

# LEARNING AND TEACHING

## Semester 1 Reports

Semester 1 Reports for students in Years 7 - 10 will be available via Compass at the end of this week

Our teachers have dedicated an exceptional amount of time to ensuring every student has a clear understanding of their progress in their courses at this halfway point. Reports are a great opportunity for families to reflect on the last two terms, celebrate successes, and set some achievable goals for the remainder of the year.

The reports contain a grade, performance against subject outcomes, performance within some key learning habits and a personal comment.

To access reports, login to Compass, and head to the "View Academic Reports" menu. If using the app, it works best if you go to "More", and then "Open in Browser".

We are looking forward to acknowledging students who have excelled in their studies in Semester 1 in our academic assembly in Week 4.

## Year 12 Trials

HSC Trial Examinations are on the horizon, commencing Monday 12th August and continuing until Monday 26th August.

In Academic Care last week we examined this critical preparation period, and provided students with some knowledge and tools to be strategic in their study.

Here are some really useful links to boost Trials study and preparation:

[Study Planner Template](#)

[2024 HSC Trial Examinations Schedule](#)

[Year 12 Tutorials and Workshops July School Holidays](#)

[HSC Examinations - Past Papers](#)

[HSC Standards Materials - Sample Responses](#)

[Atomi Study Tips](#)

[Art of Smart Trials Mark Calculator](#)

It is an extremely busy and often stressful time for students as these important exams typically coincide with the submission of major projects in many subjects. Students are reminded that there are lots of supports in place to navigate this time.

Here are some essentials:

- Understand all of your commitments over the next 7 weeks - including those relating to sport, work, social life, family etc.
- Plan your time so you have a clear understanding of when you can study and what to focus on.

- Use the resources in your “Year 12 Study Skills” course in Atomi.
- Make sure you know how your exam paper works by viewing past papers and doing some practice questions.
- Ask for help - from your teachers, your Year Leader, your family - to help you stay on track, to help you clarify your understanding, and especially, to help you create a strategy if you are feeling really stressed.

## **Semester 2 Course Changes**

Students in Year 7 and 8 study some of their subjects over a term or a semester, meaning a change in lots of courses next term.

- History changes to Geography
- Music Students will move to Visual Arts and vice versa
- Technology subjects will change

## **Year 10 Subject Selection**

Our subject selection process for Year 10 is underway, with students completing a series of tasks in PDHPE lessons, as well as meeting one-on-one with our Stage 5 and 6 Pathways Coordinators, Mrs Strain and Mrs Strahorn.

This work is intended to get students thinking about the decisions coming up. Our key message for Year 10 is to really reflect upon the subjects they enjoy, the subjects they are finding success in, and, if they have some post school goals already, subjects that will help them towards these.

Important dates for Subject Selection are:

### **Week 1 Term 3, Tuesday 23rd July**

Year 11 2025 Subject Selection Evening and Faculty Fair

### **Week 2, Term 3**

Students have the opportunity to “try on” some subjects by attending nominated Stage 6 classes

### **Week 3, Term 3, Tuesday 6th August**

Individual interviews with all Year 10 students and their families

### **Week 3, Term 3, Friday 9th August**

The first round of subject selections closes