

NSW Education Standards Authority

Year 10 Subject Selection for Stage 6 – 2022

For Year 10 students and their parents.



The Higher School Certificate

- is the culmination of a student's school career
- is the highest educational award that can be achieved at secondary school in NSW
- reports student achievement in terms of a **standard** achieved in individual courses
- presents a **profile** of student achievement across a broad range of subjects

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

- From 2020, students need to demonstrate they have met a minimum standard in literacy and numeracy to be eligible for a HSC.
- 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 get up to four times per year to sit each minimum standard reading, writing or numeracy test.
- The test is available on **all** school days

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 NESAs 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"> • optional examination in English Studies and Mathematics Standard 1 and VET Curriculum Framework courses • all Life Skills courses 	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 NESAs
 - **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
 - where applicable, 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

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

Vocational Education & Training (VET) in the HSC

- Package/endorse VET qualifications for HSC unit credit
- **Board Developed VET courses**
 - Stage 6 Industry Curriculum Frameworks
- **Board Endorsed VET courses**
 - Stage 6 (Years 11–12)
- Courses may be available to:
 - all students
 - school-based trainees only
 - school-based apprentices only

Industry curriculum framework

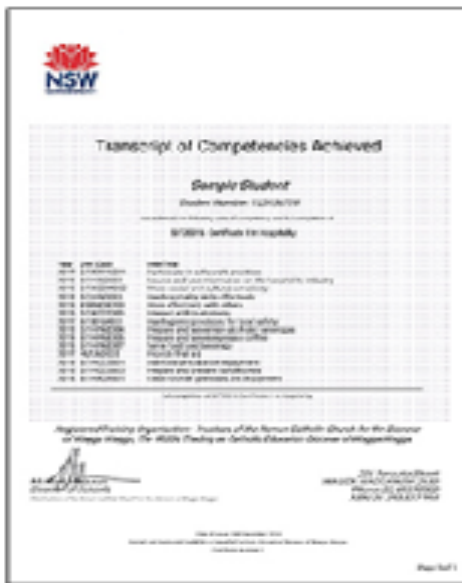
- Board Developed HSC VET syllabus
- Based on **nationally** endorsed Training Package(s)
 - lists which qualifications and units of competency have been included in the HSC syllabus
 - describes how units of competency are arranged into HSC VET courses
- Includes HSC outcomes and content
- Has an **optional** HSC examination
 - provides access to ATAR pathway
- Includes a **mandatory work placement**

VET: Board Developed Courses

- Automotive
- Business Services
- Construction
- Electrotechnology
- Entertainment Industry
- Financial Services
- Hospitality
- Human Services
- Information and Digital Technology
- Primary Industries
- Retail Services
- Tourism, Travel and Events

VET Credentials

Certificate + Transcript of Competencies Achieved

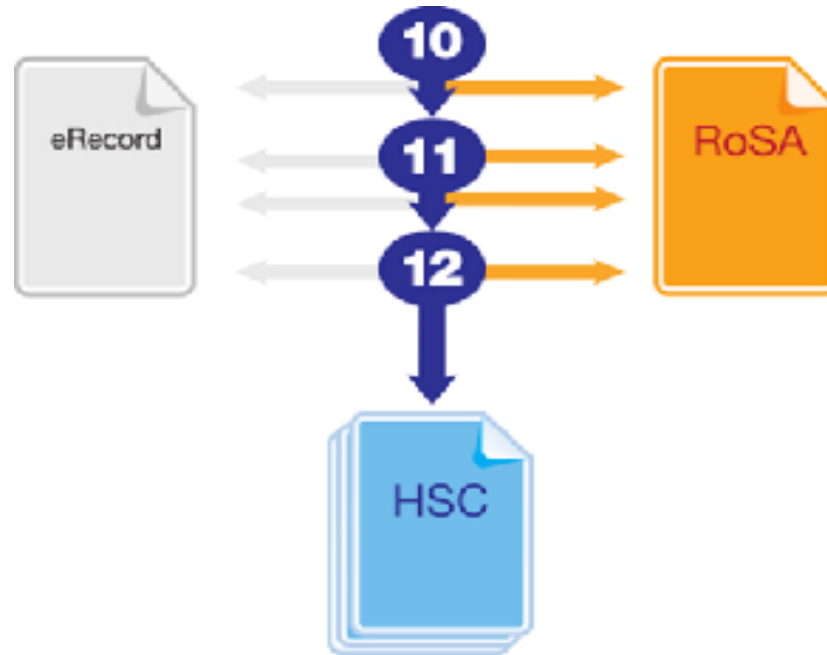


Statement of Attainment



HSC Credentials

Record of School Achievement



NSW HSC Testamur



Most BDC HSC courses listed with Assessment Mark,
Examination Mark, HSC Mark and Performance Band

HSC Record of Achievement

Stage 6 HSC Courses

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Record of Achievement

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STAGE 6 HSC COURSES

Year	Course	Assessment Mark	Examination Mark	HSC Mark	Performance Band
2017	English Standard 2 Unit	65	65	65	B
2017	English Standard 1 Unit	65	65	65	B

Stage 6 Preliminary Courses

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STAGE 6 PRELIMINARY COURSES

Year	Course	Assessment Mark	Examination Mark	HSC Mark	Performance Band
2017	Business Studies 2 Unit	65	65	65	B
2017	Business Studies 1 Unit	65	65	65	B

Stage 5 Courses

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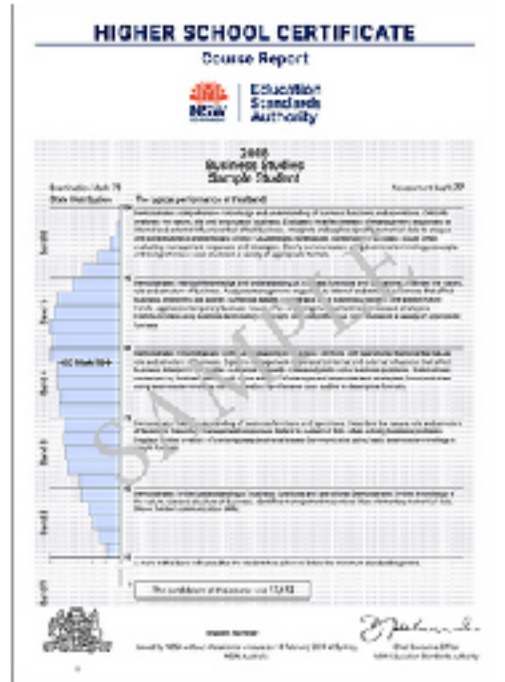
STAGE 5 COURSES

Year	Course	Assessment Mark	Examination Mark	HSC Mark	Performance Band
2017	English Standard 2 Unit	65	65	65	B
2017	English Standard 1 Unit	65	65	65	B

All Preliminary and Stage 5 courses will be on separate certificates

HSC Course Report

Course Report for each subject



The image shows a sample HSC Course Report for Business Studies. The report is titled "HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATE Course Report" and is issued by the NSW Education Standards Authority. It is for the year 2008, subject Business Studies, and is a sample student report. The report includes a table with columns for "Standard Unit ID", "Unit Title", and "Performance". The "Performance" column contains a series of blue bars representing the student's performance in each unit. The units listed are: Unit 1: Business and the Organisation, Unit 2: Business and the Environment, Unit 3: Business and the Community, Unit 4: Business and the Globalisation, Unit 5: Business and the Future, Unit 6: Business and the Ethics, Unit 7: Business and the Law, Unit 8: Business and the Internationalisation, Unit 9: Business and the Innovation, Unit 10: Business and the Sustainability. The report also includes a section for "The Conditions of Practice and U.S.A." and a signature of the Director General of Education.

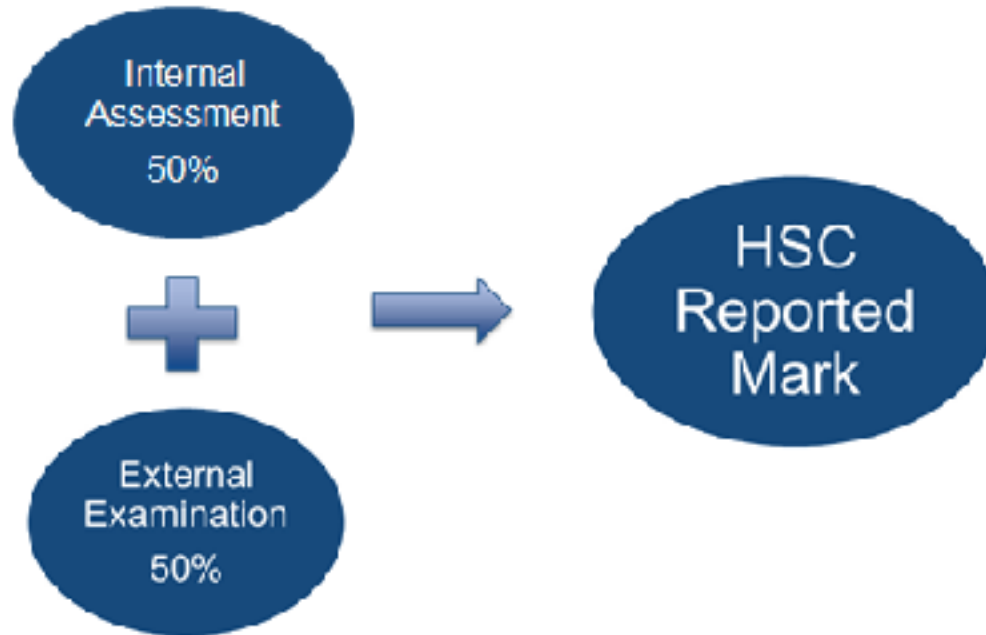
More Information

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www.uac.edu.au

HSC Marks

How is the HSC Mark Determined?



Australian Tertiary Admission Rank

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The Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR):

- is for students wishing to gain a place at a university
- is a rank **NOT** a mark
- provides information about how a student performs overall in relation to other students

Course Selection Considerations

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

Other Considerations

- What do I want for my future?
- What 'pathway' best suits me?
- Ask for advice from:
 - teachers
 - parents
 - Year adviser
 - careers adviser