • product: continuous class time.	 Presented in one of the following modes: written: 600–1000 words spoken: 3–4 minutes multimodal: 4–7 minutes. 	 60–90 minutes 50–250 words per item on the test

Social & Community Studies

Applied senior subject

Social & Community Studies focuses on personal development and social skills which lead to self-reliance, self-management and concern for others. It fosters appreciation of, and respect for, cultural diversity and encourages responsible attitudes and behaviours required for effective participation in the community and for thinking critically, creatively and constructively about their future.

Students develop personal, interpersonal, and citizenship skills, encompassing social skills, communication skills, respect for and interaction with others, building rapport, problem solving and decision making, selfesteem, self-confidence and resilience, workplace skills, learning and study skills.

Students use an inquiry approach in collaborative learning environments to investigate the dynamics of society and the benefits of working with others in the community. They are provided with opportunities to explore and refine personal values and lifestyle choices and to practise, develop and value social, community and workplace participation skills.

Pathways

A course of study in Social & Community Studies can establish a basis for further education and employment, as it helps students develop the skills and attributes necessary in all workplaces.

Objectives

By the conclusion of the course of study, students should:

Applied

- recognise and describe concepts and ideas related to the development of personal, interpersonal and citizenship skills
- recognise and explain the ways life skills relate to social contexts
- explain issues and viewpoints related to social investigations
- organise information and material related to social contexts and issues
- analyse and compare viewpoints about social contexts and issues
- apply concepts and ideas to make decisions about social investigations
- use language conventions and features to communicate ideas and information, according to purposes
- plan and undertake social investigations
- communicate the outcomes of social investigations, to suit audiences
- appraise inquiry processes and the outcomes of social investigations.

Structure

The Social and Community Studies course is designed around three core life skills areas which must be covered within every elective topic studied, and be integrated throughout the course.

Core life skills	Elective topics	
 Personal skills — Growing and developing as an individual Interpersonal skills — Living with and relating to other people Citizenship skills — Receiving from and contributing to community 	 The Arts and the community Australia's place in the world Gender and identity Health: Food and nutrition Health: Recreation and leisure 	 Into relationships Legally, it could be you Money management Science and technology Today's society The world of work

Assessment

For Social and Community Studies, assessment from Units 3 and 4 is used to determine the student's exit result, and consists of four instruments from at least three different assessment techniques, including:

- one project or investigation
- one examination
- no more than two assessments from each technique.

Project	Investigation	Extended response	Examination
A response to a single task, situation and/or scenario.	A response that includes locating and using information beyond students' own knowledge and the data they have been given.	A technique that assesses the interpretation, analysis/examination and/or evaluation of ideas and information in provided stimulus materials.	A response that answers a number of provided questions, scenarios and/or problems.
At least two different components from the following: • written: 500–900 words • spoken: 2½–3½ minutes • multimodal: 3–6 minutes • performance: continuous class time • product: continuous class time.	Presented in one of the following modes: • written: 600–1000 words • spoken: 3–4 minutes • multimodal: 4–7 minutes.	 Presented in one of the following modes: written: 600–1000 words spoken: 3–4 minutes multimodal: 4–7 minutes. 	 60–90 minutes 50–250 words per item on the test

Design General senior subject

Design focuses on the application of design thinking to envisage creative products, services and environments in response to human needs, wants and opportunities. Designing is a complex and sophisticated form of problem-solving that uses divergent and convergent thinking strategies that can be practised and improved. Designers are separated from the constraints of production processes to allow them to appreciate and exploit new innovative ideas.

Students learn how design has influenced the economic, social and cultural environment in which they live. They understand the agency of humans in conceiving and imagining possible futures through design. Collaboration, teamwork and communication are crucial skills needed to work in design teams and liaise with stakeholders. They learn the value of creativity and build resilience as they experience iterative design processes, where the best ideas may be the result of trial and error and a willingness to take risks and experiment with alternatives.

Students learn about and experience design through exploring needs, wants and opportunities; developing ideas and design concepts; using drawing and low-fidelity prototyping skills; and evaluating ideas and design concepts. They communicate design proposals to suit different audiences.

Pathways

A course of study in Design can establish a basis for further education and employment in the fields of architecture, digital media design, fashion design, graphic design, industrial design, interior design and landscape architecture.

Objectives

By the conclusion of the course of study, students will:

- describe design problems and design criteria
- represent ideas, design concepts and design information using drawing and low-fidelity prototyping
- analyse needs, wants and opportunities using data
- devise ideas in response to design problems
- synthesise ideas and design information to propose design concepts
- evaluate ideas and design concepts to make refinements
- make decisions about and use modeappropriate features, language and conventions for particular purposes and contexts.

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Unit 1	Unit 2	Unit 3	Unit 4
Design in practiceDesign processDesign styles	 Commercial design Explore — client needs and wants Develop — collaborative design 	 Human-centred design Experiencing design Designing with empathy 	 Sustainable design Explore — sustainable design opportunities Develop — redesign

Assessment

Schools devise assessments in Units 1 and 2 to suit their local context.

In Units 3 and 4 students complete four summative assessments. The results from each of the assessments are added together to provide a subject score out of 100. Students will also receive an overall subject result (A–E).

Unit 3		Unit 4	
Summative internal assessment 1 (IA1): • Examination — design challenge	15%	Summative internal assessment 3 (IA3): • Project	25%
Summative internal assessment 2 (IA2): • Project	35%	Summative external assessment (EA): • Examination — design challenge	25%

Industrial Technology Skills

Applied senior subject

Industrial Technology Skills focuses on the practices and processes required to manufacture products in a variety of industries.

Students understand industry practices; interpret specifications, including technical information and drawings; demonstrate and apply safe, practical production processes with hand/power tools and machinery; communicate using oral, written and graphical modes; organise, calculate and plan production processes; and evaluate the products they create using predefined specifications.

Students develop transferable skills by engaging in manufacturing tasks that relate to business and industry, and that promote adaptable, competent, self-motivated and safe individuals who can work with colleagues to solve problems and complete practical work.

Pathways

A course of study in Industrial Technology Skills can establish a basis for further education and employment in manufacturing industries. Employment opportunities may be found in the industry areas of aeroskills, automotive, building and construction, engineering, furnishing, industrial graphics and plastics.

Objectives

By the conclusion of the course of study, students should:

- describe industry practices in manufacturing tasks
- demonstrate fundamental production
 skills
- interpret drawings and technical information
- analyse manufacturing tasks to organise materials and resources
- select and apply production skills and procedures in manufacturing tasks
- use visual representations and language conventions and features to communicate for particular purposes
- plan and adapt production processes
- create products from specifications
- evaluate industry practices, production processes and products, and make recommendations.

Structure

The Industrial Technology Skills course is designed around:

- core topics, which are integrated throughout the course
- elective topics, organised in industry areas, and manufacturing tasks related to the chosen electives.

Core topics	Industry area	Elective topics
Industry practices	Building and construction	 Bricklaying Plastering and painting Concreting Carpentry Tiling Landscaping
 Production processes 	Engineering	Sheet metal workingWelding and fabricationFitting and machining
	Furnishing	 Cabinet-making Furniture finishing Furniture-making Glazing and framing Upholstery
	Industrial graphics	Engineering draftingBuilding and construction draftingFurnishing drafting

Assessment

For Industrial Technology Skills, assessment from Units 3 and 4 is used to determine the student's exit result, and this consists of *four* instruments, including:

- at least two projects
- at least one practical demonstration (separate to the assessable component of a project).

Project	Practical demonstration	Examination
A response to a single task, situation and/or scenario.	A task that assesses the practical application of a specific set of teacher-identified production skills and procedures.	A response that answers a number of provided questions, scenarios and/or problems.
A project consists of a product component and at least one of the following components: • written: 500–900 words • spoken: 2½–3½ minutes • multimodal - non-presentation: 8 A4 pages max (or equivalent) - presentation: 3–6 minutes • product: continuous class time.	Students demonstrate production skills and procedures in class under teacher supervision.	 60–90 minutes 50–250 words per item

Information & Communication Technology

Applied senior subject

Information & Communication Technology (ICT) focuses on the knowledge, understanding and skills related to engagement with information and communication technology through a variety of elective contexts derived from work, study and leisure environments of today.

Students are equipped with knowledge of current and emerging hardware and software combinations, an understanding of how to apply them in real-world contexts and the skills to use them to solve technical and/or creative problems. They develop knowledge, understanding and skills across multiple platforms and operating systems, and are ethical and responsible users and advocates of ICT, aware of the social, environmental and legal impacts of their actions.

Students apply their knowledge of ICT to produce solutions to simulated problems referenced to business, industry, government, education and leisure contexts.

Pathways

A course of study in Information and Communication Technology can establish a basis for further education and employment in many fields, especially the fields of ICT operations, help desk, sales support, digital media support, office administration, records and data management, and call centres.

Objectives

By the conslusion of the course of study, students should:

- identify and explain hardware and software requirements related to ICT problems
- identify and explain the use of ICT in society
- analyse ICT problems to identify solutions
- communicate ICT information to audiences using visual representations and language conventions and features
- apply software and hardware concepts, ideas and skills to complete tasks in ICT contexts
- synthesise ICT concepts and ideas to plan solutions to given ICT problems
- produce solutions that address ICT problems
- evaluate problem-solving processes and solutions, and make recommendations.

Structure

The Information & Communication Technology course is designed around:

- core topics integrated into modules of work
- using a problem-solving process
- three or more elective contexts.

Core topics	Elective contexts	
HardwareSoftwareICT in society	AnimationApplication developmentAudio and video production	Network fundamentalsOnline communicationWebsite production

 Data management Digital imaging and modelling Document production

Assessment

For Information & Communication Technology, assessment from Units 3 and 4 is used to determine the student's exit result, and consists of four instruments, including:

- at least two projects
- at least one extended response.

Project	Extended response
A response to a single task, situation and/or scenario.	A technique that assesses the interpretation, analysis/examination and/or evaluation of ideas and information in provided stimulus materials.
 A project consists of a product component and at least one of the following components: written: 500–900 words spoken: 2½–3½ minutes multimodal: 3–6 minutes product: continuous class time. 	 Presented in one of the following modes: written: 600–1000 words spoken: 3–4 minutes multimodal: 4–7 minutes.

Hospitality Practices

Applied senior subject

Hospitality Practices develops knowledge, understanding and skills about the hospitality industry and emphasises the food and beverage sector, which includes food and beverage production and service.

Students develop an understanding of hospitality and the structure, scope and operation of related activities in the food and beverage sector and examine and evaluate industry practices from the food and beverage sector.

Students develop skills in food and beverage production and service. They work as individuals and as part of teams to plan and implement events in a hospitality context. Events provide opportunities for students to participate in and produce food and beverage products and perform service for customers in real-world hospitality contexts.

Pathways

A course of study in Hospitality Practices can establish a basis for further education and employment in the hospitality sectors of food and beverage, catering, accommodation and entertainment. Students could pursue further studies in hospitality, hotel, event and tourism or business management, which allows for specialisation.

Objectives

By the conclusion of the course of study, students should:

• explain concepts and ideas from the food and beverage sector

Applied

- describe procedures in hospitality contexts from the food and beverage sector
- examine concepts and ideas and procedures related to industry practices from the food and beverage sector
- apply concepts and ideas and procedures when making decisions to produce products and perform services for customers
- use language conventions and features to communicate ideas and information for specific purposes.
- plan, implement and justify decisions for events in hospitality contexts
- critique plans for, and implementation of, events in hospitality contexts
- evaluate industry practices from the food and beverage sector.

Structure

The Hospitality Practices course is designed around core topics embedded in a minimum of two elective topics.

Core topics	Elective topics
Navigating the hospitality industryWorking effectively with othersHospitality in practice	Kitchen operationsBeverage operations and serviceFood and beverage service

Assessment

For Hospitality Practices, assessment from Units 3 and 4 is used to determine the student's exit result, and consists of *four* instruments, including:

- at least two projects
- at least one investigation or an extended response.

Project	Investigation	Extended response	Examination
A response to a single task, situation and/or scenario.	A response that includes locating and using information beyond students' own knowledge and the data they have been given.	A technique that assesses the interpretation, analysis/examination and/or evaluation of ideas and information in provided stimulus materials.	A response that answers a number of provided questions, scenarios and/or problems.
 A project consists of a product and performance component and one other component from the following: written: 500–900 words spoken: 2½–3½ minutes multimodal: 3–6 minutes product and performance: continuous class time 	 Presented in one of the following modes: written: 600–1000 words spoken: 3–4 minutes multimodal: 4–7 minutes. 	Presented in one of the following modes: • written: 600–1000 words • spoken: 3–4 minutes • multimodal: 4–7 minutes.	 60–90 minutes 50–250 words per item

Physical Education

General senior subject

Physical Education provides students with knowledge, understanding and skills to explore and enhance their own and others' health and physical activity in diverse and changing contexts.

Physical Education provides a philosophical and educative framework to promote deep learning in three dimensions: about, through and in physical activity contexts. Students optimise their engagement and performance in physical activity as they develop an understanding and appreciation of the interconnectedness of these dimensions.

Students learn how body and movement concepts and the scientific bases of biophysical, sociocultural and psychological concepts and principles are relevant to their engagement and performance in physical activity. They engage in a range of activities to develop movement sequences and movement strategies.

Students learn experientially through three stages of an inquiry approach to make connections between the scientific bases and the physical activity contexts. They recognise and explain concepts and principles about and through movement, and demonstrate and apply body and movement concepts to movement sequences and movement strategies.

Through their purposeful engagement in physical activities, students gather data to analyse, synthesise and devise strategies to optimise engagement and performance. They engage in reflective decision-making as they evaluate and justify strategies to achieve a particular outcome.

Pathways

A course of study in Physical Education can establish a basis for further education and employment in the fields of exercise science, biomechanics, the allied health professions, psychology, teaching, sport journalism, sport marketing and management, sport promotion, sport development and coaching. General

Objectives

By the conclusion of the course of study, students will:

- recognise and explain concepts and principles about movement
- demonstrate specialised movement sequences and movement strategies
- apply concepts to specialised movement sequences and movement strategies
- analyse and synthesise data to devise strategies about movement
- evaluate strategies about and in movement
- justify strategies about and in movement
- make decisions about and use language, conventions and mode-appropriate features for particular purposes and contexts.

Structure: Alternative Sequence

Unit 1	Unit 2	Unit 3	Unit 4
 Sport psychology, equity and physical activity Sport psychology integrated with a selected physical activity (badminton) Equity — barriers and enablers 	 Motor learning, functional anatomy, biomechanics and physical activity Functional anatomy and biomechanics integrated with a selected physical activity (track and field – throws) Motor learning integrated with a selected physical activity (track and field – jumps) 	 Tactical awareness, ethics and integrity and physical activity Tactical awareness integrated with one selected 'Invasion' or 'Net and court' physical activity (volleyball) Ethics and integrity 	Energy, fitness and training and physical activity • Energy, fitness and training integrated with one selected 'Invasion', 'Net and court' or 'Performance' physical activity (touch football)

Assessment

Schools devise assessments in Units 1 and 2 to suit their local context.

In Units 3 and 4 students complete four summative assessments. The results from each of the assessments are added together to provide a subject score out of 100. Students will also receive an overall subject result (A–E).

Summative assessments

Unit 1		Unit 2	
Summative internal assessment 1 (IA1): • Project — folio	25%	Summative internal assessment 3 (IA3): • Project — folio	30%
Summative internal assessment 2 (IA2): • Investigation — report	20%	Summative external assessment (EA): • Examination — combination response	25%

Unit 3		Unit 4	
Summative internal assessment 1 (IA1): • Project — folio	25%	Summative internal assessment 3 (IA3): • Project — folio	30%
Summative internal assessment 2 (IA2): • Investigation — report	20%	Summative external assessment (EA): • Examination — combination response	25%

Sport & Recreation Applied senior subject

Sport & Recreation provides students with opportunities to learn in, through and about sport and active recreation activities, examining their role in the lives of individuals and communities.

Students examine the relevance of sport and active recreation in Australian culture, employment growth, health and wellbeing. They consider factors that influence participation in sport and recreation, and how physical skills can enhance participation and performance in sport and recreation activities. Students explore how interpersonal skills support effective interaction with others, and the promotion of safety in sport and recreation activities. They examine technology in sport and recreation activities, and how the sport and recreation industry contributes to individual and community outcomes.

Students are involved in acquiring, applying and evaluating information about and in physical activities and performances, planning and organising activities, investigating solutions to individual and community challenges, and using suitable technologies where relevant. They communicate ideas and information in, about and through sport and recreation activities. They examine the effects of sport and recreation on individuals and communities, investigate the role of sport and recreation in maintaining good health, evaluate strategies to promote health and safety, and investigate personal and interpersonal skills to achieve goals.

Pathways

A course of study in Sport & Recreation can establish a basis for further education and employment in the fields of fitness, outdoor recreation and education, sports administration, community health and recreation and sport performance.

Objectives

By the conclusion of the course of study, students should:

Applied

- demonstrate physical responses and interpersonal strategies in individual and group situations in sport and recreation activities
- describe concepts and ideas about sport and recreation using terminology and examples
- explain procedures and strategies in, about and through sport and recreation activities for individuals and communities
- apply concepts and adapt procedures, strategies and physical responses in individual and group sport and recreation activities
- manage individual and group sport and recreation activities
- apply strategies in sport and recreation activities to enhance health, wellbeing, and participation for individuals and communities
- use language conventions and textual • features to achieve particular purposes
- evaluate individual and group physical • responses and interpersonal strategies to improve outcomes in sport and recreation activities
- evaluate the effects of sport and • recreation on individuals and communities
- evaluate strategies that seek to enhance health, wellbeing, and participation in sport and recreation activities and provide recommendations
- create communications that convey • meaning for particular audiences and purposes.

Structure

The Sport & Recreation course is designed around core and elective topics.

Core topics	Elective topics
 Sport and recreation in the community Sport, recreation and healthy living Health and safety in sport and recreation activities Personal and interpersonal skills in sport and recreation activities 	 Active play and minor games Challenge and adventure activities Games and sports Lifelong physical activities Rhythmic and expressive movement activities Sport and recreation physical activities

Assessment

For Sport & Recreation, assessment from Units 3 and 4 is used to determine the student's exit result, and consists of four instruments, including:

- one project (annotated records of the performance is also required)
- one investigation, extended response or examination.

Project	Investigation	Extended response	Performance	Examination
A response to a single task, situation and/or scenario.	A response that includes locating and using information beyond students' own knowledge and the data they have been given.	A technique that assesses the interpretation, analysis/examination and/or evaluation of ideas and information in provided stimulus materials.	A response involves the application of identified skill/s when responding to a task that involves solving a problem, providing a solution, providing instruction or conveying meaning or intent.	A response that answers a number of provided questions, scenarios and/or problems.
At least two different components from the following: • written: 500– 900 words • spoken: 2½– 3½ minutes • multimodal: 3–6 minutes • performance: 2–4 minutes.*	Presented in one of the following modes: • written: 600– 1000 words • spoken: 3–4 minutes • multimodal: 4– 7 minutes.	Presented in one of the following modes: • written: 600–1000 words • spoken: 3–4 minutes • multimodal: 4–7 minutes.	• 2–4 minutes*	 60–90 minutes 50–250 words per item

* Evidence must include annotated records that clearly identify the application of standards to performance.

Early Childhood Studies

Applied senior subject

Applied

Early Childhood Studies focuses on learning about children aged from birth to five years.

Students explore play-based learning activities from two perspectives: they use theories about early childhood learning and devise play-based learning activities responsive to children's needs.

Students examine the interrelatedness of core concepts and ideas of the fundamentals and practices of early childhood learning. They plan, justify and evaluate play-based learning activities responsive to the needs of children as well as evaluating contexts in early childhood learning. This enables students to develop understanding of the multifaceted, diverse and significant nature of early childhood learning.

Pathways

A course of study in Early Childhood Studies can establish a basis for further education and employment in health, community services and education. Work opportunities exist as early childhood educators, teacher's aides or assistants in a range of early childhood contexts.

Objectives

By the conclusion of the course of study, students should:

- describe concepts and ideas related to fundamentals of early childhood
- explain concepts and ideas of practices of early childhood learning.
- analyse concepts and ideas of the fundamentals and practices of early childhood learning
- apply concepts and ideas of the fundamentals and practices of early childhood learning
- use language conventions and features to communicate ideas and information for specific purposes
- plan and justify play-based learning activities responsive to children's needs
- evaluate play-based learning activities in response to children's needs
- evaluate contexts in early childhood learning

Structure

The Early Childhood Studies course is designed around core topics embedded in at least four elective topics.

Core topics	Elective topics
 Fundamentals of early childhood Practices in early childhood learning 	 Play and creativity Literacy and numeracy skills Being in a safe place Health and physical wellbeing Indoor and outdoor learning environments

Assessment

For Early Childhood Studies, assessment from Units 3 and 4 is used to determine the student's exit result, and consists of *four* instruments, including:

- two projects
- two other assessments.

Project	Investigation	Extended response	Examination
A response to a single task, situation and/or scenario.	A response that includes locating and using information beyond students' own knowledge and the data they have been given.	A technique that assesses the interpretation, analysis/examination and/or evaluation of ideas and information in provided stimulus materials.	A response that answers a number of provided questions, scenarios and/or problems.
At least two different components from the following: • written: 500–900 words • spoken: 2½–3½ minutes • multimodal: 3–6 minutes • performance: continuous class time • product: continuous class time.	 Presented in one of the following modes: written: 600–1000 words spoken: 3–4 minutes multimodal: 4–7 minutes. 	 Presented in one of the following modes: written: 600–1000 words spoken: 3–4 minutes multimodal: 4–7 minutes. 	 60–90 minutes 50–250 words per item

Agricultural Science

General senior subject

Agricultural Science is an interdisciplinary science subject suited to students who are interested in the application of science in a real-world context. They understand the importance of using science to predict possible effects of human and other activity, and to develop management plans or alternative technologies that minimise these effects and provide for a more sustainable future.

Students examine the plant and animal science required to understand agricultural systems, their interactions and their components. They examine resources and their use and management in agricultural enterprises, the implications of using and consuming these resources, and associated management approaches. Students investigate how agricultural production systems are managed through an understanding of plant and animal physiology, and how they can be manipulated to ensure productivity and sustainability. They consider how environmental, social and financial factors can be used to evaluate production systems. and how research and innovation can be used and managed to improve food and fibre production.

Students learn and apply aspects of the knowledge and skill of the discipline (thinking, experimentation, problem-solving and research skills), understand how it works and how it may impact society.

Pathways

A course of study in Agricultural Science can establish a basis for further education and employment in the fields of agriculture, horticulture, agronomy, ecology, food technology, aquaculture, veterinary science, equine science, environmental science, natural resource management, wildlife, conservation and ecotourism, biotechnology, business, marketing, education and literacy, research and development. General

Objectives

By the conclusion of the course of study, students will:

- describe and explain scientific concepts, theories, models and systems and their limitations
- apply understanding of scientific concepts, theories, models and systems within their limitations
- analyse evidence
- interpret evidence
- investigate phenomena
- evaluate processes, claims and conclusions
- communicate understandings, findings, arguments and conclusions.

Structure – Alternative Sequence

Year A

Unit 1	Unit 2	Unit 3	Unit 4
Agricultural systems Agricultural enterprises A Animal production A Plant production A	Resources Management of renewable resources Physical resource management Agricultural management, research and innovation	Agricultural production Animal production B Plant production B Agricultural enterprises B	Agricultural management Enterprise management Evaluation of an agricultural enterprise's sustainability

Year B

Unit 3	Unit 4	Unit 1	Unit 2
Agricultural production Animal production B Plant production B Agricultural enterprises B	Agricultural management Enterprise management Evaluation of an agricultural enterprise's sustainability	Agricultural systems Agricultural enterprises A Animal production A Plant production A	Resources Management of renewable resources Physical resource management Agricultural management, research and innovation

Assessment – Alternative Sequence

Year A

Schools devise assessments in Units 1 and 2 to suit their local context.

In Units 3 and 4 students complete four summative assessments. The results from each of the assessments are added together to provide a subject score out of 100. Students will also receive an overall subject result (A–E).

Unit 3		Unit 4			
Summative internal assessment 1 (IA1): Data test	10%	Summative internal assessment 3 (IA3): Research investigation	20%		
Summative internal assessment 2 (IA2): Student experiment	20%				
Summative external assessment (EA): 50% Examination					

Year B

Schools devise assessments in Units 3 and 4 to suit their local context.

In Units 1 and 2 students complete four summative assessments. The results from each of the assessments are added together to provide a subject score out of 100. Students will also receive an overall subject result (A–E).

Unit 1		Unit 2			
Summative internal assessment 1 (IA1): Data test	10%	Summative internal assessment 3 (IA3): Research investigation	20%		
Summative internal assessment 2 (IA2): Student experiment	20%				
Summative external assessment (EA): 50% Examination					

Biology provides opportunities for students to engage with living systems.

Students develop their understanding of cells and multicellular organisms. They engage with the concept of maintaining the internal environment. They study biodiversity and the interconnectedness of life. This knowledge is linked with the concepts of heredity and the continuity of life.

Students learn and apply aspects of the knowledge and skills of the discipline (thinking, experimentation, problem-solving and research skills), understand how it works and how it may impact society. They develop their sense of wonder and curiosity about life; respect for all living things and the environment; understanding of biological systems, concepts, theories and models; appreciation of how biological knowledge has developed over time and continues to develop; a sense of how biological knowledge influences society.

Students plan and carry out fieldwork, laboratory and other research investigations; interpret evidence; use sound, evidencebased arguments creatively and analytically when evaluating claims and applying biological knowledge; and communicate biological understanding, findings, arguments and conclusions using appropriate representations, modes and genres.

Pathways

A course of study in Biology can establish a basis for further education and employment in the fields of medicine, forensics, veterinary, food and marine sciences, agriculture, biotechnology, environmental rehabilitation, biosecurity, quarantine, conservation and sustainability.

Objectives

By the conclusion of the course of study, students will:

- describe and explain scientific concepts, theories, models and systems and their limitations
- apply understanding of scientific concepts, theories, models and systems within their limitations
- analyse evidence
- interpret evidence
- investigate phenomena
- evaluate processes, claims and conclusions
- communicate understandings, findings, arguments and conclusions.

Structure

Unit 1	Unit 2	Unit 3	Unit 4
Cells and multicellular organisms • Cells as the basis of life • Multicellular organisms	Maintaining the internal environmentHomeostasisInfectious diseases	 Biodiversity and the interconnectedness of life Describing biodiversity Ecosystem dynamics 	 Heredity and continuity of life DNA, genes and the continuity of life Continuity of life on Earth

Assessment

Schools devise assessments in Units 1 and 2 to suit their local context.

In Units 3 and 4 students complete four summative assessments. The results from each of the assessments are added together to provide a subject score out of 100. Students will also receive an overall subject result (A–E).

Unit 3		Unit 4			
Summative internal assessment 1 (IA1): • Data test	10%	Summative internal assessment 3 (IA3): • Research investigation	20%		
Summative internal assessment 2 (IA2): • Student experiment	20%				
Summative external assessment (EA): 50% • Examination					

Chemistry General senior subject

Chemistry is the study of materials and their properties and structure.

Students study atomic theory, chemical bonding, and the structure and properties of elements and compounds. They explore intermolecular forces, gases, aqueous solutions, acidity and rates of reaction. They study equilibrium processes and redox reactions. They explore organic chemistry, synthesis and design to examine the characteristic chemical properties and chemical reactions displayed by different classes of organic compounds.

Students develop their appreciation of chemistry and its usefulness; understanding of chemical theories, models and chemical systems; expertise in conducting scientific investigations. They critically evaluate and debate scientific arguments and claims in order to solve problems and generate informed, responsible and ethical conclusions, and communicate chemical understanding and findings through the use of appropriate representations, language and nomenclature.

Students learn and apply aspects of the knowledge and skills of the discipline (thinking, experimentation, problem-solving and research skills), understand how it works and how it may impact society.

Pathways

A course of study in Chemistry can establish a basis for further education and employment in the fields of forensic science, environmental science, engineering, medicine, pharmacy and sports science.

Objectives

By the conclusion of the course of study, students will:

- describe and explain scientific concepts, theories, models and systems and their limitations
- apply understanding of scientific concepts, theories, models and systems within their limitations
- analyse evidence
- interpret evidence
- investigate phenomena
- evaluate processes, claims and conclusions
- communicate understandings, findings, arguments and conclusions.

Structure

Unit 1	Unit 2	Unit 3	Unit 4
Chemical fundamentals — structure, properties and reactions • Properties and structure of atoms • Properties and structure of materials • Chemical reactions —reactants, products and energy change	 Molecular interactions and reactions Intermolecular forces and gases Aqueous solutions and acidity Rates of chemical reactions 	 Equilibrium, acids and redox reactions Chemical equilibrium systems Oxidation and reduction 	 Structure, synthesis and design Properties and structure of organic materials Chemical synthesis and design

Assessment

Schools devise assessments in Units 1 and 2 to suit their local context.

In Units 3 and 4 students complete four summative assessments. The results from each of the assessments are added together to provide a subject score out of 100. Students will also receive an overall subject result (A–E).

Unit 3		Unit 4			
Summative internal assessment 1 (IA1): • Data test	10%	Summative internal assessment 3 (IA3): • Research investigation	20%		
Summative internal assessment 2 (IA2): Student experiment 	20%				
Summative external assessment (EA): 50% • Examination					

General

Physics provides opportunities for students to engage with classical and modern understandings of the universe.

Students learn about the fundamental concepts of thermodynamics, electricity and nuclear processes; and about the concepts and theories that predict and describe the linear motion of objects. Further, they explore how scientists explain some phenomena using an understanding of waves. They engage with the concept of gravitational and electromagnetic fields, and the relevant forces associated with them. They study modern physics theories and models that, despite being counterintuitive, are fundamental to our understanding of many common observable phenomena.

Students develop appreciation of the contribution physics makes to society: understanding that diverse natural phenomena may be explained, analysed and predicted using concepts, models and theories that provide a reliable basis for action; and that natter and energy interact in physical systems across a range of scales. They understand how models and theories are refined, and new ones developed in physics; investigate phenomena and solve problems; collect and analyse data; and interpret evidence. Students use accurate and precise measurement, valid and reliable evidence, and scepticism and intellectual rigour to evaluate claims; and communicate physics understanding, findings, arguments and conclusions using appropriate representations, modes and genres.

Students learn and apply aspects of the knowledge and skills of the discipline (thinking, experimentation, problem-solving and research skills), understand how it works and how it may impact society.

Pathways

A course of study in Physics can establish a basis for further education and employment in the fields of science, engineering, medicine and technology.

Objectives

By the conclusion of the course of study, students will:

- describe and explain scientific concepts, theories, models and systems and their limitations
- apply understanding of scientific concepts, theories, models and systems within their limitations
- analyse evidence
- interpret evidence
- investigate phenomena
- evaluate processes, claims and conclusions
- communicate understandings, findings, arguments and conclusions.

Structure

Unit 1	Unit 2	Unit 3	Unit 4
Thermal, nuclear and electrical physics	Linear motion and waves	Gravity and electromagnetism	Revolutions in modern physics
 Heating processes Ionising radiation and nuclear reactions Electrical circuits 	 Linear motion and force Waves	Gravity and motionElectromagnetism	Special relativityQuantum theoryThe Standard Model

Assessment

Schools devise assessments in Units 1 and 2 to suit their local context.

In Units 3 and 4 students complete four summative assessments. The results from each of the assessments are added together to provide a subject score out of 100. Students will also receive an overall subject result (A–E).

Unit 3		Unit 4	
Summative internal assessment 1 (IA1): • Data test	10%	Summative internal assessment 3 (IA3): • Research investigation	20%
Summative internal assessment 2 (IA2): Student experiment 	20%		
Summative external assessment (EA): 50% • Examination			

Psychology General senior subject



Psychology provides opportunities for students to engage with concepts that explain behaviours and underlying cognitions.

Students examine individual development in the form of the role of the brain, cognitive development, human consciousness and sleep. They investigate the concept of intelligence; the process of diagnosis and how to classify psychological disorder and determine an effective treatment; and the contribution of emotion and motivation on individual behaviour. They examine individual thinking and how it is determined by the brain, including perception, memory, and learning. They consider the influence of others by examining theories of social psychology, interpersonal processes, attitudes and cross-cultural psychology.

Students learn and apply aspects of the knowledge and skill of the discipline (thinking, experimentation, problem-solving and research skills), understand how it works and how it may impact society.

Pathways

A course of study in Psychology can establish a basis for further education and employment in the fields of psychology, sales, human resourcing, training, social work, health, law, business, marketing and education.

Objectives

By the conclusion of the course of study, students will:

- describe and explain scientific concepts, theories, models and systems and their limitations
- apply understanding of scientific concepts, theories, models and systems within their limitations
- analyse evidence
- interpret evidence
- investigate phenomena
- evaluate processes, claims and conclusions
- communicates understandings, findings, arguments and conclusions.

Structure

Unit 1	Unit 2	Unit 3	Unit 4
 Individual development Psychological science A The role of the brain Cognitive development Human consciousness and sleep 	 Individual behaviour Psychological science B Intelligence Diagnosis Psychological disorders and treatments Emotion and motivation 	 Individual thinking Localisation of function in the brain Visual perception Memory Learning 	The influence of others • Social psychology • Interpersonal processes • Attitudes • Cross-cultural psychology

Assessment

Schools devise assessments in Units 1 and 2 to suit their local context.

In Units 3 and 4 students complete *four* summative assessments. The results from each of the assessments are added together to provide a subject score out of 100. Students will also receive an overall subject result (A–E).

Unit 3		Unit 4	
Summative internal assessment 1 (IA1): • Data test	10%	Summative internal assessment 3 (IA3): • Research investigation	20%
Summative internal assessment 2 (IA2): • Student experiment	20%		
Summative external assessment (EA): 50% • Examination			

Agricultural Practices

Applied senior subject

Agricultural Practices (Veterinary Care) provides opportunities for students to explore, experience and learn knowledge and practical skills valued in agricultural workplaces and other settings.

Students build knowledge and skills about: animal studies with a focus on Veterinary Nusing. Safety and managemet practices are embedded across this areas of study...

Students build knowldege and skills in working safely, effectively and efficiently in practical agricultural situations. They develop skills to work effectively as an individual and as part of a team, to build relationships with peers, colleagues and wider networks, to collaborate and communicate appropriately with others, and to plan, organise and complete tasks on time.

Pathways

A course of study in Agricultural Practices can establish a basis for further education, training and employment in vet nursing, agriculture, aquaculture, food technology, environmental management and agribusiness. The subject also provides a basis for participating in and contributing to community associations, events and activities, such as agricultural shows.

Objectives

By the conclusion of the course of study, students should:

- demonstrate procedures to complete tasks in agricultural activities
- describe and explain concepts, ideas and processes relevant to agricultural activities
- analyse agricultural information
- apply knowledge, understanding and skills relevant to agricultural activities
- use appropriate language conventions and features for communication of agricultural information
- plan processes for agricultural activities
- make decisions and recommendations with evidence for agricultural activities
- evaluate processes and decisions regarding safety and effectiveness.

Structure

The Agricultural Practices course is designed around core topics embedded in at least two elective topics.

Core topics	Elective topics
 Animal industries – Course of study focus (Veterinary care context) 	Course of study focus: Animal industries (Veterinary care context)
 Rules, regulations and recommendations Equipment maintenance and operation Management practices 	Electives: - Infrastructure - Production Agribusiness

Year A: Production Animals

Uni	it 1	Un	it 2
Module 1: <u>Handling and husbandry</u> This module focuses on the identification and classification of production animals, as well as husbandry techniques and procedures which are required for production animal management. Students will gain knowledge on various production animal species, breeds and key terminology and develop skills in activities such as moving and restraining stock and carrying out procedures such and ear tagging and branding.	Module 2: <u>Nutrition and</u> <u>Reproduction</u> In this module students will cover the nutritional management of production animals. Topics such as nutritional requirements and feeding systems will be included. Also covered in this module will be the reproductive management of production animals. Animal breeding systems and the application of EBV's are examples of topics covered.	Module 3: <u>Health and welfare</u> This module will focus on key aspects of the health and welfare of production animals. Topics will include signs and symptoms of illness, causes of common production animal diseases and conditions and treatment options.	Module 4: <u>Working in the production</u> <u>animal industry</u> Students will explore the range of production animal industries in Australia, available employment opportunities and the fundamentals of Agribusiness in this module

Year B: Horses and Companion Animals

Un	it 3	Un	it 4
Module 5: <u>Handling and husbandry</u> This module focuses on the identification and classification of companion animal species, as well as husbandry techniques and procedures which are required for companion animal care and management. Students will gain knowledge on various companion animal species and breeds, understand and use key terminology and develop skills in activities such as handling, restraint, nail/hoof care and grooming.	Module 6: <u>Nutrition and</u> <u>Reproduction</u> In this module students will cover the nutritional management of companion animals .Topics such as nutritional requirements and feeding options will be included. Also covered in this module will be the reproductive management of companion animals. Reproductive technologies and pregnancy, birth and newborn care are examples of topics discussed.	Module 7: <u>Health and welfare</u> This module will focus on key aspects of the health and welfare of companion animals. Topics will include signs and symptoms of illness, causes of common companion animal diseases and conditions and treatment options.	Module 8: <u>Working in the companion</u> <u>animal industry</u> Students will explore the range of companion animal businesses and pet industry in Australia and the available employment opportunities in these areas

Assessment – Alternative Sequence

Year A/B Program: Production animals/Horses and Companion animals

Formative assessments

Unit 1- Semester 1	Unit 2- Semester 2
Module 1- Animal Husbandry	Module 3- Animal Health and Welfare

Assessment: Project	Assessment: Examination
Module 2 – Animal nutrition and reproduction Assessment: Investigation	Module 4 – Working in the production animal industry Assessment: Project

In Units 3 and 4 students complete four summative assessments and will receive an overall subject result (A–E).

Summative assessments

Unit 3 Semester 1	Unit 4- Semester 2
Module 5- Animal Husbandry Assessment: Project	Module 7- Animal Health and Welfare Assessment: Examination
Module 6 – Animal nutrition and reproduction Assessment: Investigation	Module 8 – Working in the companion animal industry Assessment: Project

Year B/A Program: Horses and Companion animals/Production animals

In units 3 and 4, students complete four formative assessments and will receive an overall subject result (A-E)

Formative assessments

Unit 3- Semester 1	Unit 4- Semester 2
Module 5- Animal Husbandry Assessment: Project	Module 7 - Animal Health and Welfare Assessment: Examination
Module 6 – Animal nutrition and reproduction Assessment: Investigation	Module 8 – Working in the companion animal industry Assessment: Project

In Units 1 and 2 students complete four summative assessments and will receive an overall subject result (A–E).

Unit 1 - Semester 1	Unit 2- Semester 2
Module 1- Animal Husbandry Assessment: Project	Module 3- Animal Health and Welfare Assessment: Examination
Module 2 – Animal nutrition and reproduction Assessment: Investigation	Module 4 – Working in the production animal industry Assessment: Project

Arts in Practice

Applied senior subject

Applied

Arts in Practice embraces studies in and across the visual, performing and media arts — dance, drama, media arts and music. The interdisciplinary nature of the arts is becoming a more prevalent characteristic of contemporary arts practice.

Students engage with two or more art forms to create an artwork. They explore the core of arts literacies and arts processes, apply techniques and processes, analyse and create artworks, and investigate artists' purposes and audience interpretations.

Students have the opportunity to engage with creative industries and arts professionals as they gain practical skills, use essential terminology and make choices to communicate ideas through their artmaking.

Pathways

A course of study in Arts in Practice can establish a basis for further education and employment by providing students with the knowledge and skills that will enhance their employment prospects in the creative arts and entertainment industries. Employment opportunities, with additional training and experience, may be found in areas such as arts management and promotions, arts advertising and marketing, theatre and concert performance, multimedia, video game and digital entertainment design, screen and media, and creative communications and design.

Objectives

By the conclusion of the course of study, students should:

- identify and explain concepts and ideas related to arts literacies and arts processes
- interpret information about arts literacies and arts processes
- demonstrate arts literacies and processes in arts making
- organise and apply arts literacies and arts processes to achieve goals
- analyse artworks and arts processes
- use language conventions and features to convey information and meaning about art forms, works and processes
- generate arts ideas and plan arts processes
- implement arts processes to create communications and realise artworks
- evaluate artworks and processes.

Structure

The Arts in Practice course is designed around core and elective topics. Students explore at least three electives (art forms) across the four-unit course of study with at least two used in the creation of a product (artwork).

Core	Elective
Arts literaciesArts processes	DanceDramaMedia Arts

	• Music
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Assessment

For Arts in Practice, assessment from Units 3 and 4 is used to determine the student's exit result, and consists of four instruments, including:

- at least one project, arising from community connections
- one product (artwork) (involving the integration of at least two art forms) that is separate from the assessable component of a project.

Project	Product (Artwork)	Extended response	Investigation
A response to a single task, situation and/or scenario.	A technique that assesses a range of skills in the creation of an original product (artwork) that expresses a personal aesthetic.	A technique that assesses the interpretation, analysis/examination and/or evaluation of ideas and information in provided stimulus materials.	A response that includes locating and using information beyond students' own knowledge and the data they have been given.
 The Project in Arts in Practice requires: a product (artwork) that demonstrates the significant contribution of at least two art forms at least one other component from the following: written spoken multimodal. 	Variable conditions.	Presented in one of the following modes: • written: 600–1000 words • spoken: 3–4 minutes • multimodal - non-presentation: 10 A4 pages max (or equivalent) - presentation: 4–7 minutes.	 Presented in one of the following modes: written: 600–1000 words spoken: 3–4 minutes multimodal non-presentation: 10 A4 pages max (or equivalent) presentation: 4–7 minutes.

Visual Arts in Practice

Applied senior subject

Visual Arts in Practice focuses on students engaging in art-making processes and making virtual or physical visual artworks. Visual artworks are created for a purpose and in response to individual, group or community needs.

Students explore and apply the materials, technologies and techniques used in artmaking. They use information about design elements and principles to influence their own aesthetic and guide how they view others' works. They also investigate information about artists, art movements and theories, and use the lens of a context to examine influences on art-making.

Students reflect on both their own and others' art-making processes. They integrate skills to create artworks and evaluate aesthetic choices. Students decide on the best way to convey meaning through communications and artworks. They learn and apply safe visual art practices.

Pathways

A course of study in Visual Arts in Practice can establish a basis for further education and employment in a range of fields, including design, styling, decorating, illustrating, drafting, visual merchandising, make-up artistry, advertising, game design, photography, animation or ceramics.

Objectives

By the conclusion of the course of study, students should:

- recall terminology and explain art-making processes
- interpret information about concepts and ideas for a purpose
- demonstrate art-making processes required for visual artworks
- apply art-making processes, concepts and ideas
- analyse visual art-making processes for particular purposes
- use language conventions and features to achieve particular purposes
- generate plans and ideas and make decisions
- create communications that convey meaning to audiences
- evaluate art-making processes, concepts and ideas.

Structure

The Visual Arts in Practice course is designed around core and elective topics.

Core	Electives
 Visual mediums, technologies, techniques Visual literacies and contexts Artwork realisation 	 2D 3D Digital and 4D Design Craft

Assessment

For Visual Arts in Practice, assessment from Units 3 and 4 is used to determine the student's exit result, and consists of four instruments, including:

- at least two projects, with at least one project arising from community connections
- at least one product (composition), separate to an assessable component of a project.

Project	Product	Extended response	Investigation
A response to a single task, situation and/or scenario.	A technique that assesses the application of idenified skills to the production of artworks.	A technique that assesses the interpretation, analysis/examination and/or evaluation of ideas and information in provided stimulus materials.	A response that includes locating and using information beyond students' own knowledge and the data they have been given.
 A project consists of: a product component: variable conditions at least one different component from the following written: 500–900 words spoken: 2½–3½ minutes multimodal non-presentation: 8 A4 pages max (or equivalent) presentation: 3–6 minutes. 	• variable conditions	Presented in one of the following modes: • written: 600–1000 words • spoken: 3–4 minutes • multimodal - non-presentation: 10 A4 pages max (or equivalent) - presentation: 4–7 minutes.	Presented in one of the following modes: • written: 600–1000 words • spoken: 3–4 minutes • multimodal - non-presentation: 10 A4 pages max (or equivalent) - presentation: 4–7 minutes.

Visual Art General senior subject

Visual Art provides students with opportunities to understand and appreciate the role of visual art in past and present traditions and cultures, as well as the contributions of contemporary visual artists and their aesthetic, historical and cultural influences. Students interact with artists, artworks, institutions and communities to enrich their experiences and understandings of their own and others' art practices.

Students have opportunities to construct knowledge and communicate personal interpretations by working as both artist and audience. They use their imagination and creativity to innovatively solve problems and experiment with visual language and expression.

Through an inquiry learning model, students develop critical and creative thinking skills. They create individualised responses and meaning by applying diverse materials, techniques, technologies and art processes.

In responding to artworks, students employ essential literacy skills to investigate artistic expression and critically analyse artworks in diverse contexts. They consider meaning, purposes and theoretical approaches when ascribing aesthetic value and challenging ideas.

Pathways

A course of study in Visual Art can establish a basis for further education and employment in the fields of arts practice, design, craft, and information technologies; broader areas in creative industries and cultural institutions; and diverse fields that use skills inherent in the subject, including advertising, arts administration and management, communication, design, education, galleries and museums, film and television, public relations, and science and technology.

Objectives

By the conclusion of the course of study, students will:

- implement ideas and representations
- apply literacy skills
- analyse and interpret visual language, expression and meaning in artworks and practices
- evaluate art practices, traditions, cultures and theories
- justify viewpoints
- experiment in response to stimulus
- create meaning through the knowledge and understanding of materials, techniques, technologies and art processes
- realise responses to communicate meaning.

Structure

Unit 1	Unit 2	Unit 3	Unit 4
 Art as lens Through inquiry learning, the following are explored: Concept: lenses to explore the material world Contexts: personal and contemporary Focus: People, place, objects Media: 2D, 3D, and time-based 	 Art as code Through inquiry learning, the following are explored: Concept: art as a coded visual language Contexts: formal and cultural Focus: Codes, symbols, signs and art conventions Media: 2D, 3D, and time-based 	 Art as knowledge Through inquiry learning, the following are explored: Concept: constructing knowledge as artist and audience Contexts: contemporary, personal, cultural and/or formal Focus: student- directed Media: student- directed 	 Art as alternate Through inquiry learning, the following are explored: Concept: evolving alternate representations and meaning Contexts: contemporary and personal, cultural and/or formal Focus: continued exploration of Unit 3 student-directed focus Media: student-directed

Assessment

Schools devise assessments in Units 1 and 2 to suit their local context.

In Units 3 and 4 students complete *four* summative assessments. The results from each of the assessments are added together to provide a subject score out of 100. Students will also receive an overall subject result (A–E).

Unit 3		Unit 4	
Summative internal assessment 1 (IA1): • Investigation — inquiry phase 1	15%	Summative internal assessment 3 (IA3): • Project — inquiry phase 3	35%
Summative internal assessment 2 (IA2): • Project — inquiry phase 2	25%		
Summative external assessment (EA): 25% • Examination			

Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Languages

Short Course

Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Languages Short Course is a one-unit course, developed to meet a specific curriculum need. It is informed by the Australian Core Skills Framework (ACSF) Level 3.

This course is designed for all Queensland students — Indigenous and non-Indigenous. Prior knowledge of any aspect of the language targeted for study is welcomed but not expected.

The course provides for the explicit learning of a target Indigenous language. It focuses on instruction in the language of the local community identified as the custodians of the language, as mutually agreed between the school and community. In communities where the local Indigenous language has become fragmented or where little linguistic heritage remains, the course provides for teaching a regional or neighbouring language, or another Indigenous language accessible within the public domain.

Students gain an appreciation of the diversity of languages; the interdependence of language, land and cultural knowledge; and linguistic and cultural identity. They also value and develop pride in the languages and cultures of Indigenous Australians, and gain insight into language change and revival.

In comprehending language, students respond to language texts in context to determine meaning; in creating spoken and written texts, they apply their knowledge of the target language to express, interpret and negotiate meaning that is culturally appropriate to context, purpose, audience, and to linguistic and cultural conventions. They identify, explain and apply characteristics of the sound and writing systems, where relevant, and select appropriate vocabulary, grammatical structures, spelling and punctuation to express meaning in various text types. Students also come to understand and apply culturally appropriate protocols and ethical behaviour when engaging with community, working with Aboriginal peoples and their languages and Torres Strait Islander peoples and their languages.

Pathways

A course of study in Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Languages may establish a basis for further education and employment in the fields of anthropology, the arts, education, health, journalism, law, politics, psychology, sociology, social work and tourism.

Objectives

By the conclusion of the course of study, students will:

- comprehend language to identify information, ideas, opinions and experiences
- create spoken/signed and written texts to exchange meaning
- understand the role of language, culture and identity in the exchange of meaning
- demonstrate understanding of the language system
- use culturally appropriate protocols and ethical behaviour
- plan and apply learning strategies to achieve learning outcomes.

Structure and assessment

The course offers two broad approaches: maintaining language and revitalising language. Schools develop two assessment instruments to determine the student's exit result.

Topic 1: Making connections Kinship Storytelling 	Topic 2: StorytellingStories as cultural expressionMy story
 One assessment consisting of two parts: a project — Exploring connections (Internal assessment 1A) a student learning journal (Internal assessment 1B). 	 One assessment consisting of two parts: a project — The art of storytelling (Internal assessment 2A) a student learning journal (Internal assessment 2B).

Year 11 & 12 Special Education Program

AIMS:

The aim of the Special Education Program is to prepare the students with a verified disability to reach their full potential in all areas of life. Students are taught in the classroom, SEU and in the wider community with an emphasis on functional learning as well. Support is provided through Individual Curriculum Plans to ensure students and Individual Support Plans to ensure students are working and being assessed at their appropriate levels with the required support. Ensuring the right program is provided involves consultation with the parents/caregivers, SEP team, and others as required.

CONTENT:

As an 'inclusive' school, students participate in mainstream subjects whenever possible and appropriate. This gives students the opportunity to work and form relationships with their peers, as well as have access to the regular curriculum. For students attending mainstream classes, they are supported by the SEP teachers or teacher aides, when necessary. This ensures that appropriate adjustments are made to support the students' achievements and successes.

For those students whose individual needs require specialised support and instruction, we provide an array of programs taught in the special education unit. These include Mathematics, English, and work skills program, health and fitness and community access. All programs align with the Australian Curriculum. The programs offered aim to develop students' independence, and to prepare them for all aspects of life after school.

ASDAN- Award Scheme Development and Accreditation Network.

ASDAN programs are a range of certificated curriculum programs developed to provide a vehicle for recognising and rewarding student achievement. *Personal Development Programs* have been built on the principle of challenge based learning where students in negotiation with their teacher, choose and then complete a number of activities (challenges) and in doing so, develop a range of knowledge and skills.

Preparing for Adulthood programs include Transition Challenge (pre-16 years) and Towards Independence (post 16 years) promote progression in personal autonomy for those students with additional or complex learning needs. They provide a framework of activities through which personal and social skills can be developed and accredited

PREREQUISITES:

All students who take part in the programs or who are supported through the Special Education Program have a verified disability diagnosis through Education Queensland's Education Adjustment Program.

ASSESSMENT:

Assessment and data collection is important to determine students' knowledge, understanding, and development in a particular area. Assessment provided to students is individualised and aligned to the Australian Curriculum at the appropriate levels. The students are assessed against their own goals and targets. Their achievements are not compared with their peers.

Students attending mainstream classes will complete assessment tasks as per the program delivered. However, these assessment items and/or conditions are adjusted to meet the individual needs of the student and allow them to succeed.

Students who complete Year 12 will be eligible to receive a Queensland Certificate of Individual Achievement or a Queensland Certificate of Education depending of the student's individualised program.

COSTS:

Exact costs cannot be given. Students participate in many activities (community access / leisure, camps, sporting activities, coffee shop program) where there are some expenses, however these costs are budgeted for and are covered by the SEP. Some costs are necessary throughout the year and need to be met by the parents/caregivers; however, these will be clearly outlined prior to the activity/program taking place.

SPECIALISTS VISITS:

Therapy services are provided, as needed and as requested, by the visiting Physiotherapist, Occupational Therapist and Speech Language Pathologist. Advisory Visiting Teachers also service our school, as well as Cerebral Palsy League Queensland.