

2023 Year 10

Subject Selection for Stage 6

For Year 10 students and their parents/caregivers



Record of School Achievement (RoSA)



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The **Record of School Achievement (RoSA)** is the credential available to all students, following the completion of Year 10, who **leave school prior** to the completion of the HSC, or who are **not eligible** for the HSC credential.

If you decide to leave school you will need to:

- ✓ speak with your Year Adviser/Coordinator/Careers Adviser to discuss your decision
- ✓ confirm the signing-out process
- ✓ check your school has placed a request for your RoSA credential with NESA, before you sign out
- ✓ request your NESA number from your school
- ✓ log into *Students Online* to make sure your personal details are correct
- ✓ download your eRecord from *Students Online* to use as an interim result report.

Higher School Certificate



Higher School Certificate (HSC)

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

Requirements for the HSC – meeting the minimum standard in literacy and numeracy

- To be eligible for a HSC students need to demonstrate they have met a minimum standard in literacy and numeracy.
- Students will show they meet the HSC minimum standard by passing online tests of basic literacy and numeracy skills, which are available for them to sit when they are ready in Year 10, 11 and 12 and after the HSC.

HSC Course Structure

- All courses in the HSC have a unit value
- Most courses are 2 units which equates to 120 hours of study and a HSC result out of 100
- Some courses are 1 unit. This is equivalent to 60 hours of study and a HSC result out of 50
- Many 1 unit courses are extension courses, enabling 3 or 4 units of a course to be studied.

Requirements for the HSC

Year 11

- minimum of **12 units**
- students must satisfactorily **complete** the Year 11 course before commencing the corresponding Year 12 course

Year 12

- minimum of **10 units**

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**.

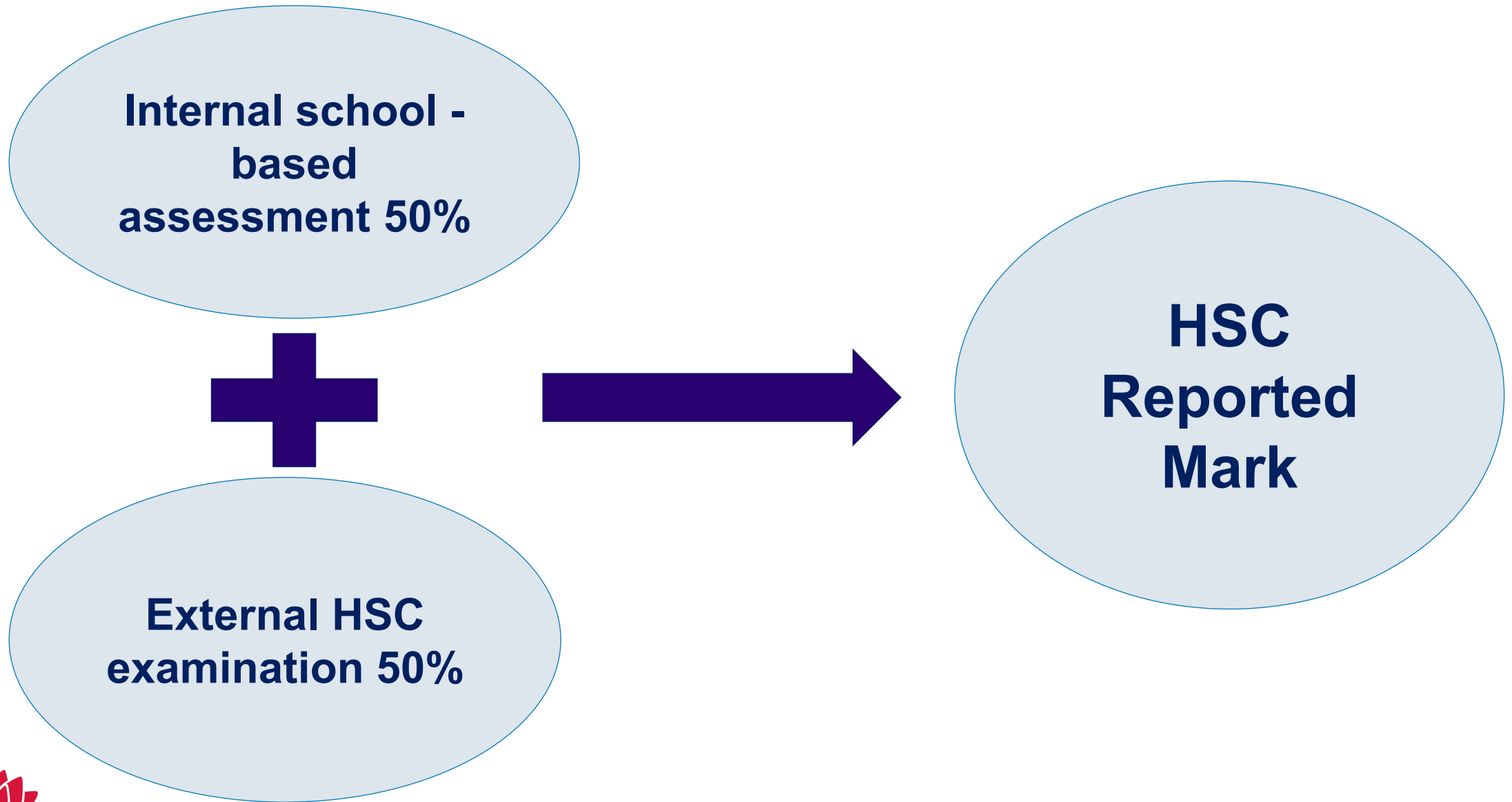
Types of HSC courses

Board Developed Courses	Board Endorsed Courses
HSC examination except for: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• optional examination in English Studies and Mathematics Standard 1 and VET Curriculum Framework courses• all Life Skills courses	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.	

Requirements for the HSC

Both the Year 11 and Year 12 pattern of study must include:

- 2 units of **compulsory English**
- at least **6 units** of Board Developed Courses
- at least **3 courses** of **2 units** value or greater
- at least **4 subjects** (including English)
- a maximum of **6 units** of Science may be included in the Year 11 pattern of study
- a maximum of **7 units** of Science may be included in the Year 12 pattern of study.



How the HSC mark is calculated

The HSC mark is a 50:50 combination of a student's examination mark and school-based assessment mark for each course.

Watch the video below to find out how school assessment marks are moderated to make them fair.



**Excellent video
explaining how the
HSC mark is
calculated.**

Here is a link to the Google Delegated Admin Community

<https://web.yammer.com/main/groups/eyJfdHlwZSI6Ikdyb3Vwliwia...>

Course Selection Considerations

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- Abilities
- Interests/Motivation
- Career aspirations and needs
- Syllabus requirements - Practical/Major work components
- Subject combinations
- Other commitments

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. **Year 10 students making subject selections in 2023 for Year 11 in 2024 will be the first to benefit from the changes.**

To find out more visit educationstandards.nsw.edu.au

Course Selection Considerations and the ATAR

If you wish to undertake an ATAR pathway, any course the school offers, for which there is a formal HSC examination in 2025, can be used to calculate your ATAR.

Choosing a broad range of subjects in your senior years may allow you to be better equipped to succeed in further education, training or work.

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Advice for students choosing HSC courses

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Your aim is to attain the best HSC result you can. So, you should choose courses that you are good at, interested in and may use in the future.

When considering which courses to study, explore the content of a course. For example, what are the course outcomes? Will you be required to submit a major work, or perform, as part of your exams? Talk with your teachers about your

HSC Science Extension

Watch the video on the new [1-unit Science Extension Course](#).