

# TOP 10 TIPS FOR YEAR 10

## STUDENTS CHOOSING

## THEIR HSC COURSES

- 01** Choose what you're good at, interested in and which will lay a foundation for your future plans.
- 02** Choose HSC courses best suited to your ability. Don't choose courses just because of scaling or because you think they will give you a better ATAR.
- 03** Make the link between your choice now and where you want to go after Year 12.
- 04** Check if the uni you want to go to (and/or the course you want to do) has prerequisites and assumed knowledge – this booklet has all this info.
- 05** If you want to get an ATAR, make sure you will be eligible.
- 06** Depending on what you study, marks around 70 in the HSC could lead to an ATAR in the 50s, while marks closer to 80 could lead to an ATAR of 80. This is because most students have marks between 70 and 80 so when you are ranked that group really spreads out.
- 07** If you are getting marks in the 70s do whatever you can to get closer to 80 – it will make a big difference to your ATAR.
- 08** Remember that unis award bonus points for your performance in particular HSC courses, and usually for Bands 4 and above.
- 09** If you're not sure what level maths and English to take, choose the level that suits your ability and future plans. You will not necessarily get a higher ATAR just by studying a lower level course, and unis don't always give bonus points for the lower level courses, no matter how well you do. Also check rerequisites in case you need to get a certain performance band.
- 10** To maximise your ATAR you have to make good choices about what to study, work to the best of your ability and work towards your goals for life after school.