LIFETRAX
The educational framework of the Secondary School is based on the pedagogy of ‘Understanding by Design’ [Wiggins & McTighe], with emphasis placed on

- Beginning with, and working towards, desired lifelong understandings
- Uncovering, as well as covering, content
- Discovering the 'big ideas' within the content
- Extending and enriching student thinking
- Providing real life contexts and connections
- Creating engaging educational experiences relevant to student life

All secondary work programs are underpinned by spiritual objectives, and a Biblical worldview is integrated into each subject area.

Citipointe strives to cater for a wide range of students and student aspirations through enrichment, ESL and extension classes at every year level, and ability streaming in some core subject areas at some year levels.

MIDDLE YEARS 7 & 8

These years focus on Exploration of Interests and consist of a core course of Australian Curriculum Learning Areas: English, Maths, Science, History, Geography, Languages, Arts, Technology, Business, and Health & Physical Education. Students also engage in the College subjects of Chapel, Christian Studies and Sport. During these two years, students experience the diverse range of subject areas that are offered by the College, to choose their areas of future study more wisely.

Year 7 is the SevenUp Program, our first year in Secondary. It aims to transition students from Primary to Secondary, consolidating foundational skills and providing a taste of speciality secondary subjects in semester or term units. Students sit for the Australian NAPLAN test in Term 2 of this year.

Year 8 continues the same program as Year 7, with further reinforcing of skills and greater academic experience of the Australian Curriculum Learning Areas.

MIDDLE YEARS 9 & 10

These years emphasise Development of Passions. Studies focus on real life contexts and aim to broaden student experience through electives. Students study a Core Course of Australian Curriculum Learning Areas of English, Maths, Science, History and Geography, and choose 3 electives from the other Learning Areas of Languages, Arts, Technology, Business and Health & Physical Education. These two years and the choice of subjects are designed to assist students to discover areas of strong interest and passion that can be continued into their Senior schooling. College subjects are continued.

In Year 9, students develop their Student Education and Training Plan, deciding on academic goals for the next three years, they engage in a Careers Expo and are given information by our Careers Advisor. Students sit for the Australian NAPLAN test during Term 2 of this year.
Year 10 is a time of preparation for students’ years of Senior Schooling and of planning for their future career pathway. During Semester 1, our Careers Advisor will review and finalise their SET plan and during Semester 2, students are asked to decide on their course of Senior study: OP or non OP. They will also choose subjects for Years 11 and 12, directed by their SET plan.

SUBJECT INFORMATION FOR YEARS 9 & 10

Year 9 & 10 Program consists of:
- Compulsory Core Australian Curriculum Learning Areas
  - English, Maths, Science, History and Geography
- Three electives chosen from Australian Curriculum Learning Areas
  - Arts: Art, Dance, Speech & Drama, Music
  - Languages: French, Chinese
  - Business
  - Health & Physical Education:
- Compulsory College subjects: Christian Studies, Chapel & Sport.

SENIOR SCHOOLING YEARS 11 & 12

These years focus on Consolidation of Knowledge and are the culmination of preparation during the compulsory years of schooling. Years 11 & 12 are considered to be post-compulsory years of education, and although the College has a very high retention rate from Year 8 through to Year 12, progress to the Senior years is not automatic and certain requirements must be met.

The College reaffirms that its major commitment within the post-compulsory years of schooling is to a traditional academic education, with focus on preparation for tertiary study. In addition, the College makes provision for those students who prefer to pursue vocational subjects, within the Careerstart program.

The Senior program is organised around LIFETRAX - the four pathways which represent four defined course structures:

**OP**
- Academic track – 6 Authority subjects
  - tertiary entrance to University, TAFE, work

**OP BLEND**
- Combination of 5 Authority subjects + 1 vocational subject
  - tertiary entrance to University, TAFE, work

**NON-OP BLEND**
- Combination of fewer than 5 Authority subjects + vocational subjects
  - TAFE, work, apprenticeships, traineeships

**CAREERSTART – NON OP**
- Vocational subjects only, with possible traineeships
  - TAFE, work, apprenticeships

SUBJECT INFORMATION ON SENIOR SUBJECTS
Senior students are required to choose 6 subjects for study in Year 11. All students participate in CHRISTIAN STUDIES, CHAPEL & SPORT, and an ENGLISH and a MATHS subject are compulsory. Students may not drop subjects in Year 11 or Year 12, because of QCE requirements.

In Years 11 & 12, the College offers:

* **Authority subjects** which are recognized by the Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority and contribute to Student Profiles used in tertiary selection.

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** Authority-Registered subjects

- Prevocational Mathematics
- English Communication

*** Vocational Subjects which do not contribute directly to tertiary selection

- Certificate II in Business
- Certificate II in Conservation & Land Management
- Certificate II in Kitchen Operations
- Certificate II in Hospitality
- Certificate II in Information, Digital Media, & Technology
- Certificate II in Live Production, Theatre & Events
- Certificate II in Tourism
- Certificate II in Workplace Practices

**** College subjects

- Chapel
- Christian Studies
- Sport

All subjects are offered dependent on a sufficient number of students choosing them.