

# Year 10 Subject Selection for Stage 6

For Year 10 students and their parents.

## Course Selection Considerations

- Abilities
- Interests/Motivation
- Career aspirations and needs
- Syllabus requirements - **Practical/Major work components**
- Subject combinations
- Other commitments

## HSC Course Structure

- All courses in the HSC have a **unit value**
- Most courses are **2 units** which equates to **120 hours** of study and a HSC result out of **100**
- Some courses are **1 unit**. This is equivalent to **60 hours** of study and a HSC result out of **50**
- Many 1 unit courses are **extension** courses, enabling 3 or 4 units of a course to be studied

# Requirements for the HSC

## Year 11

- minimum of **12 units**
- students must satisfactorily **complete** the Year 11 course before commencing the corresponding Year 12 course

## Year 12

- minimum of **10 units**

## Requirements for the HSC

**Both the Year 11 and Year 12 pattern of study must include:**

- 2 units of **compulsory English**
- at least **6 units** of Board Developed Courses
- at least **3 courses** of **2 units** value or greater
- at least **4 subjects** (including English)
- a maximum of **6 units** of Science may be included in the Year 11 pattern of study.
- a maximum of **7 units** of Science may be included in the Year 12 pattern of study.

## **Requirements for the HSC – meeting the minimum standard in literacy and numeracy**

- To be eligible for a HSC students need to demonstrate they have met a minimum standard in literacy and numeracy.
- Students will show they meet the HSC minimum standard by passing online tests of basic literacy and numeracy skills, which are available for them to sit when they are ready in Year 10, 11 and 12 and after the HSC.

## About the minimum standard online tests

Students can sit each minimum standard reading, writing or numeracy test up to four times per year.

### About the tests:

- Reading: 45 multiple choice computer adaptive questions (45 minutes)
- Numeracy: 45 multiple choice computer adaptive questions (45 minutes)
- Writing: answer one question out of a choice of two prompts.

Refer to the [NESA website](#) for more information and resources for parents, students and schools

## Types of HSC Courses

Board Developed Courses	Board Endorsed Courses
HSC examination except for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• optional examination in English Studies and Mathematics Standard 1 and VET Curriculum Framework courses</li><li>• all Life Skills courses</li></ul>	No HSC examination – school-based assessment only
May be included in the calculation of a student's Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR).	Not included in the calculation of a student's Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR).
Includes some Vocational Education and Training (VET) courses.	Includes some Vocational Education and Training (VET) courses.
Includes Life Skills courses.	



## Board Developed Courses and the ATAR

Category A Courses	Category B Courses
May be included in the calculation of a student's Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR)	No more than 2 units of Category B courses can be included in the calculation of a student's ATAR
Compulsory HSC Examination for most courses	Optional HSC examination for some courses
	Include VET Curriculum Framework courses and have compulsory work placement.

# SATISFACTORY COMPLETION OF A COURSE

- Students must:
  - **follow the course** developed or endorsed by NESA
  - **apply themselves** with diligence and sustained effort to the set tasks and experiences provided in the course by the school, and
  - **achieve** some or all of the course outcomes
- VET Board Developed Courses require students to complete **mandatory work placement**

# ADDITIONAL COMPLETION REQUIREMENTS FOR HSC COURSES

## Students must:

- complete HSC assessment tasks that contribute in **excess of 50 per cent** of available marks in courses where internal assessment marks are submitted, and
- sit for and make a **serious attempt** at any requisite Higher School Certificate examinations for a course

## Confirmation of Entry

Students will receive a NESA **Confirmation of Entry** from the school  
Before signing the Confirmation of Entry each year (Years 10, 11 and 12)  
students should **check that they are:**

- enrolled in the correct courses
- eligible for:
  - Year 10: Record of School Achievement
  - Year 11: Stage 6 Preliminary
  - Year 12: HSC
  - The ATAR (if applicable)

## HSC: All My Own Work

- *HSC: All My Own Work* is a **mandatory program** designed to help HSC students to follow the principles and practices of good scholarship.
- It consists of five modules:
  - Scholarship Principles and Practices
  - Acknowledging Sources
  - Plagiarism
  - Copyright
  - Working with Others

# Key Features of some Courses

## English – Year 11

- **English Advanced**
  - English Extension 1 (must be studied with Advanced)
- **English Standard**
- **English EAL/D** (English as an additional language or dialect)
- **English Studies**

## English – Year 12

- **English Advanced**
  - English Extension 1 (must be studied with Advanced)
  - English Extension 2 (must be studied with Extension 1)
- **English Standard**
- **English EAL/D**
- **English Studies**



## Mathematics – Year 11

- **Mathematics Advanced**
  - Mathematics Extension 1 (must be studied with Mathematics Advanced)
- **Mathematics Standard**
- **Numeracy Content Endorsed Course (CEC)**

## Mathematics – Year 12

- **Mathematics Advanced**
  - Mathematics Extension 1 (must be studied with Advanced)
  - Mathematics Extension 2 (must be studied with Extension 1)
- **Mathematics Standard 2**
- **Mathematics Standard 1**
- **Numeracy Content Endorsed Course (CEC)**

## Languages

**Eligibility criteria** apply to language courses:

- **Beginners**
- **Continuers**
- **Language in Context** (Chinese, Japanese, Korean)
- **Language and Literature** (Chinese, Indonesian, Japanese, Korean)
- **Extension** courses are available for some Continuers courses

# Additional Extension Courses

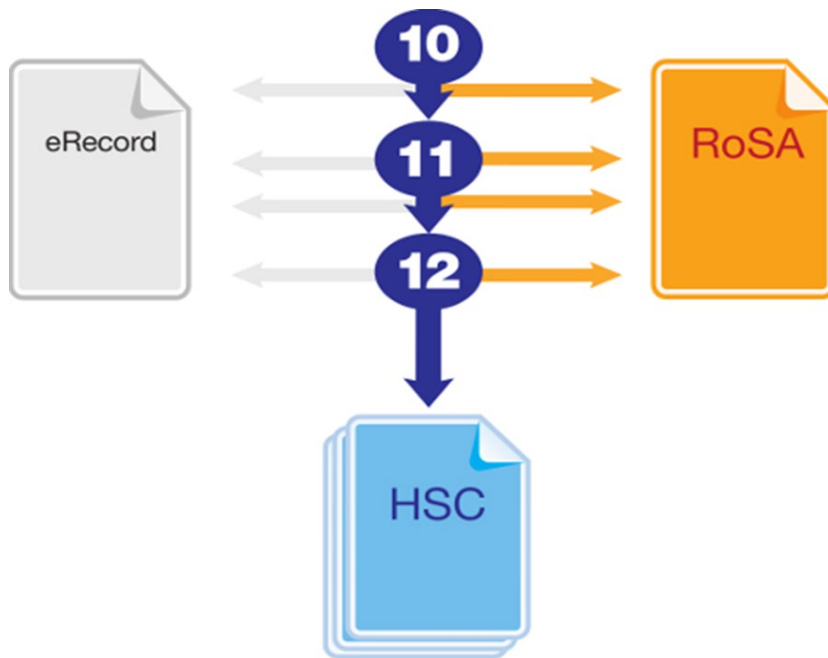
## Year 12

- History Extension
- Music Extension
- Science Extension
- Extension courses are also available for selected Languages and VET courses

## VET: Board Developed Courses

- Automotive
- Business Services
- Construction
- Electrotechnology
- Entertainment Industry
- Hospitality
- Human Services
- Information and Digital Technology
- Metal and Engineering
- Primary Industries
- Retail Services
- Tourism, Travel and Events
- Sports Coaching (accelerated)

## Record of School Achievement



## More Information

- [www.educationstandards.nsw.edu.au](http://www.educationstandards.nsw.edu.au)
- [www.uac.edu.au](http://www.uac.edu.au)