

Subject Selection Guidance Form: This form is designed to assist students and their parents determine patterns of study specific to individual needs. Whilst not compulsory, it may help students and their families understand what is required during their decision-making process.

Do I need an ATAR?

If you are planning on attending university after school, you need to select a pattern of study that qualifies you for the ATAR. Keep in mind though, that the ATAR is only ONE way to gain entry to university and many universities now have alternative entry pathways. Therefore, the ATAR carries less weight now than previously.

If you want to select a vocational pathway you can select a non-ATAR pathway which may include a combination of non-ATAR subjects, The YES Program, Category B subjects or you may want to pursue a School Based Apprenticeship or School Based Traineeship. If you are thinking about this pathway you need to speak with Mr Adams, Mr Kelly or Mr Stackhouse so we can help you access these courses.

How many subjects do I need to take?

To achieve your HSC you must complete a minimum of:

12 units in Year 11

10 units in Year 12

In both Year 11 and Year 12 your course selection must include:

At least six units of Board Developed Courses, two of which must be English

Three courses of two units or greater

Four subjects (no more than six units of Science for Year 11)

What are Category A and Category B Subjects?

Category A subjects require academic rigour and contribute to assumed knowledge for tertiary studies.

Examples include Mathematics and Geography.

Category B subjects are less academically demanding but can still contribute to tertiary studies.

Examples of Category B courses are Sport, Lifestyle and Recreation and VET Hospitality.

Only 2 units of Category B courses can be included in your ATAR calculation if you complete the HSC examination.



What is the difference between the HSC and the ATAR?

Your HSC marks:

- Indicate your performance in the different courses you have studied.
- Are reported against standards.
- Are provided by NESA.

Your ATAR:

- Provides information about how well you are positioned overall against other students.
- Allows you to be compared with other students who have completed different combinations of courses.
- Is a rank; not a mark.
- Is provided by UAC.

What about SBATs?

School Based Apprenticeships and Traineeships are more than just part-time jobs – they are a great way to set yourself up for the career you want whilst you are completing your HSC. **An SBAT pathway is recommended for students who have a significant desire to work in this industry post your Year 11 and Year 12 academic pathway.**

School Based Apprenticeships and Traineeships are available to all Year 10, 11 and 12 high school students in NSW. They allow students to commence an apprenticeship or complete a traineeship while at school.

Please note, due to the nature of an SBAT, it is strongly recommended that if this is a pathway you wish to consider, that you undertake the YES program to assist you to manage academic expectation and workload.

A School Based Apprenticeship or Traineeship combines paid work, training and school; and as well as an industry recognised national qualification you will gain credit towards the HSC. Some apprenticeships can contribute towards the ATAR. More information can be found at: <https://sbatinnsw.info/>

If you are considering an SBAT as part of your pattern of study please see Mr Kelly.



The subject selection process

We accommodate the wide variety of student interest and abilities by offering a comprehensive range of subjects. We are also in a fortunate position to be able to have classes run with a small cohort, however, when there are too few students to form a class, the subject will not run. This is determined on a subject-by-subject basis.

The subject selection process occurs in a number of steps:

<p>Step 1: Subject Information Night (9th May 2022)</p>	<p>Subject Information Night where students and parents find out about the HSC and subjects students can take and begin to consider post school pathways.</p> <p>Subject Selection Online Portal opens for student preferencing 8pm 9/05/2022 and closes 9am 23/5/22.</p>
<p>Step 2: Subject Preferencing (9th May – 23rd May 2022)</p>	<p>Students complete the Subject Preference online with parents.</p> <p>It is important to note that this is subject preferencing, not subject selection.</p> <p>Students are encouraged to make an appointment with Mr Adams if they are struggling with making preferences. Students have the opportunity to book a 1:1 meeting with Mr Adams Friday 13th May 2022. Please refer to your Subject Selection email communication for a link to this booking system.</p> <p>Students are encouraged to preference seven subjects in order to cover a range of options. English is not included in these seven. When selecting subject preference, place them in order from 1-7 of your most to least preferred.</p>
<p>Step 3: Subject Selection Modification (June/July)</p>	<p>Using the preferences, we will make the subject lines for best fit of student and College timetables. Students who miss out on subjects will be asked to see Mr Adams to discuss their options.</p>

Students and parents will receive confirmation of the student's pattern of study in Term 3.

If your child does not receive their preferred pattern of study, please make an appointment with Mr Adams to discuss.



Subject Selection Preference Sheet Name:

What type of program do you want to pursue (please tick)?

- I want an academic program which will allow me to pursue further studies at a university level
- I want a vocational program which will allow me to gain qualifications to assist me in gaining employment
- I am not sure – a mix of the above
- I am interested in the YES Business Entrepreneurship (Do not fill out any further)

Are you considering a School Based Apprenticeship/Traineeship?

- No
- Yes, but I am not sure what course I would like to enrol in
- Yes, and I know what course I would like to enrol in

Guidelines for subject selection:

English

You **must** select a minimum of 2 units of English.

If you select English Extension 1 you must also select English Advanced.

Circle your selection:

Standard English	Advanced English	Extension 1 English (1 unit)	English Studies
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General Courses

The following table includes all the subjects currently being offered at the College in 2023.

Depending of preference numbers, some courses may not run.

These courses are 2-unit value unless indicated otherwise.

Place your preference next to the subjects you select with 1 being the highest preference. Preference 7 subjects.

If you select Mathematics Extension 1 you must also select Mathematics Advanced.



The following courses are all ATAR contributing and are worth 2 units, unless stipulated otherwise.

Subject		Subject	
Agriculture		Legal Studies	
Ancient History		Mathematics Advanced	
Biology		Mathematics Extension I	
Business Studies		Mathematics Standard	
Chemistry		Modern History	
Community & Family Studies		Music I	
Dance		PDHPE	
Design and Technology		Photography, Video and Digital Imaging	
Drama		Physics	
Earth & Environmental Science		Society and Culture	
Economics		Software Design & Development	
Engineering Studies		Sport, Lifestyle & Recreation (non-ATAR)	
Food Technology		Visual Arts	
French Beginners			
Geography			
Industrial Technology Timber			
Investigating Science			

The following subjects are Category B and worth 2 units, however, only one VET subject can contribute to your ATAR pathway.

VET Automotive		VET Hospitality Industry	
VET Construction		VET Primary Industries	
VET Electrotechnology		VET Visual Arts and Contemporary Craft (non-ATAR)	
VET Fitness (non-ATAR)			

This completed form is to be brought to your interview with Mr Adams should you book one on the 13th May 2022. Any changes discussed in the interview will be brought back to parents to sign off on when we finalise individual student pattern of study. You will enter your preferences online via the web preferencing platform.

Parent signature:

Student signature:

Date: