

McAuley Catholic College

Stage 6
Information for Year 10
Students and Parents

The College Blessing

Lord,

We ask for your blessing on our College community.

Through knowledge, wisdom and faith in action,

May the College continue on its spiritual journey

By giving guidance and support,

Upholding traditions,

Striving for justice,

And working towards peace and harmony,

As we embrace our differences

And seek new beginnings.

We make this prayer through Christ our Lord

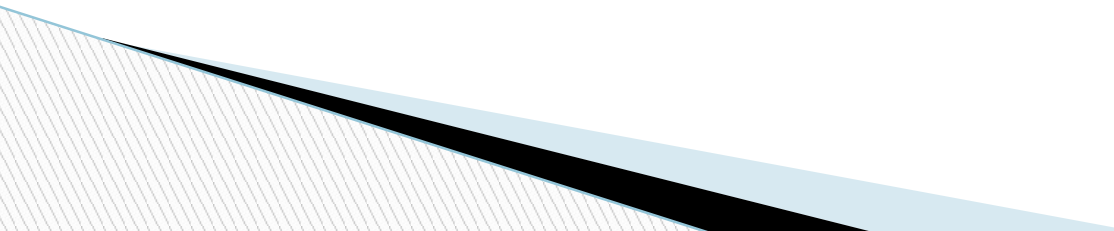
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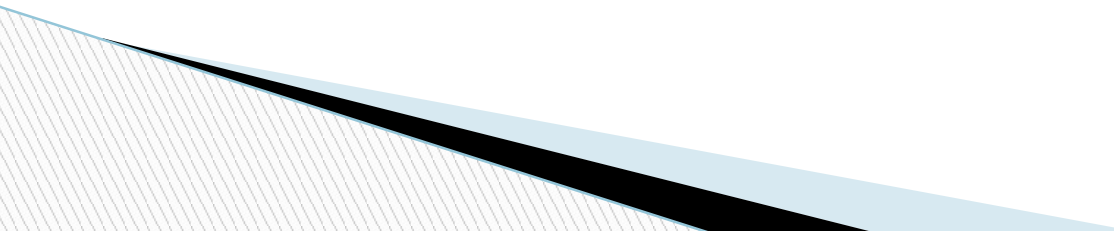
Credentials

- ▶ **RoSA** – Record of School Achievement
 - ▶ **HSC** – Higher School Certificate
 - ▶ **ATAR** – Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank
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RoSA (Record of School Achievement)

- ▶ Awarded to students who leave school after completing Stage 5 but before completing the HSC
 - ▶ Shows a student's achievements up until they leave school
 - ▶ Based on school-based assessments
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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 New South Wales
 - reports student achievement in terms of a **standard** achieved in individual courses
 - presents a **profile** of student achievement across a broad range of subjects
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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**

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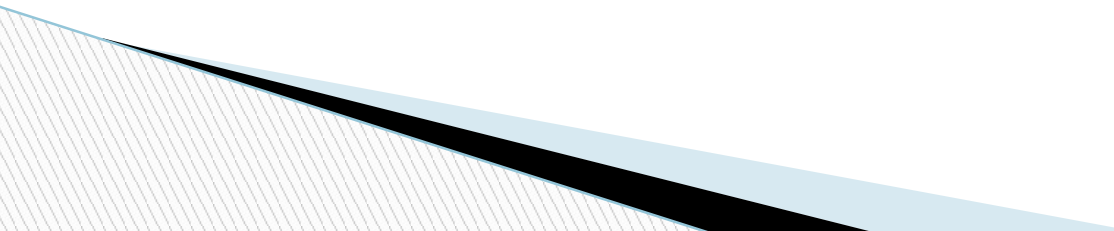
Both the Year 11 and Year 12 pattern of study must include:

- 2 units of **compulsory English**
- At MCC **Studies of Religion/Catholic Studies is also compulsory**
- 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.
- from 2019, 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.

3 Online Tests - Reading, Writing and Numeracy



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 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

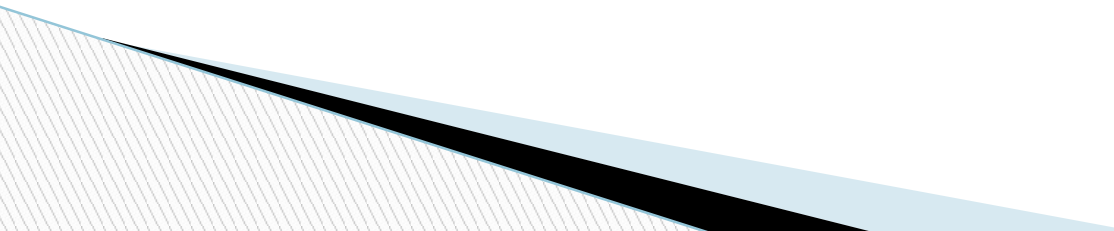
Students must:

- ▶ **follow the course** developed or endorsed by 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 a HSC Course

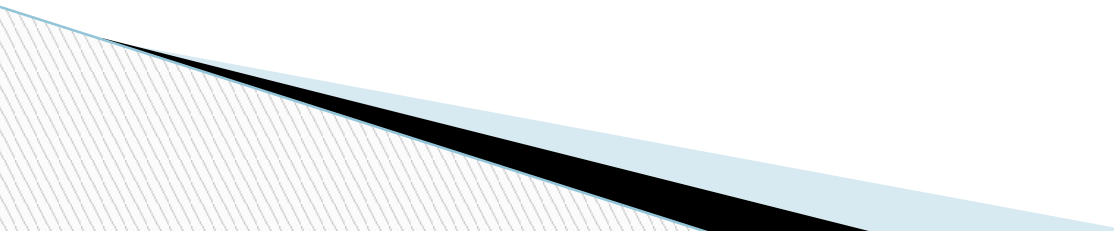
Students must:

- Complete HSC assessment tasks that contribute in **excess of 50%** of available marks in courses where internal assessment marks are submitted
 - Sit for and make a **serious attempt** at any requisite Higher School Certificate examinations for a course
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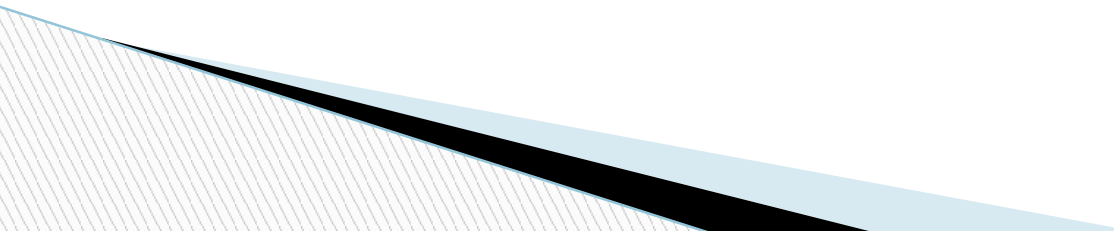
HSC All My Own Work

- 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

Course Selection Considerations

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

- ▶ Complete the yellow form and Google form
 - ▶ Stage 6 Course Handbook
 - ▶ Speak to Leaders of Learning
 - ▶ Discuss subject selections
 - ▶ Complete online survey and return yellow form by Friday 29th June
 - ▶ Interviews with Mrs Lee and/or Mr Paton start of Term 3.
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Other Considerations

- ▶ What do I want for my future?
- ▶ What 'pathway' best suits me?
- ▶ Ask for advice from:
 - Teachers
 - Parents
 - Year Coordinator - Ms Cleary
 - Careers adviser - Mr Paton
 - Leader of Curriculum - Mrs Lee
 - VET Coordinator - Mr Day