

Student Pattern of Study Year 12 2022

Newtown High School of the Performing Arts



Study requirements

- To be eligible for HSC students must complete:
 - 12 units of preliminary courses
 - 10 units of HSC courses
- English is the only compulsory subject

Study requirements

HSC study patterns must include

- at least 6 units of Board Developed Courses
- at least 2 units of English
- At least three courses of 2 unit value or greater
- At least four subjects

Study requirements

Extension courses

- Build on the content of the corresponding 2 unit course
- Both English and Mathematics have Preliminary Extension Courses: English Extension 1 and Mathematics Extension 1
- Further English and Mathematics extension courses are available in the HSC year: English Extension 2 and Mathematics Extension 2
- History, Music and some Languages also offer extension courses in the HSC year: History Extension and Music Extension
- At NHSPA admission to extension courses is dependent on students meeting strict selection criteria and is by invitation

HSC results

Made up of

- The Assessment Mark: A cumulative mark of school assessment tasks moderated by NESA
- The Examination Mark: awarded for the external examination
- The HSC mark. The average of the Assessment Mark and Examination Mark

Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR)

- Is calculated using 50% scaled assessment and 50% scaled examination marks for 2 units of English and the best remaining 8 units of Board Developed courses
- To be eligible for ATAR you must complete:
 - At least 10 units from Board Developed Courses including at least 2 units of English
 - At least three courses of 2 units or greater and at least four subjects
 - No more than 2 units of category B courses can be counted towards a ATAR

Course Changes

Common questions

- Can I choose new courses? **New courses cannot be chosen except extension courses.**
- How many units should I take? **Students may take a minimum of 10 units or choose to take 11 or 12.**
- Should I consider extension courses? **Extension courses should be considered ONLY if you are doing exceptionally well in the 2U course and meet strict selection criteria.**
- Can I drop courses during the HSC year? **A course can be dropped if is not included in your final 10 units of study.**
- How will scaling effect my results? **Leave scaling to the statisticians, focus on your study.**

Scaling

- Is only relevant for those seeking ATAR.
- Takes NESA marks and estimates what these would have been if all courses had been studied by all students.
- Underlying principle is that no student is advantaged nor disadvantaged by the courses they choose.
- Do not choose courses based on scaling.

Course changes

DO choose based on

- Abilities
- Interests
- 2023 aspirations
- Accurate information

DON'T choose based on

- Friends
- Siblings
- Parents
- Teachers
- Scaling

The process

This term ...

- Students will receive forms giving notice of their intention to
 - maintain their current pattern of study for the HSC (No change to pattern of study form)
 - change their pattern of study by dropping course(s) or picking up extension course(s) (Request to change pattern of study form)
 - express an interest to study extension course(s) (Expression of Interest form)

These forms will be sent by email.

- Seek as much advice as possible from teachers, Year Advisers, Deputy Principals, Ms George (Careers Adviser) and Ms Roberts.
- Don't give up on any current courses and ensure all Preliminary course requirements are met

Course completion criteria

To satisfactorily complete a Preliminary or HSC course a student must have

- Followed the course developed or endorsed by NESA
- Applied themselves with diligence and sustained effort to set tasks and experiences in the course
- Achieved some or all of the course outcomes

Support available

- Mentor Teachers- All Year 11 students have been provided with the opportunity to nominate a teacher mentor to work with them over their HSC Year
- Year Adviser, Assistant Year Adviser, Counsellor and Deputy Principal, Mr Pico
- After School Study Centre- Available for students to access on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons

Don't forget

Ask lots of questions

