

Senior School Studies Policy

Prerequisite requirements for Senior subjects
For students commencing Year 11 in 2023



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.

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Brisbane State High School applies prerequisites to senior subjects. Prerequisites are applied to ensure students select courses in which they have the most capability to be successful.

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
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
Foundation Certificate: Certificate II in Furniture Making Pathways	Additional Learning Option	Completion of Year 9 English Completion of Year 9 Mathematics	Completion of Foundation Certificate Course
Foundation Certificate: Certificate IV Crime and Justice	Additional Learning Option	C in Year 9 English	Completion of Foundation Certificate Course
Foundation Certificate: Diploma of Business	Additional Learning Option	C in Year 9 English	Completion of Foundation Certificate Course

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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
English and Literature Extension 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
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 Fitness	Additional Learning Option	Completion of Year 9 English	Completion of Prep Fitness Year 10 Course
Humanities			
Ancient History	General	C in Year 9 Humanities	C in Year 10 Prep Ancient History
Economics	General	C in Year 9 Humanities C 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 B 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 and C in Year 9 English and 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 and C in Year 9 English and B in Year 9 Science	B 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 and 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
Music Extension Accelerated Pathway	General	B in Year 9 Music Extension and 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

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Year 11 and 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.
- RECOMMENDED: Students wanting to study must also study Mathematical Methods.

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

If you have any concerns or have reason to request BSHS waive the prerequisite, you will need to make an appointment with the Head of Department for that subject.