

Senior Subject Selection Information **Year 11, 2024**

Dear students, parents and carers

Term 3 is an extremely busy time for Year 10s as they prepare for their senior pathway in 2024. 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 will 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 and in Term 3:

| EVENT | DATE | TIME | LOCATION |
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| Year 11 2024: Pathways to the Future – Parent Information Session (Topics covered include - <i>Work Experience, SET Plan Interviews, Certificate II in Active Volunteering</i>) | 17 th July | 5.30-6.30pm | N01 |
| Year 11 2024: Pathways to the Future – Parent Information Session (Topics covered include - <i>Work Experience, SET Plan Interviews, Certificate II in Active Volunteering</i>) | 19 th July | 5.30 – 6.30pm | TEAMS (online) |
| Work Experience Week | 24 – 28 July | Daily | Off Campus – students assigned placements |
| Extra course opportunities for Senior School, including VET | 2 August | 9-10am | Croswell Alley |
| SET Plan & Subject selection Interviews (Interview booking link will be provided in Week 2, Term 3) | 7 & 8 August | 20 min interview: booking using Session Keeper (link provided will be forthcoming) | Library |
| BLA Careers Expo | 24 August | 1.10pm – 3.00pm | Cairns Showgrounds (Excursion run by the school) |

Year 11 2024: Pathways to the Future - Parent Information Session

This session will be run twice – a 'live' version in N01 on Monday 17th July, AND an online (TEAMS) version on Wednesday 19th July – both starting at 5.30pm. All Year 10 parents and carers are invited to participate in one or both personalised information sessions to better understand:

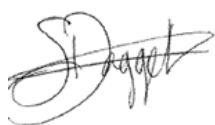
- The Queensland Senior curriculum
- The requirements for attaining the Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE)
- The requirements for university entry with an ATAR
- Vocational Education Certificate qualifications on offer at the school
- Becoming familiar with important senior secondary terms, such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

Both sessions will run a formal information seminar first, and will be 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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