

Senior School Studies Policy

Prerequisite requirements for Senior subjects
For students commencing Year 11 in 2024



BRISBANE STATE HIGH SCHOOL

Preamble

Brisbane State High School is committed to providing a breadth of opportunities and programs for Senior school students. The school will challenge students at all levels, support them in setting and attaining realistic personal academic goals, and remain committed to excellence at all times. It will also guide students in selecting and attaining credentials from a variety of pathways for successful transition post school.

The staff will support all students throughout their senior years at the school. They will also share the responsibility with parents and students for assisting each student in attaining his/her educational goals.

Senior students need to be self-motivated and mature in the approach to their studies. They will be required to adopt effective study routines and commit to working in an increasingly independent way. They will be expected to work as part of the year group and achieve their very best.

Policy

1. The school will provide a range of high quality academic and vocational studies options.
2. The school staff will assist with personal monitoring and goal setting for all students in its support of the students' academic and vocational pursuits.
3. Students will be expected to approach their studies in a diligent manner, access available support services as needed, be accountable for their actions and responsible for their learning.
4. Parents will be expected to support their children and work collaboratively with the school.
5. Each student will participate in a senior education and training planning process beginning with the submission of an individual Student Education and Training (SET) Plan. The plan will be endorsed by his/her parents but will become operational for the student once approved by the school.
6. There are prerequisites for Senior subjects. The prerequisites are designed to enable success. These will be:
 - a) published in the school newsletter in a timely manner for the information of students and parents
 - b) applied in such a way that they do not unreasonably limit realistic future options for a student
 - c) applied in a way which takes account of the needs and circumstances of each student.
7. Students who were admitted to the school under the Academic Selective Entry category are expected to maintain a high result in all subjects. Such students who do not maintain a GPA in excess of 4.5 will be required to establish a plan for improvement so as to exceed this minimum requirement. The school may require such a student to amend or change subjects or course.
8. In addition to its ongoing support and advice, the school will implement, in consultation with the student and his/her parents, a targeted support plan for students who achieve less than a 'C' grade (or VET equivalent) in any Senior subject, at the end of a semester. If a student does not achieve the agreed outcomes of the plan, the school may require the student to amend or change subjects or course.
9. Failure to comply with the requirements of this policy will be considered a breach of the school's code of behaviour. In addition, students whose behaviour amounts to a refusal to participate in the education program may have their enrolment cancelled.

Senior course offerings listed by faculty

| Senior Course | Subject Category | Prep Readiness Criteria – applied when selecting a subject to study at the commencement of Year 10 | Prerequisite – applied when confirming course selection for Year 11 |
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| Business, Innovation & Design | | | |
| Accounting | General | C in Year 9 English | C in Year 10 Prep Accounting |
| Business | General | C in Year 9 English | C in Year 10 Prep Business |
| Design | General | C in Year 9 English | C in Year 10 Prep Design |
| Digital Solutions | General | C in Year 9 English | C in Year 10 Prep Digital Solutions |
| Engineering | General | C in Year 9 English C in Year 9 Mathematics | C in Year 10 Prep Engineering C in Year 10 Prep Mathematical Methods |
| Legal Studies | General | C in Year 9 English | C in Year 10 Prep Legal Studies |
| Certificate II Furniture Making Pathways | Additional Learning Option | Completion of Year 9 English Completion of Year 9 Mathematics | Completion of Foundation Course: Introduction to Furniture Making Pathways |
| Certificate IV Crime and Justice | Additional Learning Option | C in Year 9 English | Completion of Foundation Course: Introduction to Crime and Justice |
| Diploma of Business | Additional Learning Option | C in Year 9 English | Completion of Foundation Course: Introduction to Business |
| English | | | |
| English | General | C in Year 9 English | C in Year 10 Prep English |
| Literature | General | C in Year 9 English | C in Year 10 Prep Literature |
| Essential English | Applied | Completion of Year 9 English | Completion of a Year 10 English course |
| Accelerated Literature Accelerated Pathway | General | A in English or English Extension | Not applicable |
| English and Literature Extension (Year 12 only) | General | Not applicable | B in Year 11 English or Literature |

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| Health and Physical Education | | | |
| Health Education | General | C in Year 9 English | C in Year 10 Prep Health Education |
| Physical Education | General | C in Year 9 English | C in Year 10 Prep Physical Education |
| Certificate III in Fitness & Certificate II in Sport and Recreation | Additional Learning Option | C in Year 9 English | Foundation Course: Introduction to Sport, Fitness and Recreation |
| Certificate III Health Services Assistance | Additional Learning Option | Completion of Year 9 English | Foundation Course: Introduction to Health Services Assistance |
| Certificate III and IV Fitness | Additional Learning Option | C in Year 9 English | This is an accelerated three-year course, beginning in Year 10 |
| Humanities | | | |
| Ancient History | General | C in Year 9 Humanities | C in Year 10 Prep Ancient History |
| Economics | General | B in Year 9 Humanities B in Year 9 Mathematics | C in Year 10 Prep Economics |
| Geography | General | C in Year 9 Humanities | C in Year 10 Prep Geography |
| Modern History | General | C in Year 9 Humanities | C in Year 10 Prep Modern History |
| Philosophy and Reason | General | C in Year 9 Humanities | C in Year 10 Prep Philosophy and Reason |
| Languages | | | |
| Chinese | General | C in Year 9 Chinese across both semesters of study | C in Year 10 Prep Chinese |
| French | General | C in Year 9 French across both semesters of study | C in Year 10 Prep French |
| Italian | General | C in Year 9 Italian across both semesters of study | C in Year 10 Prep Italian |
| Japanese | General | C in Year 9 Japanese across both semesters of study | C in Year 10 Prep Japanese |
| German | General | C in Year 9 German across both semesters of study | C in Year 10 Prep German |
| Spanish | General | C in Year 9 Spanish across both semesters of study | C in Year 10 Prep Spanish |

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| Mathematics | | | |
| General Mathematics | General | C in Year 9 Mathematics | C in Year 10 Prep General Mathematics |
| Mathematical Methods | General | B in Year 9 Mathematics or C in Year 9 Mathematics Extension | C in Year 10 Prep Mathematical Methods |
| Specialist Mathematics | General | A in Year 9 Mathematics or A in Year 9 Mathematics Extension and selection of Mathematical Methods | C in Year 10 Prep Specialist Mathematics |
| Essential Mathematics | Applied | Completion of Year 9 Mathematics | Completion of a Year 10 Mathematics course |
| Science | | | |
| Biology | General | C in Year 9 Science C in Year 9 English | C in Year 10 Prep Biology C in Year 10 Prep English |
| Chemistry | General | Selection of Mathematical Methods B In Year 9 Mathematics (core or extension) C in Year 9 English B in Year 9 Science | C in Year 10 Prep Mathematical Methods C in Year 10 Prep English C in Year 10 Prep Chemistry |
| Physics | General | Selection of Mathematical Methods B In Year 9 Mathematics (core or extension) C in Year 9 English B in Year 9 Science | C in Year 10 Prep Mathematical Methods C in Year 10 Prep English C in Year 10 Prep Physics |
| Psychology | General | B in Year 9 Science C in Year 9 English | C in Year 10 Prep Psychology C in Year 10 Prep English |
| The Arts | | | |
| Dance | General | C in Year 9 English | C in Year 10 Prep Dance |
| Drama | General | C in Year 9 English | C in Year 10 Prep Drama |
| Music | General | C in Year 9 English | C in Year 10 Prep Music |
| Accelerated Music Accelerated Pathway | General | B in Year 9 Accelerated Music A in Year 9 Music | B in Year 11 Music |
| Film, Television and New Media | General | C in Year 9 English | C in Year 10 Prep Film, Television and New Media |
| Visual Art | General | C in Year 9 English | C in Year 10 Prep Visual Art |

Year 10 – 12 students:

- MUST study either English, Literature OR Essential English; students can do both English and Literature if desired
- MUST study either Essential Mathematics, General Mathematics OR Mathematical Methods
- MUST study six subjects in both Year 11 and Year 12
- CHOOSE any combination of six subjects (including English and Mathematics choices). Four additional electives should also be listed in order of preference
- STUDENTS wanting to study Specialist Mathematics must also study Mathematical Methods
- STUDENTS wanting to study Physics or Chemistry must also study Mathematical Methods

Every effort will be made to ensure that student preferences are accommodated, subject to student numbers and timetable constraints.