

ENROLMENT IN YEAR 11 ENGLISH 2018

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Dear Parent / Caregiver,

In Year 11, student results are closely monitored to ensure students are academically successful and their pathways realistic. This “risk- management” process safeguards student QCE attainment (Queensland Certificate of Education). The goal of a specific OP target, Tertiary Rank Score, VET qualification, or school based traineeship is part of this consideration.

To qualify for a QCE it is necessary to obtain a semester pass in English and in Mathematics. All students enrolled in English will have their results reviewed at the end of Term 1, and again in Term 2. As there are only five formal pieces of assessment in the Yr11 English programme, failure to pass or complete assessment in Term 1 may render your child ineligible for a QCE.

Consequently, students who do not pass assessments 1 and 2 in Authority English will be placed in the English Communications Strand for the remainder of Years 11 and 12 to ensure they have the opportunity to demonstrate the literacy skills required for a QCE. Parents of students in this situation will be contacted.

The *English Communication Strand* is an alternative to the highly academic subject of *Authority English*. Whilst it is not an OP subject, *English Communications* still enables students to pursue a Rank Pathway, however may rule them out of direct entry into many University courses. Students in this course will continue to study a range of units, and produce a number of assessment items. The school’s assessment policy regarding drafts, due dates and absence remains applicable.

Please contact your child’s current English teacher or the Head of Department if you wish to discuss your child’s level of achievement in English.

Regards,

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