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2015
STUDENT INFORMATION HANDBOOK
WELCOME TO TAMWORTH HIGH SCHOOL
Tamworth High School has a rich history of promoting innovation, creativity and excellence. Our school prides itself on providing a diverse range of opportunities for individual success. We offer a dynamic curriculum in a responsive, caring and flexible learning environment.

While believing in tradition, we are also a school that actively prepares our students for life in the 21st Century. Students have access to an extensive computer network and teachers and students regularly use a variety of technologies to engage in teaching and learning. We pride ourselves on maintaining a Student Wellbeing Team that is committed to supporting all students and their endeavours. In all that we do, the interests and wellbeing of our students are our first priority.

Tamworth High School operates on a Stage model to develop a modern, relevant and inclusive curriculum, and has a highly successful Support Unit that caters for students with special needs. Our Gifted and Talented program caters to a wide variety of students from not only our school but our local primary schools, in such areas as Music, English, Maths, Science, Dance, Drama and Visual Arts. Through our accelerated learning program we have forged enduring links with our partner primary schools, resulting in students sitting High School Certificate subjects earlier than their peers. The opening of the multi-million dollar Trade Training Centre in 2012 has provided new state-of-the-art training facilities for vocational courses.

We foster an atmosphere of excellence and maintain the high expectation that our students are Safe, Respectful Learners. Students participate in highly successful leadership programs such as the Student Prefect body, the Student Representative Council, Interact and the Junior AECG. These opportunities are available to all who choose to participate fully in the life that Tamworth High School has to offer.

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THS EXECUTIVE 2015
Senior Executive
Principal: Daniel Wilson
Deputy Principal Years 7, 9, 11: Dale Rands
Deputy Principal Years 8, 10, 12: Wayne Woods

Head Teachers – Curriculum
English: Richard Sowden
History (History/LOTE): Catherine Loughrey
HSIE (Social Sciences/CAPA): Greg Allen
Mathematics: Karen Nelson
PDHPE: Kate McCrohon
Science / Agriculture: James Ewin
Support: Cristine O’Connell
Technology Applied Sciences (TAS): Andrew Urquhart

Head Teachers – Non Curriculum
Student Wellbeing: Mark Bradshaw
Teaching and Learning: Kate McCrohon
School Administration & Support Staff (SASS): Raelene Paff

THS YEAR ADVISERS
Year 12 Adviser: Kate Roser
Year 11 Adviser: Steve Porter
Year 10 Adviser: Rebecca Sullivan
Year 9 Adviser: Michael Vereyken
Year 8 Adviser: Michael Van Doesburg
Year 7 Adviser: Erinn Scott
Girls Supervisors: Kristina Poder / Cassie Stirton

TERM DATES 2015
Term 1 (Ten Week Term)
Begins for Staff - Tuesday 27 January 2015
Begins for Prefects, Year 7, Year 11 and new students enrolling – Wednesday 28 January 2015
Begins for Students Years 8, 9, 10, 12 - Thursday 29 January 2015
Ends for Staff and Students - Thursday 2 April 2015

Term 2 (Ten Week Term)
Begins for Staff - Monday 20 April 2015
Begins for Students - Tuesday 21 April 2015
Public Holiday (Anzac Day) - Monday 27 April 2015
Public Holiday (Queen’s Birthday) – Monday 8 June 2015
Ends for Staff and Students - Friday 26 June 2015

Term 3 (Ten Week Term)
Begins for Staff - Monday 13 July 2015
Begins for Students – Tuesday 14 July 2015
Ends for Staff and Students - Friday 18 September 2015

Term 4 (Eleven Week Term)
Begins for Staff – Tuesday 6 October 2015
Begins for Students – Tuesday 6 October 2015
Term ends for Students – Wednesday 16 December 2015
Term ends for Staff – Friday 18 December 2015
**SCHOOL FEES 2015**

**General Contribution**

General school contribution for all Years in 2015 will be $85.00

We encourage the payment of the School Contribution, which covers a range of services for students and all paper for photocopying.

When students choose a course with subject fees they are agreeing to pay all costs associated with the subject. This includes a course fee plus the costs of all materials to complete the course.

Families experiencing difficulty in paying school fees may arrange to pay in instalments or seek support via the Student Assistance Scheme. Please enquire at the Front Office for an application form. All requests are completely confidential.

**Elective Subject Fees**

Elective subject fees pay the costs of materials that must be used to enable students to complete the practical work in a course. Students use or consume the materials themselves.

The elective subject fee is used to pay for such items as:
- Food ingredients in Food Technology
- Components in Technics Electronics
- Makeup and costuming in Drama
- Wood and Metal in Industrial Tech
- Film, chemicals and paper in Photography
- Paints, clay and tools in Visual Arts
- Special booklets for LOTE.

**Sport Fees**

Years 7-10 have compulsory sport once a week. This is in addition to individual PDHPE classes. This fee covers costs such as: bus charges, swimming pool entry, Sports Dome entry, etc. This fee is included with the fees invoice sent to parents/carers and is $25.00 per term.

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SCHOOL SERVICES

Front Office
All visitors must report to the Front Office upon arrival.

Office hours are from 8.00am to 4.00pm on school days.

Please telephone 6765 7888 during these hours to make appointments with staff or for general enquiries. Payment of any monies (eg school contribution, elective fees, excursion costs, etc) are made at this office.

Student Administration Office (SAO)
Office hours are from 8.30am to 3.30pm on school days.

Please telephone 6762 2432 during these hours for student absences and leave passes. SAO provides a wide range of services to students from its B Block location, including:
- Enrolment information (eg change of telephone numbers and address)
- Swiping in when arriving late to school
- Obtaining a partial absence to leave school early

School Counsellor
The School Counsellor is available to talk with students or parents/carers on most school days by appointment through the Front Office.

Student Support
Mrs Susan Warden is the Student Support Officer (SSO) for our school. The Student Support Officer’s main priority is to promote students’ healthy wellbeing and undertakes the positions of advocate, listener and mentor. A student might be referred to the Student Support Officer for support in areas such as bullying, developing self-esteem, resilience, anger management, conflict resolution and coping skills, mediation, or to be connected to local external support and youth services. Students can self-refer to see the SSO or be referred by staff and family members. The SSO office is located upstairs in G Block. Mrs Warden can be contacted on 6765 7888.

Student Assistance Scheme
A special fund is set aside to assist junior students whose families are having financial difficulties. Confidential enquiries about assistance with purchasing uniforms, school equipment, payment of elective fees, excursion costs, etc. should be directed to the Front Office or Student Year Adviser on 6765 7888.

Library
The Tamworth High Library is extremely well equipped with over 40,000 items on its shelves. The spacious design of the library provides an ideal place for students to work on assignments, relax with a book or magazine, use the computer network, including the Internet, or just browse the shelves. All Year 7 students are given lessons on how to use the library by the teacher Librarian, Mr David Patfield. The library staff are always on hand to help with any enquiries.

Breakfast Café
A Breakfast Café operates each school day, courtesy of the Tamworth Red Cross, from 8.00 to 8.45am in HT2. Cereal, toast, fruit juice and milk are available. A donation of 30 cents is all that it costs. All are welcome.

Careers Centre
The Careers Centre is located upstairs in B Block and is well equipped with a wide range of pamphlets, career information books, tertiary requirement handbooks, application forms, etc. Students, particularly seniors, can visit the Careers Centre to speak to the Careers teacher, Ms Kate Daley.

Aboriginal Education Officer
Mr Brian Sampson is our Aboriginal Education Officer (AEO) and can be contacted at the school on 6765 7888. Students can visit Mr Sampson in the Aboriginal Room upstairs in A Block, during breaks.
Lockers
There are 90 lockers available each year for students to hire. They are hired on a priority basis. The cost for every student is $20.00 per year or $30.00 for two years. This includes a $10.00 deposit on the key which is refunded when the key is returned. Enquiries should be directed to David Patfield in the Library.

The Buzz Newsletter
The Buzz is issued to students every second Friday to take home, it is also uploaded onto the school website and the Tamworth High School App.

Our Newsletter conveys information about school events and students’ successful achievements in both the school and the wider community.

STUDENT ATTENDANCE
Tamworth High School is a comprehensive public school that serves its local community. It recognises that attendance is central to all academic and wellbeing issues. The responsibility for encouraging and monitoring high standards of attendance and punctuality is shared amongst the whole school community including staff, students and parents/carers.

The legal basis for compulsory school attendance is located specifically within the principles established in the Education Act 1990, which states that all children between the ages of 6 and 17 must attend school each day that school is open, unless specific exemptions apply. The Act also applies principles in terms of attendance registers that are to be marked accurately on a daily basis.

There are two other issues relating to school attendance. The first is that schools have a duty of care to their students. The maintenance, monitoring and communication of attendance information to the relevant persons form part of that duty. The second is that good attendance links directly to good learning.

Parents/Carers Responsibilities:
Parents/Carers are legally responsible for the regular attendance of their children.
- Send students to school on every day instruction is provided
- Promote a positive attitude towards school attendance
- Provide written or verbal explanations for each absence from school within seven (7) days
- Co-operate with Tamworth High School’s Student Attendance Policy
- Take measures to resolve attendance issue involving their student/s

Student Responsibilities:
- Attend school punctually on each day that instruction is provided
- Attend all lessons punctually
- Remain in class at all times unless given express permission to leave
- Bring notes from Parents/Carers to explain absences
- Co-operate with Tamworth High School’s Student Attendance Policy

EXEMPTION FROM ATTENDANCE
Parents/Carers organising a family holiday during school term may seek an exemption from schooling, which can also cover siblings. This means that the time away from school does not count towards your student’s absences.

An Exemption from Attendance at School form is available from the school, an application may only be approved before the period of leave and cannot be backdated.
WHAT TO DO IF MY STUDENT IS ABSENT FROM SCHOOL

If the date/s of absences are known beforehand, call, fax, email, use the Tamworth High School App or send a note with student to the school BEFORE the date, giving date/s of absences and reasons for absences.

If the absence is unexpected, call, fax, email, use the Tamworth High School App or send a note with student to the school within seven (7) days of the absence.

Please note:
- any information received after seven days CANNOT be accepted because the reason for the absence cannot then be legally changed.
- letters are sent home in the mail for whole day absences. These should be signed by the parent/carer, a reason given, and returned to the school within seven (7) days
- students who are late to school MUST go to Student Administration Office to swipe in, this generates a late to class slip and a note for parents/carers. This note should be taken home, signed by the parent/carer, a reason given, and returned to the school within seven (7) days

LEAVING SCHOOL DURING THE DAY

The process is:
- Take a signed note, from the student’s parent/carer, providing the reason for a leave pass to the Student Administration Office between 8.30am and 9.00am and place the note in the Early Leave Box. The note must indicate the date and time the student is requesting to leave, if the student is returning, the student’s year group and a parent/carer contact number.
- Student Administration Office staff give the parent/carer note to a Deputy Principal to be authorised, if approved a leave pass will be issued.
- Students collect their Leave Pass from Student Administration Office at Recess 1. This note is used to allow the student to come out of class at the allotted time, the student then attends the Student Administration Office to swipe out.

Senior Students

Senior students are offered the privilege of flexible leave arrangements at the beginning or end of the school day as outlined in the Senior Learning Policy.

Senior students are required to –
- Submit a Senior Leave Application form to Student Administration Office at the beginning of each term – these forms are available from Student Administration Office and will be checked against student academic and behaviour records.
- Swipe in at Student Administration Office if arriving late and/or swipe out at Student Administration Office if leaving early, after relevant form has been completed, given to Student Administration Office and approved by the relevant Deputy Principal.

SICK BAY

Students should let their classroom teacher know if they are unwell and they will be given a note to take to the Front Office, where parents/carers will be contacted to pick them up.

If a student is unwell at home, please do not send them to school.

Students should not phone parents/carers to pick them up (please refer to the Technology, Mobile Phone and Personal Electronic Devices Policy).

If any new medical conditions are diagnosed (eg asthma, epilepsy, heart condition, diabetes, etc.) the school needs to have written notification from the treating Doctor, as well as a health plan for the school to follow when needed.
EMERGENCY & HOME DETAILS

It is imperative that the school be contacted either by note or a telephone call (phone 6765 7888 or 6762 2432) if there is any change of address, telephone number or any emergency contact details at any time during a student’s stay at Tamworth High School.

This will alleviate any problems when we need to contact a parent/carer especially if a student is sick or there is an emergency.

MEDICATION

If students need to take prescribed medication during school hours, parents/carers are required to complete Medication Forms, available from the Front Office. This form is required for each new medication, including a change to generic brands.

The prescribed medication is to be brought to the Front Office in the original container with the medical details and student name on the label.

Please bring only enough medication to last for either the duration of the illness or each week.

The student is responsible for coming down to the front office at the required time. They are also required to sign a record card each time medication is taken.

PERMISSION TO PUBLISH

Tamworth High School and the Department of Education and Communities may publish information about a student for the purposes of sharing their experiences with other students, informing the school and broader community about school and student activities or recording student participation in noteworthy projects or community service.

This information may include a student’s name, age, class and information collected at school such as photographs, sound and visual recordings of a student, a student’s work and expressions of opinion, such as in interactive media.

The communications in which a student’s information may be published include but are not limited to:
- Public websites of the Department of Education and Communities, including the school website, the Department of Education and Communities intranet (staff only), blogs and wikis.
- Department of Education and Communities publications, including the school newsletter, annual school magazine and school report, promotional material published in print and electronically, including on the Department of Education and Communities’ websites.
- Official Department of Education and Communities and school social media accounts on networks such as YouTube, Facebook and Twitter.

Parents/Carers should be aware that when information is published on public websites and social media channels it can be linked to by third parties and may, therefore, be discoverable online for a number of years, if not permanently. Search engines may also cache or retain copies of published information.

The Permission to Publish form is included in the Junior General Permissions Booklet and Senior General Permissions Booklet.
### SCHOOL UNIFORM

**Summer Uniform – Terms 1 & 4**

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**Senior Girls**

- White, collared, button through blouse with short sleeves
- Dark blue check pattern skirt
- Short, white
- School hat

**Senior Boys**

- White, collared, button through with short sleeves
- Grey cotton/drill, cotton/polyester or polyester/viscose/rayon but not in corduroy
- Short, white
- School hat
### Winter Uniform – Terms 2 & 3

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**Sports & Physical Education Uniform**

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**Boys and Girls Sports Uniforms**

**IMPORTANT NOTE ABOUT SCHOOL SHOES:** The Department of Education and Communities has strict safety rules about shoes that are suitable for school wear. Tamworth High School has adopted, as part of its uniform code, the wearing of standard black shoes with all leather uppers and enclosed leather tongue. Mary Jane shoes or sneaker style shoes which have leather uppers that are composites of leather and vinyl or fabric, **do not meet safety requirements and are not acceptable.**
SCHOOL ORGANISATIONS

Student Representative Council (SRC)
Students are elected to the Student Representative Council as representatives of their peers. They participate in regular SRC meetings where social issues and student concerns are discussed and appropriate action taken. Some of the SRC activities include: fundraising, discos, uniform changes, financial assistance for students representing the school and improvements to the school environment and facilities.

Prefects
One of the highest honours at Tamworth High School is to be elected as a Prefect. Following elections in Term 3 of Year 11, the Prefects participate in a three day Leadership Training Camp. The school captains for the following year are elected by the Prefects after this camp. Prefects are inducted at the beginning of Term 4.

Concert and Stage Bands
Tamworth High School has a wonderful tradition of instrumental music. We have a Concert Band which involves students from our partner primary schools through to Year 12. Students attend the Regional Band Camp and are regularly selected to represent Tamworth High School at state level.

Choir and Vocal Groups
Tamworth High School has a choir and small vocal ensemble which perform at school functions and Eisteddfods. Students also participate at regional level. Some well known ex-students include Felicity Urquhart, Jarod Scott, Ben Hazell and Roshani Priddis.

Junior AECG
The Junior Aboriginal Education Consultative Group (AECG) meet twice a month to discuss how to help Aboriginal students from Years 7 to 12 become more involved in decision-making for Aboriginal Education. For more information please contact Mr Brian Sampson on 6765 7888.

Parents and Citizens Association
The Parents and Citizens Association (P&C) at Tamworth High School plays a vital role in the life of the school. It provides a voice for parents/carers in the ongoing development of the school and acts in a consultative capacity with issues such as school policy, financial management and school fundraising.

Meetings are held the third Tuesday of every month, during term between February and November at 6:30pm in the School Cafeteria. A warm invitation is extended to all parents/carers of students to attend.

Interact Club
The Interact club is a student-centred club in which the members address the needs of the school and local communities. It meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month. Membership is $2.00 per year and is open to all students.
SPORT

Sport and Education

Sport is a Department of Education & Communities requirement for students in Years 7 to 10. Students who cause concern due to their behaviour will be required to attend sports detention.

Sport is held on the following days from 1:55 to 3:20pm:

Years 7 & 8 – Tuesdays
Years 9 & 10 - Thursdays

SPORTS UNIFORM IS ONLY TO BE WORN ON DESIGNATED SPORT/PE DAYS.

Sports Organiser

The Sports organiser is Greg Allen. Students who are sick, injured, without money or have any other problems relating to sport are to contact Greg Allen in the Social Sciences staffroom before school or during recess on the day they have sport.

Venue and Transport Costs

All students will be put into groups and will rotate through a range of sports in each term. These sports will be a mixture of free and paying activities. Costs will be covered by a common fee that all students will pay at the beginning of the year/term. Anyone who has difficulty with this should see Greg Allen.

Team Sports

Team Sports are an important part of the Sporting program at Tamworth High School. The school enters a number of teams into various local and state competitions. Tamworth High has a proud tradition of sporting success. An individual manager runs each team. For further information please telephone Nathan Te Rangi.

Carnivals

Nathan Te Rangi organises the three major whole school carnivals: Swimming, Cross-country and Athletics. Students who are successful in these carnivals have the opportunity to go on to regional competition levels.

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES

Tamworth High School has a fine tradition of students excelling in a broad range of activities beyond the core curriculum.

We have committed sporting teams, with regular success at the local, regional and state levels, and a number of ex-students have represented the nation at Olympic and International level.

Performances are regular events at Formal Assemblies, special events and Presentation Night for the Concert Band, Stage Band, Vocal Ensembles, Percussion Groups, Musical Soloists, Dance Groups and Soloists, Drama Groups, Public Speakers and Debaters. School Productions, Eisteddfods, and local and state competitions also provide opportunities for students to develop and present their leadership and teamwork abilities, as well as their talent.

Close links with our local primary schools also means our students are regularly involved in supporting both students and staff from other schools with their swimming carnivals, musical productions and talent nights.

Through the Agriculture program, students can develop confidence and the ability to work with sheep and cattle, parading them at various shows; work with farm equipment and animals on the Agriculture plot, as well as developing other practical skills.
**THS P & C Inc**

It’s the school community’s P&C. Everyone who can participate is needed and attending even one meeting a term is encouraged. New ideas are welcome and valued.

Meetings take place on the 3rd Tuesday of each month in the school Cafeteria Learning Area (enter via Jean Street) and a light refreshment is provided.

**Tamworth High School App for Smartphones—The Buzz**

The fortnightly issue of The Buzz can be received on Smartphones via the Tamworth High School App.

Meeting Dates for 2015 will be advertised in The Buzz.

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Starting Time: 6:30 pm for approximately an hour.

Cost to become a member: $2.00 (set at each AGM)

Please join with other parents/carers and participate in the school community as part of the P & C.

P & C Email - secretarythspandc@gmail.com

**P & C Country Music Camping - Camp Tamworth High**

During Tamworth Country Music the school and P & C, along with the Prefect body, rent camping and caravan spots at reasonable costs. Each afternoon prefects, senior students and parent/carer volunteers work together to clean the facilities. For further information regarding camping contact the co-ordinator on 0487 114 030. Please leave a message as volunteers monitor the phone and will return your call when available. Email - thspandc@gmail.com.

**P & C Cafeteria**

The P & C run the Tamworth High School Cafeteria and rely on volunteers and senior students to assist. If you or a friend, grandparent, aunt or uncle are in a position to assist just once a month, please complete the slip below and return it to the Cafeteria or call the Cafeteria Manager, Judy Watson, on 6765 7888 or email canteenthspandc@gmail.com.

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**TAMWORTH HIGH SCHOOL – CAFETERIA VOLUNTEER FORM**

I am able to help in the cafeteria on _____ days/half days of each month

My name is ________________________________ and I can be contacted on

mobile ________________________________.
TECHNOLOGY, MOBILE PHONE & PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICES
The widespread ownership of technology among young people requires Tamworth High School to ensure that it is used responsibly at school.

Tamworth High School has established the Technology, Mobile Phone & Personal Electronic Devices Policy to cover all personal electronic devices to provide teachers, students and parents/carers clear guidelines and instructions for the appropriate use of these devices during school hours and whilst travelling to and from school. Students and their parents/carers are advised to familiarise themselves with this policy before students are given permission to bring mobile phones to school. This policy also applies to students during school excursions, camps and co-curricular activities.

The Tamworth High School Technology, Mobile Phone & Personal Electronic Devices Policy is designed to work in conjunction with the Department of Education and Communities Acceptable Use Agreement that all students and parents/carers are required to sign before being provided access to various forms of technology whilst at school.

The Acceptable Use Agreement seeks to ensure that students and parents/carers understand the various requirements associated with:
- the use of technologies provided by Tamworth High School, and
- the Department of Education and Communities and the use of privately owned technologies such as mobile phones.

For further information please refer to the Technology, Mobile Phone and Personal Electronic Devices Policy.

BUS COMPANY INFORMATION
Travel by bus to school is available to students. Details of requirements can be obtained by contacting the bus companies.

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<td>M &amp; M Campbell</td>
<td>Service for Peel Valley Coaches - pick up students at Tamworth High School for Dungowan.</td>
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<td>Hannafords Bus Service</td>
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<td>Ph 6765 1900</td>
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<td>MacPherson’s</td>
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<td>Tamworth Buslines</td>
<td>North &amp; East Tamworth, Oxley Vale, Kootingal, Moombi, Bendemeer, Manilla, Calala, Quirindi, Werris Creek, Duri, Currabubula, Hallsville</td>
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CURRICULUM – YEARS 7 & 8 (STAGE 4)

Students in Years 7 & 8 are required to complete specific courses to meet the Board of Studies’ rule to achieve a Record of School Achievement (RoSA) following the completion of Year 10.

These include two years of study in:
- English
- Science
- Creative and Performing Arts
- Technology
- Mathematics
- World History and Geography
- Personal Development/Health/Physical Education
- Languages Other Than English (LOTE)

Assessment and Reporting
Students are continually assessed on their performance in courses. Assessment information is used to produce school reports, which are issued to students each semester for delivery home.

Reports for students in Stage 4 contain information on the student’s achievement of outcomes and work skills during that semester.

Acceleration Program
Unique structures in the school allow students to follow flexible progression in courses in which they have demonstrated an outstanding level of achievement of outcomes. Acceleration of students occurs in a number of courses in Stage 4 and allows students to complete courses ahead of their year cohort.

Gifted and Talented Class
The Gifted and Talented class operates on a modified timetabling structure involving a home teacher and home room. The class works with one teacher for half of their timetabled classes, which enables cross-curriculum teaching and learning activities, as well as the opportunity for higher level work and closer tracking of student progress.
CURRICULUM – YEARS 9 & 10 (STAGE 5)

Students in Years 9 & 10 are required to complete specific courses to meet the Board of Studies’ rule to achieve a Record of School Achievement (RoSA) following the completion of Year 10.

These include two years of study in:

- English
- Personal Development / Health / Physical Education
- Science
- Australian History, Geography, Civics & Citizenship
- Mathematics

Students also study three elective courses in subjects offered by all Key Learning Areas, including courses in:

- Agriculture Technology
- Graphics Technology
- Outdoor Recreation Technology
- Photography and Digital Media
- Work Education
- Food Technology
- Dance
- Drama
- Information & Software Technology
- Elective History
- Textile Technology
- Music
- Visual Arts

**Assessment and Reporting**

Students are continually assessed on their performance in these courses. Assessment information is used to produce school reports, which are issued to students each semester for delivery home.

Reports for students in Stage 5 contain information on the student’s achievement of outcomes and work skills during that semester.

**Acceleration Program**

Acceleration of students occurs in a number of courses in Stage 5, in either academic or vocational courses (TAFE), allowing students to complete courses ahead of their year cohort.
CURRICULUM – YEARS 11 & 12 (STAGE 6)

Core Curriculum
Students in Years 11 & 12 are required to complete specific courses to meet the Board of Studies’ requirements to achieve a Higher School Certificate at the end of Year 12.

These include:
- 2 units of English over two years
- A minimum of 10 HSC units
- A minimum of 12 Preliminary units
- A number of other requirements outlined in the Preliminary and HSC Assessment Schedules issued to students.

Students wishing to matriculate to university at the conclusion of Year 12 must meet some additional requirements laid down by the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC), which uses student results to determine their Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR). The ATAR is used to determine eligibility for specific courses.

Tamworth High has some special arrangements to ensure the broadest possible curriculum options for students. As well as the vast range of courses delivered at the school, students can also access courses offered at other schools in Tamworth (Oxley, Peel and Farrer), courses at TAFE and through Distance Education.

Assessment and Reporting
Students are continually assessed on their performance in these courses. Assessment information is used to produce school reports, which are issued to students each semester for delivery home.

Reports for students in Stage 6 contain information on the student’s achievement of outcomes and work skills during that semester.

At the conclusion of Year 12, students sit state-wide examinations in most courses, conducted by the NSW Board of Studies. This statutory body reports on these examination marks, awards the Higher School Certificate to eligible students and provides a Record of Achievement showing all courses and grades completed during Stage 6.

Acceleration Program
Acceleration of students occurs in a number of academic and vocational courses in Stage 6 and allows students to complete courses ahead of their year cohort.