



Lourdes Hill College

A School of Good Samaritan Education

INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION

LATE ENTRY POLICY - SENIOR PHASE OF LEARNING

BACKGROUND

Students entering the senior phase of learning in Queensland generally have three main goals in order to make a planned and successful transition from secondary school to tertiary education and/or employment:

- ATAR
- Pre-requisite subjects for university courses
- Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE)

The ATAR and pre-requisite subjects are the most important considerations for tertiary entrance.

WHAT IS ATAR?

The ATAR is a rank, not a mark.

The Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) is a number between 0.00 and 99.95 that indicates a student's position relative to all the students in their age group (i.e. all 16 to 20-year-olds in QLD) who are at the end of year 12. An ATAR of 80.00 means that you are 20 per cent from the top of your age group (not your Year 12 group). Universities use the ATAR to select students for courses and admission to most tertiary courses is based on your selection rank (your ATAR + any applicable adjustments). Some university courses also use other criteria when selecting students (e.g. a personal statement, a questionnaire, a portfolio of work, an audition, an interview or a test). The average ATAR is usually around 70.00.

- Students entering Term 2 of Year 11 are required to complete, with support of College staff and within the guidelines of the QCAA QCE/QCIE Handbook, full mandatory assessment requirements of semester 1 work programs. This may involve "catching up" on some Term 1 work. This will enable students to gain 4 units of credit in at least five subjects, thus securing eligibility for an ATAR, university pre-requisite subjects, and the QCE.
- Students entering Term 3 (Semester 2) of Year 11 will be granted, at the discretion of the Principal, overseas transfer status in the QCAA Portal, with the following important implications for students' exit credentials:
 - The student will be granted 4 provisional units of credit for ATAR purposes, even though each subject will only actually be studied in Queensland for 3 semesters, thus securing ATAR eligibility, if studying 4 or more General Subjects.
- Only semester credits gained through Queensland-based learning can be counted towards other qualifications. If the student also wished to meet University subject prerequisites or qualify for a Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE), they may need additional credit recognition for their previous overseas studies. Schools are not authorised to determine whether overseas studies are equivalent to Semester 1 of Year 11 in Queensland. To have previous overseas learning assessed for credit transfer or recognition, the student must apply directly to QTAC or QCAA.
- Lourdes Hill College does not accept international students in Term 4 Year 11, unless the student is applying to recommence the senior phase of learning at the start of the following school year.
- Students who are making a late entry to the senior phase of learning at Lourdes Hill College are required to acknowledge their understanding and acceptance of their responsibilities by signing the attached documentation.



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INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT LATE ENTRY – SENIOR PHASE OF LEARNING

Student Name (as per passport)

Year Level

Commencement Date

Tick the relevant box below:

- ☐ I acknowledge that I am required to complete mandatory assessment requirements from all of semester 1 in order to gain 4 semesters of credit from each subject towards an ATAR, university pre-requisite subject, and QCE eligibility.
- ☐ I acknowledge that I will be granted 4 provisional units of credit from each subject, actually to be studied for only three semesters, for ATAR purposes.
- ☐ I acknowledge that the College is not authorised to determine whether overseas studies are equivalent to Semester 1 of Year 11 in Queensland, and that to have previous overseas learning assessed for credit transfer or recognition, I must apply directly to QTAC or QCAA.

Signed (student)

Date:

Signed (parent(s)/legal guardian)

Date: