



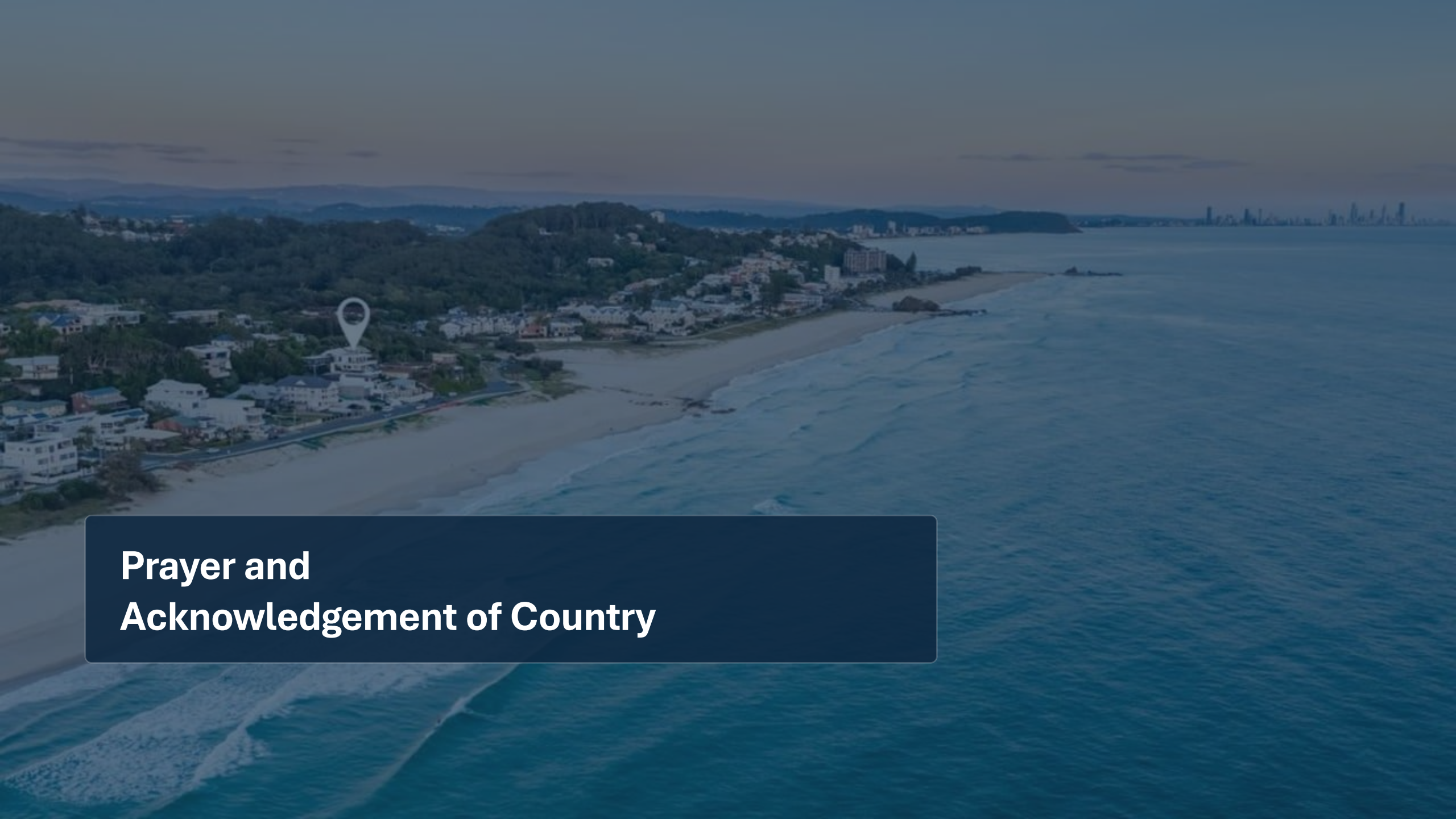
Year 9 into Year 10

Subject Selection Information Evening

2027

Preparing for a confident transition into Year 10



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Prayer and Acknowledgement of Country



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LEARNING AND TEACHING

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Tonight's Focus

What families need to understand before completing 2027 selections

01 The Year 10 learning program

02 How subject selection works

03 Choosing Year 10 Mathematics

04 Electives and programs

05 Making informed choices

06 Preparing for the Senior Years

07 Completing selections and questions

The Year 10 Learning Program

Common learning, one Mathematics choice and three full-year selections

Compulsory learning

- Religious Education
- English
- Science
- **General Mathematics or Mathematical Methods**
- **BSB20120 Certificate II in Workplace Skills**

Student selections

Three full-year electives or programs

Choice 1

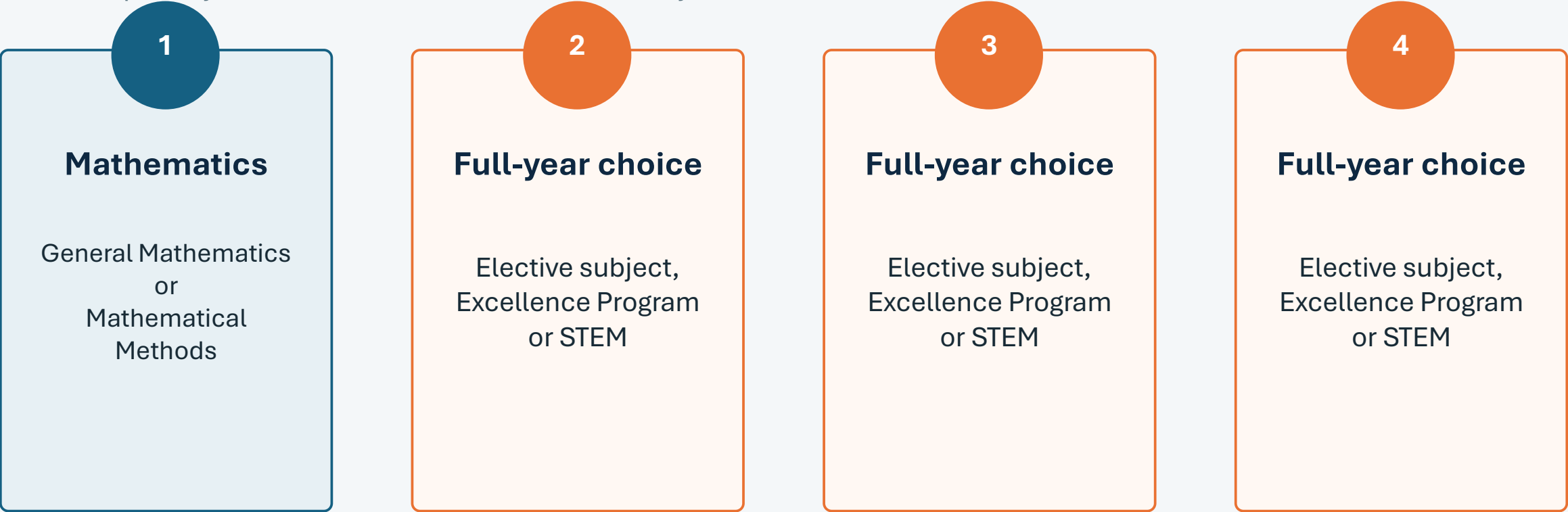
Choice 2

Choice 3

Workplace Skills is compulsory. It does not use one of the three selections.

Four Decisions for Every Student

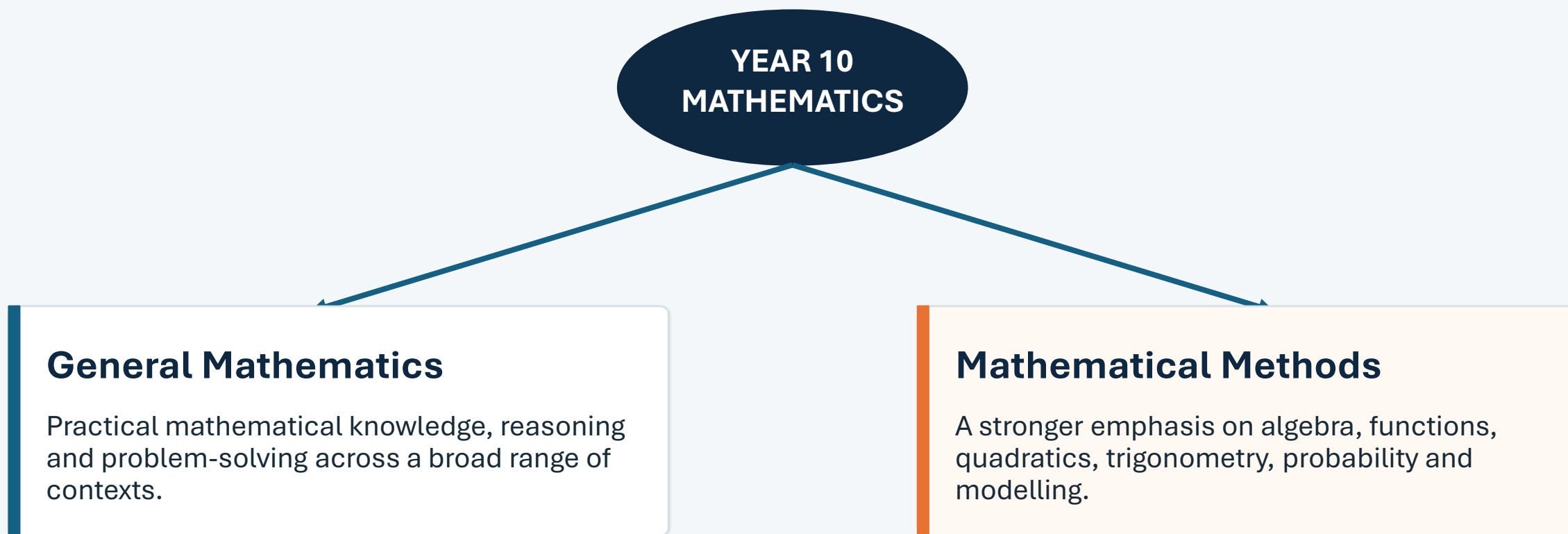
One compulsory Mathematics decision and three full-year choices



Excellence Programs and STEM each occupy one of the three full-year choices.

Choosing Year 10 Mathematics

Mathematics is compulsory for every Year 10 student



Select the course that provides suitable challenge, preparation and opportunity for success.

Two Courses, Different Emphases

Both courses require consistent engagement, practice and mathematical reasoning

General Mathematics

- Algebra and linear relationships
- Measurement and trigonometry
- Statistics and geometry
- Networks and probability
- Practical mathematical modelling

Possible Senior Mathematics pathways:

General Mathematics • Essential Mathematics

Mathematical Methods

- Algebra and functions
- Quadratic relationships
- Trigonometry and probability
- Advanced mathematical modelling

Important preparation for students considering:
Mathematical Methods • Specialist Mathematics
Chemistry • Physics

Pathway information supports planning but does not guarantee entry to a Senior subject.

Is Mathematical Methods the Right Choice?

Use current evidence, course understanding and professional advice

B standard or higher in Year 9 Mathematics
A general indicator of readiness, not an inflexible entry requirement

Algebraic fluency

Apply and manipulate algebra confidently

Problem-solving

Work through unfamiliar mathematical situations

Consistency

Practise regularly and manage sustained challenge

Feedback

Respond to guidance and refine understanding

Future interests

Consider Senior Mathematics and Science interests

Advice

Consult the Mathematics teacher and Curriculum Leader

Mathematics selections and proposed class placements will be reviewed when the 2027 class lists are developed.

Workplace Skills: Compulsory for Every Student

A nationally recognised qualification within the Year 10 learning program

BSB20120 Certificate II in Workplace Skills

- **Compulsory for all Year 10 students**
- Delivered with Barrington College, RTO 45030
- Competency-based training and assessment
- Develops practical business and employability skills

SKILLS DEVELOPED

**Workplace
communication**

**Teamwork and
customer service**

Digital technologies

Time management

Workplace safety

**Sustainability and
readiness**

This qualification is compulsory and does not occupy one of the three subject selections.

What Can Students Select?

Three full-year choices from a broad range of learning areas and programs

**Humanities and
Social Sciences**

**Physical
Education**

The Arts

Technologies

Japanese

**Excellence
Programs**

STEM

Students select three full-year choices and nominate genuine reserve choices.

Year 10 Electives and Programs

All selections are full-year subjects or programs

Humanities and Social Sciences

- Legal Studies
- Economics and Business
- Geography
- History

Health and Physical Education

- Physical Education

Languages

- Japanese

The Arts

- Drama
- Media Arts
- Visual Art

Excellence Programs

- Dance Excellence Program
- Music Excellence Program
- Netball Excellence Program
- Rugby League Excellence Program

Technologies

- Design and Technologies - Engineering and Materials
- Design and Technologies - Textiles
- Design and Technologies - Food Specialisations
- Design and Technologies - Materials and Technologies Specialisations (Graphics)
- Digital Technologies

Specialist Program

- STEM

Each selection occupies one of the student's three full-year choices.

Preferences, Reserves and Availability

Choose carefully and plan for more than one possible timetable outcome

Three preferred choices

Select choices that reflect genuine interests, strengths and willingness to engage.

Genuine reserve choices

Nominate subjects or programs the student is genuinely prepared to study for the full year.

Final class allocation

Classes depend on demand, staffing, available facilities and the final timetable structure.

Students may not receive all preferred choices.



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LEARNING AND TEACHING

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Choose Purposefully

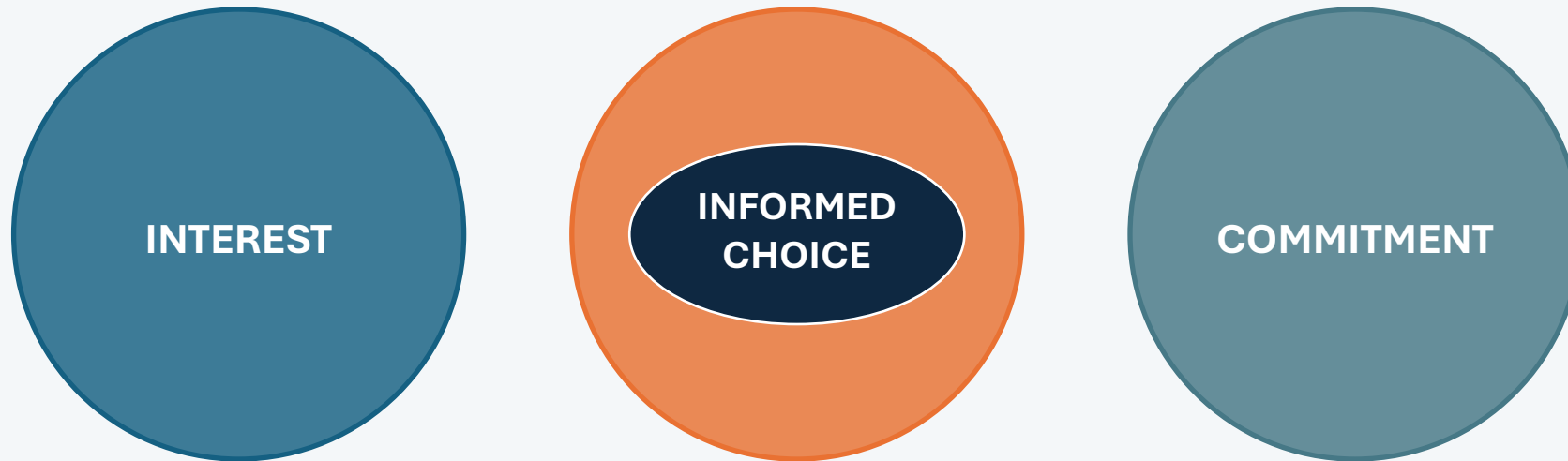
A strong selection reflects the individual student



Year 10 choices matter, but they do not lock a student into one future pathway.

Use Evidence, Not Assumptions

The best decision combines interest, readiness and commitment



Use reports, engagement, attendance, response to feedback, course demands and advice from teachers and Curriculum Leaders.

Current achievement is evidence for decision-making, not a universal guarantee or barrier.

Do Not Choose a Subject Only Because...

Make an individual, informed and realistic choice



Friends are selecting it



A particular teacher is expected



Someone says it is easy



It appears to involve less work



It is assumed to provide an automatic Senior advantage (scaling)



Informal advice has not been checked

Select choices the student is willing to engage with for the full year.

Year 10: Preparation, Not Predetermination

Use the year to strengthen learning, gather evidence and refine future directions

Explore and strengthen

Build knowledge, learning habits and confidence



Gather evidence

Notice achievement, engagement and response to different demands



Refine directions

Use Year 10 experience to inform later Senior decisions

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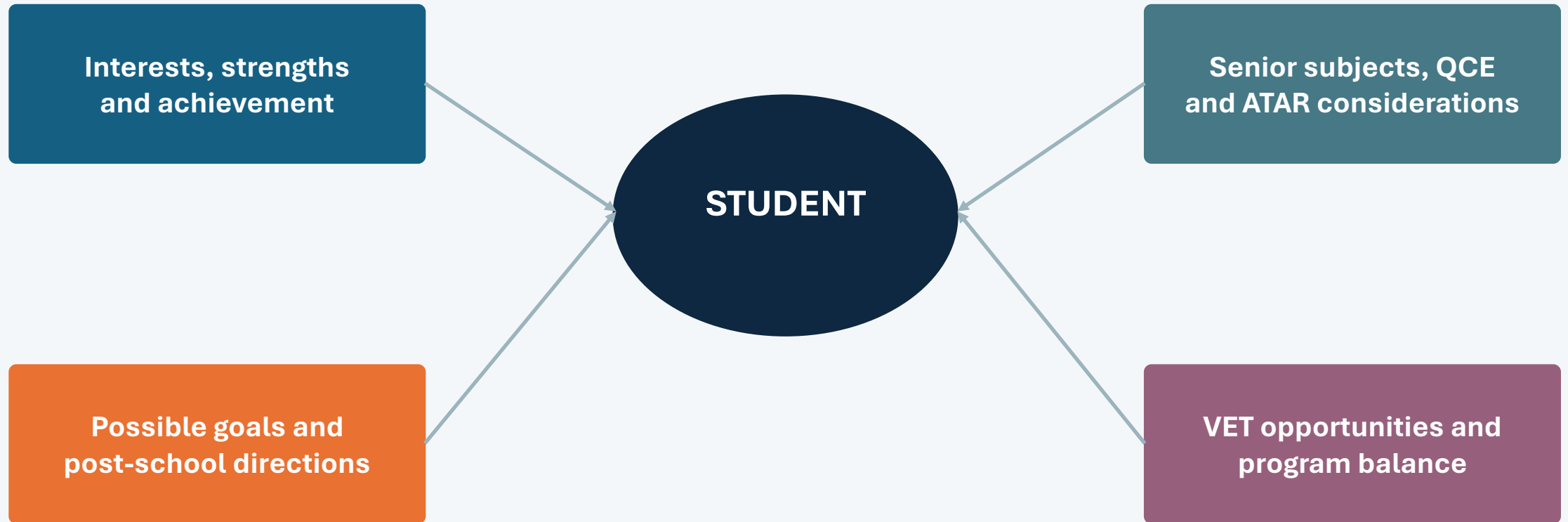
SENIOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING

SET PLAN



Building an Informed SET Plan

A collaborative, reviewable plan for Years 11 and 12 and beyond



A SET Plan provides direction and can be reviewed as interests, achievement and circumstances develop.

Completing Your Subject Selections

Final checks and Subject Selection Online information

Before submitting, check that the student has...

- Selected General Mathematics or Mathematical Methods
 - Selected three full-year electives or programs
 - Nominated two genuine reserve choices
 - Consulted the 2027 Subject Guide
 - Sought advice where required
 - Chosen subjects the student is prepared to study for the full year
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- **Finally, on SSO, selections are not locked until the Parent Pin is entered.**

SUBJECT SELECTION ONLINE

SSO OPENS	7.00pm Monday 03/08/26
SSO CLOSES	9.00am Tuesday 11/08/26
ACCESS	Access email from SASM Curriculum email
RESERVE CHOICES REQUIRED	Two reserves must be selected
SUPPORT	Chris, Kym, Laura (Curriculum Support)

QUESTIONS



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SUBJECT-SPECIFIC ENQUIRIES

Relevant Curriculum Leader

See the 2027 Subject Guide

Detailed Curriculum Leader contact information is available in the 2027 Year 10 Subject Guide.