



Year 11, 2019

NEW SENIOR SYLLABUS



Subject Selection

- Students have submitted their preferences.
- Parents will receive a confirmation email outlining the subjects that your son or daughter will be taking in Grade 11 2019
- Discussion where necessary with parents if we cannot offer the subject to your son/daughter.



New Senior Syllabus

- Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER) recommended changes to achieve greater rigour and simplicity.
- Overall Position (OP)
 - A system of 100% school-based assessment has operated in Queensland for more than 40 years.(OP system)
- ATAR-Australian Tertiary Admission Rank
 - A percentile ranking of a student's overall achievement out of all potential Year 12 school students
 - The ATAR is a number between 0 and 99.95, in increments of 0.05
 - Allows tertiary admissions centres to compare students from across Australia when they apply for tertiary places.



New Senior Syllabus

- In the new system, results in subjects will be based on a student's achievement in three school-based assessments
 - 3 Internal (set & marked by school) + 1 External (set and marked by QCAA)
 - This is fewer assessments than students currently complete — emphasising quality over quantity.
- The new QCE system will start with students entering Year 11 in 2019. Students to receive an ATAR instead of an OP & will graduate from Year 12 in 2020.



New Senior Syllabus

- External assessment results will generally contribute 25% towards a student's result in most subjects. In Mathematics and Science subjects, it will generally contribute 50%.
- The school-based assessments will not be scaled by the results of the external assessment when calculating a student's subject result
- The new system will keep all the qualities inherent in school-based assessment while introducing greater consistency and the transparency of common assessments that are sat by students at all schools.



New Senior Syllabus

- Quality Control
 - How will school-based assessment be strengthened?
 - Endorsement- All internal assessments for General subjects will be subject to Endorsement by the QCAA before they are used in the classroom. This will ensure that all assessments provide sufficient opportunities for students to demonstrate syllabus requirements and to build teachers' capacity to develop high-quality assessments
 - Confirmation-Teachers Judgement Confirmed by expert assessors
 - Ratification-QCAA analyses data-Internal + External=Senior Statement & QCE



OP & ATAR

OP	ATAR
Calculated by Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority (QCAA)	Calculated by Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre (QTAC)
QCS (Queensland Core Skills)	No QCS
5 Subjects	5 Subjects
Only used in Queensland	Used Across Australia
Subject Scaling Applied	Subject Scaling Applied



ATAR Eligibility & English

To gain an ATAR, students must also satisfactorily pass one of the following subjects:

- ✓ English
- ✓ Essential English
- ✓ Literature

While students must meet this standard to be eligible to receive an ATAR, it won't be mandatory for a student's English result to be included in the calculation of their ATAR



Assessment



St Philomena School

YEAR 7/8 TERM FOUR ASSESSMENT PLANNER 2018

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	8 Oct	9	10	11	12
2	15	16	17	18	19
3	22 Student Free	23	24	25 Assembly 1	26
4	29	30 Maths Homework Due	31	1 Nov All Saints	2 Years 7&8 English Poetry Assessment Due
5	5 Years 7 & 8 Geography Assessment Task 3 (Research Task) Due Year 7 French Test Year 8 Latin Test	6	7	8 Assembly 2 Logic Quiz	9 Year 8 French Test Year 7 Latin Test
6	12	13	14 Last day Year 12	15 Formal	16
7	19	20 Maths Homework Due	21 Years 7 & 8 English Short Story Assessment Due	22 Assembly 3	23 Volleyball Assessment
8	26	27	28	29	30
Exam Week- Refer to Exam Timetable					
9	3	4	5 Presentation Night	6	7

*Subjects with an exam in the exam block: Maths, Science, Religion, Logic, French, Latin, Geography, HPE
No Exams for English or Music

Students will be given a term planner early each term. This will also be published on the website.

Exam timetables will also be published several weeks in advance of the exam block.



Submission of Assessment

- Students are required to have assessment printed, with the attached coversheet ready to submit at the beginning of the lesson on the due date. No work will be accepted via USB/email unless by prior arrangement.
- Requests for extensions of assessment to be made before the due date and with good reason.



Function of Homework

- Assists in student's understanding and ability to apply it in the context of assignments and exams
- Provide the opportunity for students to familiarise themselves and hence master the subject matter dealt with in class.



Filing

- Students are to keep all handouts in a tidy and organised manner. As this is an acquired skill for most students, we will regularly be assisting with this by checking their files.
- Grade 11 notes will be required in Grade 12
- Diaries checked on a regular basis to help them form good habits of recording homework.



Reporting to Parents

- Semester reports: Terms 2 and 4
- Term reports: Terms 1 and 3
- Parent Teacher Interviews are held twice per year.
- Please arrange an appointment or send an email if you wish to speak to a teacher at any time.



Report Card Self Reflection

- Students reflect on their report cards at the beginning of the term, and make SMART goals for improvement over the next term.



Use of Computers

- Please ensure your child has a 'schoolwork only' USB with them at all times. This USB should only contain school material.
- Distance Ed. Students will be allowed to take home a laptop each.