

Important information for families of Year 10 students

Year 10 is a critical time for students to make informed decisions about the next phase of their learning. The senior phase will present many opportunities in the form of academic study, school-based apprenticeships and traineeships, CQUniversity courses and work experience just to name a few.

In order to assist students to make meaningful decisions, a number of key activities have been organised. The most significant activity is the formation of the Senior Education and Training Plan (SET Plan). To ensure parents and carers are involved in the SET Plan process, a 10 – 15 minute SET Plan Interview will take place on **Wednesday 24 August from 4 – 7pm in the Library.**

At this interview, each student's SET Plan and subject choices will be reviewed to ensure they have made sound decisions to achieve their career aspirations. The parent/carer, student and teacher will sign the SET Plan. Information about the booking process will be forwarded to families in the coming weeks. **This is the final stage of processing your student's enrolment into Senior Schooling at Rockhampton State High School – attendance is essential to validate your student's subjects for 2017.**

Several other school activities have been organised to assist students to make good decisions.

In term 2, Year 10 students could apply for work experience to find out first-hand what it would be like to work in their chosen field of work. In May, several Year 10 students opted to visit the Career Expo to seek career information.

Early in Term 3, Year 10 students will receive the Senior Curriculum Guide, a subject selection form and a QTAC Tertiary Pre-requisite Booklet. This information will assist them to make valid subject choices for the senior phase of learning. Please ensure your student has carefully read this material before making any final decisions about subjects for Year 11 and 12. Subject selection forms must be submitted by **Friday 5 August.**

To ensure that students are able to succeed in their senior studies at Rockhampton SHS all senior OP subjects have pre-requisites. These are based on students' Year 10 Semester 1 results and must be met if they want to study these subjects in Year 11 and 12. Students who do not meet these pre-requisites will need to choose alternative subjects or negotiate with the relevant Head of Department. These important subject selection guidelines were explained to the Year 10 students and were included in the school newsletter.

In weeks 3 and 4 of Term 3, Year 10 students will hear from our subject Heads of Department who will tell them what to expect if they choose subjects from their faculty. Students will hear about the sorts of learning experiences and assessment they can expect and the attributes needed to succeed in their subjects.

During Term 3, students will learn about the Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE) and the rules that govern the awarding of this senior qualification as well as how school-based apprenticeships work. They can also visit the Guidance Officer (Ms Spencer) and our FEET First team (Ms Kate Trenerry and Ms Samantha Sinclair) in the library during lunch breaks in week 4 for one-on-one talks about senior subjects, school-based apprenticeships, CQUniversity courses and university programs such as the Start Uni Now (SUN) program.

Students will formally record their career and subject choices in Week 5 when they complete their electronic Senior Education and Training Plan (SET Plan). Representatives from CQ University and local training organisations will visit the school over coming months to supply information about their courses for 2017. Some of these representatives will be available at the SET Plan Evening.

For more information about your student's options for the senior phase of learning, please do not hesitate to contact the school on 49204333.

Yours sincerely



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