



SUBJECT SELECTION

CTHS
Year 11, 2026



Success in Subject Choices

To maximise HSC outcomes and the ATAR = choosing subjects on the basis of:



Subject Choice Success

- ∞ INTEREST + ACHIEVEMENT= SUCCESS
- ∞ Year 9 Semester 1 and 2 reports are the best indicator of student success in the HSC
- ∞ a broad range of subjects in your senior years may allow you to be better equipped to succeed in further education, training or work.
- ∞ 2020 UAC research – the greater range of subjects in a student's study program = success in first year uni and they are less likely to drop out (Data Analysis: The impact of senior secondary study choices on success at university)
- ∞ Students only find subjects 'hard' or 'easy' because of their academic strengths and weaknesses

Year 11 Course Requirements

- ✚ Undertake Minimum Standards Literacy & Numeracy tests in Yr10
- ✚ Complete mandatory 'All My Own Work' program **before** the end of Year 10 (T4)
 - Preliminary Course = Terms 1 to 3
 - At the end of Yr 11, A - E grades are provided

Yr11 Course Requirements cont...

∞ Most subjects are 2 units:

- 2 units = 120 indicative hours per year
- 1 unit = 60 indicative hours per year

∞ Students' Subject Patterns must include:

- At least 6 units of Board Developed courses (6 subjects)
- 2 units of English (compulsory)
- At least **4 different subjects**
- At least **3 courses of 2 units**
- Maximum of 6 units of Science allowed in Year 11

Satisfactory Completion of a Course

☞ Students **MUST**:

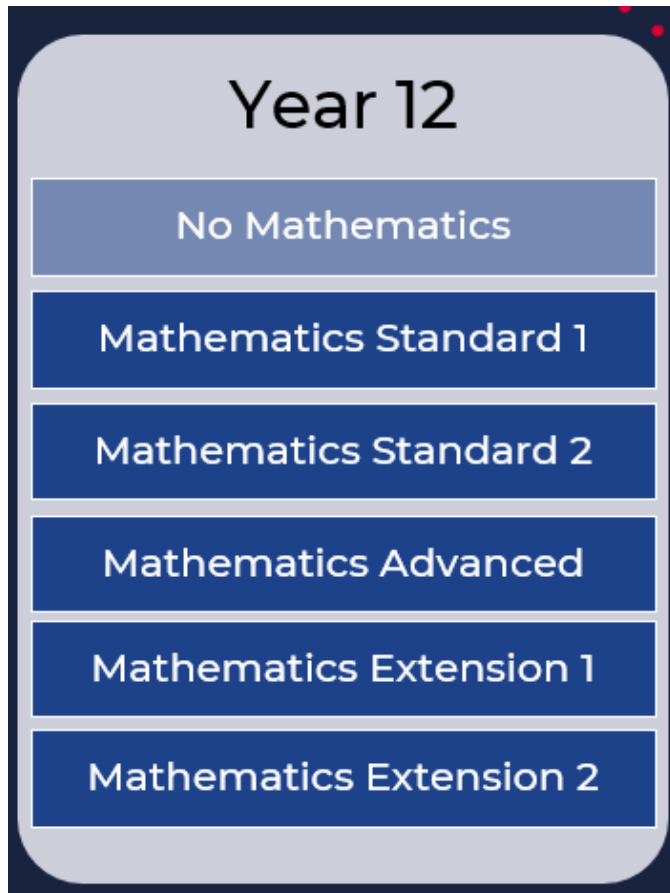
- **Follow the course** developed by NESAs
- **Apply themselves with diligence and sustained effort** to the set tasks and experiences provided in the course by the school
- **Achieve the minimum course outcomes**
- VET Board Developed Courses = **mandatory work placement**
- Must complete **more than 50% of assessment marks**
- Must make a serious attempt at assessment tasks and HSC exams

Year 12 Course Requirements

- Students:
 - **Cannot** select different subjects for Year 12
 - must satisfactorily complete the Preliminary Course before commencing the corresponding HSC Course
- HSC Course = Year 11 Term 4 and Year 12 Terms 1-3
- HSC Program = minimum of 10 units

Final marks = 50:50 combination of HSC exam and school based assessment mark (2 units = 100 marks, 1 unit = 50 marks)
- Tasks may include speaking and listening examinations, practical examinations, or major works.

Senior Mathematics



- ✎ Maths teachers will discuss which senior Mathematics course best suits them
- ✎ Students whose formal assessment results do not demonstrate readiness for the Advanced or Extension courses will be given an opportunity to sit a prerequisite test in Term 4
- ✎ Final approval for enrolment into a Year 11 Mathematics course will be subject to the outcomes of this process

Extension Courses

- For accomplished students in the related 2 unit subject
- learn **complex concepts & knowledge** at a **fast pace** with **less face to face teaching time**
- **ONLY** English and Maths have Yr11 Extension Courses
- Selected **IN ADDITION** to the 6 x 2 Unit courses
- Yr 11 Extension 1 is a prerequisite course for the HSC Extension 2 courses in English and Mathematics
- HSC extension courses available in other areas from Term 4 e.g. History, Music, Languages & Science
- Availability dependent on the number of interested students and staffing

Practical/Performance Subjects

- ❖ Contain:
 - ❖ theory component
 - ❖ written examination
 - ❖ performance examination/submitted major work
- ❖ Submitted on a date nominated by NESAs between August and September same time as Trial exams (term prior to finishing Yr12).
- ❖ Students must consider whether they are able to make the commitment needed over both the Yr11 and HSC years to meet the demands of these and their other subjects

Subject Selection Considerations

- Courses will run depending upon **enough** students selecting these courses and staffing
- Not everyone will get all the subjects they choose
- If a subject doesn't run, another from the student's list will be chosen – the order matters
- Subjects must be chosen **in order of preference**
- Students must be prepared to study **all** subjects selected on their list
- Choose courses that you have already shown the **aptitude & interest** in so you can sustain a **2 year study** of each course– **advice of your teachers should NOT be ignored**

University Admission Criteria

Prerequisites

Must have

Assumed
knowledge

Prepares you

Recommended
studies

Helpful

Your entry into most courses will be assessed on the basis of your HSC results. Some courses also have additional selection criteria such as a personal statement, questionnaire, portfolio, audition, interview or test, which are considered either instead of, or together with, your academic qualifications.

What is the ATAR?

- Only function is for university admission calculated by UAC
- reflects your overall position in relation to all other students
- is a number between 0.00 and 99.95 (only ATARs above 30 will be reported)
- ATAR calculation:



- Students wanting to continue to university immediately after Yr 12 must select their subjects with the ATAR requirements in mind.
- Board Developed Courses with a formal HSC examination are used to calculate the ATAR

Completing the Selection Process

- ✉ Edval Webchoice. Use DET email address (firstname.surname@education.nsw.gov.au)
- ✉ Preferences can be changed between **Wednesday 2nd July, 9am & Sunday 3rd August, 5pm.**
- ✉ Invitation email with link and a unique web-code will be sent to students
- ✉ Go to the link and enter the unique code
- ✉ Select the subjects in **order of PREFERENCE** (this means the subject listed at the top is the one desired the most)
- ✉ Click submit

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