



EDUCATION BY DESIGN

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. The College strives to cater for a wide range of students and student aspirations through learning support, ESL, extension and enrichment classes in Years 7-10, streaming according to ability in some core subject areas at some year levels and gender split classes when appropriate.

Secondary Focus

Years 7&8 EXPLORE

Years 9&10 DEEPEN

Years 11&12 FLOURISH

Middle Years 7&8 EXPLORE

CITIPOINTE is sensitive to the needs of young adolescents, so the middle years of schooling receive different teaching and learning approaches. Although we do not have a separate middle school campus, we do, however, apply middle schooling principles to these important years. The emphasis in these years is on Exploration of Interests. Studies include a wide variety of secondary subjects, with a focus on real life contexts. Different learning styles and personalities of both boys and girls are catered for within gender-specific classes for some subjects, across-the-year-level specially designed projects and vertical learning activities. Relationships are crucial to this age group, so pastoral care receives extra attention, with the pastoral care program also accommodating the emotional and social needs of both genders, through camps, pastoral care classes, and specialist staff.

In Year 7, students enter the Secondary school to an exciting, different educational experience designed to enable a smoother, less stressful transition between Primary and Secondary. This consolidates foundational skills and emphasises literacy and numeracy in Core subjects, as well as broadening their horizons with semester units of secondary Key Learning Areas. All students engage in a set course of English, Maths, Science, History, Geography, Languages, Arts, Technology, Physical Education and College subjects of Christian Studies, Chapel and Sport.

In Year 8, students are given opportunity to choose some elective subjects from Arts, Languages and Technology Learning Areas, in addition to studying their Core subjects of English, Maths, Science, History, Geography, Business and Physical Education. College subjects of Christian Studies, Chapel and Sport continue.

Years 9&10 DEEPEN

During these years of compulsory education, students begin preparation for their years of Senior Schooling and to plan for their future career pathway, by focussing on the areas of their passion and deepening their knowledge of their chosen subjects. They will be required to develop their Student Education & Training [SET] Plan, deciding on academic goals for their Senior years and choosing their Senior subjects in Semester 2 of Year 10. They will do this in conjunction with the Careers Counsellor during Year 9 and their SET plans are then signed off by parents by the beginning of Year 10. Any changes to subjects or course or direction of their Senior Plan is noted and signed off by the Careers Counsellor and parents. The student SET Plan provides the guide for subject selection in Term 3 of Year 10.

In Years 9&10, students study the Core subjects of English, Maths, Science, History and Geography, and choose electives from the Learning Areas of Arts, Business, HPE, Languages, and Technology. College subjects of Christian Studies, Chapel and Sport continue.

There are three curriculum pathways into Senior Schooling:

- MAINSTREAM - academic → OP/Queensland Certificate of Education → tertiary study
- BLEND - academic & vocational → OP/QCE → tertiary study, work, traineeships, apprenticeships
- CAREERSTART - vocational → QCE → work, traineeships, apprenticeships

Senior Schooling Years 11 & 12 FLOURISH

The Senior Years of schooling are the culmination of the compulsory years of schooling and are aimed at tertiary preparation. CITIPOINTE has a very high retention rate from Year 7 through to Year 12 and the majority of our Year 12s continue to tertiary study.

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In Years 11&12, students must study English and Maths, and choose 4 electives from the Learning Areas of Arts, Business, Geography, History, HPE, Languages, Science, and Technology. College subjects of Christian Studies, Chapel and Sport continue, as well as the weekly QCS preparation lesson.

SENIOR SUBJECTS

Senior students are required to choose 6 subjects for study in Year 11 and Year 12. All students participate in CHRISTIAN STUDIES, CHAPEL & SPORT, and one ENGLISH and one MATHS subject are compulsory. Students may not drop subjects in Year 11 or Year 12, because of QCE requirements. All subjects are offered dependent on a sufficient number of students choosing them. In Years 11 & 12, the College offers:

Authority subjects

Accounting	English	Legal Studies
Ancient History	English for ESL Learners	Mathematics A
Biological Science	Film, Television & New Media	Mathematics B
Business, Communication & Technologies	French	Mathematics C
Business Management	Geography	Modern History
Chemistry	Graphics	Music
Chinese	Hospitality Studies	Music Extension (Yr 12 only)
Dance	Information Processing & Technology	Physical Education
Drama	Information Technology	Physics
Economics	Systems	Study of Religion
Engineering Technology		Technology Studies
		Visual Art

Authority-Registered subjects

Prevocational Mathematics
English Communication

Vocational Subjects

 which do not contribute directly to tertiary selection

Certificate III in Business Administration
Certificate II in Kitchen Operations
Certificate II in Hospitality
Certificate II in Live Production and Services
Certificate II in Tourism

College subjects

 which do not contribute to assessment or tertiary selection

Access – QCS preparation lesson
Chapel
Christian Studies
Sport