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# Senior Student Pathways

## Information Booklet

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## Introduction

In recent years there have been significant changes to the options available to students in Years 10, 11 and 12. The purpose of this booklet is to provide a summary of the different pathways available in the senior years of secondary schooling, and to inform students, staff and families of the various processes undertaken at Newman College to ensure the best outcomes for all our students.

## Available pathways summary

There are 4 pathways available for students at Newman College. Whilst students will make an initial pathway selection in Year 10, often it is possible to change pathways during Year 11 and 12. Pathways available are:

### **ATAR Pathway**

*For students who aspire to University entry, particularly to courses with an ATAR above 70; have met the prerequisites for entry to ATAR subjects in Year 11; and are prepared to undertake the demanding study load associated with the ATAR Pathway.*

### **Certificate IV Pathway**

*For students who wish to use their Certificate IV qualification as a stand-alone qualification to enter the workforce, or alternatively as a basis for entry to University.*

### **UniReady Pathway**

*For students seeking non-ATAR entry to selected courses at University. Successful completion of the UniReady Program will provide students with an equivalent ATAR of 70 and English language proficiency for University entry.*

### **General Pathway (with the option of VET Certificate and/or work experience)**

*For students who do not aspire to enter University immediately after school, although this might be an option for later study.*

Each pathway is explained in detail later in this booklet.

## ATAR Pathway

Students undertaking the **ATAR Pathway** are typically aiming to enter University as their next educational destination.

The ATAR Pathway is the right pathway for students who:

- ✓ Aspire to University entry, particularly to courses with an ATAR above 70.
- ✓ Have met the prerequisites for entry to ATAR subjects in Year 11.
- ✓ Are prepared to undertake the demanding study load associated with the ATAR Pathway.

ATAR Pathway summary	
<b>Year 10</b>	<p>Meet the prerequisites for entry to ATAR-level subjects in Year 11.</p> <p>If the student desires to enter a specific course at University, ensure that any necessary prerequisite subjects for that University course are studied in Year 11 and 12.</p>
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<b>Year 11</b>	<p>Undertake at least 4 ATAR subjects.</p>
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<b>Year 12</b>	<p>Undertake at least 4 ATAR subjects.</p> <p>Sit the ATAR examinations for each ATAR subject.</p> <p>Attain a sufficient ATAR rank for entry into University / desired course.</p>
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<b>After school</b>	<p>University.</p>

## Certificate IV Pathway

Students undertaking the **Certificate IV Pathway** may wish to use their Certificate IV qualification as a stand-alone qualification to enter the workforce, or alternatively as a basis for entry to University.

Certificate IV Pathway summary		
<b>Year 10</b>	<p>Select English ATAR as a subject in Year 11.</p> <p>If the student wishes to undertake Onsite (work experience) in Year 11 → apply in Term 3 of Year 10.</p> <p>Decide on your Certificate IV Pathway and use the appropriate column below. <b>If completing the Certificate IV at school, apply for entry to your chosen Certificate IV course in Term 3 of Year 10.</b></p>	
	<b>Certificate IV at school</b> ↓	<b>Certificate IV after Year 12</b> ↓
<b>Year 11 and Year 12</b>	<p>Undertake mostly General level subjects <b>and</b> English ATAR.</p> <p>Study the Certificate IV one day per week at an external training organisation.</p> <p>Option to participate in Onsite (work experience) one day per week. Apply in Term 3, Year 10.</p>	<p>Undertake mostly General level subjects <b>and</b> English ATAR.</p> <p>Option to participate in Onsite (work experience) one day per week.</p> <p>Option to study another VET Certificate (Cert II or III) one day per week. Apply Term 3, Year 10.</p>
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<b>After school</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Complete Certificate IV at a Registered Training Organisation / TAFE <i>(if not already completed at school)</i>.</li> <li>• Entry to workforce with Certificate IV qualification.</li> <li>• Further study at TAFE (e.g. Diploma) or apply to University.</li> </ul>	

## UniReady Pathway

Students undertaking the **UniReady Pathway** are typically seeking non-ATAR based entry to selected courses at University. Successful completion of the UniReady Program will provide students with an equivalent ATAR of 70.

UniReady Pathway summary	
<b>Year 10</b>	<p>Select either the ATAR Pathway or the General Pathway for Year 11.</p> <p><i>General Pathway students may apply for Year 11 Onsite (work experience) → apply in Term 3 of Year 10.</i></p> <p><i>General Pathway students may apply to study a VET Certificate qualification in Year 11 → apply in Term 3 of Year 10.</i></p>
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<b>Year 11</b>	<p>Undertake the ATAR or General Pathway.</p> <p><i>General Pathway students have the option to participate in Onsite (work experience) one day per week.</i></p> <p><i>General Pathway students have the option to study a VET Certificate qualification one day per week.</i></p>
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<b>Year 12</b>	<p>Study mostly General subjects.</p> <p>Select UniReady as one of your 6 subjects and successfully complete the UniReady Program.</p>
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<b>After school</b>	<p>Apply for entry to University with an equivalent ATAR of 70.</p>

## General Pathway (with the option of work experience and/or VET Certificate)

Students undertaking the **General Pathway** do not aspire to enter University immediately after school, although this might be an option for later study.

General Pathway summary	
<b>Year 10</b>	<p>Select mostly / all General subjects for Year 11.</p> <p>If the student wishes to undertake Onsite (work experience) in Year 11 → apply in Term 3 of Year 10.</p> <p>If the student wishes to undertake a VET Certificate qualification in Year 11 → apply in Term 3 of Year 10.</p>
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<b>Year 11 and Year 12</b>	<p>Undertake mostly General level subjects.</p> <p>Option to participate in Onsite (work experience) one day per week.</p> <p>Option to study a VET Certificate qualification one day per week.</p>
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<b>After school</b>	<p>Entry to workforce. Apprenticeship / Traineeship. Further study at TAFE or other Registered Training Organisation.</p> <p><i>After further study at TAFE / RTO, students have the option of applying to University.</i></p>

## Changing Pathways

Students can change their pathway in Year 11 and 12. Permitted and non-permitted changes to pathways are detailed below.

Year 11		Year 12	Status
ATAR Pathway	to	Certificate IV Pathway	Permitted but the choice of Certificate IV courses is limited. Usually students must complete Certificate IV after Year 12.
ATAR Pathway	to	UniReady Pathway	Permitted
ATAR Pathway	to	General Pathway	Permitted
Certificate IV Pathway	to	ATAR Pathway	Not permitted
Certificate IV Pathway	to	UniReady Pathway	Permitted
Certificate IV Pathway	to	General Pathway	Permitted
UniReady Pathway	to	ATAR Pathway	Not permitted
UniReady Pathway	to	Certificate IV Pathway	Permitted but the choice of Certificate IV courses is limited. Usually students must complete Certificate IV after Year 12.
UniReady Pathway	to	General Pathway	Permitted
General Pathway	to	ATAR Pathway	Not permitted
General Pathway	to	Certificate IV Pathway	Permitted but the choice of Certificate IV courses is limited. Usually students must complete Certificate IV after Year 12.
General Pathway	to	UniReady Pathway	Permitted, but student must meet prerequisites



## Enrolling in Onsite (work experience)

Onsite (work experience) is for **non-ATAR Pathway students only**. Below is the process for enrolling in Onsite.

Enrolling in Onsite (work experience)	
<b>Year 10</b>	<p><b>In Term 3:</b> information about applying for Onsite will be provided to students.</p> <p>Apply in Term 3 of Year 10 by completing the necessary forms and returning them to the Pathways Coordinator by the due date.</p>
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<b>Year 11</b>	<p>Undertake mostly General subjects.</p> <p>Complete approximately 20 days of work experience over the year.</p> <p>Students who have not done Onsite in Year 11 can apply for entry to the Onsite program in Year 12. This is done in Term 3 of Year 11.</p> <p>Each block of 55 hours work experience will provide students with one 'C' grade towards their WACE. If you wish to use your Onsite hours towards your WACE, ensure that you return your logbook to the Pathways Coordinator <b>before the end of the school year</b>.</p>
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<b>Year 12</b>	<p>Undertake mostly General subjects.</p> <p>Complete approximately 20 days of work experience over the year.</p> <p>Each block of 55 hours work experience will provide students with one 'C' grade towards their WACE. If you wish to use your Onsite hours towards your WACE, ensure that you return your logbook to the Pathways Coordinator <b>before the end of the school year</b>.</p>

## Enrolling in VET Certificate courses

Please see below for notes about VET courses.

- VET Certificates are available to **non-ATAR Pathway students only**.
- Most Certificate courses commence in Year 11 and continue for two years. A small number of one-year courses are available to commence in Year 12.
- VET Certificates are chosen **in addition to** the student's 6 school-based subjects.
- VET Certificates are usually studied one day per week. Students will be given permission to be absent from school in order to undertake their VET studies.
- Fees can vary widely depending on the course and provider chosen. Please consult the VET Coordinator for more detailed information.
- Newman College will reimburse families the cost of a VET Certificate, up to a limit of \$1,000 per qualification. Reimbursement is paid upon successful completion of the qualification.

Below is the process for enrolling in a VET Certificate qualification.

Enrolling in a VET Certificate (Certificate qualification)	
<b>Year 10</b>	<p><b>In Term 3:</b> information about applying for VET Certificate qualifications will be provided to students.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Apply for and obtain a Unique Student Identifier (USI) at <a href="https://www.usi.gov.au/your-usi/create-usi">https://www.usi.gov.au/your-usi/create-usi</a></li> <li>2. Find your desired course using the information provided to students and families at this time. Enrol in your desired course. The VET Coordinator will assist students if required.</li> <li>3. Enrolments close <b>at the end of August</b>. The VET Coordinator will notify students of the outcome of their application.</li> </ol>
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<b>Year 11</b>	<p>At the beginning of the year, the VET Coordinator will provide students with information about course commencement requirements.</p> <p>Students undertake their VET studies, typically one day per week, in addition to the student's 6 school-based subjects.</p> <p>Students who did not undertake a VET qualification in Year 11 can apply for Year 12, but the selection of courses is limited.</p>
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<b>Year 12</b>	<p>Students undertake their VET studies, typically one day per week, finishing their qualification by the end of the year. Students also undertake 6 school-based subjects.</p> <p><b>Upon successful completion of the qualification, families may apply for reimbursement of any VET fees, up to a limit of \$1,000 per qualification.</b></p>

## Overview of the Pathways support program at Newman College

The Pathways support program at Newman College begins formally in Year 9 and continues throughout the senior years. The College provides a streamlined and comprehensive program to assist our students in making sensible, well-informed decisions about their future.

The following pages provide a summary of the process.

<b>Year 9</b>	<p><b>Student learning in Year 9:</b></p> <p>Students undertake core (compulsory) and elective subjects.</p>
	<p><b>Pathways support in Year 9:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Term 1:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Parents and students provided with information on pathways in Year 11 and 12.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Term 3:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ An introductory session on pathways for all Year 9 students, preparing students for subject selection process for Year 11 and 12.</li> <li>○ All Year 9 students provided with a copy of the current prerequisite marks required for entry to Year 11 subjects, for academic goal-setting purposes.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

<b>Year 10</b>	<p><b>Student learning in Year 10:</b></p> <p>Students undertake core (compulsory) and elective subjects.</p> <p>Some students may elect to exit school during (or at the end of) Year 10. This is done in consultation with the relevant Leader of Wellbeing and Pathways Coordinator.</p>
	<p><b>Pathways support in Year 10:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Term 1:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Year 10s provided with an introduction to the subject selection process.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Term 2:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Year 10s provided with their subject selection workbook.</li> <li>○ Year 10 parents and students provided with subject selection information and prerequisites at the parent evening. Students and parents also attend the Newman College Careers Expo evening.</li> <li>○ Students begin the process of selecting subjects for Year 11, in consultation with parents and dedicated subject selection mentor teachers.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Term 3:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Early in the term, Year 10s have finalised and submitted their subject choices for Year 11.</li> <li>○ For non-ATAR students, the opportunity is offered to apply for Onsite (work experience) and/or a TAFE qualification (studied at school).</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

Year 11	<p><b>Student learning in Year 11:</b></p> <p>Students undertake their selected pathway.</p> <p>Eligible students also undertake Onsite (work experience) and/or a TAFE qualification (whilst still at school).</p> <p>Some students may elect to exit school during (or at the end of) Year 11. This is done in consultation with the relevant Leader of Wellbeing and the Pathways Coordinator.</p>
	<p><b>Pathways support in Year 11:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ongoing advice and support provided to all students regarding the suitability of their chosen pathway, and post-school options.</li><li>• <b>Term 2:</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Students have the opportunity to attend the Newman College Careers Expo, and meet with universities, training providers, and employers.</li></ul></li></ul>

	<p><b>Student learning in Year 12:</b></p> <p>Students undertake their selected pathway.</p> <p>Eligible students also undertake Onsite (work experience) and/or a TAFE qualification (whilst still at school), and/or the Curtin UniReady Program.</p> <p>Some students may elect to exit school before completing Year 12. This is done in consultation with the relevant Leader of Wellbeing and the Pathways Coordinator.</p>
<p><b>Year 12</b></p>	<p><b>Pathways support in Year 12:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ongoing advice and support provided to all students regarding the suitability of their chosen pathway, and post-school options.</li> <li>• <b>Term 2:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Students have the opportunity to attend the Newman College Careers Expo, and meet with universities, training providers, and employers.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Term 3:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ University representatives visit Newman College.</li> <li>○ ATAR pathway students provided with information on selecting and applying for University courses.</li> <li>○ Non-ATAR Pathway students provided with information about selecting and applying for other post-school destinations.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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