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HSC and ATAR

What is the difference?



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HSC

- *Reports on your individual performance and this is provided by NESA
- *You can control or influence this.
- *Analogue similar to a running race. Your HSC results tell us your performance in the race.

ATAR

- *Reports on your overall position and is provided by UAC.
- *You cannot control or influence this.
- *Analogue similar to a running race, where the ATAR is your final place in the race.

What is the ATAR?



The **ATAR** (Australian Tertiary Admission Rank) :

- is a rank, it's not a mark or score
- is calculated by the University Admission Centre (UAC), not NESA
- it tells us your overall position.
- is used by universities to rank and select students.
- it's a number between 0.00 and 99.95

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ATAR and Scaling

- The scaling process is designed to encourage students to take courses for which they are best suited and which best prepare them for future studies.
- A student should neither be advantaged or disadvantaged by choosing one HSC course over another
- Scaling calculates what your mark and your position would be if all courses were studied by all students.
- It doesn't matter what courses a student studies, they just have to do well!



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Careers and Transition Support

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At Blakehurst High School our students and their parents/carers can access information, resources, and career advice on a wide range of topics.

Our Careers Adviser Mrs Sophia Koutsoukos and Transition Adviser Mrs Marie Tsambourlis are here for to support you and your child.



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We provide:

- Individual career interviews
- Information and advice on post school pathways and beyond
- Assistance with university admissions, early entry applications, scholarships, and alternative entry programs
- Assistance with resumes, job search and job applications
- Individual meetings with students and parents to discuss transition pathways and options.
- Excursions, workshops, White Card training
- Information evening with UAC and lunchtime guest speakers with universities and apprenticeship providers
- The annual BHS Careers Expo
- Weekly Careers Newsletter emailed to parents and students
- Online information on the Careers and Transition Google Classroom
- Display and distribution of publications from universities, private colleges and TAFE
- Assistance and support with EVET and SBAT



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Choosing VET for Success



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What is Vocational Education and Training (VET)?



VET courses:

Are nationally regulated and deliver a qualification

Are developed by industry to meet skills needs

Are delivered by accredited VET teachers in registered training organisations (RTOs)

Are competency-based: students must meet industry performance standards

Provide workplace skills and technical knowledge, emphasise hands-on experience

VET is dual accredited
Students receive:

1. Recognition towards their school qualification (Record of School Achievement or HSC) and may contribute to ATAR
- AND
2. A nationally recognised VET qualification (Certificate or Statement of Attainment)

VET training is strongly associated with TAFE NSW,

However, the NSW Department of Education is also an RTO, so VET is available in high schools, taught by school VET teachers or other approved RTOs.

What industry areas does VET cover?

VET is much more than hard hats and steel capped boots!



VET training in NSW public schools covers ten industry areas:

- Agriculture and Environmental Management
- Business and Information Services
- Construction
- Creative Arts and Design
- Health and Community Services
- Manufacturing, Engineering & Utilities
- Services Industries
- Sport and Recreation
- Tourism and Hospitality
- Transport

Availability varies by school. Talk to your teachers about what VET courses are available for your school

How can high school students participate in VET?



Three key VET options for students while they are at school are:

SVET

School-delivered VET

30,000+ enrolments in 2023

- Courses delivered by VET-qualified school teachers
- Study is integrated into normal school life
- Some courses involve mandatory work placement

EVET

Externally-delivered VET

8,000+ enrolments in 2023

- Courses delivered by an external Registered Training Organisation (RTO)
- Students can access a wider variety of course offerings
- Classes may be at school or an external campus
- Some courses involve work placement

SBAT

School-based apprenticeships or traineeships

3,000+ enrolments in 2023

- Study a VET course while still at school and also undertaking paid work (100 to 180 days)
- Leave school with a full trainee qualification or having completed Stage 1 of an apprenticeship
- SBATs may commence in Year 10 or Year 11

For more information on VET options, go to the Department of Education's web page: [Skills at School](#)

How do VET courses contribute to HSC and ATAR?



An ATAR is calculated from: a student's best 2 units of English and their next best 8 units of subjects with a HSC Exam

Currently 12 VET courses available to NSW public school students include an optional HSC exam

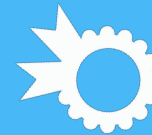
This means A VET student at school can:

Choose to sit the VET HSC exam



Contributes to ATAR
+ receive VET
qualification

Not sit the optional VET HSC exam



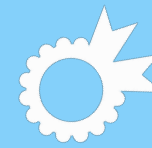
✓ Contributes to HSC
+ receive VET
qualification

Sit more than 1 VET HSC exam



✓ All can contribute
to ATAR

Take a non-ATAR VET course



✓ Contributes to HSC
+ receive VET
qualification

VET Courses delivered at Blakehurst High School



Hospitality

Sports Coaching



Finally:

- **Choose HSC subjects that you're good at and interested in, and that will lay a foundation for your future plans.**
- **Make good choices about what to study, work to the best of your ability and focus on your goals for life after school.**
- **Just about any combination of subjects can lead to a good ATAR; it all depends on how well you do in all your courses in comparison to other students.**



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THANK YOU!



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