

Prevocational Maths



Overview

To attain a QCE, students must pass a numeracy subject. It is therefore essential that students select the subject that is right for them.

Senior Mathematics is offered through four different subjects, Prevocational Maths, Maths A, Maths B and Maths C (see the related links section for information on the other options).

Some Mathematics subjects are a prerequisite (or are recommended) for studying some university subjects. Please check the relevant university guides to make sure you make the correct choices.

Prevocational maths is an authority registered subject meaning it cannot contribute towards an OP. It is a good choice for students wishing to follow a pathway that leads directly into the workforce or to further study at TAFE etc.

Prevocational maths focuses on real life applications of basic numeracy concepts; an example of this is the unit 'Travelling Overseas'.

Assessment is conducted in prevocational maths by 'open notebook' exams, assignments and portfolios of in class tasks. The majority of assessment is conducted within class time though some homework may be necessary to study for exams or work on assignments.

Subject Requirements

In general students currently studying 'Short Course in Numeracy' in year 10 or who have not been able to attain a pass in year 10 Core maths



would be recommended to select prevocational maths.

It is a requirement of prevocational maths that all students have their own exercise book, scientific calculator and stationary (see the P&C supplied booklist for details). Text books and internet resources are made available in class for student use.

Subject Outline

Probability and the risks of gambling	
Tables, graphs and measurement and their	
application in hospitals	
Fractions and decimals	
Time and Calendars	
Earning money and paying Tax	
Fractions, decimals and reading nutritional tables	
Mobile phone plans	
Maps, direction and scale	
Moving out, the costs involved (rent and paying	
bills)	
Bank accounts, loans and mortgages	
Measurement and scale in house design	
Organising an event (costing and planning)	





