BISHOP DRUITT COLLEGE

Year 11 in 2017
Information Night
Topics

• The RoSA (Record of School Achievement).
• The HSC (The Higher School Certificate).
• The ATAR (The Australian Tertiary Admission Rank).
• University pathways.
• Choosing Electives – the process.
THE NSW RECORD OF SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENT

The RoSA
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• From 2012, eligible students who leave school prior to receiving their Higher School Certificate have been receiving the NSW Record of School Achievement (RoSA).
• It shows a student's achievement from Year 10 until the time they leave school. (Year 11 counts).
• A to E grades are given according to school-based assessment for all subjects studied.
• Students can be reliably compared across NSW. This is because teachers across the state are assigning grades based on the same criteria.
The RoSA continued….

- Students leaving school permanently before the HSC have the option of taking online literacy and numeracy tests.
- The Higher School Certificate (HSC) will still be awarded for eligible students at the end of Year 12.
- The HSC RoA will show a student’s grades for Year 10 and Year 11 as well as their HSC results.

- As of 2014 RoSA grades have been sent to UAC and are now part of the process of determining early entry applications to some universities.
THE NSW HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATE

The HSC
HSC Requirements

• To gain an HSC, students must have completed a minimum of 12 units of Preliminary courses and 10 units of HSC courses.
• Students must satisfactorily complete the Preliminary course before they are eligible to commence the corresponding HSC course.
• English is the only compulsory subject for the HSC.
HSC Requirements

Students must complete:

• At least six units of Board Developed courses.
• At least two units of a Board Developed or Content Endorsed course in English.
• At least three courses of two-unit value or greater.
• At least four subjects.

(Modern History and Ancient History are separate subjects – but English Advanced, English Extension 1 and English Extension 2 are 4 units of the same subject).
Board Developed Courses (A and B)

These courses may contribute to the calculation of an Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR).

- These are the large number of courses that are set and externally examined by the Board of Studies.
- Construction and Hospitality and TAFE Courses with examinations are Category B subjects. (Only 1 can count towards the ATAR).
Board Endorsed and Content
Endorsed Courses

- These include courses that may have been developed by schools, TAFE or universities.

They contribute to the HSC but do not contribute to the calculation of the ATAR.

No HSC examinations.

ENGLISH STUDIES, GENERAL MATHEMATICS 1
Some TAFE and distance education courses.
An HSC but not an ATAR

- Life Skills subjects.
- More than 1 Category B subject.
- School-based apprenticeships and traineeships ??
- Students looking at a non-university post school pathway.
Practical Components

The following courses require you to undertake practical examinations or to submit works externally as part of your HSC examination:

- Design and Technology
- Industrial Technology
- Drama
- Languages
- Visual Arts
- English Extension 2
- Music
- Textiles
- Society and Culture.
THE ATAR
What is an ATAR?

- The Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) is a number between 0 and 99.95 with increments of 0.05.
- It helps universities rank applicants for selection.

The ATAR is a rank, not a mark.

Your ATAR indicates your position relative to other students in your cohort, taking into consideration the students who have left education since Year 7.

- As a result the average ATAR is usually around 70.00 and not 50.00.
Who is Eligible for an ATAR?

To be eligible for an ATAR you must satisfactorily complete at least 10 units of ATAR courses. These ATAR courses must include at least:

- Eight units from Category A courses
- Two units of English (not English Studies or Fundamentals of English)
- Three Board Developed courses of two units or greater
- Four subjects.
Calculating an ATAR

BOS raw examination and moderated assessment marks

Sent into UAC

Re-scaled
Some subjects are scaled up and other subjects are scaled down

Best 2 units of English and next best 8 units

ATAR
Websites That Can Help

• ATAR calculator (Talent 100).
• Can give students a feel for the scaling in their subjects and the marks they will need to gain admission into university courses.
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In Summary

• Students who do not complete Year 12 will get the NSW Record of School Achievement (RoSA).
• Year 11 does count – RoSA grades, Early Entry, skills.
• All students who complete Year 12 and meet the requirements will get a NSW Higher School Certificate (HSC).
• Students who meet the eligibility requirements will also get an Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) to help universities select them for admission.
UNIVERSITY PATHWAYS
While you are still at school
Southern Cross University

- Head Start program
- No cost
- Wednesday afternoons at SCU campus
- Biology or Communications
- No ATAR
- Direct entry to some courses at SCU based on results.
## Gifted Programs

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Griffith University

- GUESTS program
- Study a first year subject/unit
- Credit for the unit studied and guaranteed entry into some courses based on results and/or 2 bonus points on your ATAR for Griffith University.
- No fee.
CHOOSING YOUR ELECTIVES
Elective Options

• Bishop Druitt College elective courses (On our campus with our teachers)
• TAFE courses – work placement (Location – TAFE campus – TAFE teachers)
• Distance education – subjects not offered at BDC.
Interest

• Do you have a passion or interest for a particular area of study?
• Are you curious to know more about an area of study?
Aptitude

• What are your strengths?
• What areas do you excel in?
• What is your academic ability?
BOSTES/ATAR Requirements

- We will help students to be aware of these guidelines.
- BOSTES entry checks also alert students to compliance issues.
Recommended Subjects for Future Courses and Careers

• Some university courses have recommended/suggested/assumed knowledge.
• Check the UAC website for potential courses/booklet
• 2 Unit Mathematics will be required for many USyd courses from 2019.

What if you change your career path/university plans?

• Bridging courses.
• University preparation courses.
• Keep your options open – especially in Year 11.
Some Common Mistakes Students Make

• Following friends into subject choices
• Practical subjects also have theory components
• How many major works can you manage?
WHERE TO FROM HERE?
Next Steps

• Look at the information package.
• Students should discuss their choices with their parents.
• Students can discuss subjects with students presently in Year 11-12.
• Students should discuss their choices with staff.
• Students should consider recommendations from staff in English, Mathematics, Science and other subjects.
• Take advantage of your meeting with an executive member of staff, you can always catch up with them again in person or via email.
Points to Remember

- **Two units of English** will be included in the calculation of the ATAR.

- **Fundamentals of English** course can only be studied in conjunction with **Standard English or English Studies**.

- **English Extension 1 Preliminary** must be studied in conjunction with **Advanced English Preliminary**.

- **French and Japanese Continuers** require that students have been studying this language in Stage 5.
Mathematics Extension 1 Preliminary must be studied in conjunction with Mathematics Advanced Preliminary.

Senior Science cannot be studied with any of the other four Science courses in Year 11, but you can study it with another Science course in Year 12.

No more than 6 units of Science can be studied.

Music 1 and Music 2 cannot be studied together.
The Lines

• No elective lines are drawn up at this initial stage.
• Every attempt is made to give students the broadest possible choice of subjects.
• At BDC student choice guides the development of our lines.
Accelerated Courses

• Almost all students will have completed Studies Of Religion 1 Unit Preliminary by the end of this term.
• Some students will also have completed Business Studies Preliminary or Hospitality Preliminary (2 units).
• ALL students will need to ensure that they have completed 12 Preliminary units by the end of 2017.
• The more Preliminary units a student studies the more choice they have in regard to what units they will continue studying for the HSC year when a minimum of 10 units are required.
Studies of Religion – Term 4 2016

• Students have the option of **commencing their HSC studies in SOR 1 Unit next term** – culminating in the HSC Examination at the end of next year.

• Students not wishing to do this will complete a unit of study in Religion, Philosophy and Ethics for the final term of Year 10 in their SOR lessons.

• We are also looking at **offering HSC SOR 2 Unit** to students who are willing to complete a project over the September holidays to fulfill the requirements of the SOR 2 Unit Preliminary course.

• If you intend not to continue with SOR it is suggested that you study a full 12 units in Year 11.
Additional Year 12 Extension Subjects

- Extension 2 Mathematics
- Extension 2 English
- Extension History
- Extension Music
- Extension French
Online Subject Selection Process

• Complete the online subject selection process using the instructions in your information pack and on the subject selection website by the end of this weekend.
• Select English and other electives according to your preferences.
• You will also be asked to select some reserve electives.
• Print out the confirmation slip and return to the secondary office by Monday.
Thank You

There is now an opportunity for an informal chat with staff and students about subjects.