



2021 YEAR 11 INFORMATION NIGHT

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PRINCIPAL**

CATHOLIC CULTURE



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SENIOR STUDIES



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2019 highlights

HIGHEST ATAR RESULTS
IN THE ACT WITH A
PERFECT 99.95

FOUR STUDENTS
ACHIEVED AN ATAR
OF OVER 99

55% OF STUDENTS
ACHIEVED AN ATAR OF
80 OR HIGHER

26% ACHIEVED
AN ATAR OF
OVER 90



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CHANGING

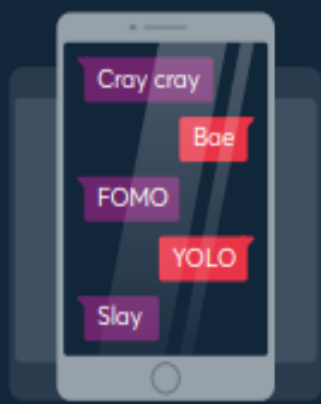
EFFECTIVE ENGAGEMENT

X Verbal Sit & listen Teacher Job security Commanding Curriculum centred Closed book exams Books & paper	Z Visual Try & see Facilitator Flexibility Collaborating Learner centric Open book world Glass & devices
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UNI DEGREES

1 in 4 **X** 1 in 3 **Y** 1 in 2' **Z**

SLANGUAGE



GLOBAL GENERATION

2,000,000,000
2 billion Gen Zs globally



Top 3 countries by total population

- 1 China
- 2 India
- 3 United States

Top 3 countries by Gen Z population

- 1 India
- 2 China
- 3 Indonesia

MOBILITY

17 jobs
5 careers
15 homes *IN A LIFE-TIME**

CATEGORY	GENERATION Z
	idk Legit Squad Totes Whatesus Born: 1995-2009 Age: 9-23
Social markers	GFC 2008
Iconic cars	Tesla Model S 2012
Iconic toys	Folding scooter
Music devices	Spotify 2008
Leadership style	Empowering
Ideal leader	Collaborator
Learning style	Multi-modal
Influence/advice	Forums
Marketing	Digital (social)



DEPUTY PRINCIPAL LEARNING – MRS RENEE TAYLOR



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TRANSITION THROUGHOUT YEAR 10



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CHOOSING SUBJECTS AND PACKAGES



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CHOICE FOR 2020



ACT BSSS System

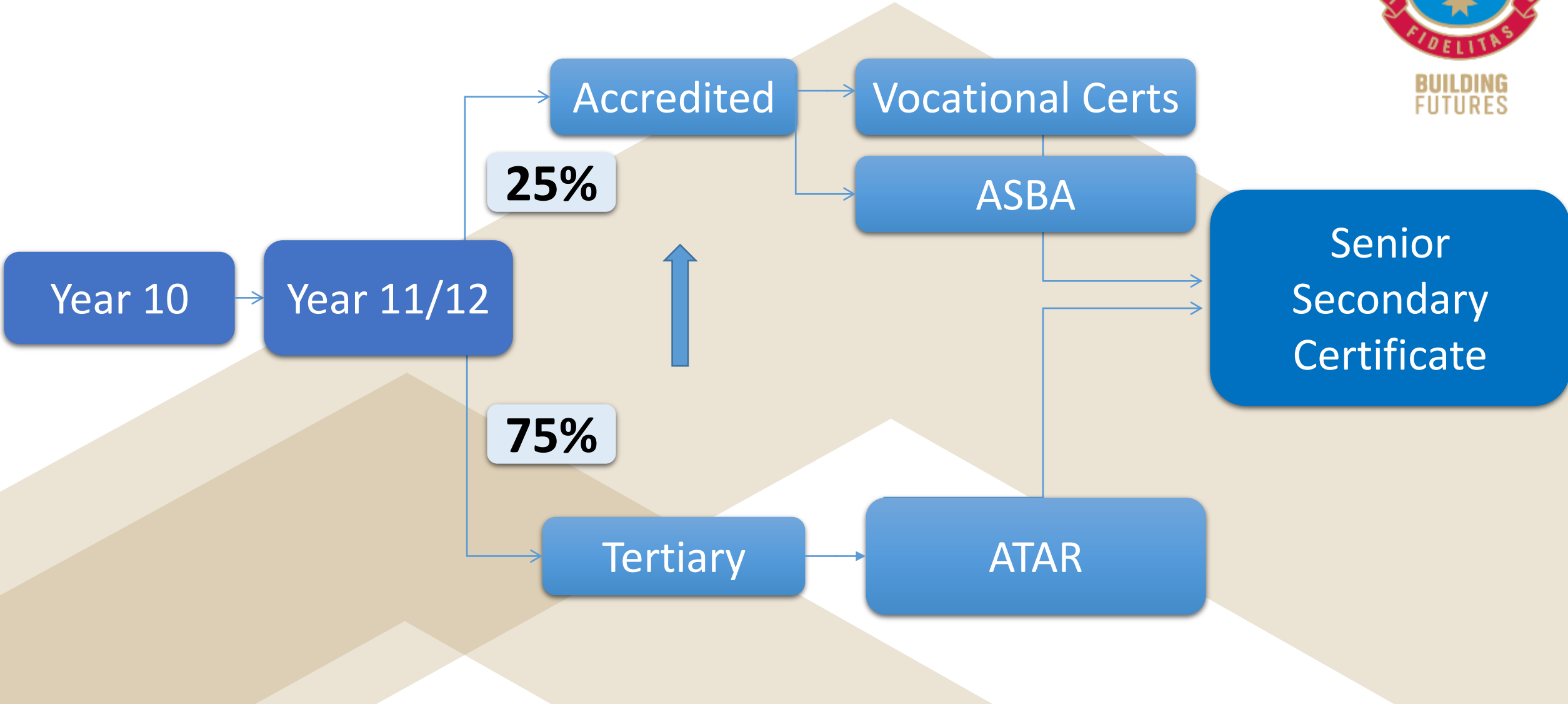
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IB Diploma Programme



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PACKAGES & PATHWAYS - BSSS





PACKAGES

- **Accredited** subjects not ranked; receive a grade as the indicator of the level of achievement. No numerical score.
- **Tertiary** subjects are ranked; receive a grade and a numerical score, used for the calculation of the ATAR
- All subjects in a package are equivalent
- Years 11 and 12 count equally

ACT BSSS SENIOR STUDY AT MERICI COLLEGE



- Year 11s study 6 subjects
(negotiated for students doing ASBAs)
- Most Year 12s study 5 subjects
- English is a compulsory Major (two years)
- RE is a compulsory Minor (one year – but most students choose to study it for two years)
- Mathematics is highly recommended
- Subjects on offer in 2021 – Senior Handbook

MERICI COLLEGE



Understanding the ACT Senior Education System

Phil Coe



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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Tc80QB7Wlmk>



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IB DP Subjects

Group 1 – Studies in language and literature	Group 2 Language acquisition	Group 3 Individuals and societies	Group 4 Sciences	Group 5 Mathematics	Group 6 Arts
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> English Literature (HL & SL) English Language and Literature (HL & SL) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chinese ab initio (Pamoja) French ab initio (Pamoja) Spanish ab initio (Pamoja) Chinese – Language B (SL / HL) French – Language B (SL / HL) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> World Religions (SL) – Compulsory Business Management (HL & SL) History (HL & SL) Psychology (HL & SL) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Biology (HL & SL) Chemistry (HL & SL) Sports, exercise and health science (HL & SL) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mathematics: applications and interpretation (SL) Mathematics: analysis and approaches (SL & HL) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Art (HL & SL) Or any other subject from groups 2-5
				Core	
Creativity, activity, service – ongoing Extended essay – 4000 words Theory of knowledge – 100 hours – Essay and Presentation					

Group 6 – The Arts +

- Art

Anything from Groups 2 – 5

Can I do a two sciences? Yes

Can I study two languages? Yes

Can I swap World Religions for something else? No

Can I study IT? Yes as Group 6 subject if there is enough demand

Group 3 – Individuals and Societies

Psychology

Business Management

History



FAQ

How much will this cost?

- Charges only for DP exams
- Approx. cost:
- Examination cost for a student taking 6 subjects + the DP Core = \$140 per subject x 6 = \$840 (2019 IB costings)
- This does not include special requests such as appeals, late entry etc.

Can I take triple science?

- No unless you can prove it is a requirement not a preference for your university entrance.

I hate a subject (insert your hated subject here) do I have to take it?

You must take one from each group except group 6 where you can take something other than arts.

If I don't like the IB can I move?

- Moving from IB to BSSS courses = treated like interstate student on a case by case basis.
- Not possible to move from BSSS to DP courses unless resitting Y11.

If I fail the IB Diploma what are my options?

Retakes of exams

Bridging courses or equivalent to enter university.

Another pathway

You end up with course scores, rather than a Diploma unless retakes

Need to contact the University to discuss entrance with course scores

Do I have to do the same language that I studied at Junior School?

No you can do another language likely ab initio if not studied before.

IB ATAR / UAC

- IB Students do not get an ATAR – They get a UAC ranking (equivalent to an ATAR)
- Subjects are given a grade 1-7 (x 6 subjects = 42) = up to 3 points for TOK and EE
- Almost 20% of IB students had a rank of 99.00 and above (compared to 1.6% of HSC students) Source (UAC, 2018)

Aggregate score including bonus points ^{*a}	Combined Rank
45	99.95
44	99.85
43	99.70
42	99.40
41	98.80
40	98.25
39	97.50
38	96.70
37	95.75
36	94.50
35	93.30
34	92.10
33	90.65
32	88.95
31	87.10
30	84.40
29	81.90
28	79.90
27	77.65
26	75.15
25	72.10
24 ^{*b}	68.70

^a For tertiary entrance purposes in all Australian States and Territories (except the University of Tasmania) this Combined Rank measure of overall achievement is comparable with the Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank (ATAR). This means that a Combined Rank of 92.10 equals an ATAR of 92.10.

^b To be eligible for the award of Diploma of the International Baccalaureate, students must obtain a minimum of 24 points. Up to three bonus points may be awarded for performance in the Extended Essay and Theory of Knowledge

ACT BSSS or IB Diploma?

IB Diploma

- Recognised internationally.
- Broad curriculum (6 subject areas required).
- Assessment is by external examination (2-3 papers) and limited internal assessment (1-2 pieces over the 2 years per subject).
- No AST - IB scores get converted to a UAC rank for entry to Australian university.
- Transfers more easily if you need to move (depending on subjects offered at the schools).
- Mostly not assessed by teachers at school.
- Has a unique Theory of Knowledge course.
- Every student does a combination of Higher Level and Standard Level subjects.
- Doesn't get affected by your cohort's ability / rank
- All subjects count.

BSSS

- Assessment is ongoing each semester (most courses 3 x assessment items per subject)
- Based on ranking students in order of performance.
- Mostly internally assessed by teachers in school.
- Get an ATAR.
- Will sit AST exams.
- Allows specialisation in a subject area e.g. can do multiple humanities courses + English.
- Students opt to complete a certain number of subjects at Tertiary level or Accredited level with possibility of all Accredited courses.
- Takes your best scoring subjects to count towards your ATAR.
- Has a wider subject choice.
- Offers combination – ASBA, VET and Accredited and Tertiary Subjects.

A SNAP SHOT OF HOURS

IB Diploma

Higher Level Unit = 240 hours over 2 years

Standard Level Unit = 150 hours over 2 years

6 subjects: 3 HL and 3 SL

= (240 hours x 3) + (150 hours x 3)

= 720 + 450 = **1170 hours over 2 years**

Extended Essay = 40 hours

TOK = 100 hours

CAS = 50 hours

Total Hours: **1360 hours**

Approx. 4 per subject x 6 subjects

= **24 Assessment items**

BSSS – Tertiary Package at Merici

Each BSSS unit =

55 hours per subject each semester

Year 11 6 subjects, drop to 5 in Year 12

(55 hours x 6) = 330 (Year 11) x 2 (2 Semesters) = 660

(55 hours x 5) = 275 (Year 12) x 2 (2 Semesters) = 550

= **1210 hours over 2 years**

Total Hours: **1210 hours**

3 assessments in each unit

(3 x 6) x 2 + (3 x 5) x 2

= **66 Assessment items**



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