

STAYING AT SCHOOL - it pays to stay

Students completing Year 12 or equivalent studies have greater further education and training opportunities and better job prospects.

YEAR 11/12 PROGRAMS SENIOR CERTIFICATE

Subject combinations resulting in an Overall Position (OP)

- ◆ Requirements for an OP:
 - 20 semester units of Authority subjects
 - 3 subjects must be studied over 4 semesters of Years 11/12
 - sit for the Queensland Core Skills Test (QCST).

In addition to 20 semester units of Authority subjects, students can study towards partial or full completion of a nationally accredited vocational education certificate through:

- selected Authority and Authority-registered subjects
- stand alone certificate studies offered by the school, a TAFE institute or other provider
- a school-based apprenticeship or traineeship.

Subject combinations not resulting in an Overall Position

- ◆ Combination of Authority (fewer than 20 semester units) and Authority-registered subjects
- ◆ Authority-registered subjects only

In conjunction with these options students can study towards partial or full completion of a nationally accredited vocational education certificate through:

- selected Authority and Authority-registered subjects
- stand alone certificate studies offered by the school, a TAFE institute or other provider
- a school-based apprenticeship or traineeship.

Students undertaking a non-OP pathway who intend to apply through QTAC for tertiary courses at the end of Year 12 should ensure they will have at least 20 semester units of Authority, Authority-registered, and/or VET units of competency by the completion of Year 12. They should also consider sitting for the QCST. A completed school-based traineeship may also be used for entry to courses at some institutions.

Qualifications obtained outside of school may be recorded on the Senior Certificate if they are approved by the Queensland Studies Authority

Options after Year 10

LEAVING SCHOOL

Students leaving school before completing Year 12 can expect poorer job prospects than those who receive a Senior Certificate or equivalent qualification.

POST-SCHOOL TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT

- ◆ Certificate courses at TAFE institutes and other registered training organisations

- Industry specific courses
- Pre-employment, pre-apprenticeship and prevocational courses
- Access to work courses

- ◆ Apprenticeships and traineeships

- Group Training Association tel. 3844 3444 www.gtagnt.com
- Jobs Pathway Program <http://jpp.dest.gov.au/>
- New Apprenticeships Referral Service tel. 1800 639 629
- New Apprenticeships Centres www.newapprenticeships.gov.au
- Employment Services Information Line tel. 13 62 68
- DET Training Services tel. 1300 369 935 www.det.qld.gov.au

- ◆ Employment

- Centrelink tel. 13 28 50
- Jobs Pathway Program
- Individual employers
- myfuture www.myfuture.edu.au (the facts/Work opportunities)

Select the option that suits your interests, abilities and career ideas and that will help you achieve your goals

Read the following handouts* to help you with your decision making:
Choosing Senior Subjects Staying or Leaving

*Also produced by the Curriculum Strategy Branch

