Year 10 Information Session
HSC Subject Selection
Where do I find this presentation?
For Our Parents

Parents, this will give you access to current information.

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Parents Noticeboard

TAS Stage 6 2018 Academic Program
(Year 11 and 12)

TAS Stage 6 (Years 11 and 12) 2016 Academic Handbook

TAS Stage 5 2018 Academic Electives Program
(Year 9 and 10)
Where can I get more information?

- Subject handbook
- Teachers - parent teacher interviews + other discussions
- Advisor
- Careers advisor - Mr Taylor
- Mrs Wark
Regular emails to boys

Updates fortnightly on this website

Meetings with Mr Taylor

Visiting speakers

Customised trips to Sydney

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.

From understanding the roles and responsibilities of an ‘interesting’ occupation, to requisite education and training, employability skills, and job prospects upon leaving school or tertiary education. An

http://wordpress.as.edu.au/careers/
The HSC
It’s all about having the most options available to you when you leave TAS.
Terminology you need to know

• 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
The non-negotiables in Year 11

• Students must study at least 12 units (usually 6 x 2 Units)
• 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 Yr 12 course.

Monitored by Mrs Wark.
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

Monitored by Mrs Wark.
Vocational Education & Training (VET)

- Courses developed by BOSTES
- Based on National Training Packages
- Provide dual accreditation - if all requirements are met (VET and HSC)
- Counts towards HSC units
- One can contribute to your ATAR if you sit the optional exam (Metals, Automotive or Primary Industries)
- Have mandatory work placement (between 70 and 140 hours). Must complete the Yr 11 work placement even if you are not continuing the course in Yr 12.
- Don’t use it as a ‘filler’.
To get an ATAR (University entry)

- Optional - recommended
- The best 10 units count
- Subjects must have an HSC exam to count
The Subject Selection Process
Subject Selection Process

This year students will be required to select their preferred 12-14 units and then 3 reserve 2-unit subjects.

Subjects must be listed in preferential order (after English) as the system will take into account reserve choices in determining the best solution.

This will be the only time that the majority of students will be telling us what they want to study.

Changes at a later date may be possible but there is no guarantee.
Subject Selection Process

- Email to students will be sent out by Monday. Students will choose subjects in order of preference - need web code - contact Mrs O’Brien if you lose it.

- Web choices will be open until Monday 24th August.

- School determines which subjects are going to be on the same ‘line’ - some classes may not occur due to insufficient numbers or may be combined with Yr 12.

- Any students ‘of concern’ will meet with Mrs Wark to determine a way forward.

- Students notified of allocated classes (Week 2 Term 4)

- Any change needs to be discussed with Mrs Wark (email initially).

- If you are planning on being part of the Trade program you need to do this as well as speaking with Mr Slade (backup plan)
Choosing Subjects

• Consider
  - how many subjects with major works can you manage? 2
  - 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 \textit{not} want to do?
- \textit{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
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
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
- Correspondence (additional costs approx $800-1000 per year) - limits on our access
- You may need to choose a different subject
What if I change my mind between now and the start of Yr 11?

- During 2015: 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? - not ideal!

- Let Mrs Wark know (via email) as soon as possible.
- 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 even for the initial survey.
- You will have missed the introductory work - hard to catch up.
- Usually not allowed after 3 to 4 weeks.
The Subjects
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)
- ESL = 2 units (overseas students only)
- Ext 2 English (Yr 12 only) --> 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
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- Ancient History = 2 units
- Modern History = 2 units
- Business Studies = 2 units
- Economics = 2 units
- Legal Studies = 2 units
- Geography = 2 units
- History Extension (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 units

● Other languages by correspondence
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 = 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
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
• Non-ATAR but students receive an HSC
• 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 and Job Interview - you need to be chosen by the employer
  • Work Trials
• Dependent on availability of an employer - restricted Armidale job market
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 big difference - Assessment
Assessment

- It matters…
- Know the policies/procedures
- What can you expect from TAS
- Appeals
- N-determinations

TAS will continue to develop its strength as a vibrant and respected learning community where academic effort and performance are a priority.

The curriculum allows all students to be treated as individuals, by offering flexible learning pathways, whether it be for mainstream university entrance or vocational careers. The school continues to be a technologically-enabled environment where technology is used to maximise academic performance and communication.

SUBJECT OFFERING
Year 11 and 12 Subject Handbook

ASSESSMENT
Assessment is one of the most daunting components of Yr 11 for both students and families. Please contact the Director of Studies if you have any queries or concerns.

The following documents are the Stage 6 Assessment Policy and the Assessment Schedules for Year 11 2015 (accurate at the time of publication). Changes to these schedules may occur with consultation occurring with the students involved.

RESOURCES
- Stage 6 Assessment Policy 2014-2015
- Year 11 Assessment Schedules 2015
- TAS Assessment Appeal Form
ATAR

Australian Tertiary Admission Rank
Calculating the ATAR
Calculating the ATAR

Board of Studies

Raw Exam + Moderated Assessment Marks

Universities Admissions Centre

Scaled

2 units of English + next best 8 units

ATAR

The scaled mark for each course is based on the quality of the candidates in that course in that year.
What happens to the marks?

HSC Exam Marks

Average

50

100
Subjects Scale Differently

the average in one subject is not the same as the average of another subject
Subjects Scale Differently

you can get a great result in every subject
What happens to the marks?
then scaled by (UAC) - varies for each subject

HSC = 75
Scaled = 51

ATAR 65
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Transition to Year 11
Transition into Year 11

- Begins in Term 4

- **All My Own Work** - in careers class - compulsory from BOSTES

- 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