



EDUCATION BY DESIGN

All secondary curriculum is underpinned by spiritual objectives and a Biblical worldview is integrated into each subject area.

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

Citipointe strives to cater for a wide range of students and student aspirations through Learning Support, EAL and Talent Development classes at every year level, and streaming according to ability in some core subject areas at some year levels. In Years 7-10, specific Learning Enrichment is offered in the XP [Extra Potential] program.

EXPLORE: YEARS 7 & 8 MIDDLE SCHOOLING

Year 7 is the step up to Secondary. The first year of Secondary aims to provide a transition between Primary and Secondary to obtain new skills, explore new subjects and to provide a combination of a Core course of Australian Curriculum Phase 1 Learning Areas and speciality secondary areas.

Year 8 aims to explore interests. Studies focus on real life contexts and aim to broaden student experience through a wider range of subjects. Students study a Core Course of Australian Curriculum Learning Areas of English, Maths, Science, History, Geography, Arts, Languages, Technology, Business and HPE, and College subjects of Christian Studies, Chapel and Sport. There are choices of subjects within the Learning Areas of Arts, Languages and Technology.

DEEPEN: YEARS 9 & 10 PREPARATION FOR SENIOR

Year 9 continues with a deepening of knowledge, with a Core Course of the Australian Curriculum Learning Areas of English, Maths, Science, History and Geography, and electives from subjects within the Learning Areas of Arts, Languages, Technology, Business and HPE. College subjects are continued.

Year 10 is a time of preparation for students' years of Senior Schooling and of planning for their future career pathway. During this year they will be required to develop their Student Education and Training Plan, deciding on academic goals for the next two years, before choosing their subjects for Years 11 & 12. At the end of Year 10, students are asked to decide on their course of study. Except in extenuating circumstances, they will not be permitted to change courses, as this will jeopardise future opportunities. Their chosen subjects should be seen as a two year course.

FLOURISH: YEARS 11 & 12 SENIOR SCHOOLING

Years 11 & 12 focus on flourishing in subject areas that have become passions. These years 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 Citipointe 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. In addition, the College makes provision for those students who prefer to pursue vocational subjects, within the Careerstart program.

Pathways for Senior schooling:

ACADEMIC – 6 QCAA subjects

→ tertiary entrance to University, TAFE, work

BLEND - Combination of QCAA subjects + vocational subjects

→ tertiary entrance to University, TAFE, work

CAREERSTART - Vocational subjects only

→ TAFE, work, traineeships, apprenticeships

Senior Subjects:

The College offers:

Authority subjects which are recognized by the QCAA and contribute to Student Profiles used in tertiary selection

Vocational Subjects which do not currently contribute directly to tertiary selection and are not all offered every year

- Certificate II in Business

- 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

College Subjects

- Christian Studies

- Chapel

All subjects are offered dependent on a sufficient number of students choosing them. Subject choices for Years 9 and 11 are completed online.

SENIOR SUBJECTS

Senior students are required to choose 6 subjects for study in Year 11. All students participate in CHRISTIAN LIVING, CHAPEL & SPORT, and an ENGLISH and a MATHS subject are also compulsory. Students may not drop subjects in Year 11 or Year 12, because of QCAA requirements.

Changes of subjects must be requested through a student interview with the Director of Studies, and a completion by parents of a Change of Course Form, available from the Director of Studies.

New Senior Assessment System:

Senior Subject Changes will take place in 2018 for Year 11 2019 and Year 12 2020 in line with the phasing out of the OP system and the phasing in of the new Senior External Assessment System. The list below is current as at August 2017 and may be subject to change in 2018.

ENGLISH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • English • Essential English • English as an Additional Language • Literature 	ARTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dance • Drama • Film TV & New Media • Music • Music Extension [Yr12 only] • Visual Art
MATHS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maths General • Maths Methods • Maths Specialist • Maths Essential 	BUSINESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accounting • Business • Economics • Legal Studies
SCIENCE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biology • Chemistry • Physics 	HEALTH & PE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Physical Education
GEOGRAPHY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Geography 	LANGUAGES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chinese • French
HISTORY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ancient History • Modern History • Study of Religion 	TECHNOLOGY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Design • Digital Solutions • Engineering