Stage 6

KINGSCLIFF HIGH SCHOOL

ACHIEVEMENT THROUGH ENDEAVOUR

Year 10 Subject Selection for Stage 6

For Year 10 students and their parents.

NSW EDUCATION STANDARDS AUTHORITY

Higher School Certificate
Stage 6

- is the culmination of a student's school career
- is the highest educational award that can be achieved at secondary school in New South Wales
- reports student achievement in terms of a **standard** achieved in individual courses
- presents a **profile** of student achievement across a broad range of subjects

Stage 6

* Year 11
* Used to be referred to as Preliminary
* Term 1, Term 2, Term 3

* HSC Year
* Refers to Year 12
* Term 4, Term 1, Term 2, Term 3

HSC Course Structure

All courses in the HSC have a unit value

* Most courses are 2 Units

Higher School Certificate

Year 11

* 12 units
* 6 subjects x 2 units

HSC Year

* 10 units
* 5 subjects x 2 units

Students must satisfactorily complete the Preliminary course before they are eligible to complete the HSC course.

Satisfactory Completion of a Course

* Students must:
  - ★ apply themselves with diligence and sustained effort
  - ★ follow the course developed or endorsed by the Board
  - ★ achieve some or all of the course outcomes
  - ★ complete work placement for VET courses
  - ★ make a genuine attempt at assessment tasks that total more than 50% of the available school assessment marks for that course.

Do I need an ATAR?

Board Developed Courses

Category A

May be included in the calculation of a student's Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR)
Compulsory HSC Examination for most courses

Category B

Optional HSC examination must be completed to count towards ATAR
Include VET Curriculum Framework courses and have compulsory work placement.

Board Developed Courses- Category A

Aboriginal Studies	Earth & Environmental Science	Japanese Continuers	
Agriculture	Economics	Legal Studies	Society & Culture
Ancient History	English-Advanced	Mathematics	Software Design & Development
Biology	English-Standard	Mathematics Standard 2	Studies of Religion 1 unit
Business Studies	Engineering Studies	Mathematics Extension 1	Studies of Religion 2 unit
Chemistry	Food Technology	Modern History	Textiles & Design
Community & Family Studies	Geography	Music	Textiles & Design
Dance	German Beginners	PD/H/PE	Visual Art
Design &Technology	Information Processes and Technology	Physics	Industrial Tech – 1 only IT – Multimedia IT – Metal & Engineering IT – Timber and Furniture IT Graphic Technologies
Drama	Japanese Beginners	Investigating Science	

Board Developed Category B Courses

* Include

* English Studies
* Maths Standard 1
* VET Courses such as Primary Industries) School
  - Entertainment)
  - Construction)) TAFE
  - Electrotechnology)
  - Hospitality)
  - Business Services)

Board Endorsed Courses **internal assessment**

* Kingscliff High School

  Work Studies
  Marine Studies
  Sports, Lifestyle and Recreation
  Computer Applications

* Kingscliff TAFE

  Hairdressing
  Fitness Certificate III
  Media – Photography
  Beauty Make up

How many subjects do I need?

Year 11

English
6 subjects minimum

HSC + ATAR
at least 5 Board Developed Courses
Standard or Advanced English

HSC
at least 3 Board Developed courses

HSC Year

English
5 subjects minimum

HSC + ATAR
at least 5 Board Developed Courses
Standard or Advanced English

HSC
at least 3 Board Developed courses

Year 11 - ATAR

Only ONE category B subject can be included

Year 11 - HSC

English
Board Developed
Board Developed
Board Endorsed
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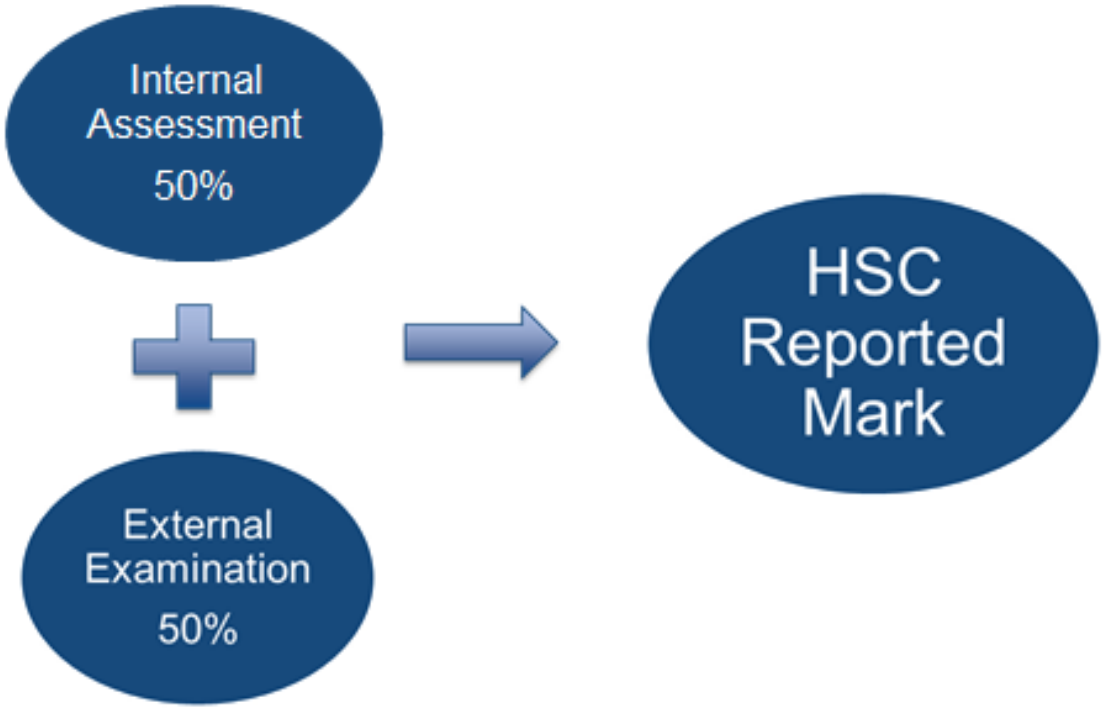
How is the HSC mark determined?



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

Selecting HSC Courses

Study Pattern example – A – Year 11

Subject	Unit Value	Course Type
English - Advanced	2	Board developed – Cat A
Mathematics Advanced	2	Board developed – Cat A
Economics	2	Board developed – Cat A
PE	2	Board developed – Cat A
Physics	2	Board developed – Cat A
Business Studies	2	Board developed – Cat A
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Study Pattern example – A- Year 12

Subject	Unit Value	Course Type
English - Advanced	2	Board developed – Cat A
Mathematics Advanced	2	Board developed – Cat A
Economics	2	Board developed – Cat A
PE	2	Board developed – Cat A
Physics	2	Board developed – Cat A
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Qualifies for HSC and ATAR

Study Pattern example – B – Year 11

Subject	Unit Value
English - Advanced	2
Mathematics Advanced	2
Economics	2
PE	2
Physics	2
Business Studies	2
Extension Maths	1
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Study Pattern example – B – Year 12

Subject	Unit Value
English - Advanced	2
Mathematics Advanced	2
Economics	2
PE	2
Physics	2
Extension Maths	1
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Qualifies for HSC and ATAR

Study Pattern example – C – Year 11

Subject	Unit Value	Course Type
English - Advanced	2	Board developed – Cat A
Mathematics Standard 2	2	Board developed – Cat A
Biology	2	Board developed – Cat A
Legal Studies	2	Board developed – Cat A
Ancient History	2	Board developed – Cat A
Sport, Lifestyle & Rec	2	Board endorsed
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Study Pattern example – C – Year 12

Subject	Unit Value	Course Type
English - Advanced	2	Board developed – Cat A
Mathematics Standard 2	2	Board developed – Cat A
Biology	2	Board developed – Cat A
Legal Studies	2	Board developed – Cat A
Ancient History	2	Board developed – Cat A
Sport, Lifestyle & Rec	2	Board endorsed
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If the student wants an ATAR they can only drop SLR

Study Pattern example – D – Year 11

Subject	Unit Value	Course Type
English - Standard	2	Board developed – Cat A
Society & Culture	2	Board developed – Cat A
Timber Tech	2	Board developed – Cat A
SLR	2	Board endorsed
Work Studies	2	Board endorsed
Hair Dressing (TAFE)	2	Board endorsed
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Student qualifies for HSC but not ATAR

Timeline from here

Subject selection information

https://kingscliff-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/learning-and-support/stage-6-year-11-and-year-12

Subject Selection

https://my.edval.education/login