



GREEN POINT CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

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# The Higher School Certificate

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NESA requires..... 2 units of English in Year 11

2 units of English in Year 12

...that is, 120 hours in each year, which is six lessons per fortnight

# Year 11 – Requirements

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There are Preliminary courses and HSC courses

Generally, Year 11 courses are Preliminary, and Year 12 are HSC

E.g. Year 11 Drama is a Preliminary course

Year 12 Drama is an HSC course

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  - Board Endorsed courses are approved by NESA  
e.g. Photography  
No HSC exams, not counted for ATAR

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  - Note that English Advanced and English Extension are *not* different subjects....
  - Biology and Chemistry and Physics are different subjects
  - Modern History and Ancient History are different subjects

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✓ **Must finish the Prel course before doing the relevant HSC course**

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For an ATAR (University), need 10 units which are “ATAR” courses

# What is the ATAR?.... Australian Tertiary Admission Rank

It is a rank, not a mark e.g. 85 ATAR means in the top 15%

- Used for University entrance (sometimes with other entry requirements e.g. Music audition)
- Optional
- 10 Board Developed units (“ATAR” courses – those with HSC exams):
  - 2 units of English
  - at least 4 subjects
  - three courses of 2 units or more
  - not more than 2 units of category B courses are used towards the ATAR
- To calculate the ATAR...
  - Best 2 units of English + next best 8 units after scaling (but no more than 2 category B units)

# ATAR Courses...some examples

## Category A

- English Standard & Advanced
- Extension English
- Maths, Maths Standard 2,
- Extension Maths
- Biology, Physics, Chem, Ext Sci
- Drama, Music, VA
- PDHPE, CAFS
- Studies of Religion 1 & 2
- Ind Tech, TD, SDD, Food Tech
- AH, MH, Eco, Bus St, Leg St
- Japanese, French
- + more...

## Category B (To count for the ATAR, have to do optional HSC exam)

- English Studies
- Maths Standard 1
- Hospitality (VET ... “Vocational” course)
- Construction (e.g. at TAFE) (VET course)
- Entertainment (VET course)
- Financial Services (VET course)
- Business Services (VET course)
- Retail Services (e.g. Traineeship) (VET course)
- Human Services (e.g. Traineeship) (VET course)
- Electrotechnology (VET course)
- Information and Digital Tech (VET course)
- Tourism (VET course)
- + more...

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  - 5 modules about work integrity e.g. no plagiarism
  - Usually done in Year 10, term 4

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  - Three online 45 min tests - reading, writing and numeracy
  - 2 attempts each year for each test in Year 10, 11, 12 (and even after Year 12)
  - Reading and numeracy - 45 multiple choice questions
  - Writing – write about 500 words on a topic

# Choosing courses...

- Abilities/Strengths – what are you good at, what are your strengths?
- Interests/Motivation – what do you like doing?
- Career aspirations – what do you want to do after school?
- Syllabus requirements - Practical/Major works
  - E.g. Drama, Music, S&C, Industrial Technology, TD, VA
- Generally no prerequisites for Year 11 courses
  - Higher Language courses e.g. French Continuers require significant prior study of the language
  - Higher level Maths and Music ... preferable to have studied elective Music or 5.3 Maths
- Subject combinations – subjects that go well together
  - E.g. Music and Drama reinforce creative skills (e.g. for some Acting/Entertainment careers)
  - E.g. Chemistry and Biology reinforce Science skills (e.g. for some Science careers)
  - E.g. Business St and Economics reinforce business skills (e.g. for some Business related careers)

## Possible Year 11 Subjects

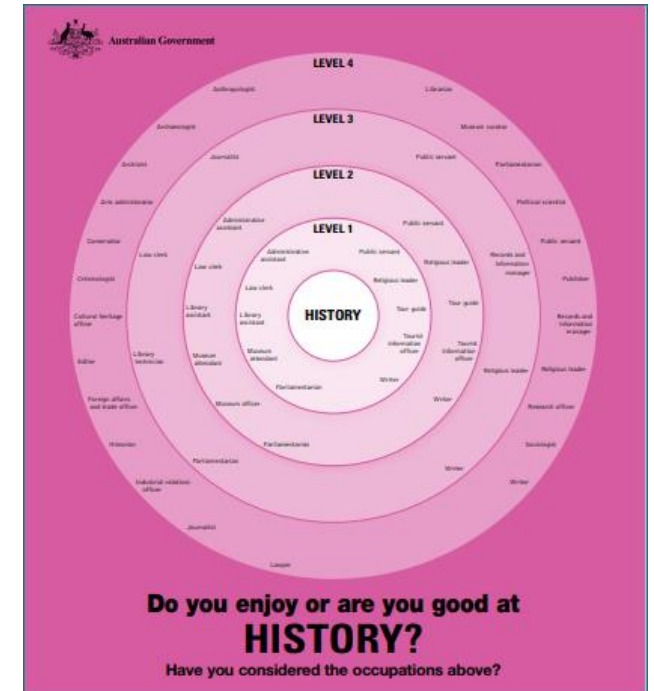
Note that not all of these subjects will necessarily run next year.

The electronically collected survey information will help determine student interest.

SUBJECT		SUBJECT
English Advanced		Mathematics Advanced
English Extension - 1 Unit		Mathematics Extension - 1 Unit
English Standard		Mathematics Standard
English Studies (ATAR - Category B)		Modern History
Aboriginal Studies		Music 1
Ancient History		Music 2
Biology		Physics
Business Studies		PDHPE
Chemistry		Photography, Video and Digital Imaging - 1 Unit non-ATAR
Community & Family Studies		Society & Culture
Drama		Software Design & Development
Economics		Sport, Lifestyle & Recreational Studies - 1 Unit non-ATAR
Food Technology		Studies of Religion 2 Unit
French Beginners		Textiles & Design
Geography		Veta Morphus (Cert III in Christian Ministry and Theology)
Hospitality (VET) (ATAR - Category B)		Visual Arts
Industrial Technology - Timber		Distance Education Course*
Legal Studies		TVET Course**
		Private Provider Course ** (Some ATAR-Cat B and some non-ATAR)

# Career Aspirations...

- UAC Uni requirements book... [year-10-booklet-2024.pdf \(uac.edu.au\)](#) (Uni course information)
- UAC site... [www.uac.edu.au](http://www.uac.edu.au) (search for Uni courses)
- Bullseye posters... [www.education.gov.au/career-bullseye-posters](http://www.education.gov.au/career-bullseye-posters)
- Job Jump... [www.jobjump.com.au](http://www.jobjump.com.au) (password 'finches') (e.g. Career videos)
- University websites... e.g. [www.newcastle.edu.au](http://www.newcastle.edu.au)
- Apprenticeships... [www.aapathways.com.au](http://www.aapathways.com.au) (e.g. Career videos)
- College Careers Newsletter... [www.gpcc.nsw.edu.au](http://www.gpcc.nsw.edu.au)
- Good Universities Guide... [www.gooduniversitiesguide.com.au](http://www.gooduniversitiesguide.com.au)
- Good Careers Guide... [www.goodcareersguide.com.au](http://www.goodcareersguide.com.au)
- My Career Match... [www.mycareermatch.com.au](http://www.mycareermatch.com.au) (Career profile quiz)
- Skillsroad... [www.skillsroad.com.au](http://www.skillsroad.com.au) (e.g. Career videos)
- My Big Tomorrow... <https://mybigtomorrow.com.au> (e.g. Career videos)



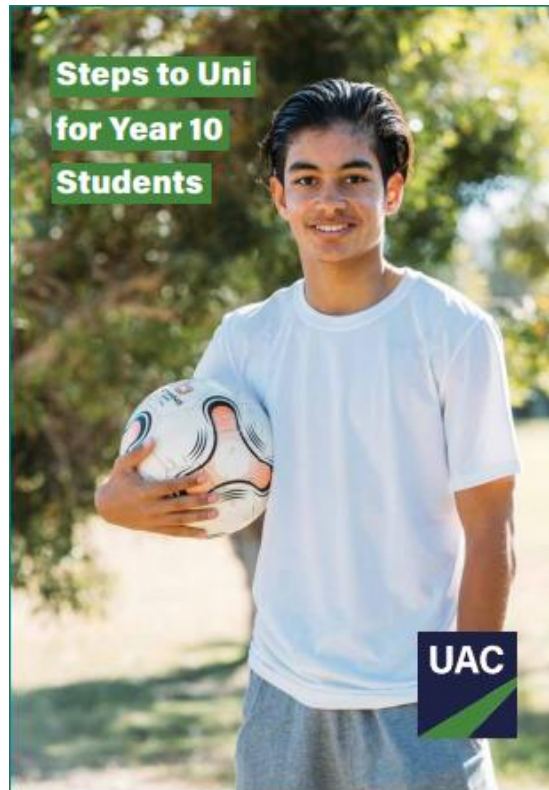
Watch the video

## Civil Engineer

Civil engineers work on lots of different infrastructure projects. They plan, design, build and maintain various structures including roads, buildings, transportation systems (like airports and subways) and water supplies.

Learn More

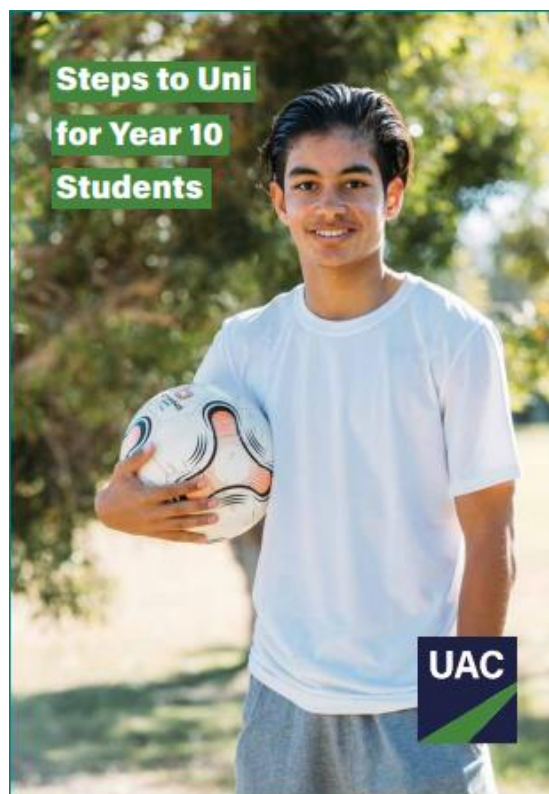
# UAC Booklet



My interests, qualities and skills	Careers that use my interests, qualities and skills	University courses I could study	HSC courses I could choose
<b>Creative and Performing Arts</b>			
<p><i>I'm interested in ...</i> theatre, fashion, popular culture, music, photography, drawing, painting, graphic design, creating things, research</p> <p><i>I'm ...</i> creative, good with detail, imaginative, organised, a good communicator, an independent worker, outgoing</p> <p><i>... and I'm good at ...</i> dancing, acting, performing, making things, playing an instrument, writing, photography, working things (technical skills), solving problems, using initiative, writing</p>	<p><i>I could be an ...</i> animator, artist, cartoonist, composer, fashion designer, film director, graphic designer, illustrator, journalist, multimedia designer, musician, photographer, producer, songwriter, teacher, writer</p>	<p><i>I could study ...</i> animation, creative industries, creative writing, fashion, fine arts, graphic design, illustration, journalism, music, photography, theatre studies, visual arts</p>	<p><i>... and I could choose these HSC courses ...</i> English Advanced (or higher), Dance, Design and Technology, Drama, Music, Software Design and Development, Textiles and Design, Visual Arts, Entertainment Industry (Cat. B)</p>
Where can I study?		ACU, ACPE, ANU, CDU, CQU, CSU, GU, MC, MQ, NAS, SAE, SCU, TUA, UC, UNE, UNSW, UON, UOW, USYD, UTS, WS	



# UAC Booklet



## University of Newcastle

### Pharmacy

**Areas of study:** Anatomy and physiology, chemistry, dosage formulation, drug design and discovery, epidemiology, first aid, mental health, pharmacotherapeutics.

**Assumed knowledge:** Mathematics Advanced (Band 5), English Advanced, Chemistry, Physics.

**Recommended studies:** Mathematics Extension 1.

### Social Work

**Areas of study:** Aboriginal studies; law for social work; psychology; social policy and planning; social work ethics; sociology.

**Recommended studies:** English Advanced, Society and Culture, Community and Family Studies, languages.

### Speech Pathology

## University of Sydney

### Diagnostic Radiography

**Areas of study:** Anatomy, biological sciences, clinical education, equipment and imaging techniques, image processing, pathology, physics, psychology, radiation biology.

**Assumed knowledge:** Mathematics Advanced, Physics.

**Recommended studies:** Biology or Chemistry.

### Economics

**Areas of study:** Agricultural and resource economics, econometrics, economics, environmental, financial economics. Second area of study from those offered by the Business School (see Commerce) or Arts and Social Sciences.

**Course prerequisites:** Mathematics Advanced (Band 4) or Mathematics Extension 1 (Band E3) or Mathematics Extension 2 (Band E3).

**Assumed knowledge:** Other assumed knowledge depends on majors chosen.

Extension 1 plus Physics. *For Chemical and Biomolecular,* Mathematics Extension 1 plus Chemistry. *For Biomedical, Dallyell Scholars, Flexible first year:* Mathematics Extension 1 plus Chemistry and/or Physics (depending on the engineering stream chosen).

**Recommended Studies:** *For Biomedical:* Biology

### Exercise and Sport Science

#### Exercise Physiology Exercise and Sport Science

**Areas of study:** Anatomy; biochemistry; biomechanics; learning and control of human movement; nutrition; physiology/exercise physiology and the application of these fundamental sciences to sport, exercise, ageing, rehabilitation, public health and research.

**Assumed knowledge:** Chemistry, Mathematics Advanced.

### Law (Combined)

– Arts/Laws

– Engineering Honours/



# What's Next...

- Think & pray about your preferences... need 12 or more units + 2 “reserve” subjects
- Review the Information Booklet
- View subject videos on the College website: <https://www.gpcc.nsw.edu.au/education-learning/secondary-7-12/senior-courses>
- Research... e.g. ask teachers, NESA website [www.educationstandards.nsw.edu.au](http://www.educationstandards.nsw.edu.au)
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TAFE... ElectroTechnology; Whitehouse Institute... Design Fundamentals; Distance Ed... Spanish

# Filling in the webform...

- Start with English as choice 1
- Then priority order for at least 12 units
- Add at least two reserve subjects

Questions... ?

This is the opening web page....

<https://my.edval.education/webChoice/student/forms>

YEAR 11 ELECTIVES 2022

Open for submission



Read the Notes and the Rules sections at the right-hand side.....

Year 11 Electives

Main Units	Subject	Units
English	No selection	0
Preference 2	No selection	0
Preference 3	No selection	0
Preference 4	No selection	0
Preference 5	No selection	0
Preference 6	No selection	0
Preference 7	No selection	0
Preference 8	No selection	0
Total		0

Reserve Units	Subject	Units
Reserve 1	No selection	0
Reserve 2	No selection	0
Total		0

Cancel Print Submit

**Notes**

**IMPORTANT:** Please select subject preferences in order of priority nominating 12 or more units of study. As English is a required subject, you must choose a 2 unit English course as your first preference.

Please also select, in order of preference, 2 Reserve subjects.

If you want to choose TAFE or Private Provider course, please discuss this with Mr Russell. If you want to choose a Distance Education course, please discuss this with Mrs van Wyk.

Please discuss your choices with your parent/guardian.



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