Senior Pathways
Year 11 – 2014
Year 12 – 2015
Queensland Certificate of Education

QCE
The certificate students receive at the end of Year 12
if……
They gain 20 credits.
4 credits awarded for each subject (or certificate II) you pass.
This means students must:
• pass five subjects (including VET through TAFE or a SAT)
• pass one semester of Maths and English
Legislation requires students to stay at school until they finish Year 10 or turn 16 and then:

- Stay in education or training for two (2) more years or
- Go to work or
- Earn a QCE or
- Earn at least a Certificate III or
- Turn 17.
What does this mean for your student?
• Students need to decide their pathway – Work (Apprenticeship), TAFE, OP or Vocational.

• If students choose to return to school, they choose to learn – Earning or Learning.

• The Queensland Studies Authority develop the subjects and certify Senior Students. This ensures that every Year 11 and 12 student in every school in the state studies under the same conditions.

• Year 11 and 12 is very competitive – further education and work.
• Students in Years 11 and 12 **must** pass their subjects. If not on track to achieve a QCE at the end of Year 11 may be asked to repeat.

• Students in Years 11 and 12 must attend. The QSA only allows 10 days absence per year.

• Year 10 is the preparation year for Years 11 and 12.

• Students have to attend regularly and achieve in Year 10 if they wish to continue on to Year 11 next year. Need to see a commitment.
Students must have the prerequisites in Year 10 to study the subject in Year 11 and 12. For example, a pass in Year 10 English is needed to study Legal Studies in Years 11 and 12; a B in Year 10 Prep Mathematics B is needed to study Mathematics B in Years 11 and 12.

**Two main pathways at school – OP and Vocational.**
OP – Authority Subjects; Vocational – Authority Registered Subjects.
Choosing an OP Pathway

• This is an academic pathway designed for students who wish to apply to University at the end of Year 12.
• Need to be a committed student – at least 18 hours of homework each week and more before exams.
• Individual student results directly affect the OP they will get and whether or not it will be good enough to gain entry to the University course of their choice.
Choosing a Vocational Pathway

• Subjects are generally more practical in nature.
• Not necessarily an easier option – homework, assignments and tests.
• All Vocational students are expected to complete a SAT.
• Vocational students should choose predominantly Authority Registered subjects.
• Students have had the opportunity to try out senior subjects and meet the prerequisites needed to select Year 11 subjects.
• Year 10 subjects are designed to roll into Year 11 subjects. For example, Year 10 Law rolls into Year 11 Legal Studies, Year 10 Graphics rolls into Year 11 Graphics etc.
• The subjects students are studying now should be their subjects for Year 11 unless they request a subject change during the SET Plan process.

• Students who roll into subjects will be allocated to those subjects first.

• Students who request a change of subject can only be placed into the class if there is a vacancy.
Year 10 – 2013

- Two core subjects – English and Mathematics.
- Four elective subjects (6 lessons per week).
Year 11 and 12 (2014 – 2015)

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- Four elective subjects (6 lessons per week).
Year 11 – Choices …

Core:
English - English or English Communication*

Mathematics - Mathematics B, Mathematics A or Prevocational Mathematics*

**Four electives** – the same four electives as in Year 10 in most cases.
Overall Position

**OP**: this is used to select students for University courses. You only need an OP if you intend going to university.
You can gain entry to Tertiary Study at University or TAFE without an OP. Every student applying for Tertiary Study is entitled to a “rank” – subject results plus Queensland Core Skills (QCS) test results.

This is a less common pathway to University but popular for students entering Diploma study at TAFE.
What makes me eligible for an OP?

- Five Authority subjects for four semesters.
- Three subjects must be studied for 4 semesters without change.
What is a good OP?

- OPs are scored on a 1 to 25 scale.
- 1 is excellent.
- 1-5 will get you in to popular University courses (all As).
- 1-15 is considered worthwhile.
- Just passing subjects will not get you a worthwhile OP.
Authority Registered subjects do not contribute to an OP but do contribute four credits towards the Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE).

English Communication and Prevocational Mathematics qualify you for entry into most TAFE courses and apprenticeships (check QTAC guide for TAFE prerequisites).
Authority (OP) subjects

- English
- Mathematics A, B and C
- Ancient and Modern History, Geography
- The Sciences
- Physical Education, Health Education, Home Economics, Graphics, Technical Studies
- Accounting, IPT, BCT, Legal Studies
- Music, Dance, Art, FTM, Drama
- Languages – French, Japanese, Chinese
Student A

- English
- Pre-vocational Mathematics
- Biology
- Ancient History
- Art
- Accounting

*Is this student OP Eligible?*
*Will they get enough credits for their QCE?*
Student B

- English Communication
- Mathematics A
- Physical Education
- Hospitality (Authority Registered)
- Recreation (Authority Registered)
- Cert III Retail (SAT)

*Is this student OP Eligible?*

*Will they get their QCE?*
Partnerships with Schools Program
The Partnerships with Schools (PWS) program at Metropolitan South Institute of TAFE (MSIT) provides students with the opportunity to study a Certificate II or III one day per week over year 11 and 12.

NOTE: It may not be offered on a Monday.
Benefits of joining a PWS program:

- Contributes credit towards the Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE).
- Gain direct entry and credit towards MSIT higher level qualifications post-Year 12.
- Earn credit towards degree programs at university.
- Gain hands-on training by industry-trained professionals.
MSIT Information Sessions

Wednesday 21st August 2013, Mt Gravatt Campus
B Block Level 1 (Stage)
3:00pm – Fashion, Millinery, Retail, Business Admin Legal
4:00pm – Horticulture, Design Fund Graphics & Photo, Info Digital Media & Tech (Games and web, networking)
5:00pm - Events, Media Film & TV, Music, Music Business, Tourism
MSIT Information Sessions

Thursday 22nd August 2013,
Alexandra Hills Campus
Auditorium – A block
3:00pm - Health Support Services,
Retail, Aged Care, Child Services
4:00pm - Fitness, Music, Performing
Arts, Technical Production, Visual
Arts
5:00pm – Animal Studies,
Hairdressing
SkillsTech – Alex Hills and Acacia Ridge

- Automotive
- Certificate II in Automotive Electrical
- Certificate II in Automotive Mechanical
- Building and construction
- Certificate I in Construction
- Doorways 2 Construction
- Certificate I in Furnishing
- Certificate II in Furniture Making
- Certificate I in Plumbing Services
- Certificate II in Electrotechnology (Career Start)
- Manufacturing and engineering
- Computer-Aided Drafting Program
- Certificate I in Engineering
- Certificate I in Engineering (Diesel Fitting)
Southbank Institute of TAFE

SBIT
STEP is available to students commencing senior studies next year, and will open applications from current Year 10 students on September 2nd for two weeks.

Over two years senior students will attend classes from SBIT`s vibrant campus one day a week, and credit their studies toward their Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE) and guaranteed Diploma pathway post Year 12.
Diploma Programs in

Events
Tourism
Beauty Therapy
Justice Studies
Fitness
Marketing
Visual Arts
Hospitality
Building Design and Technology
Photo-imaging
Interactive Digital Media
Applying to SBIT

- STEPHUB Applications Open 2nd September
- STEPHUB Applications Close 14th September
- ACER Testing 30th September – 18th October
- Positions Confirmed 4th November (emails sent to successful students)
- Enrolment Packs sent 11th November (via email)
- Student Orientation Week beginning 13th January 2014
Go to the websites for more information:

What does it Cost?

The cost of the course will vary but usually you are only charged for the cost of materials. You are not charged tuition fees because you are still a full-time student. You have access to these programs at a substantially reduced cost.
Final Advice

Select the subjects you enjoy, are good at and are right for the pathway you choose.