



# 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). So, 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 help them select students for their courses and admission to most tertiary courses is based on your selection rank (your ATAR + any applicable adjustments). Most universities 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 semesters of credit in at least five subjects, thus securing eligibility for an ATAR, university pre-requisite subjects, and the QCE if relevant.
- 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.
  - However only the three semester credits of actual Queensland-based learning can be "counted" towards other credentials. If the student is also seeking university subject pre-requisite or QCE eligibility then she will require additional credits from her previous overseas learning. Schools are not given authority to sign off that overseas achievements are equivalent to semester 1 Year 11 in Queensland, and the student must apply directly to QTAC or QCAA to secure this transfer of credits. Lourdes Hill College staff can assist in explaining the processes involved in this application.
- 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)
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Year Level	Commencement Date
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### 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. However I will be granted only three semesters of credit towards university pre-requisite subject and QCE eligibility. Therefore I will need to provide evidence to QTAC/Universities/QCAA of semester 1 equivalent studies overseas in order to be granted the credits that will be required to meet the criteria for university pre-requisite subjects or completed subjects for QCE eligibility.

Signed (student)	Date:
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Signed (parent(s)/legal guardian)	Date:
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