

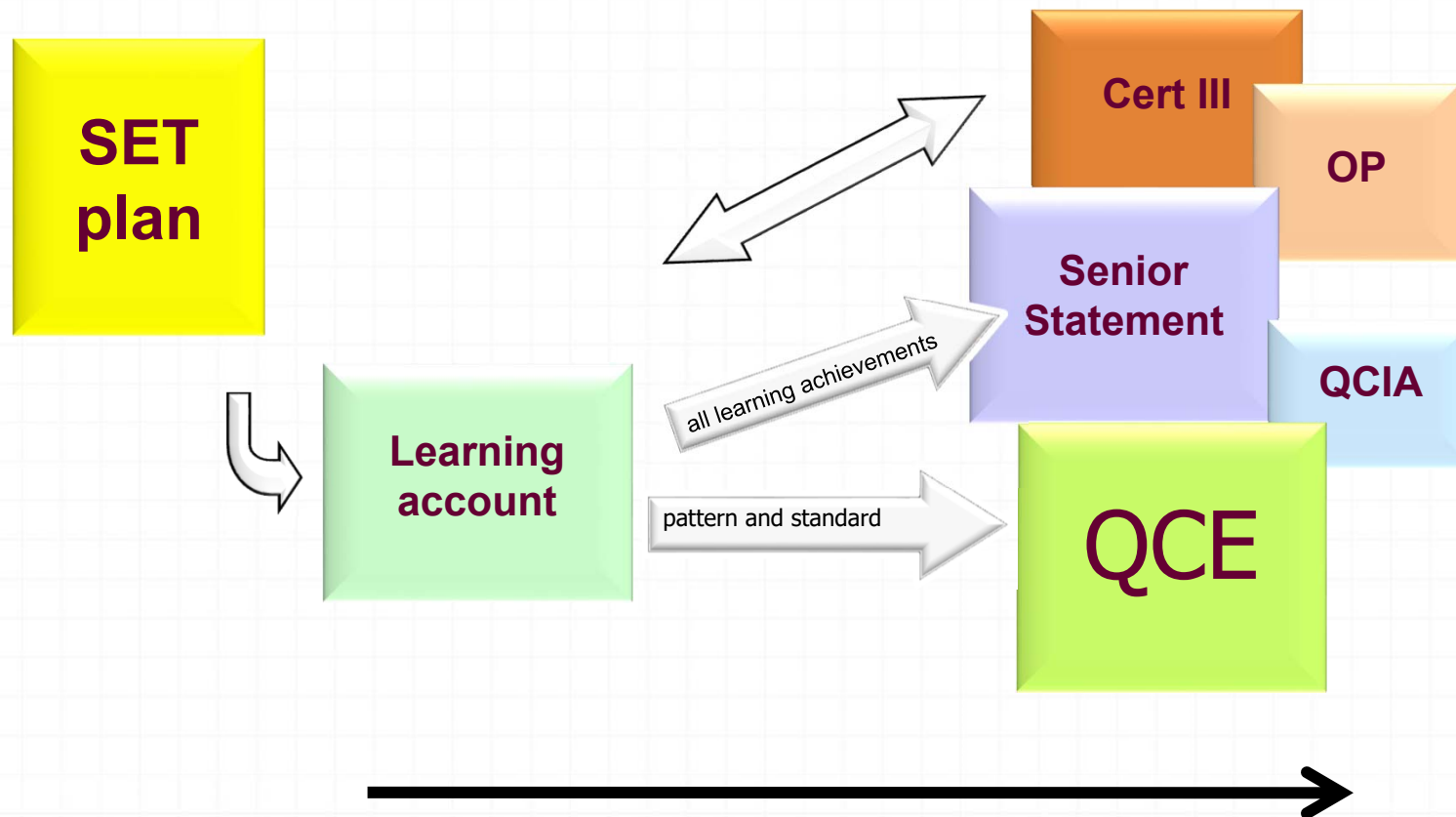
'We create excellent educational opportunities in an environment of success that inspires and supports all students to achieve their full potential'

Year 11 / 12 2019– 2020

Senior Phase of Learning
Blackwater SHS



The Senior Phase of Learning



Your Learning Account

- o All Year 11 and 12 students in Queensland have a learning account.
- o When you're in Year 10 or turn 15 (whichever comes first), your school will register you with the Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority (QCAA) and a learning account will be opened for you.
- o Your learning account includes all your enrolments and results

Using your learning account

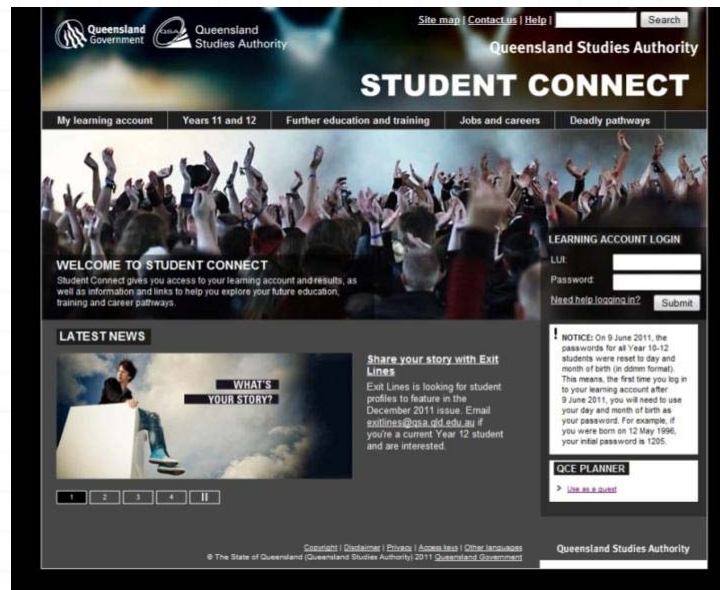
You can use your learning account to:

- check your personal details as recorded by BSHS
- view your enrolments and results
- track your progress towards a Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE)
- check your QCE and ATAR eligibility
- find out how changes to your enrolments will affect your QCE eligibility.

Assessing your learning account

You can log in to your learning account on the Student Connect website.

www.studentconnect.qsa.qld.edu.au



WHAT IS A SET Plan?

Senior Education Training Plan

A map that outlines “YOUR” pathway onto your next phase of learning

- Review your current results
- Think about where you are heading after year 12 and what course of study will help you get there.
- BE REALISITIC

OUTCOMES

Options.....

University

Apprenticeship

Traineeship

TAFE/RTO

Work

Every Student.....

QUEENSLAND CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION or QCIA

CERT 2 – Skills for Work and Vocational Pathways

University Pathway

- o ATAR (ATARs are comparable across states)

To be eligible for an ATAR:

- o 5 General OR
- o 4 General + 1 Applied/Completed Cert III
- o No mandated subjects “an English” (= C)
- o Only 1 General or Applied (English OR Maths)

Please Note:

- o There are prerequisite subjects and results
- o Select subjects you like.
- o Do well in them.

Pre-requisites:

- For General English: B in Year 10 English
- For General Maths: C in Year 10 Maths
- For Mathematical Methods: C in Year 10 Maths Extension
- Modern History: C in Year 10 English
- Geography: C in Year 10 English
- Biology: C or above in Year 10 Science & C or above in Maths or Maths Extension
- Chemistry: B or above in Year 10 Science & B or above in Maths or Maths Extension
- Physics: B or above in Year 10 Science & B or above in Maths or Maths Extension

Apprenticeships / Traineeships/ Work

Attendance – Behaviour - Effort

Pass in English / Maths

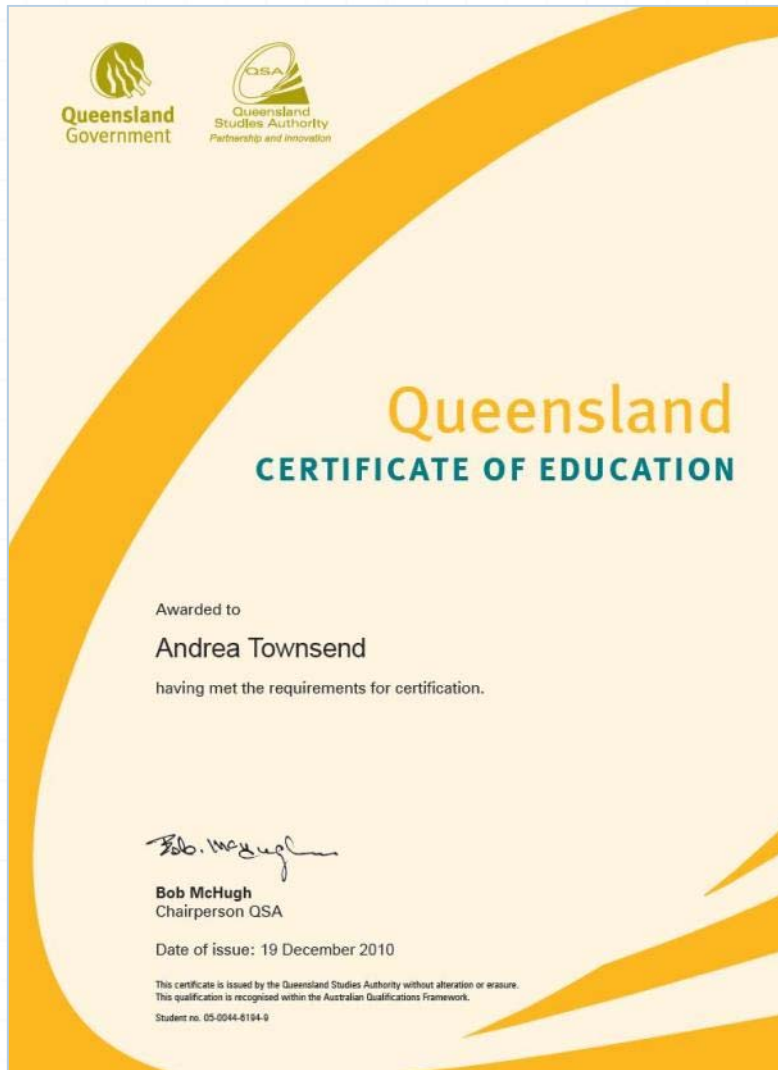
School prepares students with resume/application/interview

Most require pass in English & Maths

Work Experience report & School Reference

Extra Curricular Activities

What is the QCE?



- o Queensland's senior school qualification is:
- o internationally recognised
- o achievement based
- o flexible — letting you choose what, where and when you study.

About the QCE

The Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE) is Queensland's senior secondary schooling qualification. It is internationally recognised and provides evidence of senior schooling achievements.

The flexibility of the QCE means that students can choose from a wide range of learning options to suit their interests and career goals. Most students will plan their QCE pathway in Year 10 when choosing senior courses of study. Their school will help them develop their individual plan and a QCAA learning account will be opened.

To receive a QCE, students must achieve the set amount of learning, at the set standard, in a set pattern, while meeting literacy and numeracy requirements. The QCE is issued to eligible students when they meet all the requirements, either at the completion of Year 12, or after they have left school.



QCE requirements

As well as meeting the below requirements, students must have an open learning account before starting the QCE, and accrue a minimum of one credit from a Core course of study while enrolled at a Queensland school.



More information

For more information about the QCE requirements, see the following factsheets, which are available on the QCAA website at www.qcaa.qld.edu.au:

- QCE credit and duplication of learning
- QCE credit: completed Core requirement
- QCE literacy and numeracy requirement.

Set pattern

Within the set pattern requirement, there are three categories of learning — Core, Preparatory and Complementary. When the set standard is met, credit will accrue in a student's learning account.

To meet the set pattern requirement for a QCE, at least 12 credits must be accrued from completed Core courses of study. The remaining 8 credits may accrue from a combination of Core, Preparatory or Complementary courses of study.

- Core:** At least 12 credits must come from completed Core courses of study

COURSE	QCE CREDITS PER COURSE
QCAA General subjects and Applied subjects	up to 4
QCAA General Extension subjects	up to 2
QCAA General Senior External Examination subjects	4
Certificate II qualifications	up to 4
Certificate III and IV qualifications (includes traineeships)	up to 8
School-based apprenticeships	up to 6
Recognised studies categorised as Core	as recognised by QCAA

- Preparatory:** A maximum of 4 credits can come from Preparatory courses of study

QCAA Short Courses	1
• QCAA Short Course in Literacy	
• QCAA Short Course in Numeracy	
Certificate I qualifications	up to 3
Recognised studies categorised as Preparatory	as recognised by QCAA

- Complementary:** A maximum of 8 credits can come from Complementary courses of study

QCAA Short Courses	1
• QCAA Short Course in Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Languages	
• QCAA Short Course in Career Education	
University subjects (while a student is enrolled at a school)	up to 4
Diplomas and Advanced Diplomas (while a student is enrolled at a school)	up to 8
Recognised studies categorised as Complementary	as recognised by QCAA

Literacy & numeracy

The literacy and numeracy requirements for a QCE meet the standards outlined in the Australian Core Skills Framework (ACSF) Level 3.

To meet the literacy and numeracy requirement for the QCE, a student must achieve the set standard in one of the literacy and one of the numeracy learning options:

Literacy

- QCAA General or Applied English subjects
- QCAA Short Course in Literacy
- Senior External Examination in a QCAA English subject
- FSK20113 Certificate II in Skills for Work and Vocational Pathways
- International Baccalaureate examination in approved English subjects
- Recognised studies listed as meeting literacy requirements

Numeracy

- QCAA General or Applied Mathematics subjects
- QCAA Short Course in Numeracy
- Senior External Examination in a QCAA Mathematics subject
- FSK20113 Certificate II in Skills for Work and Vocational Pathways
- International Baccalaureate examination in approved Mathematics subjects
- Recognised studies listed as meeting numeracy requirements

You need

20 credits



at a
set standard

Sound Level of Achievement,
Pass or equivalent



in a
set pattern

at least **12 credits** from completed
Core courses of study
plus
an additional **8 credits** from a combination of
any courses of study

but a maximum of
4 credits from **Preparatory** courses of study

and meet
literacy and **numeracy** requirements



To gain a QCE

Core courses of study

- Includes:
 - General and Applied subjects
 - VET Certificates II, III and IV
 - school-based apprenticeships or traineeships
- To get your QCE, you must achieve at least 12 credits from completed Core courses of study
- At least one credit must come from a completed Core course while enrolled at school
- Partial completion of a Core course of study may contribute some credit towards your QCE

Preparatory courses

- Includes VET Certificate I qualifications and some recognised certificates and awards (only **one** can be calculated for QCE)
- Can be used as a stepping stone to further study or training
- A maximum of four credits from Preparatory courses can count towards your QCE
- Only two certificate qualifications can be used to gain credit towards your QCE

Literacy requirement

- Satisfactory completion in Unit 1 *or* Unit 2, *or* a grade of C or better in a Unit 3 and 4 pair in these QCAA subjects:
 - General English
 - Essential English
- Sound Achievement in the QCAA short course in literacy
- Cert II in Skills for work and vocational pathways
- Pass in a QCAA-recognised literacy course

Numeracy requirement

- Sound Achievement in Unit 1 *or* Unit 2, *or* a grade of C or better in a Unit 3 and 4 pair in these QCAA subjects:
 - Mathematical Methods
 - General Maths
 - Essential Maths
- Sound in the QCAA short course in numeracy
- Cert II in Skills for work and vocational pathways

When will I get my QCE?

- The QCE is awarded when you meet the set requirements for a QCE — usually at the end of Year 12.
- If you leave school earlier or do not achieve a QCE by the end of Year 12, you can keep working towards it for seven years after you have (or would have) completed Year 12.

What now ?

- o Student and parent/caregiver to attend the interview with administration to complete the SET Plan. Subjects will be selected online at the interview.
- o Parents must agree with the subjects selected by the student. This will be confirmed at the SET Plan interview.

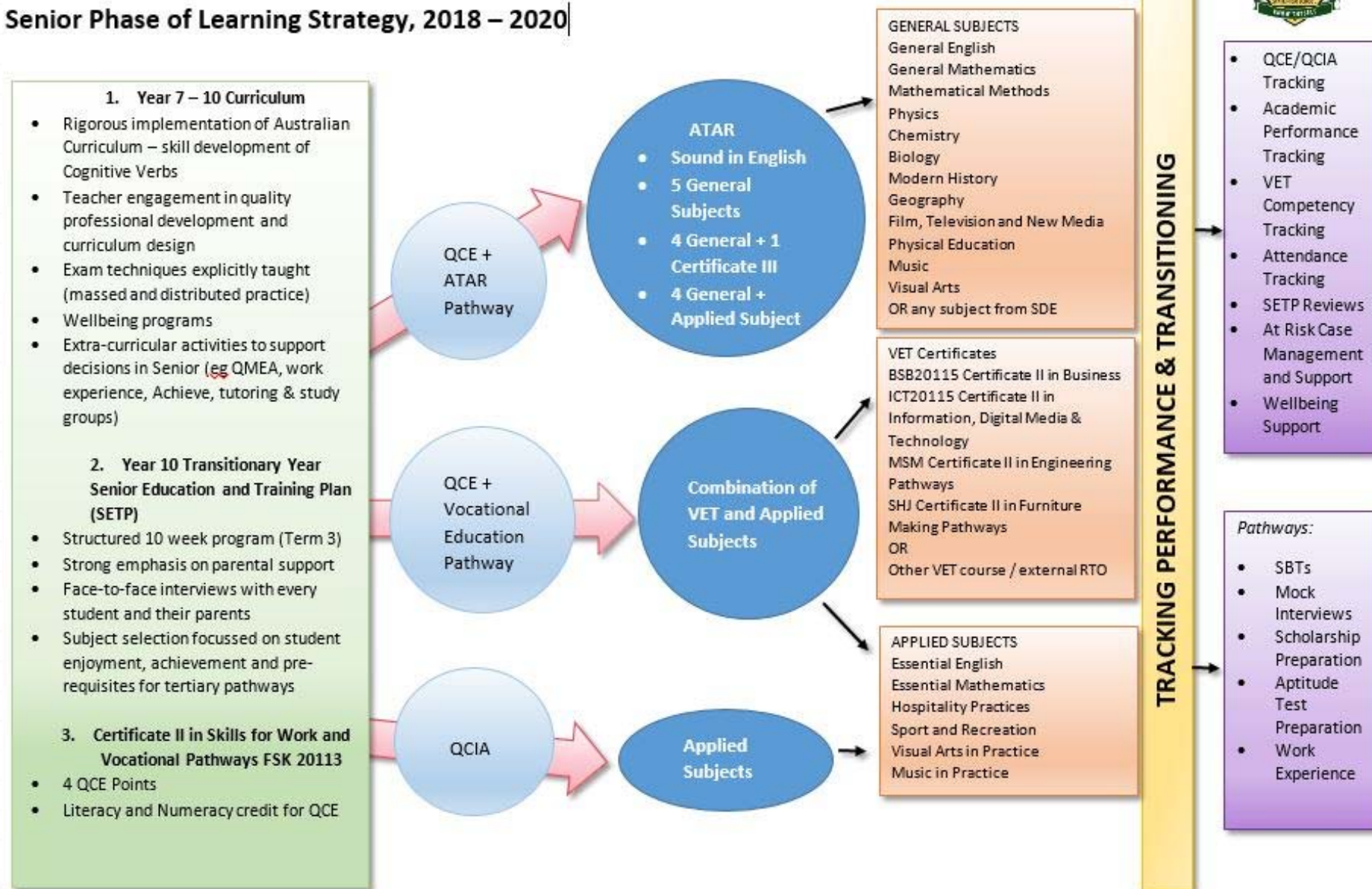
What can I study?

QCE learning options suit your strengths, interests and goals:

- o school subjects
- o vocational education and training (VET)
- o school-based apprenticeships (SBA) and traineeships (SBT)
- o learning projects
- o recognised studies
- o TAFE advanced diploma or diploma modules
- o university studies

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School subjects

General subjects are based on syllabuses that have been approved and issued by the QCAA.

Results in General subjects count in the calculation of ATARs — used for tertiary entrance.

GENERAL ENGLISH	BIOLOGY	MODERN HISTORY	VISUAL ART	
MATHEMATICAL METHODS	CHEMISTRY	GEOGRAPHY	FILM & TV	
GENERAL MATHS	PHYSICS	PHYSICAL EDUCAITON	MUSIC	

School subjects

Applied subjects generally include substantial vocational and practical components.

One applied subject can be used in the calculation of an ATAR
(Maths or English, not both)

ESSENTIAL ENGLISH	SPORT & RECREATION
ESSENTIAL MATHS	HOSPITALITY PRACTICES
VISUAL ARTS STUDIES	

Vocational Education & Training

Study at school for vocational qualifications, BSHS is the RTO for these courses.

CERT II – Information, Digital Tech and Media	CERT II – Engineering Pathways
CERT II - Business	CERT II – Furniture Making Pathways

University subjects and diploma modules

- Most Queensland universities/TAFEs offer Years 11 and 12 students the opportunity to study at tertiary level.
- If you complete an advanced diploma or diploma module or university subject while at school, you can earn credits towards your QCE.

Apprenticeships and traineeships

- o A school-based apprenticeship or traineeship provides the opportunity to train on the job while working towards the QCE.

QCIA: Queensland Certificate of Individual Achievement



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Find out more

Student Connect

www.studentconnect.qsa.qld.edu.au

Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority

www.qcaa.qld.edu.au

Talk to your teachers / guidance officer at your school

Link to Senior Subject Selection handbook 2019 2020:

<http://www.blackwatershs.eq.edu.au/qce.htm>