

Pathway Opportunities: a companion to the subject handbook

Year 10 into 11 Subject Selection 2017



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OP PATHWAY

Who should choose this pathway?

Students who:

- Enjoy academic rigor
- Enjoy theoretical aspects of learning with a high level of commitment to study
- Are looking to gain entry into university courses upon completing Year 12
- Are achieving at an A or B standard in their Year 10 subjects

What type of study does it involve?

- Study of 6 authority subjects
- 2-3 hours homework and revision every night OR 2 hours /subject/ week minimum
- Combination of assignments and exams, sometimes one of each per term per subject
- Attendance at subject tutorials when offered
- Accessing tutors if academic success is not being achieved
- Independent, self-directed and focused approach to learning and study

What does this pathway involve?

- Attainment of an OP 1-25
- Participation in the QCS preparation program & the sitting of the QCS exams in the first week of September
- Study of 6 authority subjects: Mathematics & English compulsory
- University course prerequisites need to be considered
- No access to traineeships or apprenticeships

Subjects available to students in this pathway:

Accounting
Biology
Chemistry
Chinese
Drama
Economics
Engineering Technology
English
Film, Television & New Media
Geography
Graphics
Information Processing Technology
Mathematics A
Mathematics B
Mathematics C
Modern History
Music
Physical Education
Physics
Visual Art

Personalised Pathway

Who should choose this pathway?

Students who:

- Have identified a career pathway that doesn't require study at university level i.e. trade apprenticeship, work, study at TAFE or training organisations
- Are mature and responsible enough to study both on and off campus (if a course is approved by the school)
- Enjoy practical and theoretical aspects of learning
- Are looking to articulate straight to TAFE /or university courses or to work

What does this pathway involve?

- Study of 6 subjects (flexibility exists for diploma level study/ traineeships)
- 6 subjects can be made up of:
 - Mathematics A / Prevocational Mathematics and English / English Communication compulsory
 - 2-3 additional subjects - any combination of authority/ authority registered subjects
 - 1-2 AQF certificate courses— if students are capable of study at Certificate III level then a school-based traineeship can also be considered. Traineeships are subject to availability

Example Pathway Subject Selections

- E.G. 1** Mathematics A, English, Economics, Biology and Diploma of Business
- E.G.2** Prevocational Mathematics, English, Certificate III Business, Certificate IV Justice Studies, Social and Community Studies, Recreation

Example Pathway Subject Selections continued

- E.G. 3** Mathematics A, English Communication, Social & Community Studies, Business Studies, Certificate III Surveying and Spatial Information Services, Industrial Technology Skills
- E.G. 4** Prevocational Mathematics, English/English Communication Certificate III in Early Childhood Education & Care, Business Studies, Dance Studies, Social and Community Studies
- E.G. 5** Prevocational Mathematics, English Communications, Social & Community Studies, Industrial Technology Skills, Certificate II in Engineering Pathways, Business Studies
- E.G. 6** Prevocational Mathematics, English Communication, Hospitality Practices, Business Studies, Certificate II in Sport Recreation/Certificate III Fitness, Certificate II in Telecommunications

Personalised Pathway and OP/Authority Subjects

Students who meet the academic requirements of Year 10 B standard in OP/Authority subjects may substitute these subject as replacements for the Non-Authority subjects listed in the examples above.

Personalised Pathway and study at Certificate III/IV or Diploma level

Students considering study at the higher certificate level should have strong communication and organisational skills. Students who are failing English in Year 10 should strongly consider this before entering into a Certificate III or IV course AND should definitely consider this if applying for study at diploma level.

Subjects available to students in the Personalised Pathway:

Accounting **OP**
Biology **OP**
Business Studies **SAS**
Dance Studies **SAS**
Drama **OP**
Economics **OP**
English **OP**
Film, Television & New Media **OP**
Geography **OP**
Graphics **OP**
Hospitality Practices **SAS**
Industrial Technology Skills **SAS**
Mathematics A **OP**
Mathematics Prevocational **OP**
Music **OP**
Physical Education **OP**
Recreation **SAS**
Social and Community Studies **SAS**
Visual Art **OP**

PLEASE NOTE:

OP indicates an OP/Authority subject and study times need to be considered to facilitate success. Academic prerequisites also apply.

SAS indicates a non-OP subject or authority registered subject

Certificate courses available to students in the Personalised Pathway for 2017 delivery:

Certificate II in Engineering Pathways (VETiS funded – Major Training)*
Certificate II in Sport Recreation/Certificate III Fitness (VETiS funded - TAFE)*
Certificate II in Telecommunication (VETiS funded - Aurora)*
Certificate III in Business (Careers Australia)**
Certificate III in Early Childhood, Education & Care (Charlton Brown)**
Certificate III in Surveying and Spatial Information (Canberra Institute of Technology)**
Certificate IV in Crime and Justice Studies (UNITY College)**
Diploma of Business (Careers Australia)^

PLEASE NOTE:

VETiS funded* Indicates Vet in School funding. Students can only have ONE course funded by VETiS funding whilst at school at this point in time

** Indicates a fee for services course. Please consult the 2016 Subject Handbook for fees in addition to the annual school fees.

^ Indicates a diploma level course for which VET Fee HELP is available for eligible candidates. See providers for details.

USI Numbers

Students enrolling in certificate level qualifications must have a **USI number-Unique Student Identifier** - in order for them to be issued with a qualification. This is an ASQA requirement for all providers. Students who do not provide the school with their USI become at risk on not achieving a Queensland Certificate of Education QCE. Information regarding this will be issued at SET Plan interviews.