

Frequently Asked Questions

Question	Answer
1) What is the difference between 1 unit course and 2 unit courses?	In a fortnight a 1 unit course means 4 lessons where a 2 unit course means 7 lessons.
2) I've done accelerated course in Year 9 and 10, can I drop a subject in Year 11?	No In Year 11 you will be doing 2 unit of your accelerated course HSC course. This means you will only be doing 10 units of Preliminary courses in Year 11 as you already completed 2 unit by the end of Year 10. You need 12 units of Preliminary all up.
3) If you do an accelerated course, would you still have to do 10 units in year 12, since you would have completed your HSC for that course in year 11?	No, once you have completed your accelerated course in Year 11. You will only have to do 8 units in Year 12 to have your minimum 10 units for your pattern of study.
4) Can I select more than 12 units of school-based subjects?	Only if you are selecting: Extension English 1 and/or Extension Mathematics 1 (Other 1 units MUST be part of your 12 units) <u>Please note:</u> You can select an external course by an outside provider. This is NOT part of the 12 units at school.
5) I have 2 more units to pick and I can't decide between 2 subjects what do I do?	Speak to the Head Teachers about the subjects you can't decide between and then write a pros and cons list about each subject. Remember from above (Q4) you can't have over 12 units at school unless they are extensions. The subject you don't pick will become a reserve subject. A reserve subject is your back-up subject if one of your courses doesn't run or it clashes when we do the lines.

<p>6) What if I change my mind regarding university courses, but I haven't taken the prerequisites?</p>	<p>There are summer (bridging) courses that you can take. Most courses now only have assumed knowledge. Only a few courses have prerequisites and only a few universities have prerequisites.</p>
<p>7) What is the minimum number of students required to run a class?</p>	<p>There is no minimum number of students. We look at choices and how many classes we can run based on how many students will be in the Year 11.</p>
<p>8) Where can we find our passwords for the selection website?</p>	<p>It will be sent to your DET email. Login to your email, then search for "edval choice".</p>
<p>9) What is an EVET course?</p> <p>Do the EVET courses count as part of the 12 units in year 11?</p> <p>How does the applications for EVET courses work?</p> <p>When does it start?</p> <p>If you were to do an EVET course that doesn't count to your ATAR, do you have to do a minimum of 10 units that count to your ATAR and the additional 2 units of EVET?</p>	<p>EVET means a VET course you do with an external provider normally TAFE. The VET and EVET are generally 2 unit course that run for 2 years.</p> <p>If you select a EVET or VET course in Year 11 it does count to the 12 units but you must take 12 units here at school for the first 4-5 weeks until you are selected and offered a place at TAFE.</p> <p>To apply for EVET speak to the careers advisor about the process.</p> <p>TAFE usually does not start until week 3 of Term 1 Year 11.</p> <p>Yes, but only if you want an ATAR. If you just want your HSC can do it as part of your 10 units.</p>
<p>10) If we get recommended to do English/Mathematics Standard, can we still choose Advance?</p> <p>Is that recommendation based on results from our current year or past years too?</p>	<p>Recommendations were determined by your current teacher in Year 10. Please ask your teacher how they determined their course recommendation.</p> <p>Generally, our advice is to follow the teacher's recommendation.</p> <p>Please note: movement between these courses in Year 11 are limited by number of classes determined on initial selections of the cohort.</p>

<p>11) On the HSC Record of Achievement, there are three columns of marks, they are: Examination mark, Assessment Mark and HSC mark. What is examination mark? Is it the raw external examination mark? Or it is the moderate external examination mark? And what is assessment mark? Has this assessment mark been moderated or not?</p>	<p>The examination mark is a moderated version of your raw examination mark. You will never know your raw external examination. Assessment mark is your school's moderated mark. It is also moderated.</p>
<p>12) What is the eligibility requirement to do EALD English?</p>	<p>See one of the EALD teachers in English</p>
<p>13) Can you pick Extension 2 Mathematics at the end of year 11 or do you get invited?</p>	<p>You can pick it but the mathematics faculty will discuss with the Mathematics Extension 1 students the demands of this course.</p>
<p>14) On page 6 of the "atar-and-applying-to-uni" PDF document, it said in the ATAR is not affected by the school you attend. But I have been told that if your whole school do better in the HSC, you mark will get push up higher, so to me the school you attend will affect your ATAR because if you go to a school that most students do well, your mark will get push up higher. So isn't it contracting to say your ATAR is not affected by the school you attend?</p>	<p>ANSWER FROM UAC GUIDE No. The calculation of your ATAR will be based on 10 units of your scaled marks; the school you attend does not form part of the calculation. Students who achieve high ATARs come from a mix of government (both comprehensive and selective) and nongovernment schools. All students can perform well regardless of the school they attend, provided they study hard and achieve good HSC results. Study HSC courses you enjoy and are good at.</p>
<p>15) If I get a tutor for Advanced English or Mathematics, would I be able to do it in Year 12?</p>	<p>You cannot change from Standard to Advanced at any time during Year 11 or 12. You can ONLY change from Advanced to Standard BUT only during Year 11.</p>

<p>16) If I get a high ATAR but the subjects I did aren't related to the degree I want to do, does it still count?</p>	<p>Generally, it does not matter what subjects you do at school as your entry into MOST university courses is based on the ATAR rank.</p> <p>EXCEPT there are some courses at some university that now have prerequisite courses and bands you need to achieve to apply. Please speak to your Careers Advisor for more details.</p>
<p>17) What's required for international universities?</p>	<p>The UAC website has some information on this but also speak to your Careers Advisor as they will know where else to look for this information.</p>