

Specific details pertaining to subject selection can be gathered from the following booklets previously supplied to all students:

1. The Barham High School “HSC Course Information Booklet” for information on specific subjects.
2. The Board of Studies “Studying for the NSW HSC”.
http://studentsonline.bos.nsw.edu.au/go/seniorstudy/how_your_HSC_works/
3. The Barham High School “VET Booklet”

Studying for the NSW Higher School Certificate

You can find out more about eligibility rules in the Board’s publication, the *Assessment, Certification and Examination (ACE) Manual*, which can be found under Manuals and Guides in the Board’s website. It is also available in every NSW secondary school and TAFE NSW institute.

What courses do you have to study?

There are some rules about the courses you need to study to gain an HSC. You must complete at least 12 Preliminary units (usually studied in Year 11) and 10 HSC units (usually studied in Year 12). Most courses are worth 2 units although some, including HSC extension courses, are 1 unit. The Preliminary component of a course must be completed before starting the HSC component.

Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) Eligibility

This is a brief summary of information about the ATAR. Further detail about the ATAR is available at: <http://www.uac.edu.au>

Eligibility of an ATAR in NSW

To be eligible for an ATAR a student must have satisfactorily completed at least 10 units of ATAR courses, which included at least:

- eight units of Category A courses
- two units of English
- three courses of two units or greater
- four subjects

For a VET course to be included in the 10 units of Board Developed Courses, a student must sit for the written HSC examination.

Calculating the ATAR in NSW

The ATAR is based on an aggregate of scaled marks in 10 units of ATAR courses comprising:

- the best two units of English
- the best eight units from the remaining units, which can include up to two units of Category B courses. All VET courses are Category B courses

Marks to be included in the ATAR calculations can be accumulated over a five year period but if a course is repeated only the last satisfactory attempt is used in the calculation of the ATAR. For students accumulating courses towards their HSC, scaled marks are calculated the year the courses are completed.

In both Year 11 and Year 12 your subject selection must include at least:

