Choosing Subjects

When deciding to continue into senior school and selecting senior subjects it is important to realise that subjects need to be chosen in relation to Career Pathways... something you will enjoy and be good at because it matches your natural gifts and talents. **Which way to go...**

**Subject selection**

When considering subject selection for senior, students should take into account:

- **Their interests** – subjects they like
- **Their abilities** – subjects they are good at
- **Tertiary prerequisites** – that may be needed for further study in areas of interest

Prepare yourself for choosing school subjects by finding out about the information that you need to make informed decisions.

The [My Futures](https://www.myfuture.edu.au) website provides information to help guide your decision-making.

At St John’s College students are required to select one of each of the following core subjects:

- English or English Communication
- Maths A or B
- Study of Religion or Religion and Ethics

Students also either choose three elective subjects, a vocational certificate course, a School Based Traineeship/Apprenticeship (SATS) or they may undertake a university subject through the Headstart program at University of the Sunshine Coast (USC) or the SUN program at Central Queensland University (CQU).

Students can choose to be OP eligible or Rank eligible.

To explore interests, abilities, occupations and work information, the following websites are useful:

- [www.cis.qsa.qld.edu.au](http://www.cis.qsa.qld.edu.au)

Year 10 students receive a hard copy of the Job Guide during the year. Students also receive a copy of the subject selection guide that provides details on all subjects offered at the College.

The following website provides posters highlighting the various career pathways related to each subject as well as the skill level required. This allows students to identify subjects that may help them reach their desired pathway.
The Senior Education and Training Plan (SET Plan)

A Senior Education and Training Plan (SET Plan) helps students structure their learning around their abilities, interests and ambitions. As part of the planning process, students think about their future, consider their abilities and investigate their options for careers and further education.

The student, their parents or carers, and the school meet to develop the SET Plan which details what, where and how a student will study during their Senior Phase of Learning (SPL). The plan is finalised by the end of Year 10. The SET Plan is reviewed periodically to monitor the student's progress and it can be updated at any time.

At St John’s College, your SET Plan:
- Reviews your Learning Records
- Looks at your Study Habits & Time Management and indicates Areas for Improvement
- Lists your Favourite Subjects
- Your intended learning Options for Years 11 & 12
- Includes your preferred pathway after Year 12 (e.g. university, TAFE, apprenticeship)
- Lists the subjects you have selected for Years 11 and 12.

Preparation for the SET Plan

St John’s College has put in place a number of programs and events that will help you prepare your SET Plan. These include:
- 30626QLD Certificate I in Work Education (nationally recognised qualification): Terms 1-4
- My Career Match career profile: Term 1
- Structured Workplace Learning (SWL): Term 2
- Year 11 and 12 subject selection booklet: Term 3
- Year 11 and 12 subject selection information evening for parents and students: Term 3
- Sunskills TAFE Expo at both Mooloolaba & Nambour campuses: Term 3
- An interview with you, your parents and a member of the SET plan interview team: Term 3

QSA offers the following guides for students and parents to provide additional information about the SET Planning process. This can be accessed from