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Senior Student Pathways

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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 families, students and staff of the various processes undertaken at Newman College to ensure the best outcomes for all our students.

Available pathways

There are two pathways available for students in Year 11 and 12 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. The two pathways are:

1. 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.

2. General Pathway

For students who aspire to a range of destinations, including University, TAFE, apprenticeships and/or direct entry to the workforce. Please see the 'General Pathway' section below for more detail.

Both pathways are 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	
Year 10	Meet the prerequisites for entry to ATAR-level subjects in Year 11. Ensure that any necessary prerequisite ATAR subjects for desired University courses are studied in Year 11 and 12.
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Year 11	Undertake at least 4 ATAR subjects. (Recommended to study 5 or 6 ATAR subjects)
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Year 12	Undertake at least 4 ATAR subjects. (Usually recommended to study 5 or 6 ATAR subjects) Sit the ATAR examinations for each ATAR subject. Attain a sufficient ATAR rank for entry into University / desired course.
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After school	University.

General Pathway

Students undertaking the **General Pathway** may aspire to several different post-school options.

The General Pathway is the right pathway for students who:

- ✓ Aspire to University entry, particularly to courses with an ATAR of 70.
- ✓ Wish to enter an apprenticeship / traineeship.
- ✓ Wish to undertake further studies at TAFE (Certificate or Diploma)
- ✓ Would like to enter the workforce after school.

Students undertaking the General Pathway can select additional optional programs, depending on their educational needs and post-school aspirations. These additional optional programs are explained in more detail in the following sections.

General Pathway + work experience option

General Pathway students can choose to participate in the College's Workplace Learning program.

Students who are engaged in workplace learning will attend their chosen workplace one day per week for approximately 20 weeks of the school year (that is, 20 days in total).

Workplace Learning has many benefits, including:

- Work skills and knowledge
- Confidence and responsibility
- Establishing connections with employers for future job opportunities
- Credit towards WACE (secondary graduation)

Further information about Workplace Learning can be found at:

<https://www.newman.wa.edu.au/careers-transition/>

General Pathway + VET Certificate option

General Pathway students can choose to study a VET Certificate in addition to their school subjects. A VET Certificate is a nationally-recognised qualification offered by a TAFE or private Registered Training Organisation. General Pathway students can attend their training organisation one day per week to study a Certificate II, III, or IV.

Obtaining a VET qualification can:

- Significantly enhance employment prospects
- Provide a pathway into further studies at TAFE or University
- Equip students with valuable industry knowledge and a life-long qualification
- Provide credit towards WACE (secondary graduation).

Further information about VET Certificates can be found at:

<https://www.newman.wa.edu.au/careers-transition/>

General Pathway + UniReady option (Year 12 only)

General Pathway students can choose to participate in the UniReady Program (only offered to Year 12 students). UniReady is an enabling program undertaken by Year 12 students as one of their school subjects. Upon successful completion of UniReady, students are awarded a nominal ATAR of 70 which can then be used to enter a wide range of University courses at most WA Universities.

Further information about UniReady can be found at:

<https://www.newman.wa.edu.au/careers-transition/>

General Pathway summary

A summary of the various options for General Pathway students appears below.

General Pathway summary	
Year 10	<p>Select mostly / all General subjects for Year 11.</p> <p>Students might select 1-2 ATAR subjects if they meet the prerequisites and if they require those subjects for University courses.</p> <p>Apply for work experience for Year 11 (if desired). Apply for a VET Certificate for Year 11 (if desired)</p>
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Year 11	<p>Undertake mostly General level subjects, perhaps with 1-2 ATAR subjects if required for University courses.</p> <p>Option to participate in work experience one day per week. Option to study a VET Certificate one day per week.</p> <p>Apply for UniReady in Year 12 (if desired) Apply for work experience in Year 12 (if desired) Apply for a / another VET Certificate in Year 12 (if desired)</p>
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Year 12	<p>Undertake mostly General level subjects, perhaps with 1-2 ATAR subjects if required for University courses.</p> <p>Option to participate in work experience one day per week. Option to study a VET Certificate one day per week. Option to participate in the UniReady Program.</p>
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After school	<p>Apply to University for selected courses. Apprenticeship / Traineeship. Further study at TAFE or other Registered Training Organisation. Entry to workforce.</p>

Entry to University courses

Many students at Newman College aspire to University entry after school. Traditionally, University was only open to those students who undertook the ATAR Pathway and passed the necessary examinations. This is no longer the case.

School students can now enter University in three ways, which are outlined below.

University entry via ATAR Pathway

Students can study at least 4 ATAR subjects in Year 11, and at least 4 ATAR subjects in Year 12. They must also ensure that they pass any prerequisite subjects for desired University courses. School students can then use the ATAR generated from their ATAR subjects to enter University.

ATARs required for entry to University courses can be found here:

<https://www.tisc.edu.au/static/statistics/cutoff-rank/cutoff-index.tisc>

Prerequisite ATAR subjects for University courses can be found here:

<https://www.tisc.edu.au/static/guide/prerequisites-index.tisc>

University entry via Certificate IV + ATAR English

Students can study mostly General subjects in Year 11 and 12, possibly combined with 1-2 ATAR subjects if they require those ATAR subjects to meet a prerequisite for a University course. One of these ATAR subjects must be English ATAR.

In addition, students can complete a Certificate IV qualification whilst at school. The combination of Certificate IV qualification and English ATAR will meet the minimum entry requirement for University.

University entry via UniReady

Students can participate in the UniReady Program in Year 12, combined with mostly General-level subjects (or 1-2 ATAR subjects if those ATAR subjects are required to meet a University prerequisite). Upon successful completion of the UniReady Program at the end of Year 12, students are awarded a nominal ATAR of 70 and can use this to apply to University.

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	General Pathway	Permitted
ATAR Pathway	to	General Pathway + work experience	Permitted
ATAR Pathway	to	General Pathway + VET Certificate	Permitted, however, the student can only select VET Certificates with a duration of 1 year.
ATAR Pathway	to	General Pathway + UniReady Program	Permitted
General Pathway	to	ATAR Pathway	Not permitted
General Pathway + work experience	to	ATAR Pathway	Not permitted
General Pathway + VET Certificate	to	ATAR Pathway	Not permitted

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.

Year 9	<p>Student learning in Year 9:</p> <p>Students undertake core (compulsory) and elective subjects.</p>
	<p>Pathways support in Year 9:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Term 3: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ An introductory session on pathways for all Year 9 students, preparing students for subject selection process for Year 11 and 12. ○ 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.

Year 10	<p>Student learning in Year 10:</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 Leader of Pathways and Partnerships.</p>
	<p>Pathways support in Year 10:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Term 1: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Year 10s provided with an introduction to the subject selection process. • Term 2: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Year 10s provided with their subject selection research booklet. ○ 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. ○ Students begin the process of selecting subjects for Year 11, in consultation with parents and dedicated subject selection mentor teachers. • Term 3: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Early in the term, Year 10s have finalised and submitted their subject choices for Year 11. ○ For General Pathway students, the opportunity is offered to apply for Onsite (work experience) and/or a TAFE qualification (studied at school).

Year 11	<p>Student learning in Year 11:</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 Leader of Pathways and Partnerships.</p>
	<p>Pathways support in Year 11:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing advice and support provided to all students regarding the suitability of their chosen pathway, and post-school options. • Term 2: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Students have the opportunity to attend the Newman College Careers Expo, and meet with universities, training providers, and employers. ○ The UniReady Program is advertised to Year 11 students, for commencement in Year 12.

Year 12	<p>Student learning in Year 12:</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 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 Leader of Pathways and Partnerships.</p>
	<p>Pathways support in Year 12:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing advice and support provided to all students regarding the suitability of their chosen pathway, and post-school options. • Term 2: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Students have the opportunity to attend the Newman College Careers Expo, and meet with universities, training providers, and employers. • Term 3: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ University representatives visit Newman College. ○ University-bound students provided with information on selecting and applying for University courses. ○ Non-University students provided with information about selecting and applying for other post-school destinations. ○ Year 12 students attend the Industry Breakfast, a networking and careers event at the College.

Contacts and further information

For further information, please view the Pathways section of the Newman College site, at: <https://www.newman.wa.edu.au/careers-transition/>

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