A discussion…
perhaps the first of many
TAS = SUBJECT CHOICE

enrolments  scholarships  what's on  book a tour
Parents

Welcome to the TAS Parents' Portal. Here you can find all the information you need to know in one place - whether it is current news, forms, links to the Uniform and Book Shop or the latest dining room menus - and so much more. Please familiarise yourself with the information available, and bookmark it for your convenience.
NAPLAN Information

Middle School Excursion Week
Year 8 Excursion Letter
TAS to Mosman Itinerary 2016
Pindari Letter 2016

TAS Stage 6 2016 Academic Program
(Year 11 and 12)
Year 11 Parents Presentation 2016
Year 12 PT presentation 2016
TAS Stage 6 (Years 11 and 12) 2016 Academic Handbook
Year 10 Stage 6 presentation 2015
Senior Subject Lines 2016
Stage 6 Assessment Policy Year 11
Year 11 Assessment Schedules 2016
HSC 2016 Assessment Schedules
It’s all about having the most options available to you when you leave TAS.
Careers at TAS

At TAS we encourage our students to take action as they prepare for their future endeavours beyond school life.

We assist students to build a career profile, explore career ideas, consider career options and begin to develop a career plan. Students are also introduced to a range of career ideas, university subject selection information, employment and career prospects.

In Year 10 students experience a structured course which is aimed at encouraging students in developing an interest in career exploration. We provide students with a stimulus for career ideas, coupled with the important process of understanding how to go about researching those ideas.
ARE YOU TRYING TO FIGURE OUT...

What ATAR? What Degree?
What HSC subjects to do?
Where can I do my course?

HUNDREDS OF CAREERS INCLUDING
Business, Administration and Sales

Fast, fun and for your careers

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password: cubs
If my ATAR is 74

What degree can I do for

### Architecture and Construction
Including: Architecture, building, construction economics, construction management, construction technology, design and planning, industrial design, interior design, landscape architecture, project management, quantity surveying, regional and urban planning, surveying

### Arts
Including: Aboriginal and Indigenous studies, Asian studies, Australian studies, contemporary studies, English, History, International studies, languages, linguistics, literature, ministry, philosophy, political science, psychology, religious studies, sociology, theology, women's studies, writing

### Business
Including: Accounting, actuary, agribusiness, banking, business administration, commerce, e-business, e-commerce, economics, econometrics, employment relations, finance, financial planning, human resource management, industrial relations, international business, management, marketing, property economics, statistics

### Communication
Including: Advertising, digital media, film, information management, journalism, media, multimedia, public relations, television and radio, video, writing
What careers interest you?

Career Quiz Tool

This tool is designed to give you an idea of what career areas might match with your interests and your preferences. It gives you a snapshot based on your preferences at this point in time.

This quiz can be used as a starting point for further investigation into different career options. Research shows that you should be careful and do as much research as you can when narrowing down your career options.

This test consists of 20 questions and takes about 25 minutes to complete. When answering the questions you should think of what comes into your mind rather than thinking about the questions too deeply.

When the test is finished you can print off a summary sheet and then take a look at some of the WIRL Career videos that match your preferences.

Click to start ➔

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- All about the HSC and the ATAR
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  - The ATAR
  - Applying to uni
  - Need to know more?
  - FAQ about the ATAR

**Step 1: Consider**

- Who inspires you?
- What do you like to do?
- What are you good at?
- Who can you talk to?
- Brainstorming worksheets

**Step 2: Explore**

- What are my options?

**Step 3: Decide**

- HSC subjects and courses
  - Choosing courses
  - HSC Board Developed courses to be examined in 2017
  - Common terms and abbreviations

**Part 2 Institution requirements**

- Prerequisites
- Assumed knowledge
- Recommended studies
- Additional selection criteria
- AFPM College of Business and Communication

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The HSC
The Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards NSW (BOSTES)

BOSTES was created by the NSW government in 2014 to sustain and improve the already high standards of achievement in NSW schools.

BOSTES brings together the curriculum, teaching, assessment, registration and policy functions previously provided by the Board of Studies NSW, and the NSW Institute of Teachers. Read more about BOSTES.

Latest news

- South Korean Principals and Deputy Principals visit Sydney 14 July 2016
- Save the date: Drama, Music, Textiles and Design and Visual Arts practical marking sessions 14 July 2016
- Reminder: 2017 Chief Examiner applications close 25 July 14 July 2016
Universities Admissions Centre

Explore your options, apply for courses and receive offers for tertiary study in NSW & the ACT

Undergraduate applicants

Information about applying for undergraduate study

International applicants

Information for overseas students applying for study in Australia

Postgraduate applicants

Information for graduates applying to study a higher degree

ATAR information

Information about the Australian Tertiary Admission Rank
HSC

HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATE
Record of Achievement

Sample Student

Sample High School
has met the requirements of the HSC Certificate and has received the results shown below.

STAGE 6 HSC COURSES

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ATAR

2014 Australian Tertiary Admission Rank Advice

MR FRED CITIZEN
8 PARKVIEW DRIVE
HOMEBUSH BAY NSW 2126

Your Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR): 73.00 *SEVEN*THREE***ZEROZERO*

Shown below are the ATAR courses which were available for inclusion in your ATAR, together with the units that were actually included in the calculation. Information about ATAR eligibility and the calculation of the ATAR is shown on the page.

Your NSW Board of Studies Student Number: 12345678
HSC Course Structure

- Preliminary Course = Year 11
- HSC Course = Year 12
- 2 unit subject = 120 hours per year; 100 marks in HSC exam
- 1 unit subject = 60 hours per year; 50 marks in HSC exam
Terminology you need to know

- Board Developed Courses at TAS
  - Set and externally examined by BOSTES
  - May contribute to an ATAR
  - Includes some VET courses
Terminology you need to know

- Board Endorsed Courses at TAS → Sport, Lifestyle & Recreation
  - No HSC exams - school assessment used
  - Counts towards HSC but cannot contribute to an ATAR
  - Include some VET courses (mainly those not offered at TAS)
Terminology you need to know

- VET Curriculum Frameworks
  - Board Developed Courses
  - Based on National Training Packages
  - Provide dual accreditation (VET and HSC)
  - Access to ATAR pathway (optional HSC exam) - only 2 units!
  - Mandatory work placement (35 hours each year)

→ Automotive, Metal & Engineering, Primary Industries and Hospitality
Terminology you need to know

- **Category A courses** - academic rigour, depth of knowledge, contributes to assumed knowledge for tertiary studies

- **Category B courses** - only one of these can count towards an ATAR as long as students sit the “optional” examination
  
  ★ Automotive
  
  ★ Hospitality @ PLC
  
  ★ Metal and Engineering
  
  ★ Primary Industries
The non-negotiables in Year 11

- Students must study at least 12 units (usually 6 x 2 Units)
- 2 units of English is compulsory
- At least 4 subjects
  (eg. Advanced English & English Ext 1 are the same ‘subject’)
- Must satisfactorily complete the course to move into the corresponding HSC course.

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The non-negotiables in Year 12

- Students must study at least 10 units - we recommend 11 or 12
- English is compulsory
- At least 4 subjects
  (Advanced English & English Ext 1 are the same ‘subject’)
- Must satisfactorily complete the course to be eligible for the HSC

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Subjects @ TAS
English - 2 units compulsory

- Extension 1 English + Advanced English = 3 units
- English Advanced = 2 units
- Standard English = 2 units
- English Studies = 2 units (school-based trainees only - non ATAR)

- Ext 2 English (Yr 12 only - major work) --> 4 units
Maths - not compulsory

- Mathematics Ext 1 + Mathematics = 3 units
- Mathematics = 2 units
- General Maths in Yr 11 = 2 units
  - General Maths 2 in Yr 12 = 2 units
  - General Maths 1 in Yr 12 = 2 units (school based trainees only - separate class - non ATAR)
- Extension 2 Maths (Yr 12 only) --> 4 units
Science

- Biology = 2 units
- Chemistry = 2 units
- Physics = 2 units
HSIE

- Ancient History = 2 units
- Business Studies = 2 units
- Economics = 2 units
- Geography = 2 units
- Legal Studies = 2 units
- Modern History = 2 units
- History Extension - major work (1 unit - Yr 12 only for Ancient or Modern History students)
Languages

• French Continuers (having studied French in Yr 9/10) = 2 units
• Japanese Continuers (having studied Japanese in Yr 9/10) = 2 unit
• Other languages by correspondence at additional cost
Creative Arts

- Drama = 2 units
- Music Course 1 or Music Course 2 = 2 units
- Visual Arts = 2 units

- Music Extension (1 unit - Yr 12 only for those studying Music 2)
Technological & Applied Studies

- Agriculture = 2 units
- Design & Technology - major work = 2 units
- Software Design & Development = 2 units (*)
- Automotive (VET - optional HSC exam) = 2 units
- Metals & Engineering (VET - optional HSC exam) = 2 units
- Primary Industries (VET - optional HSC exam) = 2 units
- Industrial Tech Timber - major work = 2 units
- Textiles & Design - major work = 2 units
- Hospitality (VET @ PLC Armidale - optional HSC exam) = 2 units
PDHPE

- PDHPE = 2 units

- Sport, Lifestyle and Recreation (non ATAR but counts as 2 units studied)
School-based Apprenticeships & Traineeships
David Slade and David Lawrence
• Program designed for students wanting a trade or vocational career
• You leave with an HSC but not an ATAR
• Separate timetable designed to allow students to work 1 to 2 days per week (minimum 100 days work).
• Limited Positions (selective)
  • Application and Resume
  • Aptitude Test, Job Interview and work trials- you need to be chosen by the employer
• Dependent on availability of an employer - restricted Armidale job market - competitive with all other candidates
• Places in VET classes are prioritised to students in this program
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Students complete 2 of the 3 subjects in Yr 12.
How do I apply?

- Organise an interview with Mr Slade and Mr Lawrence as soon as possible (dslade@as.edu.au)
- Still choose subjects in case you don’t get a traineeship
The Subject Selection Process
Subject Selection Process

Step 1:
* Read the handbook
* Speak to people (teachers, parents, older students)
* Come up with a list of subjects in order of preference
Choosing Subjects

• Consider
  - how many subjects with major works can you manage?
  - heavy research/written components?
  - likelihood of success?
  - impact of VET courses? work placement?

• Most students know what they don’t want to study
A possible way to choose...

Don’t be too narrow minded!

- What one subject do you really want to do?
- What 1 or 2 subject(s) do you really *not* want to do?
- *Consider all others - list them as ‘probably’ vs ‘possibly’*
- Most students will need 7 or 8 subjects as well as English that they are prepared to do (in case the lines don’t match)
A possible way to choose...

Must do: English - Advanced

Want: Visual Arts

Don’t want: Physics and Drama

Probably: Business, French, Modern History, Music, General Maths, Economics

Possibly: Biology, Chemistry, Ancient

etc
Subject Selection Process

Step 2: Log in to web choices (using your webcore) and submit choices before 12th August 2016.
https://web.edval.com.au
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Priority 5 | Automotive (VET) | | | | 0
Priority 6 | Biology | | | | 0
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| Travel and Tourism | | | | | 0
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Reserve Units:

Ancient History
Chemistry
Legal Studies
Subject Selection Process

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Subject Selection Process

Step 4: Final confirmation of subject allocation

Expected - Week 2 to 4 of Term 4
What if I don’t get the subjects I want?

- Mrs Wark will know (from your preferences) and will speak with you about options in Week 2 to 4 of Term 4 if not before.

- Correspondence (additional costs approx $800-1000 per year) - there are limits on our ability to access this.

- You may need to choose a different subject.
Any problems at any stage?

Students/parents to meet with Mr Taylor or Mrs Wark to look at possible solutions.

Families will be contacted as soon as we know there are problems with any selections.
What if I change my mind between now and the start of Yr 11?

- During 2016: let Mrs Wark know (via email initially)
- Mrs Wark will then determine if you still meet HSC eligibility criteria and advise as necessary
- Be aware that you may not be able to swap to another class if it is already full - so consider carefully right from the start
What if I change my mind once Year 11 has started?

- Let Mr Taylor know (via email) as soon as possible.
- Who will then determine if you still meet HSC eligibility criteria and advise as necessary. Paperwork to be completed - signed by parents.
- Be aware that you may not be able to swap to another class if it is already full - so consider carefully even for the initial survey.
- You will have missed the introductory work - hard to catch up.
ATAR
Australian Tertiary Admission Rank
Calculating the ATAR

The scaled mark for each course is based on the quality of the candidates in that course in that year.

Board of Studies

Raw Exam + Moderated Assessment Marks

Universities Admissions Centre

Scaled

2 units of English + next best 8 units

ATAR
Transition to Year 11
Transition into Year 11

- Begins in Term 4

- **All My Own Work** - in careers class - compulsory
  http://amow.bostes.nsw.edu.au

- Organisation & study techniques - student/parent information sessions - how to prepare for Yr 11 over the holidays (textbooks etc)

- TAS Preliminary handbook distributed at start of Yr 11
Questions
Thank you