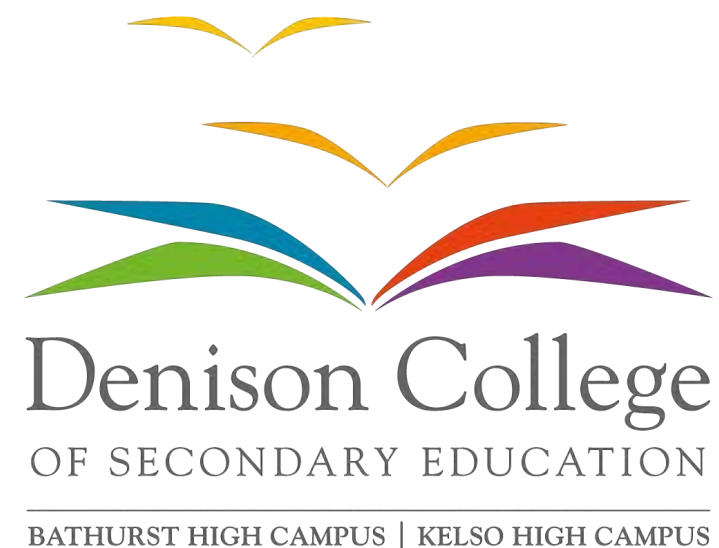


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# Future Directions

**2025 FUTURE DIRECTIONS INFORMATION EVENING AND EXPO**



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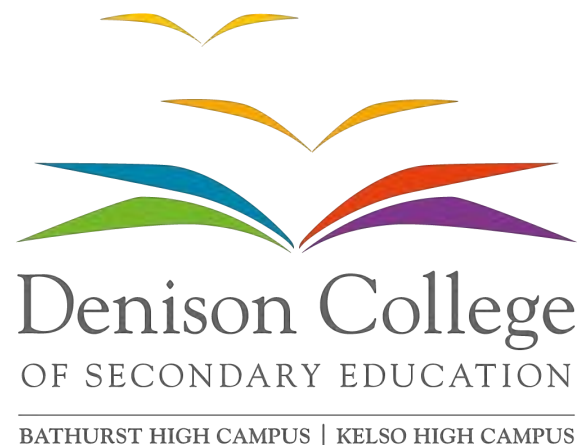




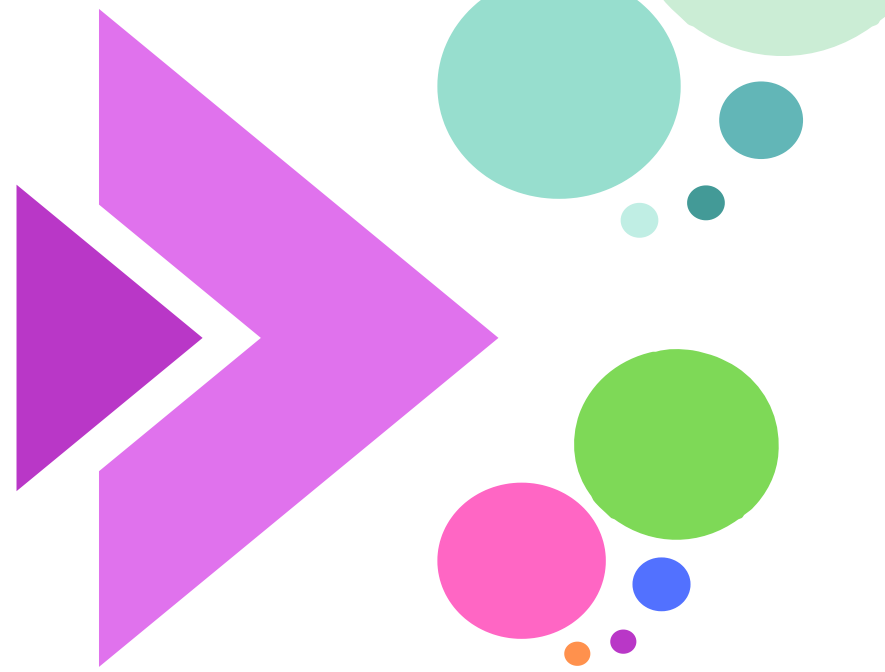


# ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We begin today by acknowledging the Wiradjuri people, Traditional Custodians of the land on which we gather today. We recognise their continuing connection to land, water and community. We pay respects to Elders past and present and extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples here today.







# FUTURE DIRECTIONS

# YEAR 11 COURSE CHOICES

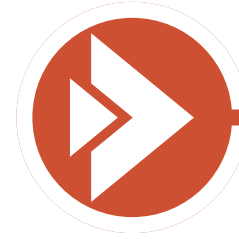
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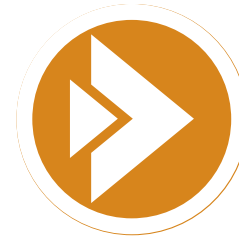




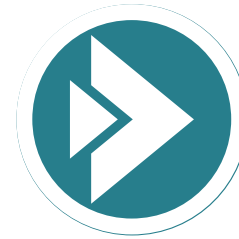
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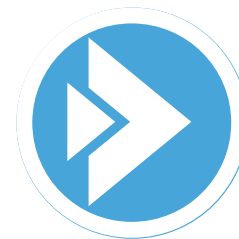
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Advice from Parents and Teachers

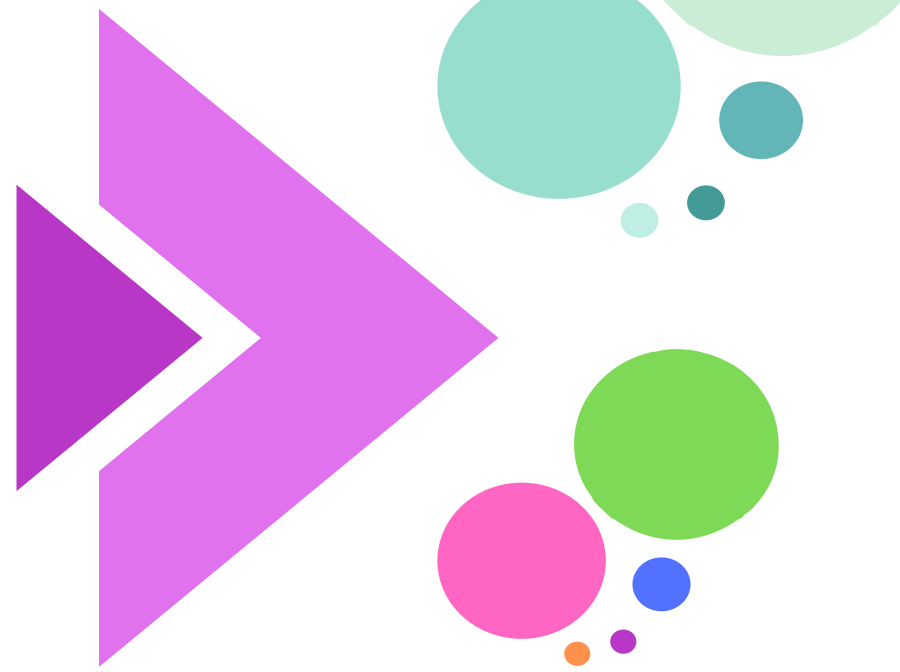


Seek advice from external providers  
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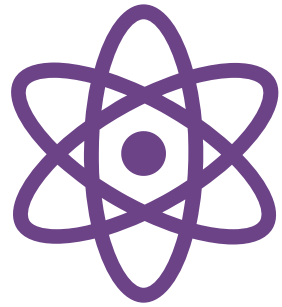


Make the best-informed decision

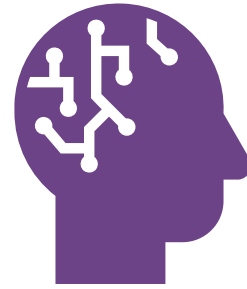




# CHOOSING YOUR COURSES



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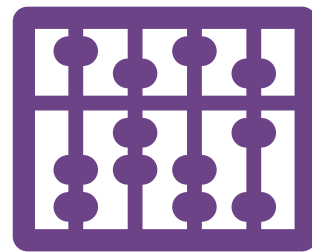
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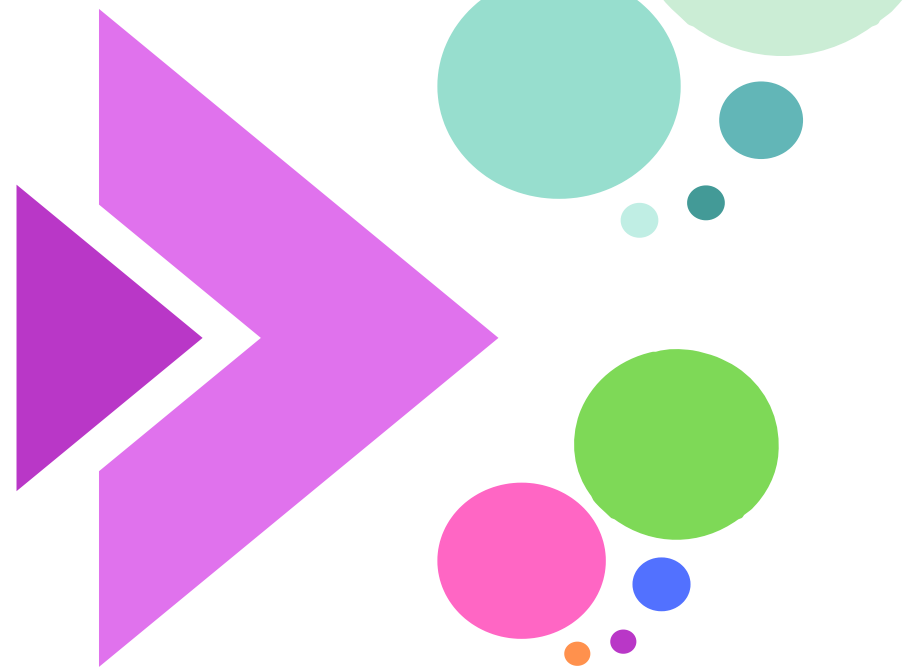
**Career  
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**Balance**



**Subject  
combinations**



# POSSIBLE PATHWAYS

**BEST HSC FOR ME**

- HSC
- HSC and ATAR
- School Based Traineeship
- Study elsewhere
- Employment
- Apprenticeship or Traineeship



# 5 - DAY STRUCTURE

**BEST HSC FOR ME**

- Preliminary and HSC students attend school 5 days a week at their respective campuses
- The return to a 5-day schooling week for senior students was implemented for a variety of reasons such as:
  - improving learning continuity for students
  - increasing connectedness with school
  - increasing learning and study time
- The overarching theme of this change is to improve learning outcomes for students and better prepare our learners for post-school transitions.





# FUTURE DIRECTIONS PROCESS

**1** **Subject Selection Guide** given to students, access to website and information in careers lessons

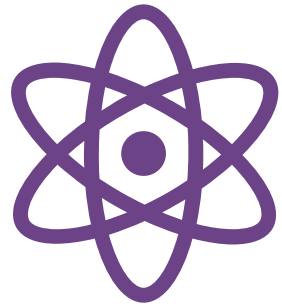
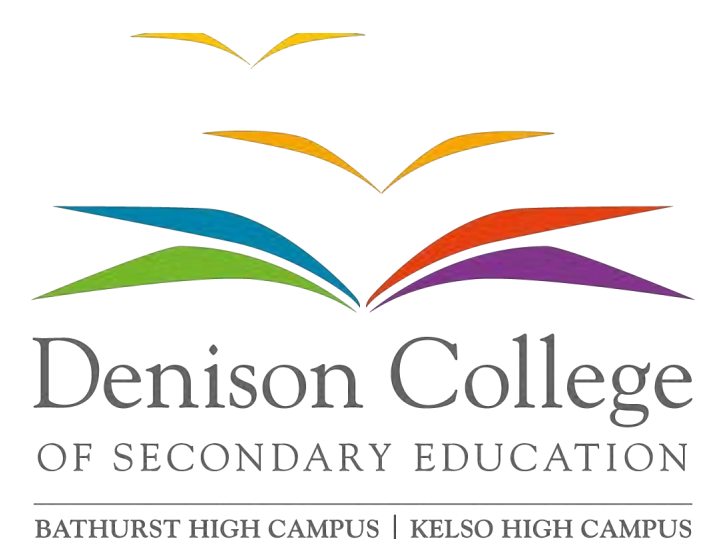
**2** **Tonight-** Future Directions Information Evening  
**Tomorrow-** Bathurst Job Expo

**3** **Interviews-**  
BHC (MON-TUES WEEK 3) KHC (THU-FRI WEEK 3)

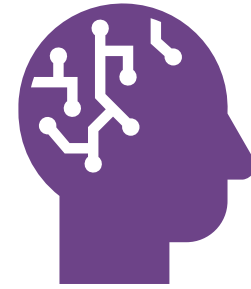
**4** All student selections are collated and the best timetable is produced for all students

**5** Students are notified of their Subjects in Term 4

# DENISON DIFFERENCE



Largest provider of secondary education in the Central West



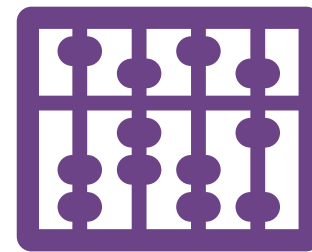
Subjects can be studied at either Campus or at TAFE



The multi-campus approach increases the number of classes and courses that can be offered, creating a greater choice for students enabling them to study the courses that interest them



Significant support and guidance is provided in the subject selection process “Future Directions”

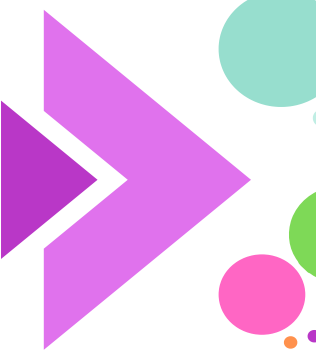


Individual student profiles developed to assist selections





# COURSE SELECTION CONSIDERATIONS



In 2022, the Minister for Education announced a raft of HSC reforms as part of the Curriculum Reform program, which included removing classifications for ATAR courses. **Previously, only 2 units of a Category B courses could contribute to the ATAR.**

The announcement came after a review of the VET sector identified current HSC and ATAR arrangements as a barrier to developing a pipeline of job-ready high school graduates. The Joint ATAR Reform Advisory Committee also recommended the removal of HSC course categories for the calculation of the ATAR.

This piece of reform aims to lift the perceived value of vocational studies and will give students the opportunity to study more courses they are interested in and passionate about.

The change will be in place from the 2025 HSC.

**To find out more visit [educationstandards.nsw.edu.au](https://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au)**



# **MINIMUM STANDARDS**

- To be eligible for a HSC students need to demonstrate they have met a minimum standard in literacy and numeracy.
- Students will have several opportunities to meet the HSC minimum standard. This includes six opportunities each year from Year 10 up to five years after starting their first HSC course.
- Students will show they meet the HSC minimum standard by passing online tests of basic literacy and numeracy skills.





# DISABILITY PROVISIONS

Students doing their Higher School Certificate (HSC) may need disability provisions for:

- a permanent condition, such as cerebral palsy or vision impairment
- a temporary condition, such as a broken arm, or
- an intermittent condition, such as back pain when sitting for long periods.

Schools are responsible for adjustments in school-based assessment tasks. NESAC determines disability provisions for HSC exams.

- More than 10,000 HSC students apply for provisions each year.

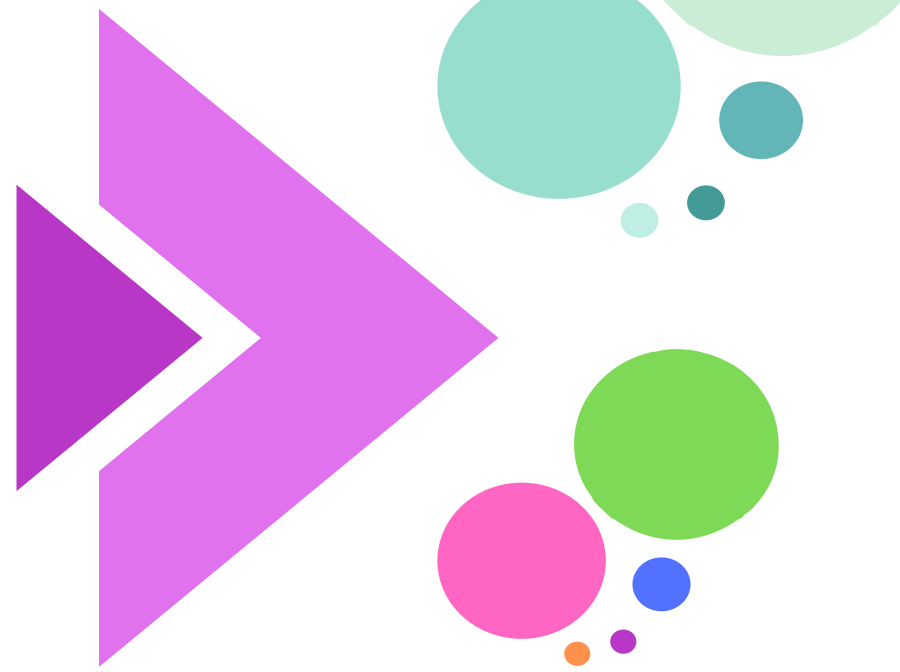


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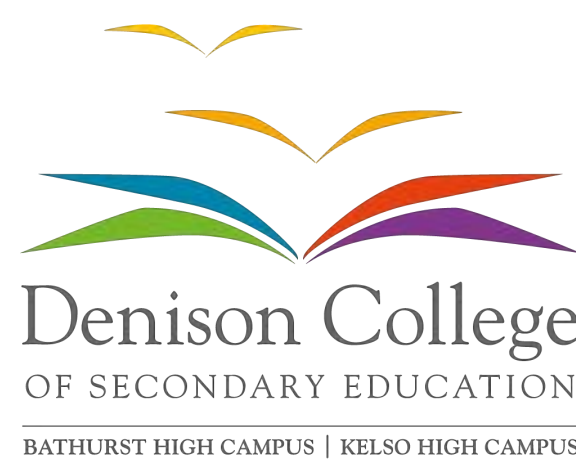
## HSC PATTERN OF STUDY





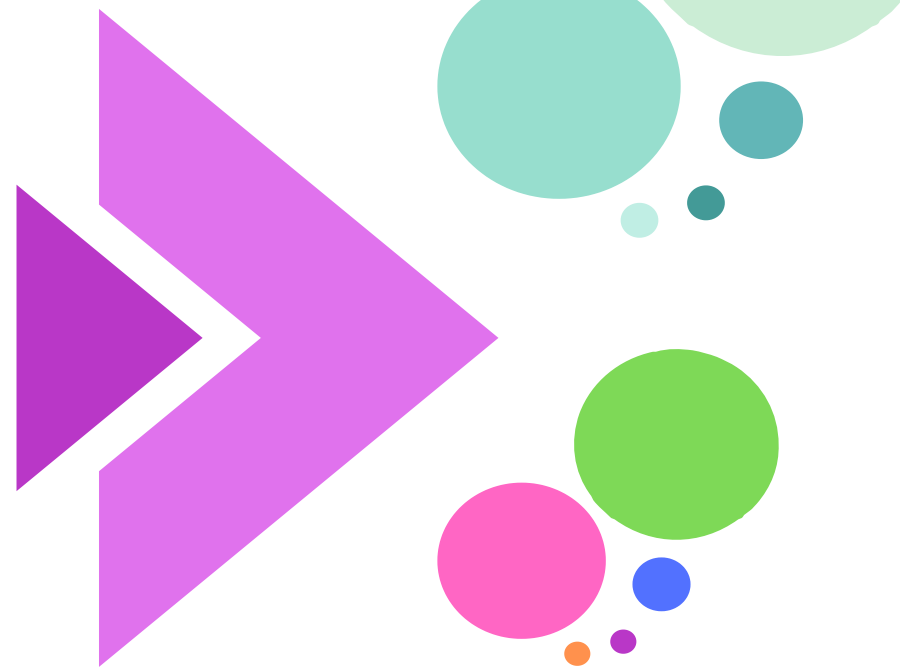


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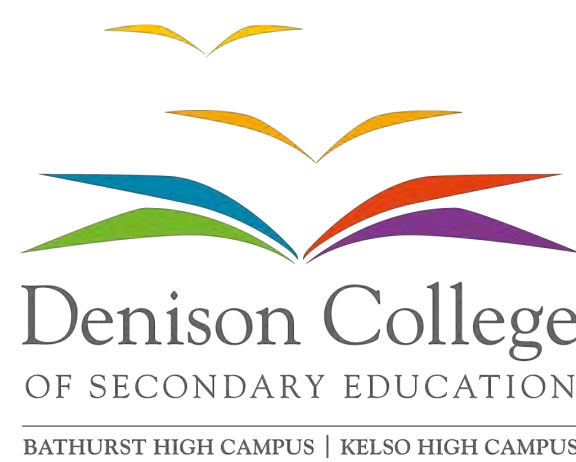


**BEST HSC FOR ME**

- The HSC is a credential and the highest level of attainment that secondary school students can achieve in NSW.
- The HSC mark for each course, which is calculated by NESA, shows your performance in the exam and assessments for that course.
- The HSC mark reflects the standard you achieved.



# HSC



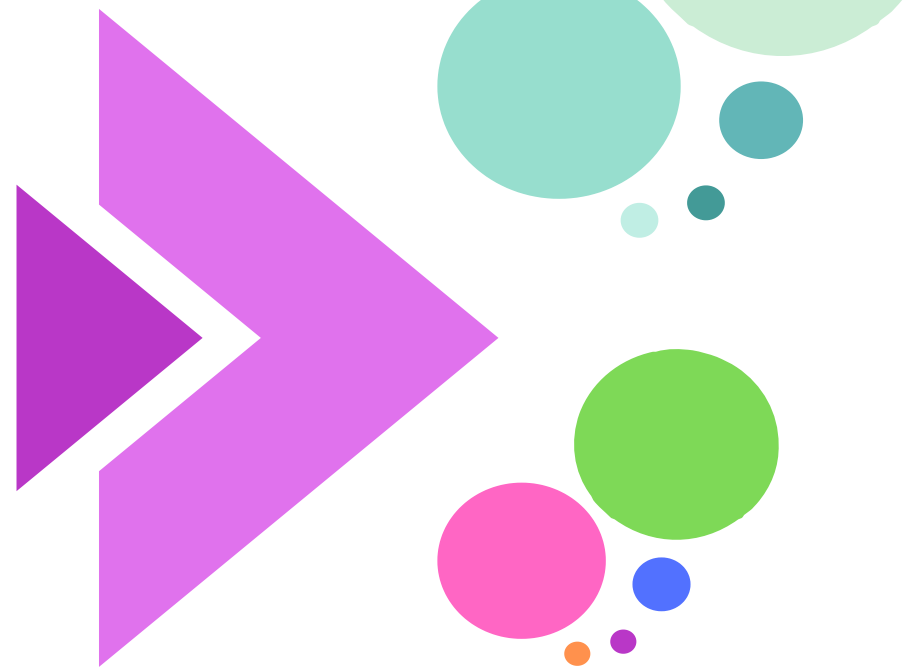
**BEST HSC FOR ME**

- Preliminary Course (Year 11: Terms 1-3)
- HSC Course (Year 11: Term 4; Year 12: Terms 1-3)
- AT LEAST 12 units in Year 11
- AT LEAST 10 units in Year 12
- English is compulsory
- Students must satisfactorily complete the Preliminary course before commencing the HSC in that course.

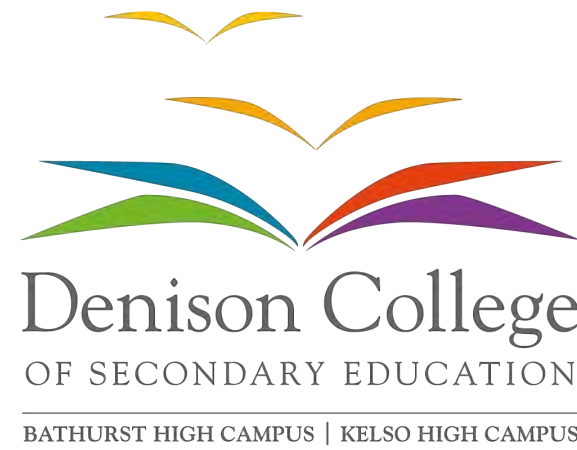


# TYPES OF HSC COURSES

Board Developed Courses	Board Endorsed Courses
HSC examination except for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• optional examination in English Studies and Mathematics Standard 1 and VET Curriculum Framework courses</li><li>• all Life Skills courses</li></ul>	No HSC examination – school-based assessment only
May be included in the calculation of a student's Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR).	Not included in the calculation of a student's Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR).
Includes some Vocational Education and Training (VET) courses.	Includes some Vocational Education and Training (VET) courses.
Includes Life Skills courses.	No more than 4 units of Board Endorsed Courses will count towards the HSC
Minimum 6 units of Board Developed Courses	



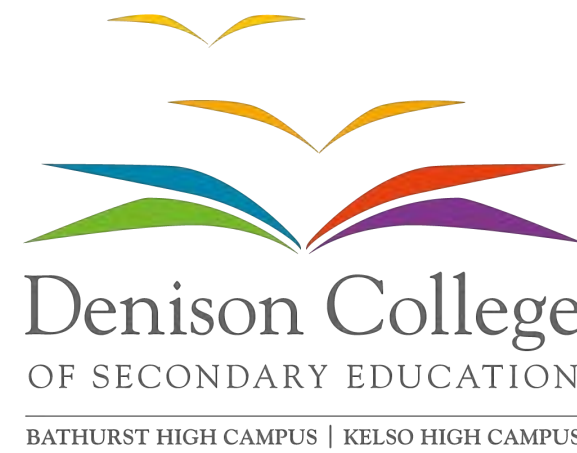
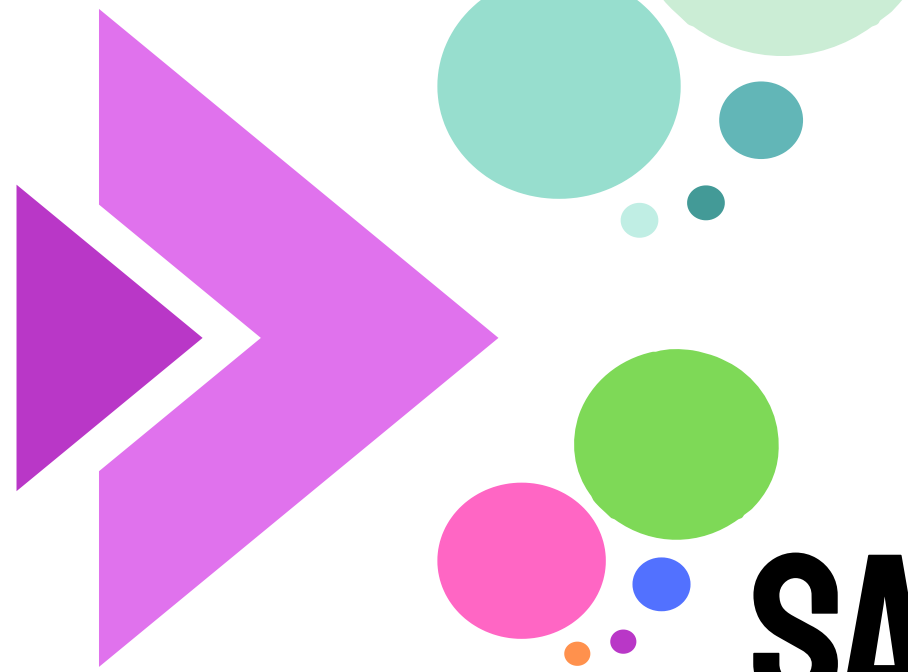
# HSC



## BEST HSC FOR ME

- There are rules about what courses you can choose
- A combination of the HSC examination mark and the school assessment mark will result in your HSC grade
- Ensuring that you are compliant with the minimum requirements of the HSC will be discussed in the subject selection interviews – **Maximum 3 BEC courses in Year 11 and Maximum 2 BEC courses in Year 12**





**BEST HSC FOR ME**

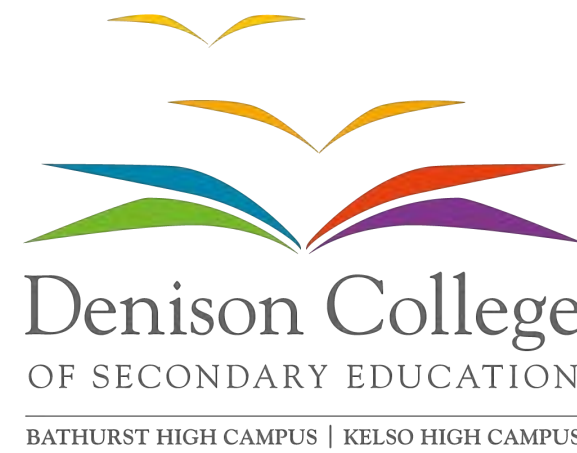
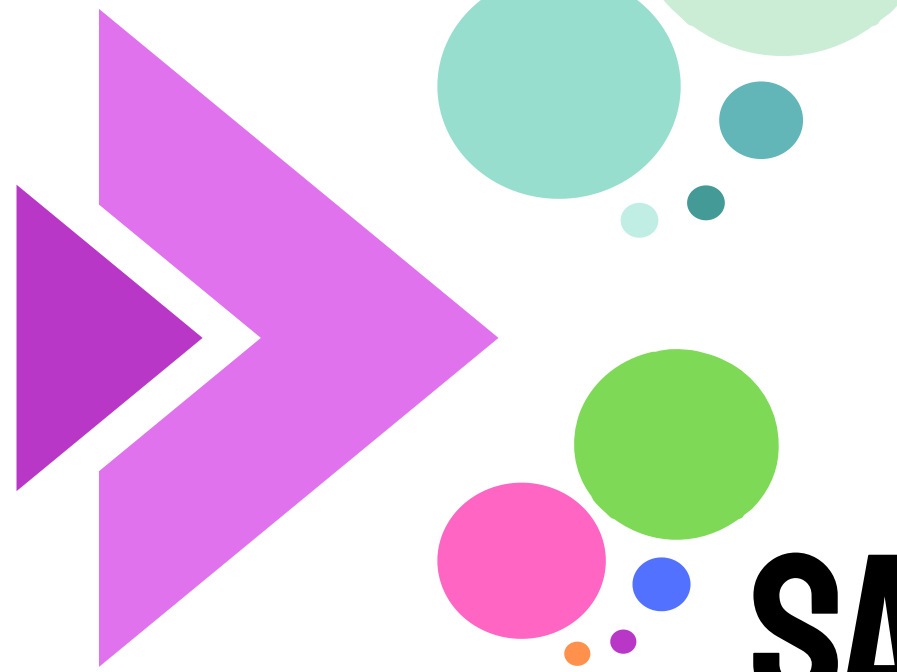
# **SATISFACTORY COMPLETION OF A COURSE**

Students must:

- **follow** the course developed or endorsed by NESA
- **apply themselves** with diligence and sustained effort to the set task and experiences provided in the course by the school; and
- **achieve** some or all of the course outcomes

VET Board Developed Courses require students to complete **mandatory work placement**.





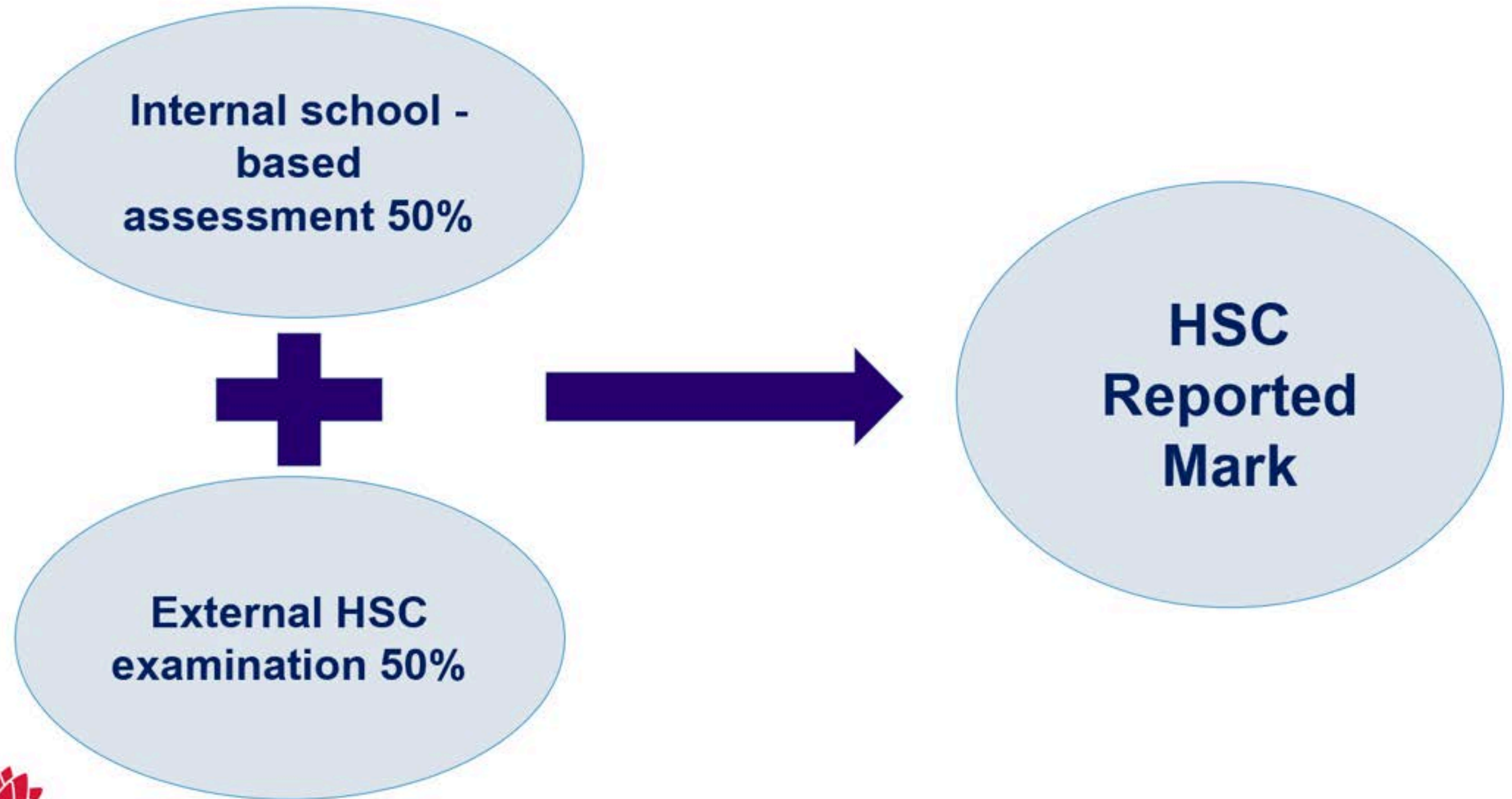
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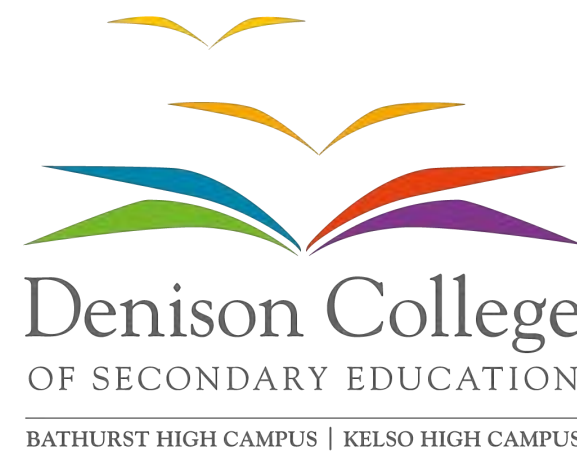
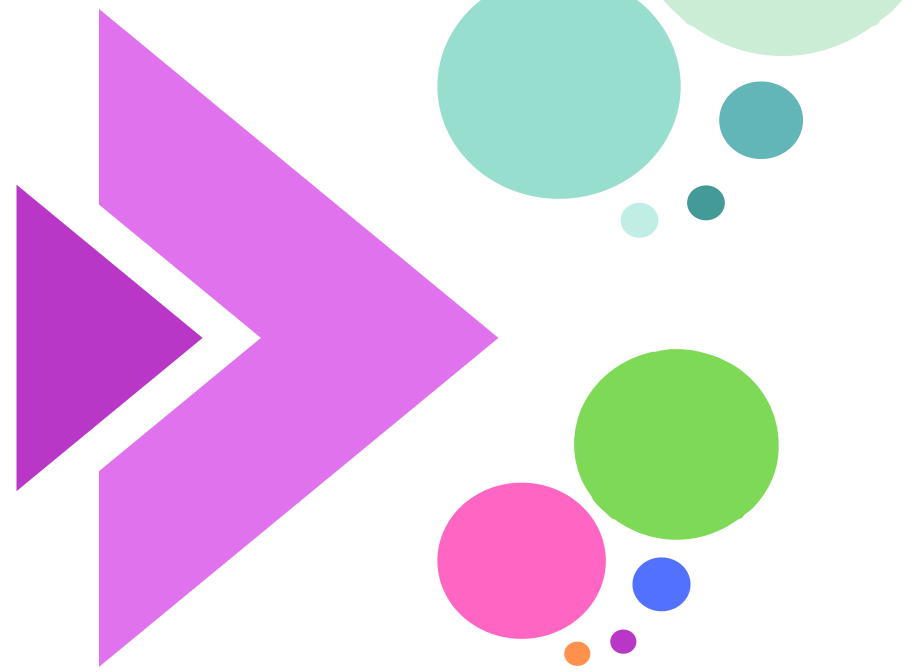
# **SATISFACTORY COMPLETION OF A COURSE**

Students must:

- complete HSC assessment tasks that contribute **in excess of 50 per cent** of available marks in courses where internal assessment marks are submitted; and
- sit for and make a **serious attempt** at any requisite Higher School Certificate examinations for a course

# BEST HSC FOR ME





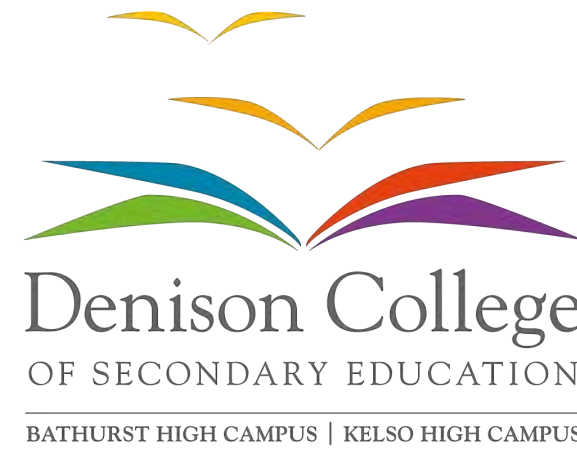
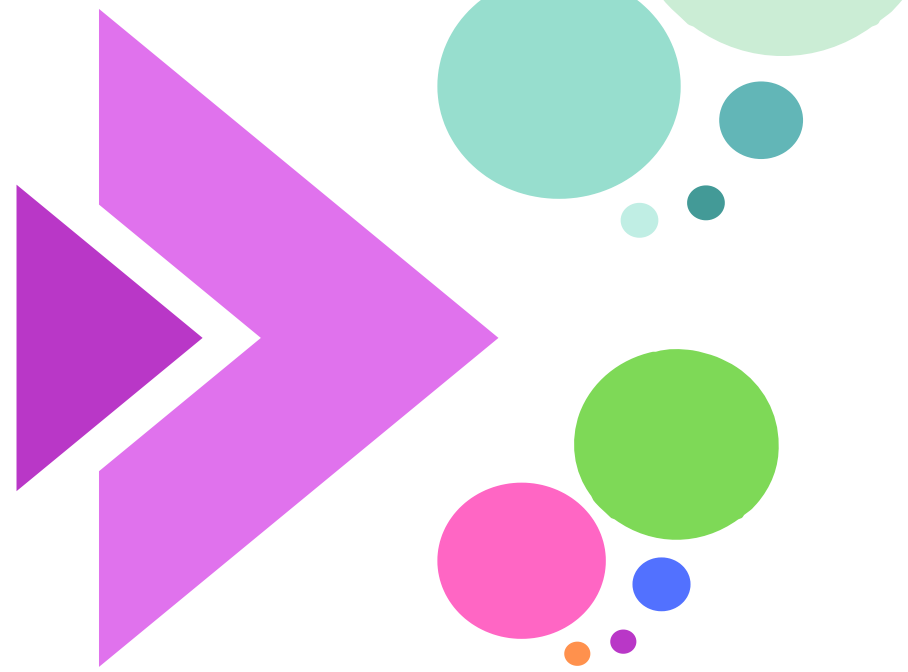
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# ATAR

The **Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR)**:

- is for students wishing to gain a place at a university
- is calculated by the University Admissions Centre (UAC)
- is a rank **NOT** a mark, shows your position or ranking compared to other students in NSW and takes into account your achievement in the best 10 units of your HSC courses.
- provides information about how a student performs overall in relation to other students.
- Its only purpose is to help universities select students for courses

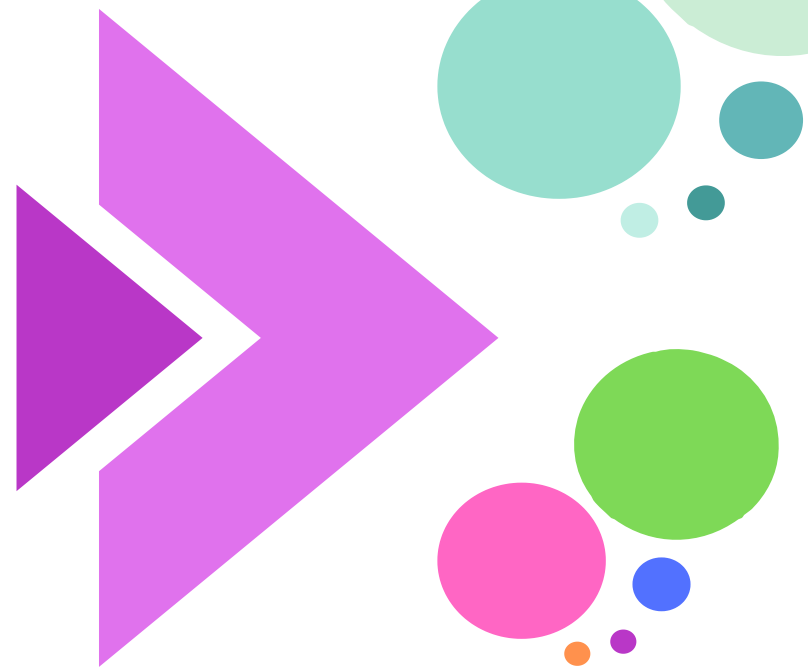




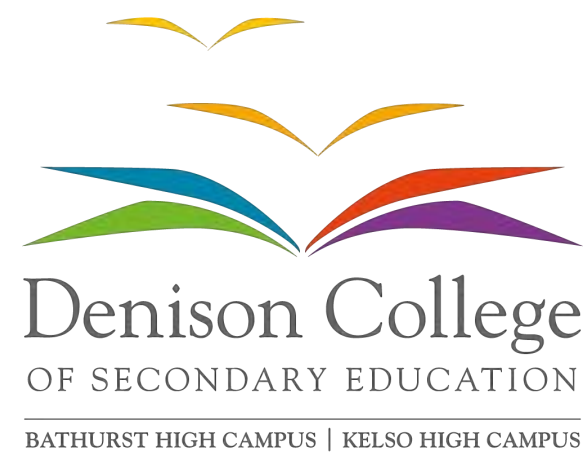
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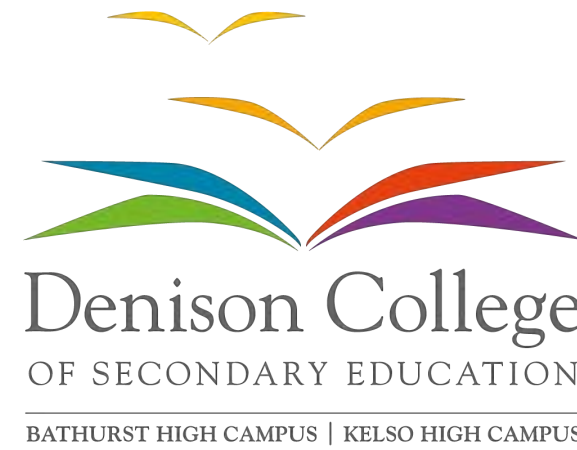
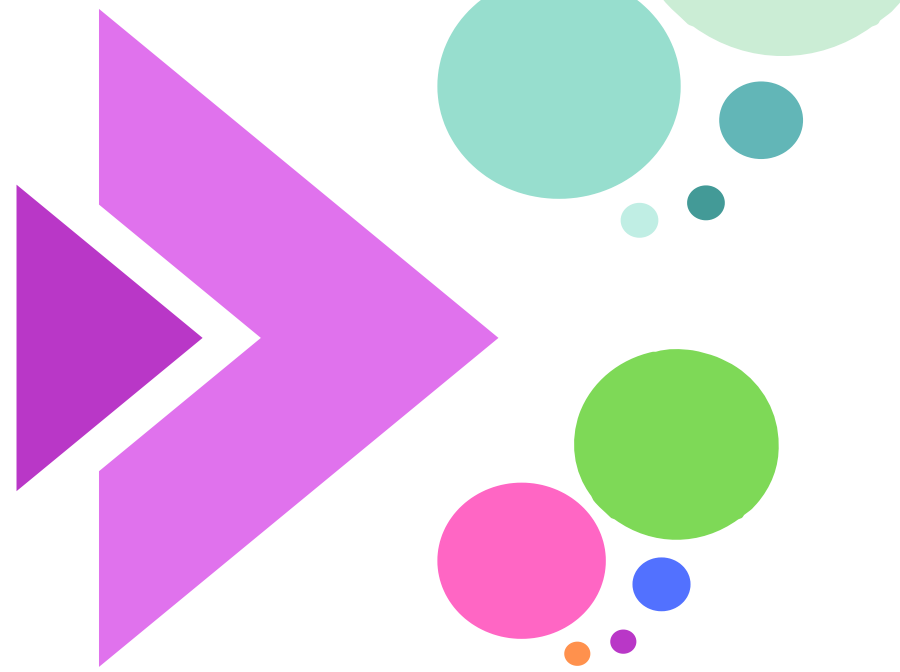
# ATAR



## BEST HSC FOR ME



- Assistance on applications for students ATAR, early entry applications and general advice on university pathways will be provided to students in Year 11 from their Careers Advisers.



**BEST HSC FOR ME**

# MYTHS

**X MYTH:** To get a good ATAR and HSC marks, I need to choose subjects that scale well.



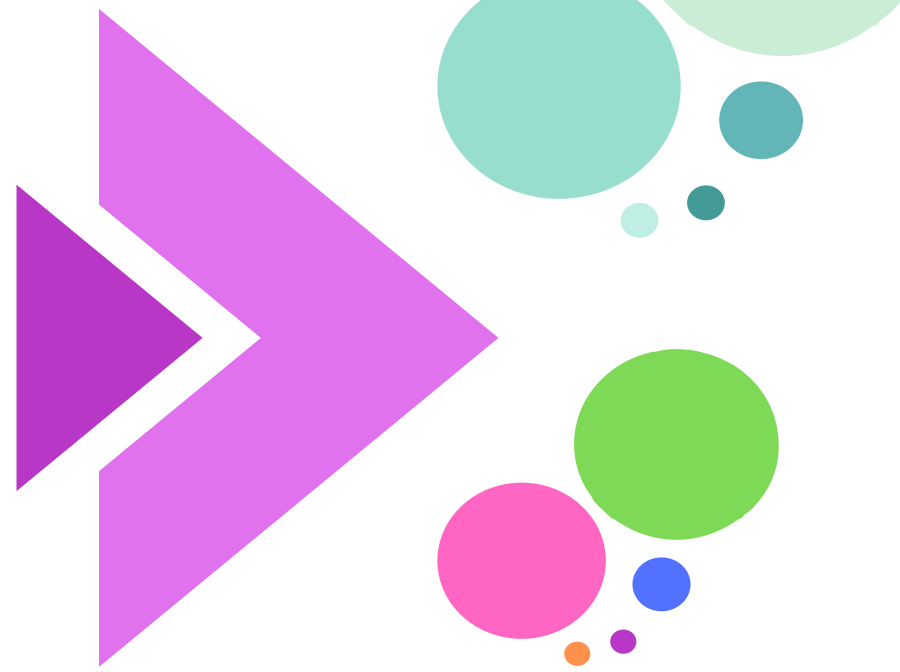
**XMYTH:** If I choose a particular combination of courses, I'll get the best ATAR.



**XMYTH:** Students who are approved for Disability Provisions receive extra HSC marks.





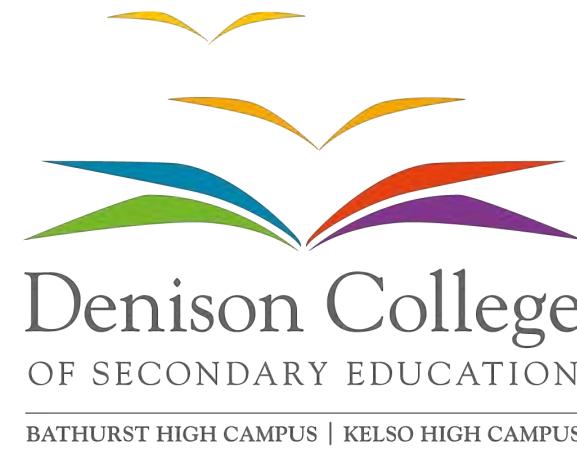
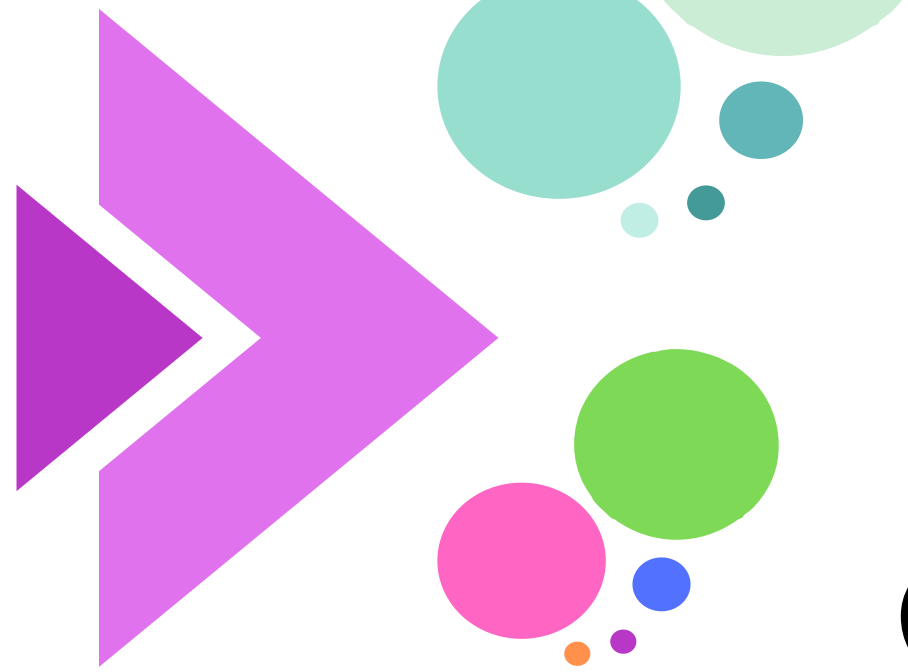


## MYTHS

**X MYTH:** Internal assessments and exams make up 50 per cent of a student's mark but they are set and marked by each school. I'm disadvantaged because my school's tests and marking are harder.



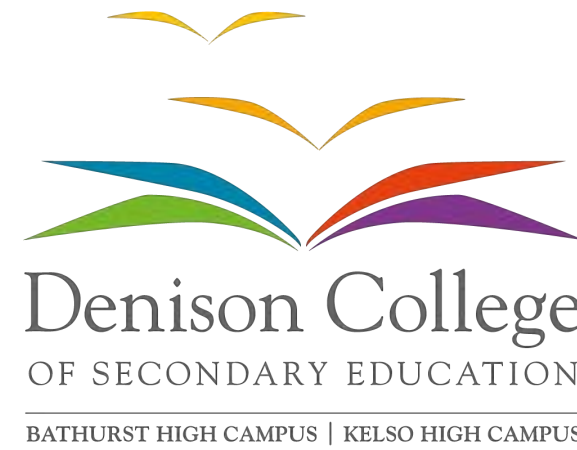
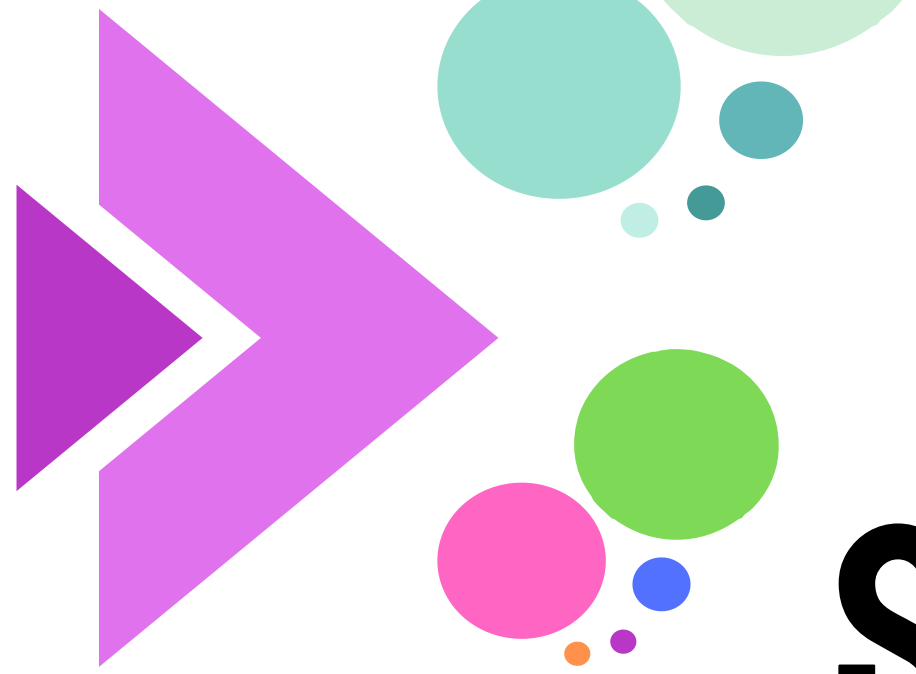
**X MYTH:** My HSC marks and ATAR will be pulled down by the performance of other classmates who don't perform well.



**BEST HSC FOR ME**

# SBAT

- Combine HSC, part-time paid work and structured work-based training delivered by a Registered Training Organisation e.g., school, TAFE
- Industry Based Learning
- Board Endorsed Status (cannot count to ATAR)
- Gives HSC unit credit for the 'on-the-job' component of SBATs

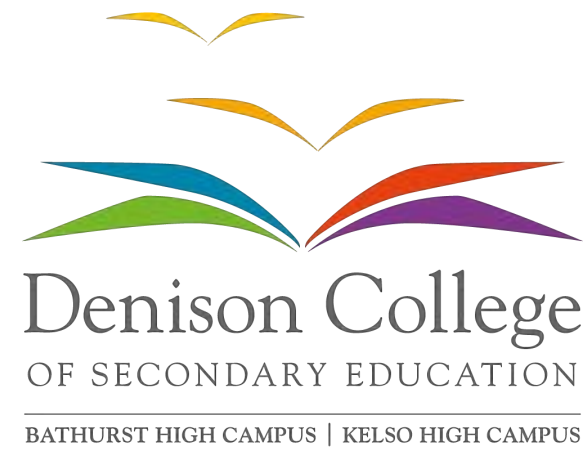
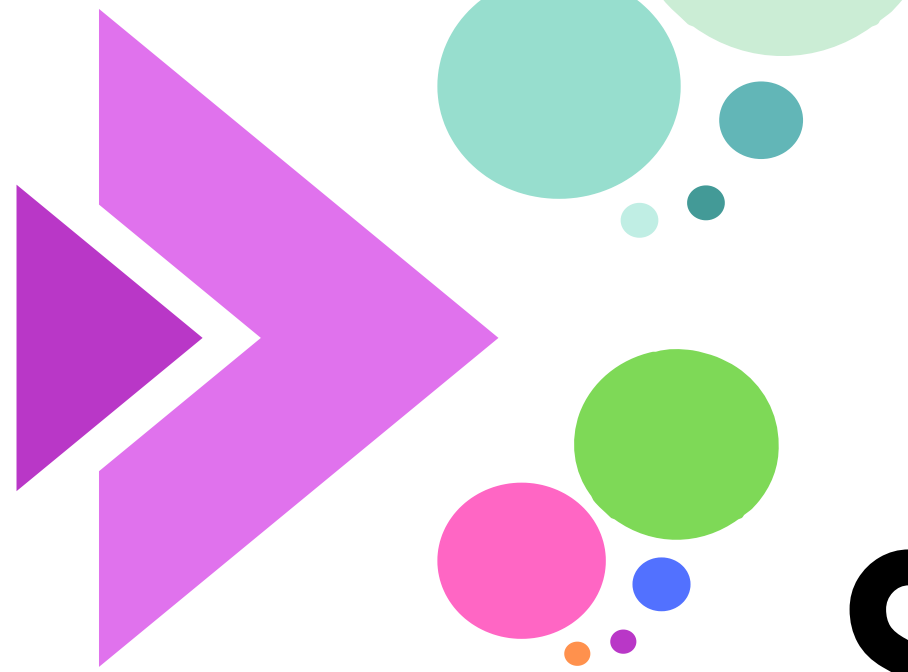


**BEST HSC FOR ME**

# SBAT

- Students enter an approved School-Based Apprenticeship or Traineeship contract and are also entered for the appropriate VET course(s)
- If you are considering this, ensure you have a discussion with our campus Careers Advisers this evening in the Panorama Room



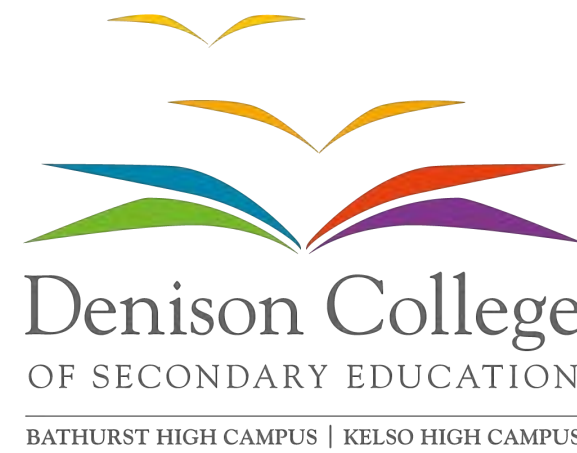
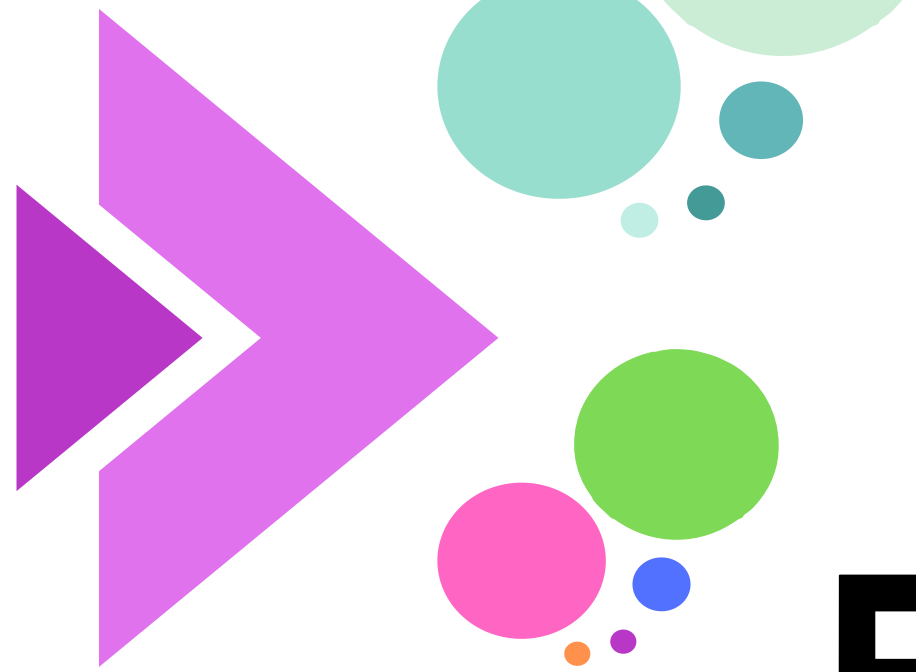


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# **STUDY ELSEWHERE**

Talk to one of the education providers tonight about  
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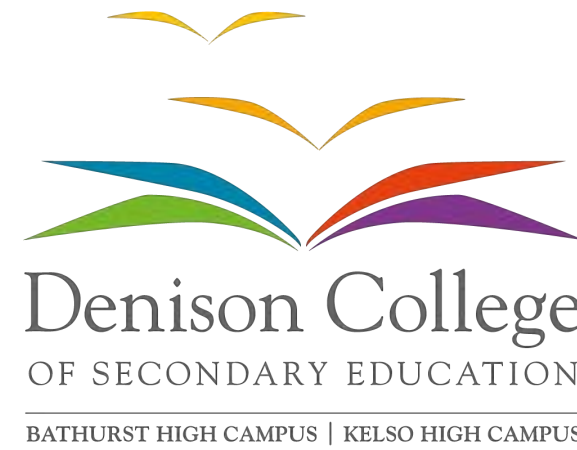
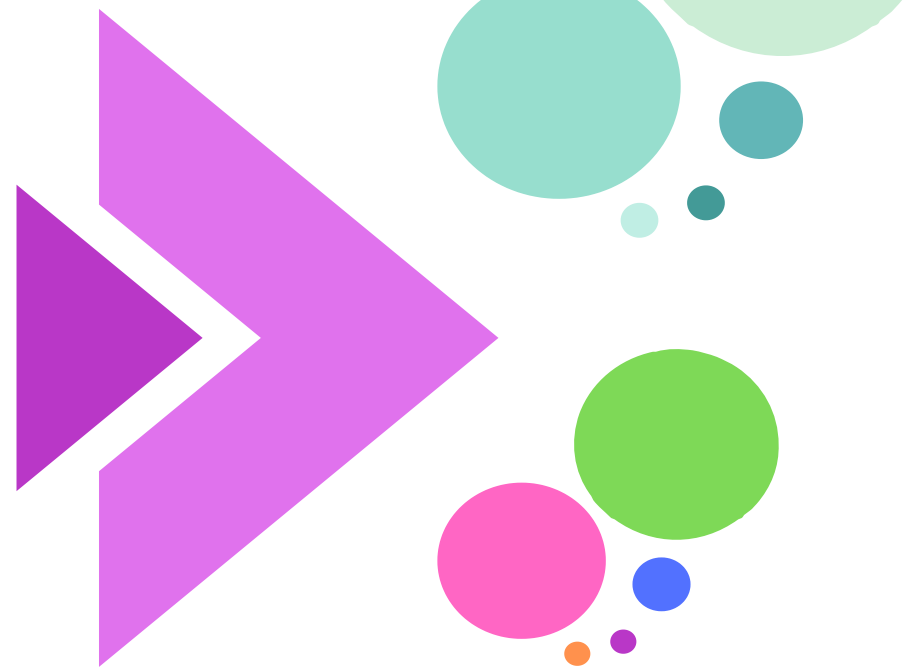
These providers will be available this evening next  
door in the Panorama Room.



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# EMPLOYMENT

- Talk to one of the employment organisations tonight for advice on how to give yourself the best options for moving into suitable employment.
- Attend the Bathurst Career Expo and explore your options.
- Work with the Careers Adviser at your campus if looking to secure an Apprenticeship or Traineeship.

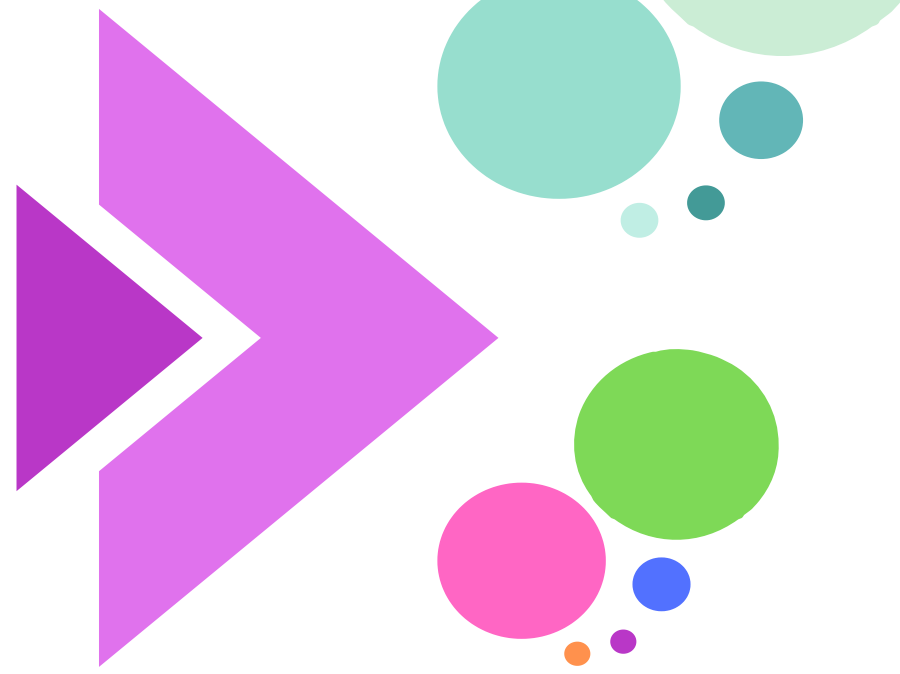


**BEST HSC FOR ME**

# SUBJECT CHOICES

- Think about what you like, what you are good at, what you think you may want to do post-school and do what you can to achieve your best result in each course.
- Your HSC mark will reflect your performance in that course – and if you perform strongly in all your courses, you will achieve a high ATAR.

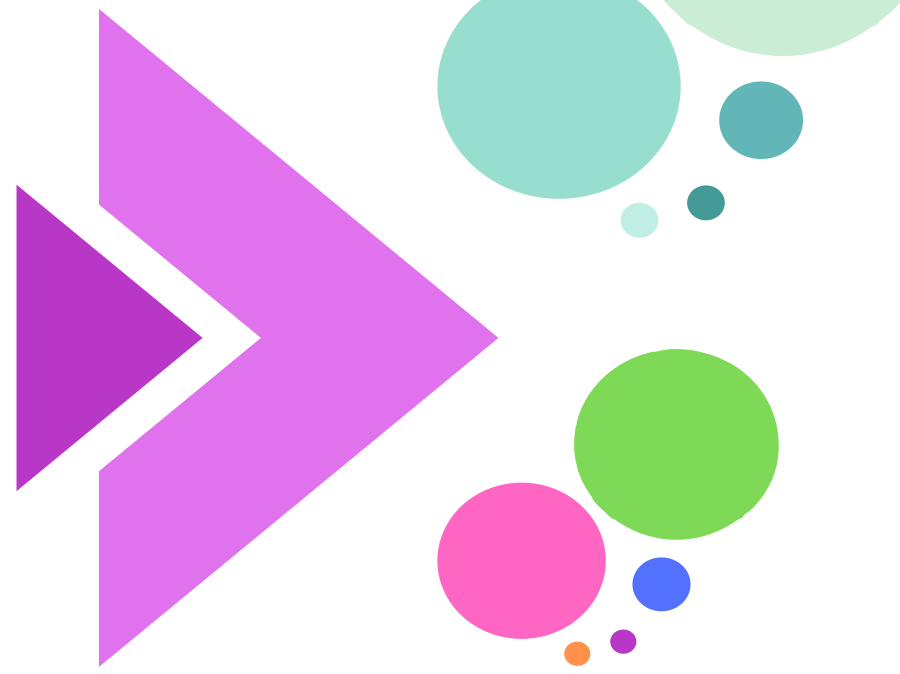




# MORE INFORMATION

Talk to:

- Careers Adviser (Mr Hartmann, Ms Forster)
- Subject Teachers and Head Teachers
- The College Team
- Deputy Principals and Principals
- Current or former senior students
- School LASTS - Disability Provisions
- Senior Studies Guide
- Check out the Future Directions website



# FIND OUT MORE

Tonight, is an opportunity for students and parents to talk to a variety of people from school, university, TAFE, and industry.

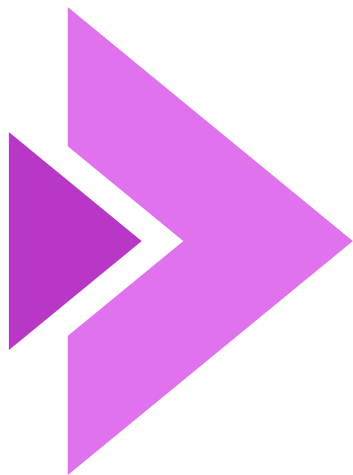
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