



## Senior Schooling: Information for Parents

### Studying via Distance Education

In order to enable students to undertake study in a subject that is not available to them through our timetable, Bundaberg State High School offers the opportunity for students to study via Distance Education. This involves students enrolling in a course of study through one of multiple Distance Education schools around Queensland in lieu of a subject selected from our timetable.

#### What does Distance Education involve?

Distance Education is studied online through Qlearn and Teams platforms. Students have access to their teacher in online lessons and via email but do not attend in-person lessons. As a result, Distance Education is only suitable for students who are **motivated**, have effective **time management** and are able to **work independently**. They will be required to meet work rate calendar expectations and submit drafts and assessment digitally. However, any examinations will be supervised at school.

#### How does this affect a student's timetable?

Students will have one lesson subject on their Bundaberg State High School timetable and will instead have 3 'spare' lessons allocated. Because the timetables for Distance Education providers do not align with our school timetable, it is likely that students will miss part or all of some lessons in their school timetable to participate in online Distance Education lessons, usually in X block library. Some Distance Education lessons are also timetabled for before our school day commences.

Students will be required to maintain effective communication with their Bundaberg State High School teachers to ensure they can minimise the impact of missing lesson time to accommodate their Distance Education studies. The 3 'spare' lessons are provided to support students with additional time to complete work/ study as required.

#### What can be studied via Distance Education?

Distance Education providers offer a wide range of subjects for school-based Distance Education students but it is important to note that not all QCAA subjects are available. For example, some practical subjects do not lend themselves to this style of study and cannot be offered. Also, subject offerings are dependent on staffing and as such, some subjects have limited availability through Distance Education state-wide.

In addition, Distance Education providers have capped enrolment numbers and students applying are subject to acceptance. Many subjects have pre-requisites that must be met and this will be taken into consideration before a student's enrolment is accepted. Any student considering study via Distance Education should meet with HOD Senior Schooling as soon as possible.

#### Where can I get more information?

Information about Distance Education subject offerings can be found on the websites of providers such as Brisbane School of Distance Education, Cairns School of Distance Education, Capricornia School of Distance Education and Charters Towers School of Distance Education. Students and parents are also encouraged to contact HOD Senior Schooling for further information.