



BUNDABERG STATE HIGH SCHOOL

YEAR 11 2027 SUBJECT SELECTION & PREREQUISITES GUIDE

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When does Year 10 SET Plan happen?

Year 10 students choose their Year 11 subjects mid-Term 3 each year.

Planning for the Future: SET Plan Preparation

In Year 10, students begin preparing for their Senior Education and Training (SET) Plan. This plan helps map out goals for senior schooling and life after graduation.

To support informed decisions, students engage in a range of career and pathway experiences, including:

- TAFE Certificate courses & TAFE Tasters
- Work Studies
- Work experience in Term 3
- Industry visits and career excursions

These opportunities help students explore their interests and make subject choices that align with their strengths and career goals.

Senior School Expectations

Bundaberg State High School expects all students to graduate with either a:

- **QCE** – Queensland Certificate of Education, or
- **QCIA** – Queensland Certificate of Individual Achievement

Students are supported to take ownership of their learning, with ongoing guidance from staff. Planning is continuous and focuses on making meaningful, informed subject choices.

Post school destinations

Bundaberg State High School supports students on ATAR pathways as well as those planning to enter the workforce and pursue further study options in the future. Which pathway suits you?

ATAR Pathway (University focused)

High ATAR needed 90+

For high-demand fields like medicine, law, physiotherapy. Requires a **high ATAR** and usually 5+ General subjects. Best suited for students achieving a B average or higher.

OR

Flexible University – broader entry options, lower ATAR requirements

Degrees in areas such as education, arts, business, and information technology often have **lower ATAR entry requirements**. These courses typically accept students who study a combination of General and Applied subjects and a Certificate III or higher* qualification and meet course prerequisites. If students are seeking an ATAR score, they must choose a minimum of 4 General subjects.

SKILLS FOR WORK Pathway

Choose one or a combination of:

- **Applied, General** and **VET** subjects that match your interests and career goals.
- **Certificate II courses**, often used as a pre-apprenticeship pathway, to build foundation skills before seeking an apprenticeship after school.
- **Certificate III* courses** in areas such as Health, Volunteering, IT, Fitness, Business, Volunteering to improve job prospects after school and keep future study options open e.g. Uni.
- **School-Based Apprenticeship or Traineeship** – SAT as part of your senior program, combining paid work, training and school.

**Did you know that Certificate III and IV qualifications can independently provide selection ranks of 68 and 74 which is often used for Uni entry. This pathway offers a less demanding alternative to the traditional ATAR route, allowing for better workload balance.*

Choosing suitable subjects

Selecting the right subjects in senior school is an important step toward your future. To help you make the best choices, consider the following:

1 CAREER INTERESTS

Identify what jobs or industries you are interested in. Did you know Australians will have an average of 17 different jobs over 5 different careers in their lifetime?

2 YOUR PATHWAY

Your pathway depends on your goals, interests and readiness. It may include university, apprenticeships, traineeships, TAFE, employment, or a combination. Choose a sensible starting point that keeps options open.

3 SUBJECT REQUIREMENTS

Identify subjects that support your chosen pathway. Many university courses have prerequisites (e.g. a science subject is required for primary teaching or health-related fields).

4 ACADEMIC READINESS

Use your Year 10 Semester 1 Report Card to guide your subject choices for Year 11. Choose subjects where you've shown strong academic achievement—not just ones you enjoy but have only just passed. The Subject Selection for Year 11: Prerequisites Guide outlines the minimum grades required. Check your results to ensure you meet the entry criteria and make informed decisions for success.

5 SUBJECT OFFERINGS

Explore the subject guides on the school website to learn what topics you'll study over the duration of the course and how you will be assessed



6 VETIS FUNDING

VETiS funding is available from Year 10 for eligible Certificate I and II courses. It is important to note that VETiS funding can only be accessed once. Students also cannot access VETiS funding at the same time as undertaking a school-based apprenticeship or traineeship. Students considering the HLT23221 Certificate II in Health Support Services as part of the dual qualification will need to pay fee-for-service if they have already used their VETiS funding.

7 CHOOSE 6 SUBJECTS

At your SET Plan, you must choose **6 subjects** that offer an intended pathway option. They can include one or more of:

- General subjects
- Applied subjects
- Cert I, II, III or IV courses
- University courses
- School-based apprenticeships/Traineeships

**Subject availability depends on enrolment numbers.*

8 NO DUPLICATION

You can only earn QCE points for one course when subjects overlap. For example: Engineering Skills and Certificate II in Engineering Pathways, Hospitality Practices and Certificate II in Hospitality, Tourism and Certificate II in Tourism.



9 COURSE COSTS

Some General and Applied subjects may have associated costs. All Certificate III courses are delivered on a fee-for-service basis. To keep fees affordable, the school partners with Registered Training Organisations (RTOs) and uses in-house trainers where possible, significantly reducing the cost compared to post-school training options. Final subject fees will be confirmed once a student's SET Plan is finalised.

10 YOUR COMMITMENT

During your SET Plan, you will be required to sign a Senior Agreement which outlines the expectations and responsibilities of students enrolled at Bundaberg State High School. The agreement will cover:

- **attendance expectations** (attend 95% or more)
- **participating fully in all enrolled courses** (this includes completing class tasks, submitting drafts and completing all assessment requirement)
- having all **required equipment for all classes**, e.g. Laptop device
- **working successfully towards** a Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE) or Queensland Certificate of Individual Achievement (QCIA)

Senior subject prerequisites for 2027

SUBJECT CODE	GENERAL (G) APPLIED (A) VET (V)	SUBJECT	QCE CREDIT (up to)	RECOMMENDED MINIMUM (based on Year 10 Report Card)
Maths Faculty (HOD – Mr Johnson)				
MAS	G	Specialist Mathematics	4	B in Mathematics Extension
MAM	G	Mathematical Methods	4	B in Mathematics Extension
MAG	G	General Mathematics	4	B in Mathematics or C in Mathematics Extension
MAE	A	Essential Mathematics	4	
English and Languages Faculty (HOD – Ms Morris)				
ENG	G	English	4	C in English and Teacher recommendation
LIT	G	English Literature	4	B in English
ENE	A	Essential English	4	
JAP	G	Japanese	4	C in Japanese, studied for 3 years
Science Faculty (HOD – Mr Byrnes)				
BIO	G	Biological Science	4	C's in Science, English, Mathematics (inc. Ext.)
CHM	G	Chemistry	4	B's in Science, English, Mathematics (inc. Ext.)
PHY	G	Physics	4	B's in Science, English, Mathematics or C Mathematics Ext.
PSY	G	Psychology	4	C's in Science, English, Mathematics (inc. Ext.)
VHA VHS	V	HLT23221 Certificate II in Health Support Services (Yr11) HLT33115 Certificate III Health Services Assistance (Yr12) *Dual qualification*	8	Connect N Grow RT#40518 HLT23221 Certificate II in Health Support Services \$599 (funding available) HLT33115 Certificate III Health Services Assistance (Yr12) \$599 Cost TBC
The Technologies Faculty (HOD – Mr Donnison)				
EGR	G	Engineering	4	C in English, B in Mathematics or C in Mathematics Extension. B in STEM
BSK	A	Building and Construction Skills	4	
ESK	A	Engineering Skills	4	QCE duplication with MEM20422 Certificate II in Engineering Pathways (TAFE)
FUR	A	Furnishing skills	4	
HPJ	A	Hospitality Practices	4	QCE duplication with SIT20322 Certificate II in Hospitality (TAFE)
GSK	A	Industrial Graphic Skills	4	
FAZ	A	Fashion	4	
ICJ	A	Information and Communication Technologies	4	
VIT	V	ICT30120 Certificate III in Information Technology	8	Ripponlea Institute RTO#21230. Laptop required. \$500 enrolment fee. Cost TBC

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Health and Physical Education Faculty (HOD – Mr Lee)

HEA	G	Health	4	C in English
PED	G	Physical Education	4	C in English
AQP	A	Aquatic Practices	4	
ECS	A	Early Childhood Studies	4	
REC RRL	A A	Sport and Recreation OR Sport and Recreation Rugby League*	4	*Involvement in school or club rugby league
VFI	V	SIS30321 Certificate III in Fitness	8	Binnacle Training RTO#31319. Laptop required. Recommend C in English, HPE. \$495 enrolment fee + \$75 (First Aid).

Humanities and Social Sciences Faculty (HOD – Mr Williams)

AHS	G	Ancient History	4	C in English
MHS	G	Modern History	4	C in English
GEG	G	Geography	4	C in English
LEG	G	Legal Studies	4	C in English
BUS	G	Business	4	C in English
TOU	A	Tourism	4	QCE duplication with SIT20125 Certificate II in Tourism
BSQ	A	Business Studies	4	
VBS	V	BSB30120 Certificate III in Business + SIT20125 Certificate II in Tourism *Dual Qualification*	10	Binnacle Training RTO#31319. Laptop required. Recommend C in English, \$395 enrolment fee.

The Arts Faculty (HOD – Mr Duxbury)

DAN	G	Dance	4	C in English, at least 1 year of Dance in previous study
FTM	G	Film, Television and New Media	4	C in English
MUS	G	Music	4	C in English
ART	G	Visual Art	4	C in English
VAP	A	Visual Arts in Practice	4	
DRP	A	Drama in Practice	4	

Other VET courses (HOD – Ms McGrath)

VVO	V	CHC34015 Certificate III in Active Volunteering	5	Volunteering Queensland RTO#31319, \$275 enrolment fee (12-18 months).
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- **TAFE Bundaberg** offers courses in Animal Care, Autonomous Technologies, Automotive, Community Services, Construction, Cookery, Electrotechnology, Engineering Pathways, Plumbing, Retail Cosmetics, Rural Operations, Salon Assistant, Sports Coaching. Enrolments open Term 3 for next year commencement.
- **Professional Investigators College of Australasia (PICA)** offers Certificate IV in Justice as a fee for service \$750. Cost to be confirmed. Rolling intake.
- For **school based traineeship and apprenticeship** opportunities, see Mrs Mudiman in D09
- For more information on **VET pathway options**, see Ms McGrath in the Senior Hub
- For enquiries around **ATAR pathways**, book an appointment with Ms Sally Freeman (Guidance Officer) via Nigel in the Senior Hub