



YEAR 10 SUBJECT SELECTION PROCESSES 2017

12 July 2017

Dear Parents/Carers

The time is rapidly approaching when our year 10 students will be choosing their subjects for Year 11 in 2018.

Students have been undertaking activities in their extended form classes since last term and will continue to do so throughout Term 3.

I would like to ask parents/carers to make note of the following information so that they can mark dates in diaries and also to assist their students with wise choices regarding their decisions for the future.

1. **Friday, 14 July** – Students will receive their senior studies subject information handbook. They will also be asked to nominate which career talks they would like to attend at the Future Options Expo.
2. **Monday, 31 July** – Future Options Expo. All day event held at Toowoomba SHS. Students will have the opportunity to listen to guest speakers from various universities, TAFE and industry representatives. These representatives will also have static displays set up to enable students to view information material and ask questions about potential careers and further studies after the completion of Year 12. Further information about this will be sent home in a separate letter in the near future.
3. **Monday, 31 July** - There will be a subject information evening for Year 10 students and their parents/carers and this will commence at 6.00pm. The event will be held in the Assembly Hall. Information regarding subject selection will be provided by the Principal, Mr Kennedy, Deputy Principal (Senior Secondary), Mr Lester, Guidance Officer, Mr Duncanson, and the Deputy Principal (Timetabling), Mrs Head. Additional information regarding TAFE studies and School-Based Traineeships and Apprenticeships will be provided by Mr Gibson (Head of Senior Schooling). Staff from all of the school's faculties will also have displays set up for the evening and it is a prime opportunity for students and parents/carers to speak directly with staff that teach the subjects that your student may be interested in. Additional information will be provided shortly.
4. **Tuesday, 01 August** – Heads of Department will speak with the students regarding the various subject offerings for 2018 and will provide students with the opportunity to ask any additional questions they may have following the Future Options Expo and Information Evening from the previous day.
5. **Friday, 04 August** – Students will submit their subject choices for 2018. The students' choices will be collated and perused by the school's Heads of Department, Deputy Principal (Senior Secondary) and the Guidance Officer. This is a "safety net" check to ensure the best possible future outcomes for our students. Should there be a concern with any student's choices, the matter will be discussed with that student and their parents/carers at the SET Plan interview day.
6. **Tuesday, 29 August** - Year 10 students will be required to participate in their SET Plan interviews. At this time, their Senior Education and Training Plans (SETP) will be finalised and any concerns with their subject choices will be discussed. **Please note that on this day Year 10 students will NOT be attending classes and, as such, will be in the care of their parents/carers for the day.** However, it is mandatory that all Year 10 students attend a 15 mins interview, in the company of a parent/carer, at some point during the day. Interview booking times will be organised online and information regarding this will be sent home with your student closer to the event.

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Following the SET Plan interviews, staff will continue to monitor the progress of students for the remainder of the semester. Should students be experiencing difficulties in their current Year 10 subjects or with attendance, parents/carers will be notified as these issues can have a detrimental impact on subject choices (and potential success) for 2018. The school's Guidance Officer, Mr Duncanson, will also continue providing support to students in relation to careers information and associated subject choices.

There has been widespread reporting in the media relating to the review of senior secondary assessment processes and the introduction of the ATAR system in 2019. This has created some confusion in the community. It is important to note that the new system being introduced applies to the current Year 09 cohort of students, not the Year 10 students. Year 10 students will continue through their senior years under the current OP Score system and the guidelines to obtain a Queensland Certificate of Education remain unchanged also.

Should you have any further enquiries regarding subject selection, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

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