

NSW Education Standards Authority

Year 10 Subject Selection for Stage 6 - 2021

For Year 10 students and their parents.



The Higher School Certificate

- 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

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**

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.

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.