

SCHOOL BASED APPRENTICESHIPS AND TRAINEESHIPS (SAT)

Albany Creek offers students the opportunity to be involved in the SAT's program while studying. Refer to 'School Based Apprenticeships and Traineeships' brochure for more information.

QCE

The Queensland Study Authority awards the QCE after the completion of Year 12 or when students have achieved the required credit points. This document is produced through the information provided by the school. The Data Capture System is a program that documents the journey for every student through his or her senior years. It is always kept up to date as the Senior Certificate is sent to the address provided through the school on this program.

The QSA issues a senior statement of attainment to all senior students on completion of Year 12 with all senior results & achievements recorded.

The QCE is awarded to those students who have achieved the set requirements. The students who do not achieve the QCE at the completion of Year 12 have a remaining 7 years to accumulate points required and can be awarded the QCE

WORK EXPERIENCE

Opportunities are available for students to become involved in the work experience program. Please refer to our 'Work Experience' brochure for more detailed information.

EDUCATIONAL TRAINING REFORMS OF THE FUTURE (ETRF)

The Queensland Governments Learning or Earning legislation will have an impact on schooling throughout Queensland.

The 3 Reform areas are:

- Getting ready for schools
- Getting ready for work and further study
- Information and communication technologies for school and work

Major Impacts on the Secondary School:

- Raising compulsory school age (from 15 years of age to the completion of Year 10 or 16 years of age) **AND**
- The requirement that a young person is to participate in education and training options either:
 - For 2 years beyond Year 10
OR
 - Until they have gained a QCE
OR
 - Until they have gained a Certificate III Vocational Qualification
OR
 - Until 17 years of age
OR
 - Until full time work is gained (25 hrs per week)

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SENIOR SECONDARY



The **SENIOR SECONDARY** Department at Albany Creek State High School encompasses the opportunities and pathways available to students throughout their senior years. The senior years involve students in Years 10-12 and oversee such things as:

- The Senior Curriculum
- Senior Subject Selection
- Vocational Education and Training (VET)
- Alternative Programs - e.g. TAFE
- The Senior Options Program
- Queensland Core Skills Test (QCST)
- Work Experience
- School Based Apprenticeships/Traineeships
- Student Education and Training Plans (SETP)
- Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE)
- Registration of Young People (SLIMS)

THE SENIOR CURRICULUM

Subjects studied in the senior years are monitored by the QSA (Queensland Study Authority). All subjects offered at the school must be registered with QSA.

Authority Subjects are those that contribute to a student's OP (Overall Position) in Year 12. For example: Maths A, Chemistry, Home Economics, Modern History, English, BCT and Hospitality Studies.

Authority-Registered subjects are those that do not contribute to an OP. Stand alone VET subjects are those that offer students the opportunity to complete a nationally recognised certificate.

STUDENT EDUCATION AND TRAINING PLAN (SETP)

These plans follow students from Year 9 through to the completion of school. The plans will be a tool for students to use document their secondary subject selections and with future career choices.

SENIOR SUBJECT SELECTION

Students in Year 10 are required to select the subjects that they want to study during Years 11 and 12. This process involves students attending the subject selection program on Open Day and having an interview. This will begin to ensure students make the best possible choices for their future career options and to allow them to succeed.

Once the interview process is completed a student's final subject choices are submitted and a timetable determined.

All students and parents must attend an interview with a staff mentor to have a place within Year 11 for the following year.

Throughout this process students should be proactive in asking teachers about the subjects that best suit their ability.

VOCATIONAL EDUCATIONAL AND TRAINING

VET helps students in their transition from school to work and provides many students with added skills and abilities. It can contribute to a young person's chance of obtaining employment upon leaving school.

Recognised VET allows some opportunities for students to gain qualifications from Nationally Accredited Training Packages. These qualifications are standard throughout Australia. At Albany Creek State High, a range of Certificate I, II and III qualifications are offered.

ALTERNATIVE PROGRAMS

Students may choose other subjects to those offered at Albany Creek High. These alternative programs may include courses offered by TAFE organisations, courses from private providers, courses at other High Schools and SDE or other options that students can investigate with the support of the HOD Senior Schooling and the Guidance Counsellor. These courses can be chosen as one of the senior subjects.

THE SENIOR OPTIONS PROGRAM

This program is offered to students in Years 11 and 12 each Thursday. The timetable structure on Thursdays allows students the opportunities to have flexible pathways in their curriculum. This program allows for students to be involved in a variety of programs. These can include:

- Work experience
- School Based Apprenticeship/Traineeship
- Tutorials at school
- TAFE programs and courses
- Home Study
- Enterprise Education
- University Links
- Assessment catchup

QUEENSLAND CORE SKILLS TEST

What is the QCST?

- A common statewide test for Queensland Year 12 students
- An achievement test, not an intelligence test, not an aptitude test
- Grounded in the Queensland Senior Curriculum
- Accessible to all year 12 students regardless of individual differences in subject patterns

What is the purpose?

- Individual results reported on a 5 point scale
- Group results for calculating Overall Positions (OP'S)
- Group results for calculating Field Positions (FP'S), up to 5 per student, depending on subject choices