

Senior School Studies Policy

Prerequisites Requirements for Senior Subjects

For students commencing Year 11 in 2019

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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 if 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 Year 10 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 pre-requisites for Senior subjects. 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. **Note that students need to demonstrate at least a C standard in English to undertake any General subject in Year 11.**

Learning Area	Senior Course	General / Applied / Additional Learning Option	Prerequisite – applied when confirming course selection at SET Plan, Semester 1
BEAST	Design	General	C in Year 10 Prep Design
	Engineering	General	C in Year 10 Prep Engineering C in Year 10 Prep Mathematics
	Foundation Certificate Building and Construction Skills (Certificate I Construction)	Additional Learning Option	Completion of Foundation Certificate Course
	Foundation Certificate Certificate II Engineering Pathways — Manufacturing	Additional Learning Option	Completion of Foundation Certificate Course
Business	Accounting	General	C in Year 10 Prep Accounting
	Business	General	C in Year 10 Prep Business
	Digital Solutions	General	C in Year 10 Prep Digital Solutions
	Legal Studies	General	C in Year 10 Prep Legal Studies
	Foundation Certificate Certificate III Business	Additional Learning Option	Completion of Foundation Certificate Course
	Foundation Certificate Certificate IV Crime and Justice	Additional Learning Option	Completion of Foundation Certificate Course
	Foundation Certificate Diploma of Business	Additional Learning Option	Completion of Foundation Certificate Course

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English	English	General	C in Year 10 Prep English
	Literature	General	C in Year 10 Prep Literature
	Essential English	Applied	Completion of a Year 10 English course
	English Extension (Year 12 only)	General	B in Year 11 English or Literature
Health and Physical Education	Health Education	General	C in Year 10 Prep Health Education
	Physical Education	General	C in Year 10 Prep Physical Education
	Certificate IV Fitness	Additional Learning Option	Completion of Prep Fitness Year 10 Course
Humanities	Ancient History	General	C in Year 10 Prep Ancient History
	Economics	General	C in Year 10 Prep Economics
	Geography	General	C in Year 10 Prep Geography
	Modern History	General	C in Year 10 Prep Modern History
	Philosophy and Reason	General	C in Year 10 Prep Philosophy and Reason
	Social and Community Studies	Applied	Completion of a Year 10 English course

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Languages	Chinese	General	C in Year 10 Prep Chinese
	French	General	C in Year 10 Prep French
	Italian	General	C in Year 10 Prep Italian
	Japanese	General	C in Year 10 Prep Japanese
	German	General	C in Year 10 Prep German
	Spanish	General	C in Year 10 Prep Spanish
Mathematics	General Mathematics	General	C in Year 10 Prep General Mathematics
	Mathematical Methods	General	C in Year 10 Prep Mathematical Methods
	Specialist Mathematics	General	C in Year 10 Prep Specialist Mathematics
	Essential Mathematics	Applied	Completion of a Year 10 Mathematics course
Science	Biology	General	C in Year 10 Prep Biology C in Year 10 Prep English
	Chemistry	General	C in Year 10 Prep Mathematics Methods C in Year 10 Prep English C in Year 10 Prep Chemistry
	Physics	General	B in Year 10 Prep Mathematical Methods C in Year 10 Prep English B in Year 10 Prep Physics
	Psychology	General	C in Year 10 Prep Psychology C in Year 10 Prep English

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The Arts	Dance	General	C in Year 10 Prep Dance
	Drama	General	C in Year 10 Prep Drama
	Music	General	C in Year 10 Prep Music
	Music Extension (Year 12 only)	General	B in Year 11 Music
	Film, Television and New Media	General	C in Year 10 Prep Film, Television and New Media
	Visual Art	General	C in Year 10 Prep Visual Art

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 6 subjects in both Year 11 and Year 12
- CHOOSE any combination of six subjects (including English and Maths choices). Three additional electives should also be listed in order of preference
- STUDENTS electing to undertake Essential English should have a vocational pathway
- STUDENTS wanting to study Specialist Mathematics must also study Mathematical Methods
- RECOMMENDED: Students wanting to study Physics are strongly encouraged to 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.