

## **QUEENSLAND CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION (QCE)**

It is a requirement of every student in Year 11 and 12 to remain eligible for a Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE). To achieve QCE a student must achieve 20 credits in a set pattern of learning approved by the Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority (QCAA).

For those students who have an impairment or difficulty in learning, not primarily due to socioeconomic or cultural/linguistic factors, the option of participating in an individualised learning program Queensland Certificate of Individual Achievement (QCIA) is available.

### **What does my child need to do to get a QCE?**

To get a QCE, students need:

- a set amount of learning (20 credits)
- at a set standard (Sound Achievement, Pass or equivalent)
- in a set pattern (at least 12 credits from completed Core courses of study and an additional 8 credits from a combination of any courses of study)

They also need to meet literacy and numeracy requirements.

Students working towards a QCE have a wide range of learning options; these can include senior school subjects, vocational education and training, workplace and community learning, and university subjects undertaken while at school.

Courses of study are organised into 4 categories:

- Core
- Preparatory
- Enrichment
- Advanced

To be eligible for a QCE, students must achieve at least 20 credits of learning. A minimum of 12 credits must come from completed Core courses of study. At least 1 credit must come from Core studies completed while enrolled at a school. The remaining 8 credits can come from a combination of core, preparatory, enrichment or advanced courses, with preparatory studies contributing a maximum of 6 credits. Partial completion of a Core course of study may also contribute some credit. Students must also meet the QCE literacy and numeracy requirements.

## **QUEENSLAND CERTIFICATE OF INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENT (QCIA)**

The Queensland Certificate of Individual Achievement (QCIA) recognises the achievements of students who are on individualised learning programs.

The certificate is an official record that students have completed at least 12 years of education, and provides students with a summary of their skills and knowledge that they can present to employers and training providers.

Students participating in a QCIA must be nominated by the Principal and may complete up to 3 QCE contributing studies. The rest of their program will consist of an individualised learning pathway that is accredited by the QCAA. Students may bank credits toward a QCE while they are doing the QCIA program, but cannot be awarded both certificates upon Year 12 completion.

Refer to the QCAA website for further information:

<https://www.qcaa.qld.edu.au/>