

Yr 11 Cohort 2023 Frequently Asked Questions

Can students change English or Maths course levels?

The videos for Mathematics and English outline that it is possible to drop to a lower level for both courses. The outcomes for lower level courses will have been satisfied in the higher-level course. However, students cannot move up a level in English and Mathematics. For example, it is not possible to change up to the Advanced or Extension levels. The advice is, if students are capable, they should select the higher levels of these subjects.

Do students need to have studied any subjects in Years 9 and 10 prior to selecting it for Year 11?

Students can select any of the courses offered regardless of subjects studied in Years 9 and 10. However, students are advised to consider capability when selecting subjects. This is especially true for selection of English and Mathematics.

Can I change selections online?

The cut-off date for online selection is 8am Wednesday 27th July 2022. Students can change their selections, once input, up until that date.

Do I need to select my preferences quickly?

All preferences input online prior to the deadline date will have equal consideration. There is no advantage to inputting online selections on the first day selections are available. Students are asked to take the time to consider which subjects best suit their needs and interests. Similarly, any changes made to online preferences prior to the deadline date will have equal consideration.

What if I do not select by the deadline date?

Students will not be able to select subjects beyond the cut-off date. Students who have missed the submission date will be required to submit a paper-based selection form to the Careers Advisor and it will be input manually. If selections are more than 1 week late, it is possible that students will only be able to select from subjects where vacancies exist.

Can students change subjects after they have been allocated?

Students must complete a Year 11 HSC course in order to progress to the Year 12 HSC course. At the start of Year 11 there may be some opportunity to change Year 11 courses in the first two weeks, however it will be dependent on course availability and options may be limited.

What do students need to study to qualify for the HSC award?

- All students must study 2 units of English of any level
- Students study a minimum of 12 units in Year 11
- Students study a minimum of 10 units in Year 12
- Students must study at least 6 units of Board Developed Courses (BDC)
- Students can only study at most 7 units of courses in Science

What subjects do students need to qualify for an ATAR?

- An ATAR (Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank) is used only for the purpose on entry to university.
- To qualify for an ATAR, students must study at least 10 units of Board Developed Courses.
- There are Category A and Category B Board Developed courses. For Category B courses to contribute to the ATAR calculation, students must sit the HSC examination for that course.
- Only two units of Category B subjects can count towards the calculation of an ATAR.

What if a student leaves prior to the end of Year 12 or does not select subjects qualifying them for an HSC?

The NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) issues the Record of School Achievement (RoSA) to eligible students who leave school before completing the Higher School Certificate (HSC) or have not met the requirements for an HSC Award.