

# Senior School Studies Policy

## Prerequisites Requirements for Senior Subjects

For students commencing Year 11 in 2016–18

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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. The school will provide a comprehensive and rigorous Queensland Core Skills Test preparation program. Students, for whom this program is appropriate, will be required to participate diligently in all aspects of the program.
10. 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 Authority (OP) subject in Year 11.**

Year 11 Subject	Faculty	Prerequisite required	Authority (OP) Subject
Accounting	Business	✓ C in Year 10 English	Authority
Aerospace	BEAST	✓ C in Year 10 English ✓ C in Year 10 Mathematics	Authority
Ancient History	Humanities	✓ C in Year 10 English	Authority
Biology	Science	✓ C in Year 10 English ✓ C in Year 10 Biology	Authority
Building & Construction	BEAST	✓ No prerequisite	Authority Registered
Business Organisation & Management	Business	✓ C in Year 10 English	Authority
Certificate III Business	Business	✓ No prerequisite	VET Course
Certificate IV Business	Business	✓ C in Year 10 English	VET Course
Certificate I Construction	BEAST	✓ No prerequisite	VET Course
Certificate III in Fitness	HPE	✓ No prerequisite	VET Course
Certificate IV Justice Studies	Business	✓ C in Year 10 English	VET Course
Chemistry	Science	✓ C in Year 10 English ✓ B in Year 10 Chemistry ✓ C in Year 10 Prep Maths B or B	Authority
Dance	Performing Arts	✓ C in Year 10 English	Authority
Diploma of Business	Business	✓ C in Year 10 English	VET Course
Drama	Performing Arts	✓ C in Year 10 English	Authority
Economics	Humanities	✓ C in Year 10 English ✓ C in Year 10 Mathematics	Authority
Engineering Technology	BEAST	✓ B in Year 10 Prep Maths A or C in Year 10 Prep Maths B	Authority
English	English	✓ C in Year 10 English with at least a C in both written and spoken tasks	Authority
English Communication	English	✓ No prerequisite	Authority Registered
Film & Television	Visual Arts	✓ C in Year 10 English	Authority
French	Languages	✓ C in FRE101 and FRE102	Authority
Furnishing	BEAST	✓ No prerequisite	Authority Registered
Geography	Humanities	✓ C in Year 10 English	Authority
German	Languages	✓ C in GER101 and GER102	Authority
Graphics	BEAST	✓ C in Year 10 English	Authority
Health Education	HPE	✓ C in Year 10 English	Authority
Information, Processing & Technology	Business	✓ C in Year 10 English	Authority
Italian	Languages	✓ C in ITL101 and ITL102	Authority
Japanese	Languages	✓ C in JAP101 and JAP102	Authority
Legal Studies	Business	✓ C in Year 10 English	Authority
Mathematics A	Mathematics	✓ C in Year 10 Prep Maths A	Authority
Mathematics B	Mathematics	✓ B in Year 10 Prep Maths B	Authority
Mathematics C	Mathematics	✓ B in Year 10 Prep Maths B	Authority
Modern History	Humanities	✓ C in Year 10 English	Authority

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Year 11 Subject	Faculty	Prerequisite required	Authority (OP) Subject
Music	Performing Arts	C in Year 10 English Ability to play a musical instrument to a competent level	Authority
Music Studies	Performing Arts	No prerequisite	Authority Registered
Philosophy & Reason	Humanities	C in Year 10 English C in Year 10 Mathematics	Authority
Physical Education	HPE	C in Year 10 English	Authority
Physics	Science	C in Year 10 English B in Year 10 Physics B in Year 10 Prep Maths B	Authority
Prevocational Maths	Mathematics	No prerequisite	Authority Registered
Social & Community Studies	Humanities	No prerequisite	Authority Registered
Visual Art	Visual Arts	C in Year 10 English	Authority

*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.*