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2023 Year 10

Subject Selection for Stage 6

For Year 10 students and their parents/caregivers





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Course Selection Considerations



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- Abilities
- Interests/Motivation
- Career aspirations and needs
- Syllabus requirements Practical/Major work components
- Subject combinations
- Other commitments





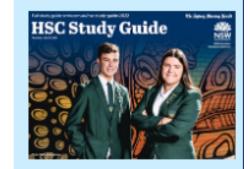
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Study and exam resources

- <u>Past exam papers</u> which include marking guidelines and marker notes.
- Syllabus pages which contain:
 - The course syllabus
 - Course outcomes
 - Assessment and reporting guidelines
 - Sample exam questions for new courses.
- <u>Glossary of key words</u> with some of the terms commonly used in exam questions.
- <u>HSC Study Guide</u> produced each year in partnership with *The Sydney Morning Herald*.
- <u>Multiple choice quiz</u> helps you prepare for your HSC exams with multiple choice questions.
- <u>NESA shop</u> where you can buy:
 - HSC exam workbooks for a range of courses

HSC Study Guide



Practical information and advice to help you achieve your best in the HSC exams.

Read now



Course Selection Considerations

Years 11 and 12 subject choices and career opportunities

Students can see the connections between their subject choices in Years 11 and 12 and the career opportunities these subjects can lead to after school.

NESA has worked with education and industry experts and added information to **each Stage 6 course description** about the possible study, work, and training paths relevant to the subject.



Course Selection Considerations

In 2022, the Minister for Education announced a raft of HSC reforms as part of the Curriculum Reform program, which included removing classifications for ATAR courses. Previously, only 2 units of a Category B courses could contribute to the ATAR.

The announcement came after a review of the VET sector identified current HSC and ATAR arrangements as a barrier to developing a pipeline of job-ready high school graduates. The Joint ATAR Reform Advisory Committee also recommended the removal of HSC course categories for the calculation of the ATAR.

This piece of reform aims to lift the perceived value of vocational studies and will give students the opportunity to study more courses they are interested in and passionate about.

The change will be in place from the 2025 HSC. Year 10 students making subject selections in 2023 for Year 11 in 2024 will be the first to benefit from the changes.

To find out more visit educationstandards.nsw.edu.au



Course Selection Considerations and the ATAR

If you wish to undertake an ATAR pathway, any course the school offers, for which there is a **formal HSC examination in 2025,** can be used to calculate your ATAR.

Choosing a broad range of subjects in your senior years may allow you to be better equipped to succeed in further education, training or work.



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Record of School Achievement (RoSA)



Record of School Achievement

The **Record of School Achievement (RoSA)** is the credential available to all students, following the completion of Year 10, who **leave school prior** to the completion of the HSC, or who are **not eligible** for the HSC credential.

If you decide to leave school you will need to:

- ✓ speak with your Year Adviser/Coordinator/Careers Adviser to discuss your decision
- $\checkmark\,$ confirm the signing-out process
- ✓ check your school has placed a request for your RoSA credential with NESA, before you sign out
- ✓ request your NESA number from your school
- ✓ log into *Students Online* to make sure your personal details are correct
- ✓ download your eRecord from *Students Online* to use as an interim result report.



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Higher School Certificate



Higher School Certificate (HSC)

- o is the culmination of a student's school career
- is the highest educational award that can be achieved at secondary school in NSW
- reports student achievement in terms of a standard achieved in individual courses
- presents a profile of student achievement across a broad range of subjects



HSC Course Structure

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



Requirements for the HSC

Year 11

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

Year 12

minimum of **10 units**



Requirements for the HSC

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

- 2 units of compulsory English
- o at least 6 units of Board Developed Courses
- o at least **3 courses** of **2 units** value or greater
- at least **4 subjects** (including English)
- o a maximum of **6 units** of Science may be included in the Year 11 pattern of study

o a maximum of **7 units** of Science may be included in the Year 12 pattern of study.



Requirements for the HSC – meeting the minimum standard in literacy and numeracy

• To be eligible for a HSC students need to demonstrate they have met a minimum standard in literacy and numeracy.

 Students will show they meet the HSC minimum standard by passing online tests of basic literacy and numeracy skills, which are available for them to sit when they are ready in Year 10, 11 and 12 and after the HSC.



About the HSC Minimum Standard online tests

Students get up to four times per year to sit each minimum standard reading, writing or numeracy test.

About the tests:

- **Reading**: 45 multiple choice computer adaptive questions
- **Numeracy**: 45 multiple choice computer adaptive questions
- Writing: One question based on a visual or text prompt.

Refer to the NESA website for more information and resources for parents, students and schools



Types of HSC courses

Board Developed Courses	Board Endorsed Courses
 HSC examination except for: optional examination in English Studies and Mathematics Standard 1 and VET Curriculum Framework courses all Life Skills courses 	No HSC examination – school-based assessment only
May be included in the calculation of a student's Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR).	Not included in the calculation of a student's Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR).
Includes some Vocational Education and Training (VET) courses.	Includes some Vocational Education and Training (VET) courses.
Includes Life Skills courses.	



Satisfactory completion of a Course

Students must:

- o follow the course developed or endorsed by NESA
- **apply themselves** with diligence and sustained effort to the set task and experiences provided in the course by the school; and
- **achieve** some or all of the course outcomes

VET Board Developed Courses require students to complete **mandatory work placement**.



Additional completion requirements for HSC courses

Students must:

- complete HSC assessment tasks that contribute in excess of 50 per cent of available marks in courses where internal assessment marks are submitted; and
- sit for and make a serious attempt at any requisite Higher
 School Certificate examinations for a course



Confirmation of Entry

Students will receive a **NESA Confirmation of Entry** from the school.

Before signing the Confirmation of Entry each year (Years 10, 11 and 12) students should check that they are:

- enrolled in the correct courses
- eligible for:
 - Year 10: Record of School Achievement
 - Year 11: Stage 6 Preliminary
 - Year 12: HSC
 - the ATAR (if applicable)



HSC: All My Own Work

HSC: All My Own Work is a mandatory program designed to help HSC students to follow the principles and practices of good scholarship.

It consists of five modules:

- o Scholarship Principles and Practices
- Acknowledging Sources
- Plagiarism
- Copyright
- Working with Others



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Features of some courses in Key Learning Areas (KLA)



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English – Year 11

o English Advanced

- English Extension 1 (must be studied with Advanced)
- English **Standard**
- English EAL/D (English as an additional language or dialect)
- English Studies



English – Year 12

o English Advanced

- English **Extension 1** (must be studied with Advanced)
- English Extension 2 (must be studied with Extension 1)
- English **Standard**
- English EAL/D (English as an additional language or dialect)
- English Studies



Creative Arts – Year 11 and Year 12

o Drama

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- o Music 1
- o Music 2
- o Visual Arts

Music Extension - Year 12 only (study of Music 2 in Year 11 and continue the study of Music 2 throughout Year 12).



Human Society and Its Environment (HSIE) Year 11 and Year 12

- Ancient History
- Business Studies
- Economics
- o Geography

- Legal Studies
- Modern History
- Society and Culture
- Work Studies (CEC)

History Extension - **Year 12 only** (Study of Ancient History or Modern History in Year 11 and continue the study of at least one of these throughout Year 12).



Languages – Year 11 and Year 12

Learning languages opens minds to difference where diversity is seen as a regular part of society. Proficiency in languages provides a national resource that encourages more effective engagement with the global community.

Students need to meet **specific eligibility criteria** for **some** Stage 6 Languages courses. For each of these courses, students must apply for an eligibility determination by completing the relevant application form.



Mathematics – Year 11

- Mathematics **Advanced**
- Mathematics Extension 1 (must be studied with Mathematics Advanced)
- Mathematics **Standard**



Mathematics – Year 12

- o Mathematics Advanced
- Mathematics **Extension 1** (must be studied with Advanced)
- Mathematics **Extension 2** (must be studied with Extension 1)
- o Mathematics Standard 2
- Mathematics Standard 1



Personal Development, Health and Physical Education (PDHPE) – Year 11 and Year 12

• PDHPE

- Sport Coaching (Board Endorsed Course Non-ATAR)
- Sport, Lifestyle and Recreation Studies (Content Endorsed Course Non-ATAR)



Science – Year 11 and Year 12

- Biology
- o Chemistry
- Earth and Environmental Science
- Physics

Science Extension – **Year 12 only** (Study of at least one of Biology, Chemistry, Earth and Environmental Science, Investigating Science or Physics in Year 11 and continue the study of at least one of these science courses throughout Year 12).



Technological and Applied Studies Industrial Arts Year 11 and Year 12

- Design and Technology
- Engineering Studies
- Industrial Technology



Technological and Applied Studies Home Economics Year 11 and Year 12

- Community and Family Studies
- Food Technology
- Textiles and Design



Extension Courses

Year 12

- History Extension
- Music Extension
- Extension courses are also available for selected Languages



Life Skills Courses

Year 11 – 12 Life Skills Courses provide options for students with disability who cannot access the regular course outcomes, particularly students with an intellectual disability.

Life Skills Courses:

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



Vocational Education & Training (VET) in the HSC

- Package/endorse VET qualifications for HSC unit credit
- Board Developed VET courses
 - Stage 6 Industry Curriculum Frameworks
- Board Endorsed VET courses
 - Stage 6 (Years 11–12)
- May be available to:
 - all students
 - school-based trainees only
 - school-based apprentices only

Industry Curriculum Framework

Board Developed HSC VET syllabus

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- Based on **nationally** endorsed Training Package(s)
- lists which qualifications and units of competency have been included in the HSC syllabus
- describes how units of competency are arranged into HSC VET courses
- Includes HSC outcomes and content
- Has an **optional** HSC examination
- provides access to ATAR pathway
- Includes a mandatory work placement

VET Board Developed Courses

- Automotive
- Business Services
- Construction
- Electrotechnology
- Entertainment Industry
- Financial Services
- Hospitality

- Human Services
- Information and Digital Technology
- o Primary Industries
- o Retail Services
- o Tourism, Travel and Events





VET Credentials

Certificate + Transcript of Competencies Achieved

Statement of Attainment





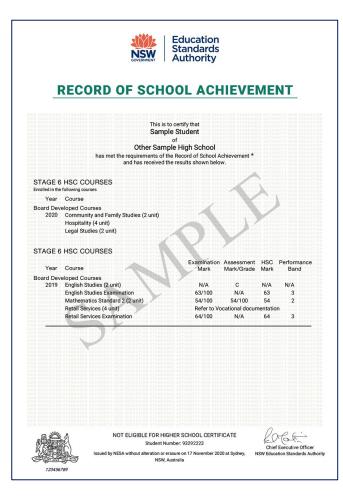


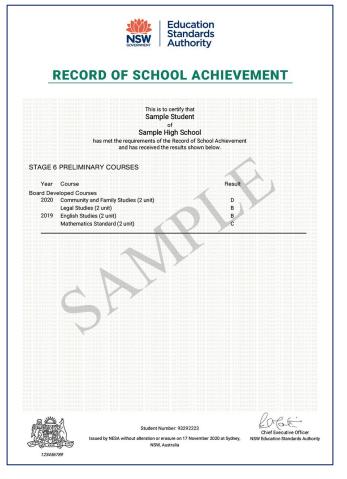
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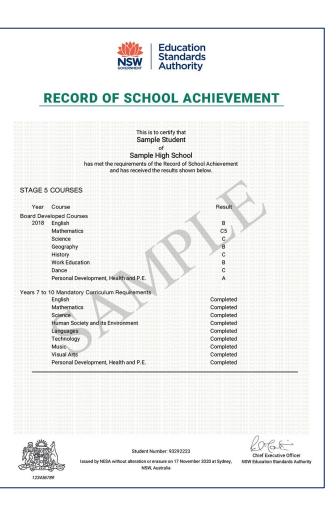
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Record of School Achievement (RoSA)









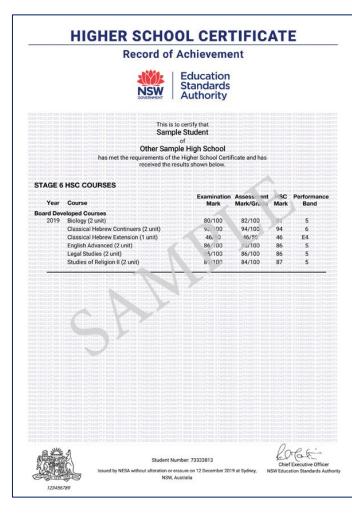
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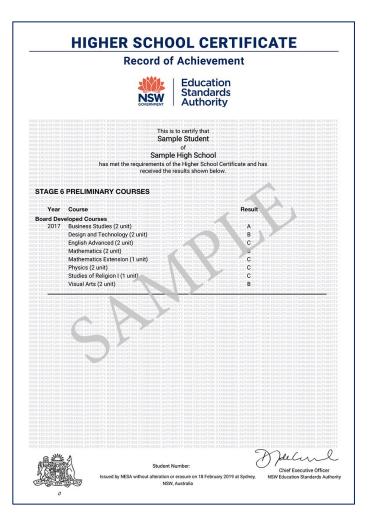
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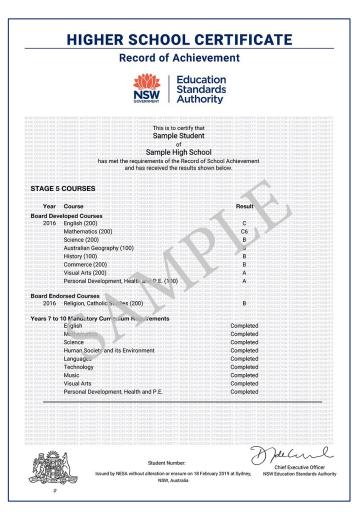




HSC Record of Achievement (RoA)



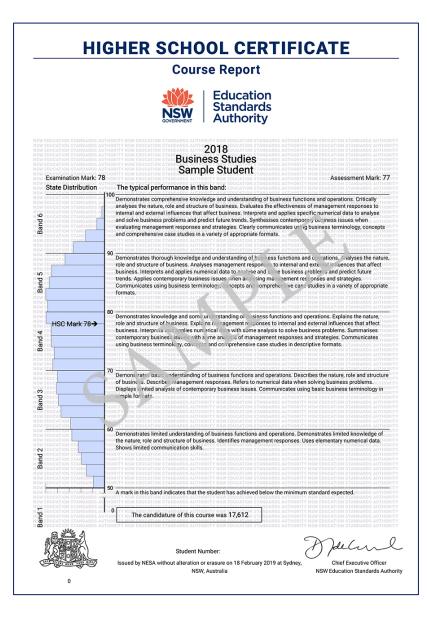






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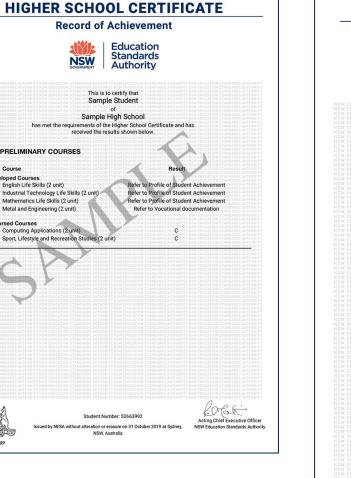
HSC Record of Achievement (RoA)





HSC Record of Achievement (RoA) Life Skills





	Profile of Student Achievement
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	and responds to auditory cues and signals
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HSC Results







HSC Reported Mark

External HSC examination 50%

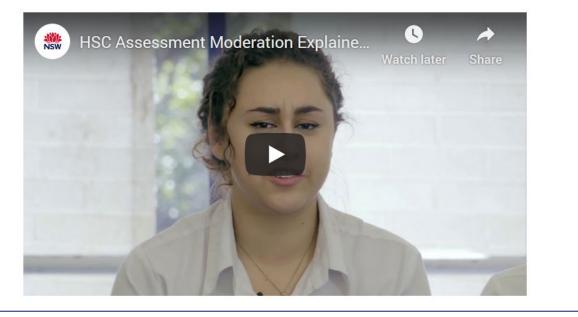


Year 10 Subject Selection for Stage 6

How the HSC mark is calculated

The HSC mark is a 50:50 combination of a student's examination mark and school-based assessment mark for each course.

Watch the video below to find out how school assessment marks are moderated to make them fair.



Excellent video explaining how the HSC mark is calculated.

https://www.educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/11-12/hsc/results-certificates/understanding-results

Australian Tertiary Admission Rank



Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank

The Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR):

- o is for students wishing to gain a place at a university
- o is a rank **NOT** a mark
- provides information about how a student performs overall in relation to other students
- Is calculated by the University Admissions Centre (UAC)



Other considerations



Other considerations

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



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