

Junior Certificate of Education



What is a JCE?

The Junior Certificate of Education (JCE) is a school-based junior schooling qualification awarded to eligible students at the end of Year 9 on completion of the junior phase of learning.



How the JCE works

To be awarded a JCE, students will need to achieve a significant amount of learning, at a set standard that includes achieving a “C” standard or higher, in a number of core / mandated and elective subjects across four (4) semesters in Year 8 & 9.

Year 7 students will track their JCE points **but only points achieved in Year 8 & 9 will go towards the JCE.**



Course of Study

These are organised in (2) categories.

CORE

Core subjects are mandatory under the *Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority*. These (5) subjects are studied in Year 7, 8 and 9 by ALL students ALL year. They are Mathematics, English, Science, Humanities and Health & Physical Education (HPE). It is also mandatory that students in Year 7 & 8 study a language (Chinese or Japanese).

ELECTIVES

In Year 7 - Elective subjects are studied one (1) per term.

In Year 8 - Elective subjects are studied one (1) per semester. These include Art, Drama, Music, Dance, Creative Digital Media, Food Technology and Design, Textile Technology & Design, Industrial Technology & Design and Business Studies .

In Year 9 – Elective subjects are studied two (2) per year.



Planning for a JCE

JCE planning starts in Year 7, when students develop a Junior Education and Training (JET) Plan. The JET Plan helps students structure their learning around their abilities, interests and ambitions. The plan is agreed between the student, their parents/carers and the school, and maps their learning journey during their junior phase of learning. The JET Plan will be developed by the end of Year 7, updated as necessary, and regularly reviewed to monitor progress.

CORE

1 credit per semester in Year 8 & 9

| | Year 8 2 x Sem Max credits | Year 9 2 x Sem Max credits | Overall max credits |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Mathematics | 2 | 2 | 4 |
| Science | 2 | 2 | 4 |
| English | 2 | 2 | 4 |
| Humanities | 2 | 2 | 4 |
| HPE | 2 | 2 | 4 |
| Language (Year 8 only) | 2 | ----- | 2 |

ELECTIVE

1 credit per semester in Year 8 & 9

| | Year 8 2 x Semester Max credits | Year 9 4 x Semester Max credits | Overall Max credits |
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| Elective | 2 | 4 | 6 |

At the end of each semester students need to have achieved a "C" or higher in their chosen electives to achieve points for their JCE.

Literacy and Numeracy Requirements

- In Year 9, Semester II students must achieve a "C" standard or higher in English and Mathematics.