Welcome

Subject Selection for Year 10 in 2017
First Year on the new Queensland ATAR System

- Copies of information released so far by QCAA available

- RGS will be keeping you updated on Parent Lounge throughout the semester (with notices in Daily Bulletin when something new is posted) as information is finalised and released
So What Are the Changes?

- New Syllabuses in senior subjects
- Change to assessment to include external assessment in most subjects
- External assessment will count 25% in most subjects, but 50% in mathematics and sciences
- Each subject will have 3 internal assessments

- ATAR is a finer scale than OP (1 – 25) ATAR from 0 – 99.90 in 0.05 increments
2017 = Third year for Year 10 in Senior School

- Most Year 10s will continue as normal preparing for Year 11 and 12

- Opportunity for a small group to select a senior school subject from a list (must be very high achievers in year 9 with excellent work habits and organisation)

- Opportunity for another small group to begin work on Certificate courses

- School will continue to prepare for the introduction of the new system (involved in QCAA trials/taskforces/consultative committees; current reviews + gap analysis)
Year 10 Subject Preparation

- All Year 10s must select:
  - 1 English based subject (6 periods)
  - 1 Maths based subject (6 periods)
  - 1 Science based subject (6 periods)
  - 3 periods of PE and Health
  - 2 periods of personal development
  + a semester each of History/Geography OR can select if eligible to do Year 11 Geography
  + 2 elective subjects
Each have preparation courses designed to prepare for senior subjects.

Each have a high level subject that allows the student to tackle Maths B/C/Physics and Chemistry and a more manageable subject if your student has struggled in Year 9 – best advice here from your current teachers.

Important to pass year 10 English, Maths and Science as it is a requirement for entry to Defence Forces, some TAFE and apprenticeships.
If wanting Year 11 Geography – must be very high achiever + excellent work habits + very good organisation

Can do one or two semesters in Year 10

Please note that at this stage we do not know how QCAA will treat subjects done under the old OP system

If you want to do subject, but HOD and teachers do not believe you are ready then you will be in Year 10 option
Selection of Electives

- Mr Wright has done a lot of work to get the 2 elective blocks based on feedback from the students last term.

- However, some students may not get their first choice.

- Must select 2 electives – one from each block.

- Cannot select both Industrial Processes and Design & Technology NOR both Sports Science and Certificate II in Sports & Recreation.
Elective Blocks

- Agriculture
- BEM
- Certificates in Hospitality
- Certificates in IT
- Certificate II Sport & Recreation
- Design Technology
- Japanese
- Marine Operations
- Music
- Sports Science
- Year 11 IPT

- Art
- BEM
- Certificates in Business
- Drama
- Certificate II Sport & Recreation
- Design Technology
- Graphics
- Industrial Processes
- Year 11 Accounting
- Sports Science
- Year 11 IPT
- Year 11 Dance
- Certificates in Agriculture

Block 1

Block 2
If Selecting Year 11 subjects as Electives

- OP subjects = requirements based on performance in Year 9
- Certificate subjects = need to be committed to completing the certificate which may mean extra work over holidays as once started you must complete.

THINGS TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT

- Need to have a good idea of post school pathways
- That the OP subject may not count in the new ATAR system
- Year 11 timetable uses an extended day and Year 11 classes could have early start (7.50am) or a late finish (3.40pm)

***review transport issues
If Selecting Certificates as Electives

- Most Certificates have a cost component – small or large depending on the actual Certificate requirement
- Make sure you look at the respective page in the Coursing Booklet
- Some Certificates have extra hours eg Agriculture means the majority of a day each week at the farm – arriving back at school at 4.00pm + block training weeks
- Sport & Recreation/Hospitality may have work placements early morning/late afternoon/evening and weekends
Process and Due Dates

- Students make their selections online. They all have individual email access direct to the selection place. This email was resent on Monday 18 July – the same link as used in the lead up process.

- Once the selection is made electronically, students print out a confirmation page that parents must sign. Boarding parents can email dwright@rgs.qld.edu.au to confirm their student’s subject selection.

- The signed confirmation page is handed into the Senior School Office.

- Selections must be finalised by Monday week, the 25 July (early returns much appreciated!)
Do I need to do particular Year 10 subjects to be ATAR eligible?

No Year 10 subjects give ATAR credits, however some Year 11 subjects will be difficult to achieve in if you don’t do the preparatory Year 10 subject eg English Foundation in Year 10 would make OP English hard in Year 11; not doing Japanese in Year 10 would make Year 11 Japanese hard. (please note hard – but not impossible for those who are determined)
Do I need particular Year 10 subjects to be QCE (Queensland Certificate of Education) eligible?

You can choose any year 10 subjects and still be eligible for a QCE.
A QCE is much more flexible than an ATAR and credits can be gained from a wide range of subjects and certificate course.
RGS makes sure you are on target for a QCE when doing your Year 11 subject selection next year and throughout Years 11 and 12.
Two of the subjects I most want to do are in the same block – will there be a change to allow this?

Unfortunately there are only 2 elective lines and so some subjects have to be timetabled at the same time.

The lines were designed from the information given in term 2 and to suit the maximum number of students and what the school can manage in terms of staffing & resources.

However – if you have real issues please write a note at the bottom of your Confirmation Sheet and let us know your concerns.
What happens if I change my mind later this year about my selection?

- Providing there is room in the subject you can make a change by firstly seeing Ms or Mr Wright, and then depending on the timing they may get you to change it electronically in your preferences and have Mum+ Dad confirm by email that they are happy.

- Much later in the year changes will be made using a special form that Mum and Dad need to sign and then hand into the SSO.
Is it possible to change my mind during Year 10 and do a different subject in semester 2?

- Yes – providing there is room in the subject that you want to change to.

- Process will be to see Ms Wright in the SSO and complete a special form that Mum + Dad sign and return or Mum/Dad email DW to say they are happy for the change (and possible expenses involved)
Other Changes with Year 10 joining Senior School

- Slight timetable change = Year 10 will now have Senior School lunch at 1.10pm instead of 12.30pm
- Start and end of school day is unchanged (8.30am and 3.10pm) unless in Year 11 subjects
- Change to the form camps = replaced by challenge and service program culminating in a week/two week venture of choice. All Year 10s will be at the venue at ± the same time and no Year 10 classes will run during the program
Currently being finalised following the current Year 10s returning – details will be sent home shortly. Students will look at some options this term to gauge interest areas.

Cost will range from same cost as the current form camp (Ritamada) cost for local ventures to several $1000 for options overseas.

Parents and students will select the most appropriate for their circumstances to be finalised by mid Term 4.
2016 Choices (Just returned)

- Last week Term 2 (+holidays for longer overseas trips)
- Borneo $$$$$
- Vietnam $$$$$
- NZ Exchange $$$$$
- Whitsundays Sailing $$
- Adventure Alternatives Sunshine Coast $$
- Carnarvon Gorge $
- ++ for 2017 Vanuatu $$$$ 
- ++ Cambodia/China $$$$$
From here?

- Teaching staff waiting in the spaceframe to talk about subjects
- On line selection with confirmation form printed off and signed by parents due into the Senior School Office by Monday 25 July (can print in Middle School Library tonight)
- Any questions – plus my contacts 49360622 dwright@rgs.qld.edu.au
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