

# Coursing for the new ATAR

Year 11 in 2019



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# Current System – Year 11 in 2018

(and previously)

- Select one mathematics and one English subject
- Plus 4 electives
- Elective blocks were derived from student input in term 2
- Electives can be a combination of OP subjects, certificates (school + TAFE) and SAT
- OP + certificate subjects done in Year 10 count towards OP and QCE



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# New Year 11 in 2019

## Compulsory subjects

### Select one in each area of english + maths

- English – Literature/English/Essential English
- Mathematics – Mathematical Methods/General Mathematics/Essential Mathematics
- + all RGS students will need to select the equivalent of 4 elective subjects from an extensive list



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# Elective Subjects in 2019

Accounting, Agricultural Science, Ancient History, Biology, Business, Chemistry, Dance, Design, Digital Solutions, Drama, Geography, Health Education, Japanese, Legal Studies, Modern History, Music, Philosophy & Reasoning, Physical Education, Physics, Psychology, Specialist Mathematics, Visual Art

Aquatic Practices, Industry Technology Skills

Certificate III in Agriculture/Beauty/Fitness

Certificate II in Automotive/Business/Engineering/Hospitality/

Outdoor Education/Early Childhood/Electrotechnology/

Hairdressing/Retail Services

Certificate I in Construction



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# Subject Selection Process for 2019

- Next couple of weeks we will be looking at the new system and the subjects on offer
- Students will become familiar with the new system + subjects and ask all questions they need to have answers for
- HODs of English & Mathematics will come and talk about the differences in their subjects on offer
- HOD Vocational Education will come and talk about the various pathways available



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## Subject Selection Process for 2019 continued

- Students will use My Path to look at whether they are ATAR eligible and whether they meet pre-requisites for uni courses they are interested in
- Mr Wright will then ask the student to tell us electronically what subjects you are most likely to want to do
- Elective subjects will be placed into 4 blocks **based on what you tell** Mr Wright



# Subject Selection Process for 2019 continued

- Coursing Books and Blocks will be available second last week of Term
- Over holidays discussions about subjects with parents
- Attend Coursing Night on Monday 23 July to select subjects for real
- Subject selection due into SSO by Tuesday 31 July at the latest
- Development of SET plans



## Subject Selection Process for 2019 continued

- During Term 4 all Year 10s interviewed to check subject selection matches future goals
- TAFE releases information on their 2019 courses
  
- During Terms 2, 3 and 4 Year 10s explore possible career paths & undertake work experience





# **2019 – Option to be ATAR eligible or to follow Voc Ed pathways**

**ATAR will be used for university entrance but in Queensland (except for UQ) students will still be able to enter provincial universities using a Voc Ed pathway**



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# So How Are Subjects Organised Under ATAR

There are 3 groups of subjects:

1. General Subjects
2. Applied Subjects
3. Certificate Subjects



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# To Obtain an ATAR you need

An ATAR will be calculated from the student's results in

- Their 5 best General Subjects

OR

- Their 4 best General Subjects + 1 Applied Subject

OR

- Their 4 best General Subjects + 1 Certificate III or higher certificate such as a Certificate IV



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# So how do I know what are my best five for calculating my ATAR?

- QTAC will use a process called **inter subject scaling** which will adjust the raw scores for a given subject to allow the results for that subject to be fairly compared with the results of other subjects



# At RGS

- We advise all students wishing to obtain a good ATAR to take ALL General subjects

## Why?

- We do not know how the individual subjects will be scaled as QTAC will not be releasing this until after you finish Year 12
- When we look at how Applied and Certificate subjects are scaled in other States it is better for those wanting an ATAR in this first year to do all General subjects



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# So the General Subjects Are

Accounting, Agricultural Science, Ancient History, Biology, Business, Chemistry, Dance, Design, Digital Solutions, Drama, Geography, Health Education, Japanese, Legal Studies, Modern History, Music, Philosophy & Reasoning, Physical Education, Physics, Psychology, Specialist Mathematics, Visual Art

Plus

Literature and English

Mathematical Methods and General Mathematics



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# So the Applied Subjects Are

Aquatics Practices

Industry Technology Skills

Plus

Essential English

Essential Mathematics



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# Advice to Parents & Students

- Choose subjects that the student enjoys and is likely to do well in
- Select subjects that allow the student to keep open their preferred future pathways – a balanced set of subjects
- Select subjects that are pre-requisites for potential university courses



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## Next Week

- Talk to your teachers about your current subjects and how they lead into the Year 11 subjects of the same name
- Look at banking for your QCE and why you didn't have that opportunity this year
- Look at differences and similarities between the old and new systems
- Start looking at pathways available to you



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