

# JPC Senior Information Evening FAQ's



## **Do universities look at individual subjects chosen or only the ATAR?**

This depends on the institution and there is a move toward looking at additional information (not only the ATAR). We would encourage making contact with Teena Zorzi our careers guru - who can look at this in more detail for you.

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Some universities also ask for a portfolio, which looks at the characteristics of self-motivation and community involvement. Some courses ask for a prerequisite subject – i.e. a subject that you have to do in College, and you need to check the requirements for any universities you may be interested in attending. There are not many courses who do have this, but it is important to check.

## **What happens if you don't get your first choice of subject? Are you guaranteed your choice of subjects? Can the subjects fill up and kids miss out?**

We ask the students to choose their subjects and then we create the timetable from this, so we optimise student's options. The only time we haven't run a course is when no one or only 1-2 students have chosen the course. Depending on the unique combinations of subjects selected, we may not be able to spread them in a way that allows all students to access a subject. We always discuss with you what a backup option might be just in case and we will consult with you if there is a problem. The majority of students get ALL their preferences.

## **We would like our Year 10 daughter to remain at JPC, however she says that 'everyone' is going to Gungahlin College. Any tips for us as parents?**

Decisions such as this are big and need to come from informed choice. 'Everyone is going' is not factual with 70-80% of students continuing at JPC in previous years. It is hoped that the choice is based on what measurable differences exist and how these align to the needs of each student. It is a big decision to move from a school where you are known to a school that does not know the student and is actually an unknown entity to the student and the family..... Lots to consider

### **Is English required for 2 years?**

The BSSS rule is that students complete a course in English. A course is either a Major (2 years) or a minor (1 year). It is most highly recommended that any student completing a Tertiary package takes English as a Major.

### **Regarding mentoring - does/can a student have the same mentor for Year 11 and 12?**

We certainly aim to keep students with their mentors as developing this relationship is key to a successful mentor relationship. Equally, sometimes our students request a change and we do try and accommodate this if the relationship is not as productive as it could be.

### **I am familiar with the Elite Competitors Policy, but what support is available for Year 11/12 students who are athletes with large training commitments? (16-18 hours per week plus competition)**

All students must meet the attendance requirements of the BSSS. There is no specific allowance that can be provided for students in their senior years, however, attendance at major events falls into the category of allowable absences for the BSSS. Additional supports around adjusting assessment dates around major competitions is also possible, negotiated as required. JPC has a flexible arrangement with our timetable with ILT and there may be other supports available in specific circumstances. We would need to meet to see what this may look like.

### **If I am really not sure about what is best for my child for next year should I speak with their current mentor?**

Certainly starting with the mentor is a great contact point. Follow up conversations with your child's House Assistant Principal may provide additional information and discussion around supports and options.

### **If a student has a career path in mind, eg uni course - is it best to speak To Ms Zorzi?**

We would recommend you contact Teena Zorzi for further information as to your child's pathway. She has two online Sessions this week.

### **Was the year 10 commitment form emailed?**

The commitment form was in the last Key Messages, also [here is the link](#).

### **How can we find out more info about ASBA's?**

We would ask that you make contact Mr Johns about ASBA's - the timing is excellent to look into this and give us time to set something up.

### **Small numbers is great for one on one teaching but I heard it might be a disadvantage when it comes to rankings. Can you elaborate please?**

Students in a Tertiary package are ranked on their achievement level on their assessment. Following BSSS policy, we mesh our small subjects into larger groups and determine the overall ranking of students through fair and rigorous processes. Year 11 students will have a workshop on this next week. There is an option in the BSSS for student scores to be obtained by small group moderation, whereby a nominated College with larger numbers of students determines the ranking of the small group compared to their cohort. At JPC, we have no groups in small group moderation, meaning we have full control over student rankings.

### **When students will get to know subjects offering in Year 11?**

During Transition week (Week 10) we give the students information in the Senior Handbook. We then help students choose their subject during that week. Next week is also a good opportunity to start the discussion about the subjects at JPC. In the meantime check out our [webpage](#)

### **Does JPC have early entry pathways into Uni or partnerships/cadetships with businesses like other ACT Colleges do?**

We had a large percentage of our students gain early entry into Uni last two years. We definitely have students on various pathways. ANU extension Courses in Engineering, Chinese, Maths have and are being completed by our students. This is a pathway to study at ANU. 3 students last year gained cadetships in the Public Service.

## Is Blue Level a possibility in senior years?

We can negotiate with blue level in ILT, however, most students choose the flexibility of working with their teachers in ILT.

## What sort of laptop is recommended?

Information regarding Devices is available on the [website](#) but generally whatever they are using in year 10 should be fine.

## Are scholarships available?

Full and Part Scholarships are offered to Year 10 students for Years 11 and 12.

Scholarships are available in the following specialist pathways areas. To be eligible for these, students must be enrolled in at least one course in the designated area:

- the Arts
- Humanities
- Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM)
- Languages
- PE & Health
- Religious Studies
- Vocational Studies.

In addition, the following general scholarships are offered:

- scholarships for families who might otherwise not be able to access Year 11 and 12 studies at JPC due to financial constraints (recipients of these will be kept confidential)
- scholarships for students who make an outstanding contribution to our College core values of Justice, Peace and Courage.