

# Denison College

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2024 **FUTURE DIRECTIONS**  
INFORMATION EVENING  
AND EXPO

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**Principal Bathurst  
High Campus**

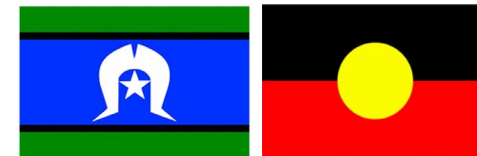
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# Acknowledgement of Country

We begin today by acknowledging the Wiradjuri people, Traditional Custodians of the land on which we gather today. We recognise their continuing connection to land, water and community. We pay respects to Elders past and present and extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples here today.





# Adam Mostogl

Founder and Inspirer of illuminate Education Australia

## Keynote Speaker




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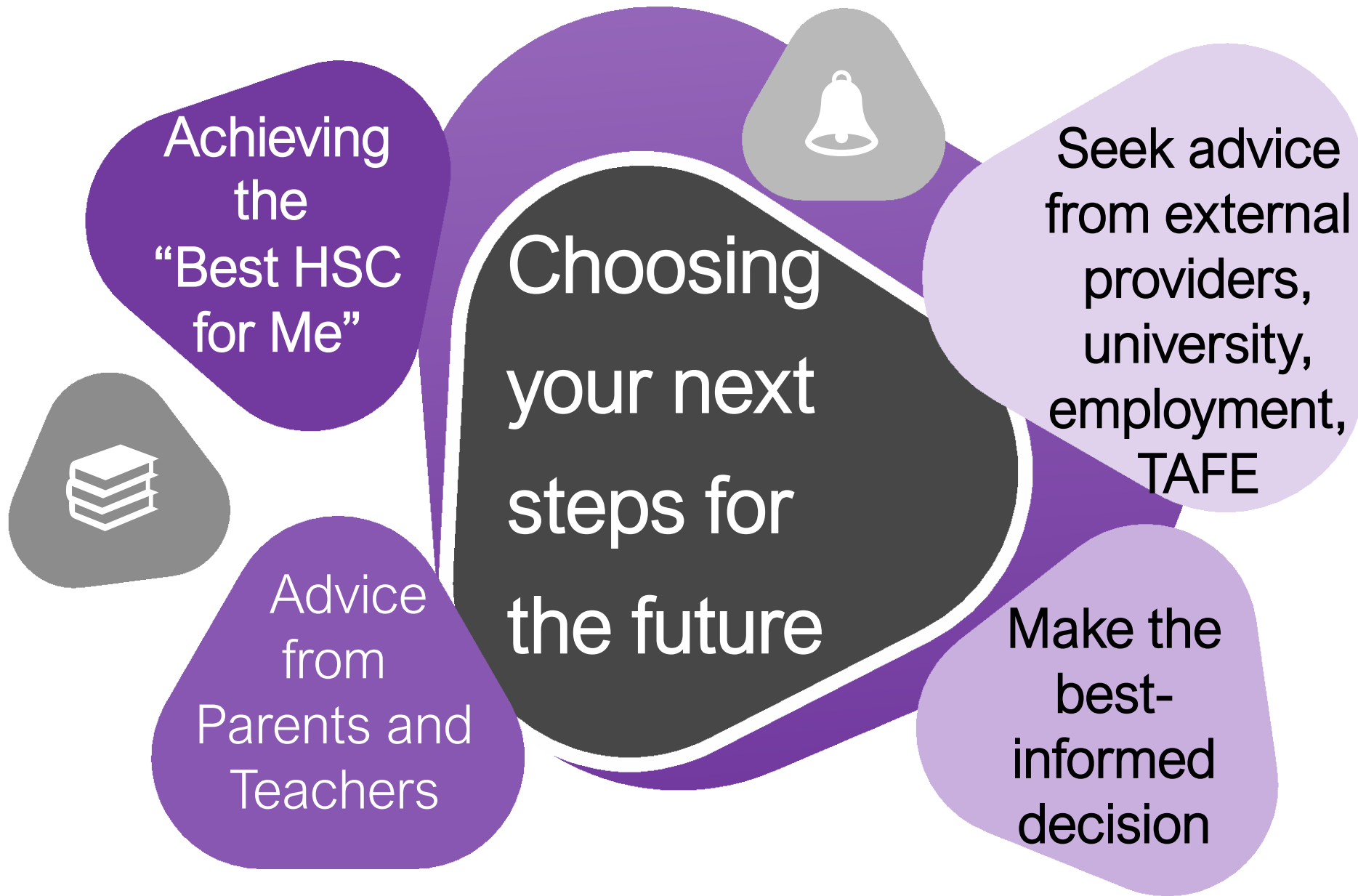
# **Future Directions**

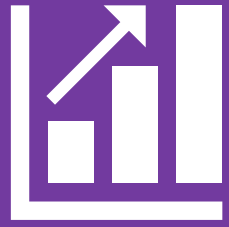
## **Year 10 Subject**

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## **Choices**

### **2025 - 2026**

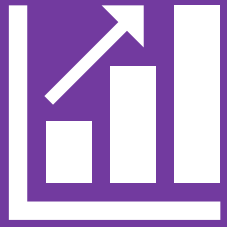




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## Possible Pathways

- HSC
- HSC and ATAR
- School Based Traineeship
- Study elsewhere
- Employment
- Apprenticeship or Traineeship

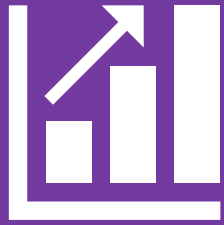


# Best HSC for me

## 5-day structures

- Preliminary students in 2024 and beyond will now attend school 5 days a week at their respective campuses
- The return to a 5-day schooling week for senior students has been implemented for a variety of reasons such as:
  - improving learning continuity for students,
  - increasing connectedness with school
  - increasing learning and study time.
- The overarching theme of this change is to improve learning outcomes for students and better prepare our learners for post school transitions.





# Future Directions Process

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- Subject Selection Guide given to students, access to website and information in Careers

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- **TONIGHT – Future Directions Information Evening**
- **TOMORROW – Bathurst Job Expo**

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- Interviews
- BHC (Mon – Tues Week 3) KHC (Thur – Fri Week 3)

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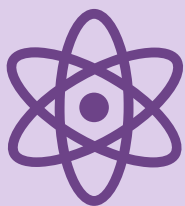
- All student selections are collated and the best timetable is produced for all students

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- Term 4 students are notified of their subjects

# Denison Difference

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Largest provider of secondary education in the Central West



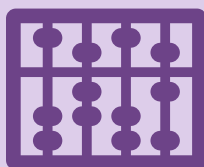
Subjects can be studied at either Campus or at TAFE



The multi-campus approach increases the number of classes and courses that can be offered, creating a greater choice for students enabling them to study the courses that interest them



Significant support and guidance is provided in the subject selection process “Future Directions”

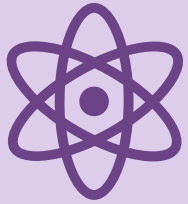


Individual student profiles developed to assist selections



# Choosing your courses

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**Ability**



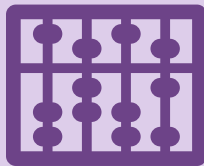
**Interests**



**Motivation**



**Career  
aspirations**



**Balance**



**Subject  
combinations**

# Course Selection Considerations

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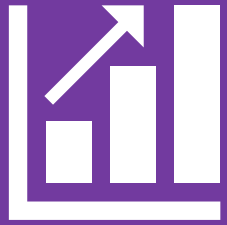
In 2022, the Minister for Education announced a raft of HSC reforms as part of the Curriculum Reform program, which included removing classifications for ATAR courses. **Previously, only 2 units of a Category B courses could contribute to the ATAR.**

The announcement came after a review of the VET sector identified current HSC and ATAR arrangements as a barrier to developing a pipeline of job-ready high school graduates. The Joint ATAR Reform Advisory Committee also recommended the removal of HSC course categories for the calculation of the ATAR.

This piece of reform aims to lift the perceived value of vocational studies and will give students the opportunity to study more courses they are interested in and passionate about.

The change will be in place from the 2025 HSC. **Year 10 students making subject selections in 2023 for Year 11 in 2024 will be the first to benefit from the changes.**

**To find out more visit [educationstandards.nsw.edu.au](https://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au)**



# Minimum Standards

- To be eligible for a HSC students need to demonstrate they have met a minimum standard in literacy and numeracy.
- Students will have several opportunities to meet the HSC minimum standard. This includes six opportunities each year from Year 10 up to five years after starting their first HSC course
- Students will show they meet the HSC minimum standard by passing online tests of basic literacy and numeracy skills.

Best HSC for me

HSC Pattern of  
Study





# Best HSC for me

## HSC

- Preliminary Course (Year 11: Terms 1-3)
- HSC Course (Year 11: Term 4; Year 12: Terms 1-3)
- AT LEAST 12 units in Year 11
- AT LEAST 10 units in Year 12
- English is compulsory
- Students must satisfactorily complete the Preliminary course before commencing the HSC in that course.

# Types of HSC Courses

Board Developed Courses	Board Endorsed Courses
<p>HSC examination except for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• optional examination in English Studies and Mathematics Standard 1 and VET Curriculum Framework courses</li> <li>• all Life Skills courses</li> </ul>	<p>No HSC examination – school-based assessment only</p>
<p>May be included in the calculation of a student's Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR).</p>	<p>Not included in the calculation of a student's Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR).</p>
<p>Includes some Vocational Education and Training (VET) courses.</p>	<p>Includes some Vocational Education and Training (VET) courses.</p>
<p>Includes Life Skills courses.</p>	<p>No more than 4 units of Board Endorsed Courses will count towards the HSC</p>
<p>Minimum 6 units of Board Developed Courses</p>	

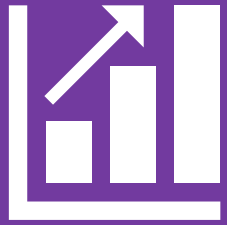


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## HSC

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- There are rules about what courses you can choose
- A combination of the HSC examination mark and the school assessment mark will result in your HSC grade
- Ensuring that you are compliant with the minimum requirements of the HSC will be discussed in the subject selection interviews –  
**Maximum 3 CEC courses in Year 11 and Maximum 2 CEC courses in Year 12**

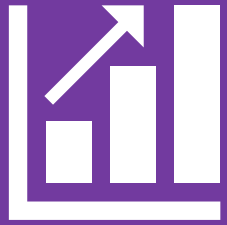


Satisfactory  
completion  
of a course

Students must:

- **follow** the course developed or endorsed by NESAs
- **apply themselves** with diligence and sustained effort to the set task and experiences provided in the course by the school; and
- **achieve** some or all of the course outcomes

VET Board Developed Courses  
require students to complete  
**mandatory work placement.**



Satisfactory  
completion  
of a course

Students must:

- complete HSC assessment tasks that contribute **in excess of 50 per cent** of available marks in courses where internal assessment marks are submitted; and
- sit for and make a **serious attempt** at any requisite Higher School Certificate examinations for a course

**Internal school -  
based  
assessment 50%**



**External HSC  
examination 50%**



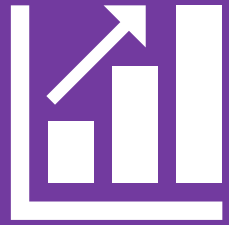
**HSC  
Reported  
Mark**



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ATAR

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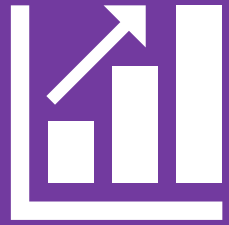
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# ATAR

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The **Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR):**

- is for students wishing to gain a place at a university
- is a rank **NOT** a mark
- provides information about how a student performs overall in relation to other students
- Is calculated by the University Admissions Centre (UAC)

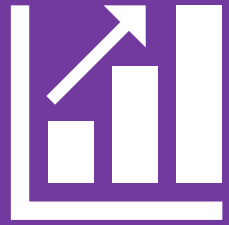


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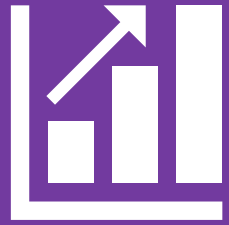


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**Maximum 1 CEC course in Year 11 which can not count towards ATAR in Year 12**



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## ATAR

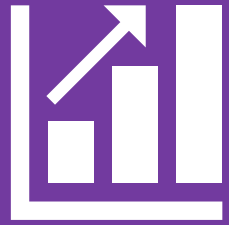
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- Assistance on applications for students ATAR, early entry applications and general advice on university pathways will be provided to students in Year 11 from their Careers Advisors.

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# School Based Apprenticeships



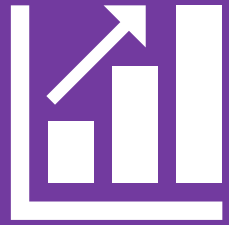


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## SBAT

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- Combine HSC, part-time paid work and structured work-based training delivered by a Registered Training Organisation e.g., school, TAFE
- Industry Based Learning
- Board Endorsed Status (can't count to ATAR)
- Gives HSC unit credit for the 'on-the-job' component of SBATs



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## SBAT

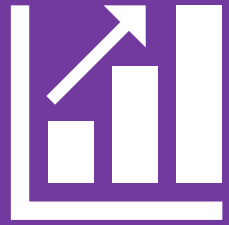
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- Students enter an approved School-Based Apprenticeship or Traineeship contract and are also entered for the appropriate VET course(s)
- If you are considering this, ensure you attend the SBAT stand this evening in the Panorama Room

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# Study elsewhere

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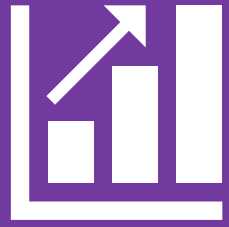
## Study elsewhere

- Talk to one of the education providers tonight about the options for study next year.
- TAFE, MAS National and Skillset will be available this evening next door in the Panorama Room

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# Employment

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## Employment

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- Talk to one of the employment organisations tonight for advice on how to give yourself the best options for moving into suitable employment.
- Attend the Bathurst Career Expo and explore your options.
- Work with the Careers Adviser at your Campus if looking to secure an Apprenticeship or Traineeship



# More information

Talk to:

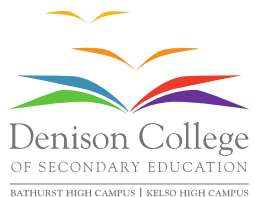
- Careers Adviser (Mr Hartmann, Ms Forster)
- Subject Teachers and Head Teachers
- The College Team
- Deputy Principals and Principals
- Current or former senior students
  
- Checkout the Future Directions website

# Find out more

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Tonight, is an opportunity for students and parents to talk to a variety of people from school, university, TAFE, and industry.

Thank you



# Thank you



**Australian Government**  
**Defence**



**Charles Sturt**  
**University**



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**UNIVERSITY**



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