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Senior Pathways Information

Year 11, 2026

Dear students, parents and carers

Term 3 is an extremely busy time for Year 10s as they prepare for their senior pathway in 2026. This ultimately involves them deciding to either continue Years 11-12 and attain their QCE, or to leave school and pursue further study, or enter the workforce at the end of Year 10. Throughout the term, the school provides many information sessions for students and parent/carers to be supported on this journey and adequately prepared to make this important decision. In their *Career Connect* classes, students become familiar with the subjects being offered for their Senior Schooling pathway at Cairns State High School. Students will use the knowledge and experiences gained throughout *Career Connect* to select Senior School subjects that will progress their career pathway - as well as meet pre-requisites for higher education.

Students and families, please be aware of the following key events:

EVENT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
School Based Apprenticeships & Traineeships Parent and student information session	16 th June (Term 2, Week 9)	5-5.30pm	N01
Year 11 2026: Pathways to the Future – Parent Information Session (Topics covered include - <i>Work Experience, SET Plan Interviews, Certificate II in Active Volunteering</i>)	21 st July (Term 3, Week 2)	5.30-6.30pm	N01
Work Experience Week	28 July – 1 August (Term 3, Week 3)	Daily	Off Campus – students assigned placements
Cairns SHS Careers Expo	7 August (Term 3, Week 4)	8.30-10am	Croswell Alley
SET Plan & Year 11 subject selection interviews (Interview booking link will be provided in Week 3, Term 3). <i>Students do not attend school on these days.</i>	11 & 12 August (Term 3, Week 5)	30 min interview: booking using Session Keeper (link will be forthcoming)	Library
BLA Careers Expo	29 August (Term 3, Week 7)	1.10pm – 3.00pm	Cairns Showgrounds (Students dismissed from showgrounds)

Year 11 2026: Pathways to the Future - Parent Information Session

All Year 10 parents and carers are invited to participate in the personalised information session to better understand:

- The Queensland Senior curriculum
- The requirements for attaining the Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE)
- The requirements for university entry with an ATAR
- Vocational Education Certificate qualifications on offer at the school
- Becoming familiar with important senior secondary terms, such as 'general' and 'applied' subjects, ATAR, QCE, credits, and university-bound v. vocational-bound subjects/pathways

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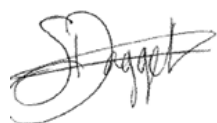
- How to help your child recognise their interests and strengths, and select the most appropriate 2-year course for them
- What Years 11 and 12 will 'look like' in terms of student timetables and daily routines
- How to book the SET Plan interview
- Preparing your child for their work experience placement
- Re-cap of Certificate II Active Volunteering requirements

The session will run as a formal information seminar first, followed by a more informal 'Q and A' session where parents carers will have the opportunity to ask questions.

Please feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns you have. We do appreciate that there is a lot of information for students, parents and carers to understand, and we are here to support you.

We look forward to working with our wonderful students and families this term.

Yours sincerely,



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