



The New Queensland Certificate in Education (QCE) System – *information for those starting Senior from 2019 onwards*

Your questions answered – please click on the hyperlinks provided to access websites, vodcasts, and factsheets, relating to the questions outlined below.

How will the new QCE system operate from 2019 onwards?

The vodcast below provides an overview of the processes that will underpin Queensland's new Senior Assessment and Tertiary Entrance System, set to commence with Year 11 students in 2019.

Please click on the hyperlink below to access the vodcast.

<https://www.qcaa.qld.edu.au/senior/new-snr-assessment-te/resources-fags/syllabus-subject-result>

Please click on the hyperlink below for more information about the new QCE system set to commence in 2019 for Year 11 students.

<https://www.qcaa.qld.edu.au/senior/new-snr-assessment-te/resources-fags>

What is a Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE) and how do I make sure that I am eligible to receive my QCE at the end of Year 12?

The QCE is Queensland's senior secondary schooling qualification. To be issued with a QCE, students need to complete the set amount of learning, at the set standard, in a set pattern, while meeting literacy and numeracy requirements.

Click on the website below to access the '*Queensland Certificate of Education requirements*' factsheet. Other changes relating to the issuing of QCEs are also found on this website.

<https://www.qcaa.qld.edu.au/senior/certificates-and-qualifications/qce/about-the-qce>

Which subjects are offered in 2019 and how do they differ in nature (e.g. difference between a General and Applied subject)?

At Redcliffe State High School, students **must** study 6 subjects in Year 11 and these can be General, Applied, VET or TAFE or external provider courses (can be a mixture). For more information about the subjects please consult the Senior Subject Guide. See pages 6-10 for an overview of the different types of subjects offered. For some subjects, the class numbers will determine whether the subject is offered at Redcliffe State High School.

In addition to studying an English subject, students **must** study a Mathematics subject or complete the Certificate II in Skills for Work and Vocational Pathways. Students who study Specialist Mathematics must also study Mathematical Methods.



The Senior Subject Guide can be accessed by clicking on the hyperlink below, or through students' OneSchool accounts.

<https://redcliffeshs.eq.edu.au/curriculum/senior-school>

What are some useful resources I can look at when selecting my subjects for Year 11?

Students are encouraged to peruse the websites provided in OneSchool when undertaking SET planning. Additionally, the websites below may be of assistance when considering which subjects to study:

<https://myqce.qcaa.qld.edu.au/>

<https://joboutlook.gov.au/>

<https://myfuture.edu.au/>

<https://education.qld.gov.au/careers/apprentices-and-trainees/school-to-work/career-education>

How can I find out more about subjects and view sample assessment tasks?

In 2019, the MyQCE Website was launched. This website provides students with a range of new QCE resources including sample assessment tasks.

<https://myqce.qcaa.qld.edu.au/>

How do I make sure I am studying the required prerequisites for future study (e.g. University)?

Click on the hyperlink below and scroll down to the '*Tertiary prerequisites, assumed knowledge and recommended study*' section on the QTAC website to access prerequisite guides for a variety of institutions (for courses starting in 2021). If you are aiming to study at University you **MUST** read these guides prior to selecting your subjects.

<https://www.qtac.edu.au/atar-my-path/my-path>

What do students need to study to obtain an Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) and how are they calculated (ATAR)?

The Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) will replace the Overall Position (OP) from 2020. Students wishing to undertake a pathway towards **university**, should obtain an ATAR score.

- The ATAR is a finer grained rank order of students than the OP.
- It's a number between 0.00 and 99.95 with increments of 0.05, whereas the OP consists of 25 bands. The highest ATAR score that can be achieved by a student is 99.95.
- The ATAR is commonly used in other states and territories.



- Most universities in Queensland will mandate that students have a specific ATAR score to gain entry into courses they offer (from 2021 onwards)

To be eligible for an ATAR, a student must have:

- ✓ Studied English, Literature OR Essential English; students can do both English and Literature if desired.
- ✓ Completed five general subjects, or four general subjects plus one applied subject or VET course at AQF certificate III or above
- ✓ Accumulated their subject results within a five-year period.

While students must satisfactorily complete an English subject to be eligible for an ATAR, the result in English will only be included in the ATAR calculation if it is one of the student's best five subjects.

Please click on the hyperlinks below for a variety of resources about ATAR scores, student eligibility requirements, and how ATAR scores are calculated by QTAC.

<https://www.qtac.edu.au/atar-my-path/atar>

<https://www.qcaa.qld.edu.au/senior/new-snr-assessment-te/tertiary-entrance>

Will I have to sit External Assessment in Year 12?

In the new QCE system, the assessment program for all General subjects will include external assessment that is:

- common to all schools
- administered under the same conditions, at the same time and on the same day
- developed and marked by the QCAA according to a commonly applied marking scheme.

For more information about external assessment in General Subjects, please click on the hyperlink below:

<https://www.qcaa.qld.edu.au/senior/new-snr-assessment-te/external-assessment>

What is an Instrument Specific Marking Guide (ISMG) and how does this relate to me?

<https://www.qcaa.qld.edu.au/senior/new-snr-assessment-te/redev-snr-syll/ismg>

How do VET subjects fit with the new QCE system?

<https://www.qcaa.qld.edu.au/senior/vet>

What are some of the 21st Century Skills I will need post school and how will the new QCE System prepare me for this journey?

Through national and international research, the Queensland Curriculum Assessment Authority has identified and defined the set of skills students need in the 21st century. Along with literacy and



numeracy, these 21st century skills are the underpinning factors that shape the development of the General syllabuses. Please click on the hyperlink below for more information about 21st Century Skills and the new QCE system.

<https://www.qcaa.qld.edu.au/senior/new-snr-assessment-te/redev-snr-syll/21st-century-skills>

I want to study a TAFE subject one day per week in Year 11 and/or Year 12. Where do I find out about courses on offer and how much does it cost?

1. Download the TAFE at School Guide from the following website and peruse the courses on offer: <https://tafeqld.edu.au/courses/ways-you-can-study/tafe-at-school.html>
2. You can view course costs by searching specific courses using the website below: https://tafeqld.edu.au/search-results.html?ways_to_study=TAFE+at+School
3. Students must also ensure that they obtain a Unique Student Identifier (USI) in order to participate in a TAFE at Schools course. A USI can be obtained from the following website: <https://www.usi.gov.au/>
4. After completing the steps above, come and see the Senior Schooling Team in N-Block Staffroom to discuss possible TAFE at Schools Pathways.

Note: *Students eligible to obtain an ATAR score and wish to study a course through TAFE at School one day per week, can only do this if the TAFE course concludes by the end of Year 11. This is because Unit 3 (ATAR) begins in Term 4 of Year 11. (There will be a term overlap where students will be expected to catch up on General subject work missed.)*

I am interested in undertaking a School Based Traineeship or Apprenticeship (SAT), what do I need to do?

For information about the benefits of undertaking a SAT in senior, please click on the link below:

<https://education.qld.gov.au/careers/apprentices-and-trainees/school-to-work/school-based-apprenticeships-and-traineeships>

Students are encouraged to regularly check their emails as the Senior Schooling team will email students opportunities when they arise. If students believe they know an employer who is willing to offer a SAT please come and speak with a member of the Senior Schooling team.

Other frequently asked questions about the new QCE System:

<https://www.qcaa.qld.edu.au/senior/new-snr-assessment-te/faqs>

Should you have any further questions about the new QCE system, please don't hesitate to contact the relevant Curriculum Head of Department or the Senior Schooling Team on (07) 3897 1111.