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Short Guide to Senior Subject Selection



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High School

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Overview

This guide has been put together to provide year 10 students with the information that they require to make informed decisions when choosing their subjects for years 11 and 12. This guide is a quick snapshot of what subjects are offered in the Senior School at Laidley SHS, along with the pathway opportunities, pre-requisites and study load.

More information can be found about Senior Schooling pathways at the link below.

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

NOTE: Please use this short guide in conjunction with the Senior Subject Handbook to guide your subject selections.

Key Terminology

There are a few key terms that students need to have a clear understanding of in order to choose their Senior Schooling pathway. These terms are outlined below.

Senior Education and Training (SET) Planning

Your SET plan helps you:

- ❖ structure your learning around your abilities, interests and ambitions
- ❖ think about your education, training and career options after Year 12
- ❖ set and achieve your learning goals in Years 11 and 12, and beyond
- ❖ include flexible and coordinated pathway options in your course of senior study
- ❖ communicate with your parents/carers or teachers/careers counsellors about your post-school plans.

Putting plans in place to be successful in Senior School and BEYOND

Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE)

Queensland's senior school qualification is:

- internationally recognised
- achievement based
- flexible – letting you choose what, where and when you study.

To attain a QCE students need to satisfy the following requirements:

- Literacy requirement – pass at least one unit* of an English subject.
- Numeracy requirement – pass at least one unit* of a Maths subject.
- 12 points of completed core – earned by completing entire subjects at a pass. (Need to start and finish 3 subjects passing all 4 units).
 - Can also be done by completing Certificate II or III courses and accumulating points from them where a Certificate II is generally worth four points and a Certificate III is generally worth eight points.

Plus, a further eight points to make a total of
20 points

* Unit = Semester

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QCE Examples

Student 1

- Student A will receive a QCE
- Student A is ATAR Eligible (completed Unit 3 & 4 for 5 General subjects)

Subject	Unit 1	Unit 2	Unit 3 & 4	QCE Credits
English	U (0)	S (1)	C (2)	3*
Mathematics Methods	S (1)	U (0)	-	1*
General Mathematics	-	-	C (2)	2*
Agricultural Science	S (1)	S (1)	C (2)	4*
Physical Education	S (1)	S (1)	A (2)	4*
Business	S (1)	S (1)	B (2)	4*
Ancient History	U (0)	-	-	0
Drama	-	S (1)	A (2)	3
			TOTAL CREDITS	21

QCE Criteria	Met
20 pts	✓ (21)
12 pts Completed Core	✓ (18)
Max 4 pts from Preparatory	✓ (0)
Max 8 pts from Complimentary	✓ (0)
Literacy standard met	✓ (Unit 2 English)
Numeracy standard met	✓ (Unit 1 Maths Methods)
QCE ELIGIBLE	YES



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Student 2

- Student A will NOT receive a QCE
- Student A is NOT ATAR Eligible

Subject	Unit 1	Unit 2	Unit 3 & 4	QCE Credits
Essential English	S (1)	S (1)	A (2)	4*
Essential Mathematics	S (1)	U (0)	C (2)	3*
Industrial Graphics Skills	-	-	C (2)	2
Dance in Practice	S (1)	S (1)	-	2
Visual Arts in Practice	S (1)	S (1)	D (0)	2 (0)*
Certificate III in Business	75% Completed (6)			6
Certificate II in Hospitality	100% Completed (4)			4*
Short Course in Career Education	S			1
			TOTAL CREDITS	24

QCE Criteria	Met
20 pts	✓ (24)
12 pts Completed Core	✗ (11)
Max 4 pts from Preparatory	✓ (0)
Max 8 pts from Complimentary	✓ (1)
Literacy standard met	✓ (Unit 1 English)
Numeracy standard met	✓ (Unit 1 Essential Maths)
QCE ELIGIBLE	NO



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Queensland Certificate of Individual Achievement (QCIA)

The Queensland Certificate of Individual Achievement (QCIA) recognises the achievements of students who are on individualised learning programs.

The certificate is an official record that students have completed at least 12 years of education, and provides students with a summary of their skills and knowledge that they can present to employers and training providers.

ATAR – Australian Tertiary Admission Rank

Queensland ATARs are based on a student's:

- ❖ best five General subject results, OR
- ❖ best results in four General subjects, plus one Applied subject, OR
- ❖ best results in four General subjects, plus one VET qualification at Certificate III or above.

Important to note

- ❖ To be eligible for an ATAR, students must successfully complete an English subject (General or Applied).

Types of Subjects

General Subjects

Suited to students who are interested in pathways beyond senior secondary schooling that lead primarily to tertiary studies.

Examples of subjects include General Maths, General English, Ancient History, General Business, Chemistry, Visual Art, HPE

Applied Subjects

Suited to students who are primarily interested in pathways beyond senior secondary schooling that lead to vocational education and training or work.

Examples of subjects include Essential English, Essential Maths, Sport and Recreation, Visual Art in Practice, Dance in Practice

VET Subjects

Suited to students who are primarily interested in pathways beyond senior secondary schooling that lead to vocational education and training or work.

Examples of subjects include Cert II in Hospitality, Cert II in Applied Digital Technologies, Cert III in Business, Cert II in Workplace Skills

Line Structure – 2023

This is the confirmed line structure for year 11 2023. Students are required to select one subject that they wish to study on each line. Please also consider at least one alternative subject as some of the classes will be limited by numbers.

Subject Selection			
Instructions: Students must select one subject from each line. If choosing TAFE, School of Distance Education(BSDE), School-based traineeship or apprenticeship: note on your subject selection form your intended course of study and line which you wish to complete this study. Any student studying a QCIA pathway must choose Citizenship, Environment & Community(line 2), Life Skills (line 4), English for Living (line 5) and Maths for Living (line 6).			
Line 1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ancient History	<input type="checkbox"/> Building and Construction Skills	<input type="checkbox"/> Certificate II in Engineering Pathways
	<input type="checkbox"/> Certificate III in Sport Coaching	<input type="checkbox"/> Chemistry	<input type="checkbox"/> Fashion
	<input type="checkbox"/> Furnishing Skills	<input type="checkbox"/> Legal Studies	<input type="checkbox"/> Visual Arts in Practice
Line 2	<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural Practices	<input type="checkbox"/> Business	<input type="checkbox"/> Certificate II in Applied Digital Technologies
	<input type="checkbox"/> Certificate II in Hospitality	<input type="checkbox"/> Citizenship, Environment & Community	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Drama
	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial Graphics Skills	<input type="checkbox"/> Music	<input type="checkbox"/> Music in Practice
	<input type="checkbox"/> Sport and Recreation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Line 3	<input type="checkbox"/> Certificate II in Skills for Work and Vocational Pathways	<input type="checkbox"/> Certificate III in Business	<input type="checkbox"/> Early Childhood Studies
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Film, Television and New Media	<input type="checkbox"/> Furnishing Skills	<input type="checkbox"/> Physical Education
	<input type="checkbox"/> Physics	<input type="checkbox"/> Psychology	<input type="checkbox"/> Visual Arts in Practice
Line 4	<input type="checkbox"/> Accounting	<input type="checkbox"/> Biology	<input type="checkbox"/> Building and Construction Skills
	<input type="checkbox"/> Certificate II in Hospitality	<input type="checkbox"/> Certificate III in Fitness	<input type="checkbox"/> Dance in Practice
	<input type="checkbox"/> Life Skills	<input type="checkbox"/> Media Arts in Practice	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Visual Art
Line 5	<input type="checkbox"/> English for Living	<input type="checkbox"/> Essential Mathematics	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> General Mathematics
	<input type="checkbox"/> Mathematical Methods	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Line 6	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> English	<input type="checkbox"/> Essential English	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature
	<input type="checkbox"/> Maths for Living	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please note

A number of subjects have fees attached. The fee for each subject is set by the P&C Association towards the end of each year for the following year. Parents experiencing financial difficulties should contact the Business Manager to negotiate an appropriate solution.

The fees outlined throughout this guide are subject to change.

Mathematics

Essential Mathematics

Pathway: Applied – does not count towards ATAR

Possible QCE points: 4

Prerequisite: None

Study load requirements: Minimum of 2 hours per week at home

Year 12 Assessment: IA1 – PSMT, IA2 – Common Internal Assessment, IA3 – PSMT, IA4 - Exam

General Mathematics

Pathway: General – counts toward ATAR

Possible QCE points: 4

Prerequisite: at least a C in year 10 Mathematics

Study load requirements: Minimum of 3 hours per week at home

Year 12 Assessment: IA1 – PSMT, IA2 – Exam, IA3 – Exam, EA4 – External Exam (50%)

Mathematical Methods

Pathway: General – counts toward ATAR

Possible QCE points: 4

Prerequisite: at least a B in Year 10 Mathematics

Study load requirements: Minimum of 3 hours per week at home

Year 12 Assessment: IA1 – PSMT, IA2 – Exam, IA3 – Exam, EA4 – External Exam (50%)

English

Essential English

Pathway: Applied – does not count towards ATAR

Possible QCE points: 4

Prerequisite: None

Study load requirements: Minimum of 2 hours per week at home

Year 12 Assessment: IA1 – Extended Response (Spoken), IA2 – Common Internal Assessment (Exam), IA3 – Extended Response (Multimodal), IA4 – Extended Response (Written)

General English

Pathway: General – counts toward ATAR

Possible QCE points: 4

Prerequisite: Minimum C in Semester 2 Year 10 English. Recommended B in Semester 2 Year 10 English.

Study load requirements: Minimum of 3 hours per week at home

Year 12 Assessment: IA1 – Extended Response (analytical for a public audience), IA2 – Spoken Response (persuasive), IA3 – Exam (imaginative), External Exam (analytical) 25%

Literature

Pathway: General – counts toward ATAR

Possible QCE points: 4

Prerequisite: Minimum C in Semester 2 Year 10 English. Recommended B in Semester 2 Year 10 English.

Study load requirements: Minimum of 4 hours per week at home

Year 12 Assessment: IA1 – Exam (analytical); IA2 – Extended Response (multimodal imaginative); IA3 – Extended Response (imaginative); External Exam (analytical) 25%

Humanities

Accounting

Pathway: General -counts toward ATAR

Possible QCE points: 4

Prerequisite: Minimum of C in Semester 2 year 10 English

Study load requirements: Minimum of 3 hours per week at home

Year 12 Assessment: IA1 – Exam, IA2 – Exam, IA3 – Project, EA4 – Exam

Ancient History

Pathway: General -counts toward ATAR

Possible QCE points: 4

Prerequisite: Recommended B in year 10 English

Study load requirements: Minimum of 3 hours per week at home

Year 12 Assessment: IA1 – Exam, IA2 – Investigation, IA3 – Investigation, EA4 – Exam

Business

Pathway: General -counts toward ATAR

Possible QCE points: 4

Prerequisite: Minimum of C in Semester 2 year 10 English

Study load requirements: Minimum of 3 hours per week at home

Year 12 Assessment: IA1 – Exam, IA2 – Business Report, IA3 – Feasibility Report, EA4 – Exam

Legal Studies

Pathway: General -counts toward ATAR

Possible QCE points: 4

Prerequisite: Recommended B in year 10 English

Study load requirements: Minimum of 3 hours per week at home

Year 12 Assessment: IA1 – Exam, IA2 – Inquiry Report, IA3 – Argumentative Essay, EA4 – Exam

Social & Community Studies

Pathway: General -counts toward ATAR

Possible QCE points: 4

Prerequisite: Recommended B in year 10 English

Study load requirements: Minimum of 3 hours per week at home

Year 12 Assessment: IA1 – Exam, IA2 – Inquiry Report, IA3 – Argumentative Essay, EA4 – Exam

Technologies

Building and Construction Skills

Pathway: Applied – does not count towards ATAR

Possible QCE points: 4

Prerequisite: None

Study load requirements: Minimum of 2 hours per week at home

Year 12 Assessment: 3 projects and 1 practical demonstration

Costs: \$110

Fashion

Pathway: Applied – does not count towards ATAR

Possible QCE points: 4

Prerequisite: None

Study load requirements: Minimum of 2 hours per week at home

Year 12 Assessment: 2 projects, a product and an extended response

Costs: \$40

Furnishing Skills

Pathway: Applied – does not count towards ATAR

Possible QCE points: 4

Prerequisite: None

Study load requirements: Minimum of 2 hours per week at home

Year 12 Assessment: 2 projects and 2 practical demonstrations

Costs: \$110

Industrial Graphics Skills

Pathway: Applied – does not count towards ATAR

Possible QCE points: 4

Prerequisite: None

Study load requirements: Minimum of 2 hours per week at home

Year 12 Assessment: 2 projects and 2 practical demonstrations

Health and Physical Education

Physical Education

Pathway: General - counts towards ATAR

Possible QCE points: 4

Prerequisite: C in English

Study load requirements: Minimum of 3 hours per week at home

Year 12 Assessment: IA1 – Folio, IA2 – Report, IA3 – Folio, EA4 – External Exam (25%)

Early Childhood Studies

Pathway: Applied – does not count towards ATAR

Possible QCE points: 4

Prerequisite: None

Study load requirements: Minimum of 2 hours per week at home

Year 12 Assessment: 2 projects, Extended Response and Investigation

Sport and Recreation

Pathway: Applied – does not count towards ATAR

Possible QCE points: 4

Prerequisite: None

Study load requirements: Minimum of 2 hours per week at home

Year 12 Assessment: project, performance investigation and an exam

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Science

Biology

Pathway: General - counts towards ATAR

Possible QCE points: 4

Prerequisite: Minimum of a C in Semester 2 Year 10 Science

Study load requirements: Minimum of 3 hours per week at home

Year 12 Assessment: IA1 – Data Test, IA2 – Student Experiment, IA3 – Research Investigation, EA4 – External Exam (50%)

Costs: Approximately \$60 for compulsory excursion/camp

Chemistry

Pathway: General - counts towards ATAR

Possible QCE points: 4

Prerequisite: Minimum of a C in Semester 2 Year 10 Science

Study load requirements: Minimum of 3 hours per week at home

Year 12 Assessment: IA1 – Data Test, IA2 – Student Experiment, IA3 – Research Investigation, EA4 – External Exam (50%)

Physics

Pathway: General - counts towards ATAR

Possible QCE points: 4

Prerequisite: Minimum of a C in Semester 2 Year 10 Science and recommended B in Year 10 Maths

Study load requirements: Minimum of 3 hours per week at home

Year 12 Assessment: IA1 – Data Test, IA2 – Student Experiment, IA3 – Research Investigation, EA4 – External Exam (50%)

Psychology

Pathway: General - counts towards ATAR

Possible QCE points: 4

Prerequisite: Minimum of a C in Year 10 Science

Study load requirements: Minimum of 3 hours per week at home

Year 12 Assessment: IA1 – Data Test, IA2 – Student Experiment, IA3 – Research Investigation, EA4 – External Exam (50%)

Agricultural Practices

Pathway: Applied – does not count towards ATAR

Possible QCE points: 4

Prerequisite: None.

Study load requirements: Minimum of 2 hours per week at home

Year 12 Assessment: Project, Collection of Work, Extended Response and Exam.

The Arts

Drama

Pathway: General - counts towards ATAR

Possible QCE points: 4

Prerequisite: None. Recommended C in Year 10 English and Year 10 Drama.

Study load requirements: Minimum of 3 hours per week at home

Year 12 Assessment: IA1 – Performance, IA2 – Project, IA3 – Project, EA4 – External Exam (25%)

Costs: Approximately \$50 for attending compulsory live performance

Film, Television and New Media

Pathway: General - counts towards ATAR

Possible QCE points: 4

Prerequisite: None. Recommended C in Year 10 English and Year 10 Media.

Study load requirements: Minimum of 3 hours per week at home

Year 12 Assessment: IA1 – Case Study Investigation, IA2 – Multi-platform Project, IA3 – Stylistic Project, EA4 – External Exam (25%)

Costs: \$40

Music

Pathway: General - counts towards ATAR

Possible QCE points: 4

Prerequisite: None. Recommended C in Year 10 English and Year 10 Music.

Study load requirements: Minimum of 3 hours per week at home

Year 12 Assessment: IA1 – Performance, IA2 – Composition, IA3 – Integrated Project, EA4 – External Exam (25%)

Visual Art

Pathway: General - counts towards ATAR

Possible QCE points: 4

Prerequisite: None. Recommended C in Year 10 English and Year 10 Visual Art.

Study load requirements: Minimum of 3 hours per week at home

Year 12 Assessment: IA1 – Investigation, IA2 – Project, IA3 – Project, EA4 – External Exam (25%)

Costs: \$40

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Dance in Practice

Pathway: Applied – does not count towards ATAR

Possible QCE points: 4

Prerequisite: None.

Study load requirements: Minimum of 2 hours per week at home

Year 12 Assessment: Project, Performance, Extended Response and Investigation

Media Arts in Practice

Pathway: Applied – does not count towards ATAR

Possible QCE points: 4

Prerequisite: None.

Study load requirements: Minimum of 2 hours per week at home

Year 12 Assessment: Project, Product, Extended Response and Investigation

Costs: \$40

Music in Practice

Pathway: Applied – does not count towards ATAR

Possible QCE points: 4

Prerequisite: None.

Study load requirements: Minimum of 2 hours per week at home

Year 12 Assessment: Project, Performance, Composition, Extended Response and Investigation

Visual Arts in Practice

Pathway: Applied – does not count towards ATAR

Possible QCE points: 4

Prerequisite: None.

Study load requirements: Minimum of 2 hours per week at home

Year 12 Assessment: Project, Product, Extended Response and Investigation

Costs: \$40

Vocational Education

Vocational Education and Training (VET) refers to education and training that focuses on delivering skills and knowledge required for specific industries. It is a learning option for young people in the senior phase of learning.

Laidley School is a registered RTO through the QCAA and may deliver VET to students in Years 11 and 12.

Certificate II in Engineering Pathways (MEM20413)

Pathway: VET

Possible QCE points: 4

Prerequisite: None.

Study load requirements: Minimum of 2 hours per week at home

Assessment: 12 Units of Competency to complete across 2 years

Additional Information:

Certificate II in Hospitality (SIT20322)

Pathway: VET

Possible QCE points: 4

Prerequisite: None.

Study load requirements: Minimum of 2 hours per week at home

Assessment: 12 Units of Competency to complete across 2 years

Cost: \$70 (may be subject to change for the 2022 course)

Certificate II in Workplace Skills (BSB20120)

Pathway: VET

Possible QCE points: 4

Prerequisite: None.

Study load requirements: Minimum of 2 hours per week at home

Assessment: 10 Units of Competency to complete across 2 years

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[Certificate III in Business \(BSB30120\) + Cert II in Tourism \(SIT20122\)](#)

Pathway: VET

Possible QCE points: Maximum of 8

Prerequisite: Recommended a C in Year 10 English

Study load requirements: Minimum of 2 hours per week at home and participation in projects both within and outside of school hours.

Assessment: 12 Units of Competency to complete across 2 years

Cost: \$265 (may be subject to change for the 2022 course)

[Certificate III in Fitness \(SIS30321\)](#)

Pathway: VET

Possible QCE points: Maximum of 8

Prerequisite: Recommended a C in Year 10 English

Study load requirements: Minimum of 2 hours per week at home and participation in projects both within and outside of school hours.

Assessment: 16 Units of Competency to complete across 2 years

Cost: \$365 (may be subject to change for the 2022 course)

[Certificate III in Sport Coaching \(SIS30521\)](#)

Pathway: VET

Possible QCE points: Maximum of 8

Prerequisite: None.

Study load requirements: Minimum of 2 hours per week at home

Assessment: 10 Units of Competency to complete across 2 years

Fees: \$300 (may be subject to change for the 2022 course)

QCIA Pathway Subjects

Maths for Living

Pathway: QCIA

Possible QCE points: Nil.

Prerequisite: None

Study load requirements: In class time to be used effectively.

Year 12 Assessment: Portfolio and Exam

English for Living

Pathway: QCIA

Possible QCE points: Nil.

Prerequisite: None.

Study load requirements: In class time to be used effectively.

Year 12 Assessment: Portfolio and Exam