

## Where can I find out more about ATAR and external exams?

To find out more about the ATAR and external exams visit the Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority website at [www.qcaa.edu.au/senior/see](http://www.qcaa.edu.au/senior/see).



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### Participating colleges and schools

#### Toowoomba

- Mary MacKillop Catholic College
- St Joseph's College
- St Mary's College
- St Saviour's College

#### Regional schools

- Dalby | Our Lady of the Southern Cross College
- Roma | St John's School
- Stanthorpe | St Joseph's School
- Warwick | Assumption College



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Preparing for external exams can be daunting!

The teachers from across Toowoomba Catholic Schools are here to help.

The Year 12 EPPP assists students as they work towards the general subject/s external assessment/s.



### **What will students focus on in the EPPP?**

- subject specific content
- study techniques including constructing timetables, Cornell note-taking and interleaving practice
- how to manage your wellbeing including meditation, healthy eating and exercise
- tap into the learning of other Year 12 students from across Toowoomba Catholic Schools
- explore what an exam block will look like in practice
- review cognitive verbs and their meaning
- use sample exams and assessment to understand the types of questions that might be asked
- how to break down questions into manageable parts
- expectations of exams including length of responses and marking criteria
- completing practice exams together with others and individually

### **Who will help students in the EPPP?**

Experienced teachers will be mentoring students and...

- lead sessions on specific subject exams
- guide the planning and writing of responses to practice questions
- provide specific examples of cognitive verb use in exam questions and how to 'break down' what is expected in the answer
- give clear guidance on what the examiners are looking for
- support the completion of mock exams
- provide written and verbal feedback to enable students to grow their knowledge and skills
- provide additional resources for use after the program.

### **Which of the general subjects does the EPPP cover?**

The following general subjects are covered in the EPPP.

- English
- English Literature
- General Mathematics
- Mathematics Methods
- Specialist Mathematics
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Physics

### **How is the EPPP structured?**

Over a week, students can engage in one or a number of sessions that focus on each of the general subjects. For example, a morning session is focussed on General Maths and the afternoon session on English. This means across the week, students can participate in a session for each of the general subjects they study.

### **When and where is the EPPP happening?**

The EPPP is scheduled from Monday, 28 September to Saturday, 3 October 2020.

The Toowoomba Cathedral Precinct will host the EPPP, with students, mentors and tutors gathering in the Toowoomba Catholic Schools Office Micah Centre for the start of the week, and then at venues within the precinct for the various sessions.

For students travelling from outside of Toowoomba, St Saviour's College's McAuley House boarding facilities will be available.

Closer to the date, a final session timetable will be made available.

### **Do students pay to participate?**

The EPPP costs \$20 for the first subject, \$40 for two subjects and \$60 for 3-5 subjects. A free study skills session is provided for all participating students.