SENIOR SCHOOL INFORMATION EVENING

MOUNTAIN CREEK
STATE HIGH SCHOOL

Year 11

Acknowledgement to Country

I would like to acknowledge the Gubbi Gubbi people, who are the traditional owners of this land, where we gather today. I wish to pay my respects to our elders past, present and emerging.

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Administration Team

Mike Anderson
Executive Principal

Donna Lancaster
Principal
Senior Secondary

Craig Hegarty
Principal
Junior Secondary

Angela Hix
Deputy Principal
Senior Secondary

Carmel D'Arcy
Deputy Principal
Junior Secondary

Kate Benfield
Deputy Principal
Inclusion

Mark Swan
Dean of Students

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Year 11 Management Team

- Each Year level has a dedicated year level management team including the Head of Year, Heads of Department and a member of the Administration team.

Angela Hix
Deputy Principal Senior Secondary

Donna Lancaster
Principal Senior Secondary

Tina Smithard
Head of Department Senior School

Chris Forster
Head of Year 12

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Expectations

- Do your best!
- High expectations – work, behaviour and maximising days attended
- Let us know early any problems
- If school is not working – ask for a referral to look at other options

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Expectations

- Completing full drafts and assigned homework tasks by Due Date
- Completing all set tasks in class
- Attending all scheduled assessment
- AARA (extension)– apply if required (illness, misadventure, elite athletes and requires documentation)
- 11 Team track and check in weekly meetings

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First Alerts

Warning of Cancellation

Cancellation

Post Compulsory Schooling

- 3 step process if not meeting expectations
  - Behaviour
  - Academic
  - Well being

Supports put in place to assist in not getting to Cancellation stage

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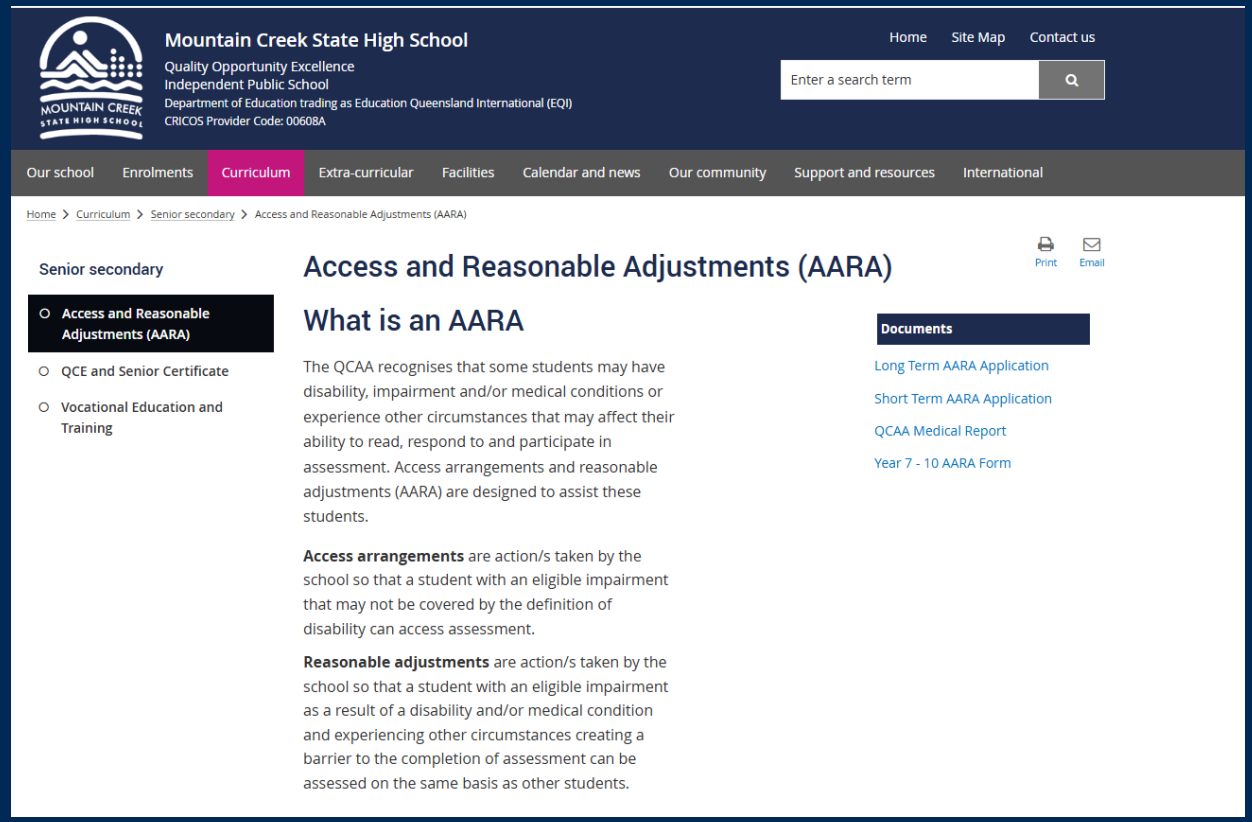
AARA's

- Forms and process can be found on School Website: https://mountaincreekshs.eq.edu.au/curriculum/senior-secondary/access-and-reasonable-adjustments-aara
- Outlines AARA eligibility:



✔ Eligible	✖ Not Eligible
Disability: • cognitive • physical • sensory • social/emotional **Plus:** • illness • misadventure (unforeseen circumstances that are outside of the student's control, e.g. accident, death of a family member)	• unfamiliarity with the English language • teacher absence or other teacher-related difficulties • matters that the student could have avoided, e.g. misreading an examination timetable, misreading instructions in examinations • timetable clashes • matters of the student's or parent's/carer's own choosing, e.g. family holidays, sporting events • matters that the school could have avoided, e.g. incorrect enrolment in a subject

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ATAR & QCE

20 points

Score out of 100

The Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE) and the ATAR (Australian Tertiary Admission Rank) are different and have a different purpose.

QCE

Certifies learning, showing the individual has achieved a specific standard of education at senior schooling level and may be considered by employers and the general community.

ATAR

Tells us about a student's position (or ranking) compared to all other students in the state. The only intended purpose for the ATAR is to assist with selecting applicants for tertiary study.

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What is the QCE?

The QCE is Queensland's Senior Schooling qualification.

- Internationally recognised
- Shows student achievement
- Flexible
- Wide range of learning options

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How does the QCE work?

- Set amount: 20 credits
- Set pattern:
  - 12 credits from completed Core courses
  - 8 credits from Core, Preparatory & Complementary courses
- Satisfactory completion
- Literacy & numeracy
- Academic Integrity Course

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ATAR eligibility

- To be eligible for an ATAR, students must successfully complete:
  - 5 General subjects, or
  - 4 General subjects + 1 Applied subject or completed VET qualification at Certificate III or above.
- Students must also successfully complete an English subject.

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ATAR eligibility and scaling

- Changes every year
- In general terms more rigorous subjects will scale higher
- Caution: Don’t choose subjects because you think a subject will scale higher. Choose subjects because you are good at and you know you can do well.

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Tertiary entrance

- The ATAR is used nationally to measure a student's position relative to other ATAR-eligible students.
- The Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre (QTAC) will calculate and issue ATARs.

QTAC CHOOSE THE FUTURE

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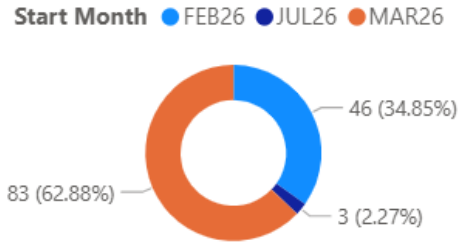
Year 12 Insights

Year Admissions: All

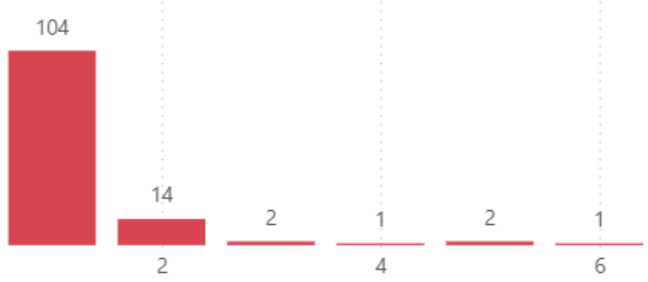
HIGHLIGHTS

138 of your Year 12 students have applied through QTAC for tertiary study.

Preferred start date^



Offers by preference number



^ Based on the first preference of each student's QTAC Application

QTAC APPLICATIONS

Number of Applications from your students for the following institutions

Institution	Applications
University of the Sunshine Coast	74
Queensland University of Technology	25
The University of Queensland	20
Griffith University	8
CQUniversity	2
James Cook University	1
SAE University College	1
University of Southern Queensland	1

Your students' preferred study areas^

Study Area	Applications
Health (e.g Pharmacy, Veterinary Science, Naturopathy, Speech Pathology)	49
Society and Culture (e.g. Law, Economics, Psychology, Sport & Recreation)	23
Engineering (e.g Chemical, Automotive, Civil, Aerospace, Biomedical, Surveying)	17
Education (e.g. Early Childhood, Primary, Secondary)	10
Natural and Physical Sciences (e.g. Mathematics, Physics, Laboratory Technology)	9

QTAC Offers

Your students have been offered at the following institutions

Institution	Offers
University of the Sunshine Coast	71
Queensland University of Technology	21
The University of Queensland	13
Griffith University	11
Australian Catholic University	1
SAE University College	1
University of Southern Queensland	1

Your students' offered study areas^

Study Area	Offers
Health (e.g Pharmacy, Veterinary Science, Naturopathy, Speech Pathology)	40
Society and Culture (e.g. Law, Economics, Psychology, Sport & Recreation)	23
Engineering (e.g Chemical, Automotive, Civil, Aerospace, Biomedical, Surveying)	16
Education (e.g. Early Childhood, Primary, Secondary)	11
Natural and Physical Sciences (e.g. Mathematics, Physics, Laboratory Technology)	10
Management and Commerce (e.g. Hospitality Management, Banking &	7

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Vocational Pathway

VET FAST FACTS

VET qualifications:

- Nationally recognised
- Contribute credit points towards the QCE
- ATAR — Can contribute toward the calculation of an ATAR (Certificate III or higher)
- Provide industry relevant knowledge and skills that are valued by employers
- Support students in their transition to employment, vocational and higher education pathways
- JOB — Can assist students to gain a part-time job while at university
- Can be studied as part of your school subjects even if you want to go to university

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VETIS Funding

- Each student can have one VET course funded when not provided by the school
- There are some external courses delivered in school such as Certificate III in Fitness
- Be careful how you use your VETiS funding
- For example: To study Cert II Engineering in Year 11 without VETiS is $1200

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Structure of Senior Curriculum

YEAR	UNIT	LENGTH	SCHOOL WEEKS OF THIS UNIT
11	1	15 weeks	Start of Year 11 to Week 5, Term 2
	2		Week 6, Term 2 until the end of Term 3
11/12	3	20 weeks	Term 4 in Year 11 until the end of Term 1 Year 12
12	4		Term 2 and Term 3 Year 12

Important to only take holidays during the school holidays

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Senior Curriculum cont'd

In Year 11 students are:

- Prepared in the ways they will be assessed in Units 3 and 4
- Awarded an end of unit result as either Satisfactory or Unsatisfactory for Unit 1 and 2
- Given opportunity to bank QCE points
- Prepared with the skills required to complete Units 3 and 4

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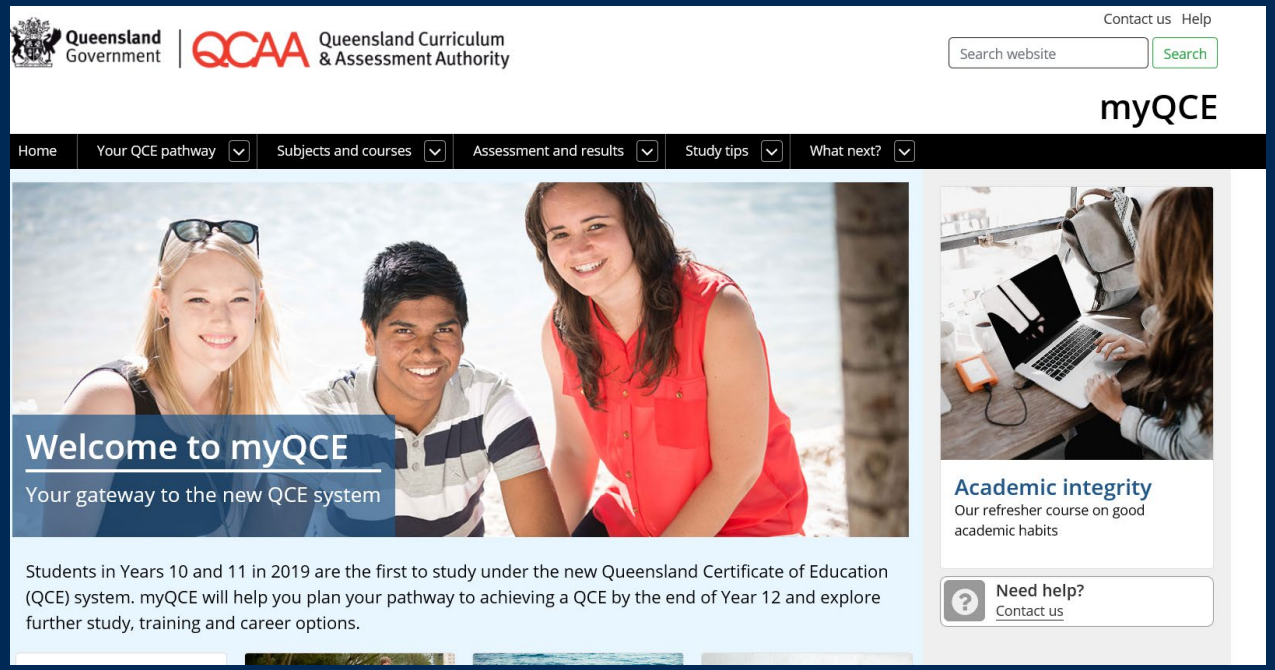
MyQCE portal

- All students need to register for the MyQCE portal
- Need your LUI number and an email address that is not your school one



https://myqce.qcaa.qld.edu.au/your-qce-pathway/student-portal-and-learning-account

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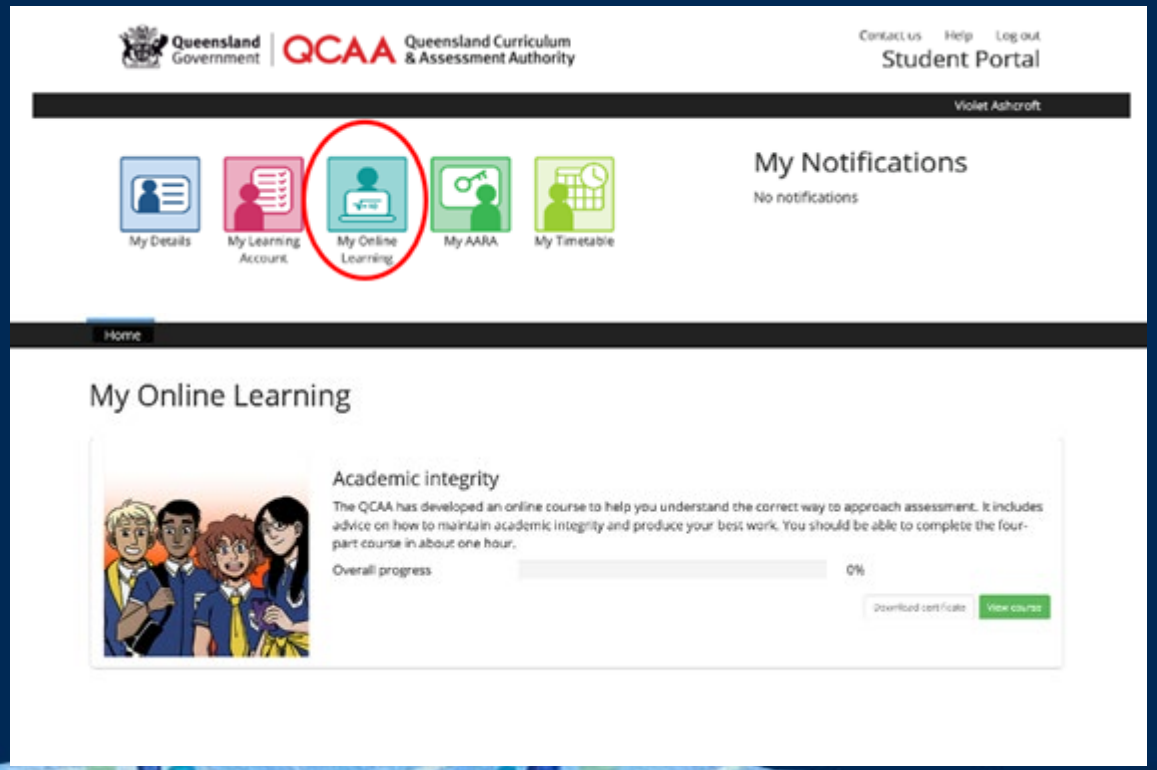
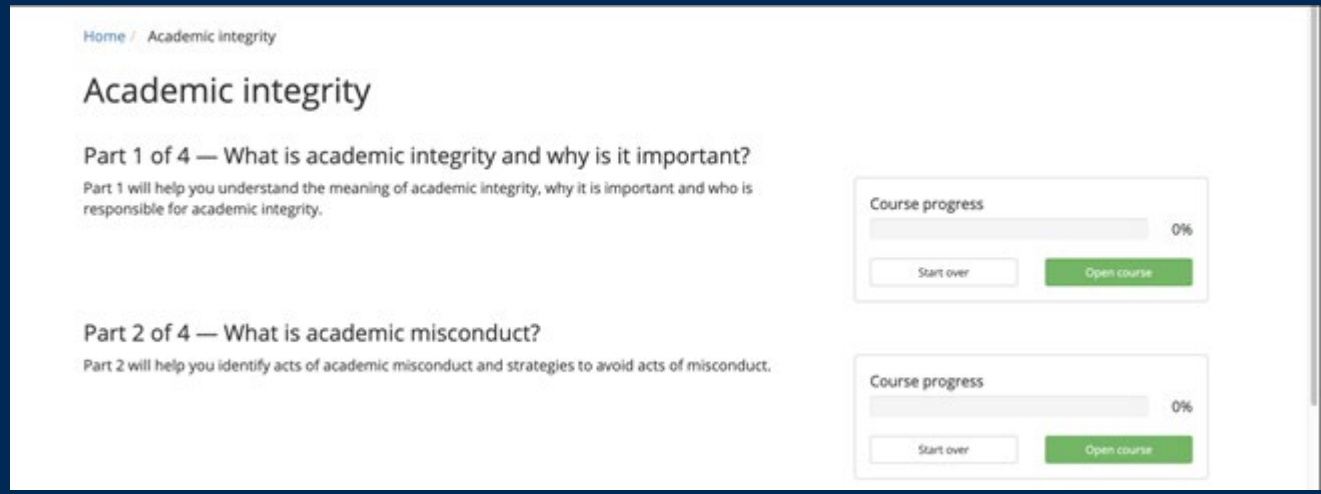
Academic Integrity

- All students have to complete to get QCE
- Helps understand new system and academic misconduct





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Other things to consider

- Part time work
- School work
- Sport
- Social
- Relax

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More information

- myQCE website: myqce.qcaa.qld.edu.au
- QCAA website: www.qcaa.qld.edu.au
- QTAC website: www.qtac.edu.au

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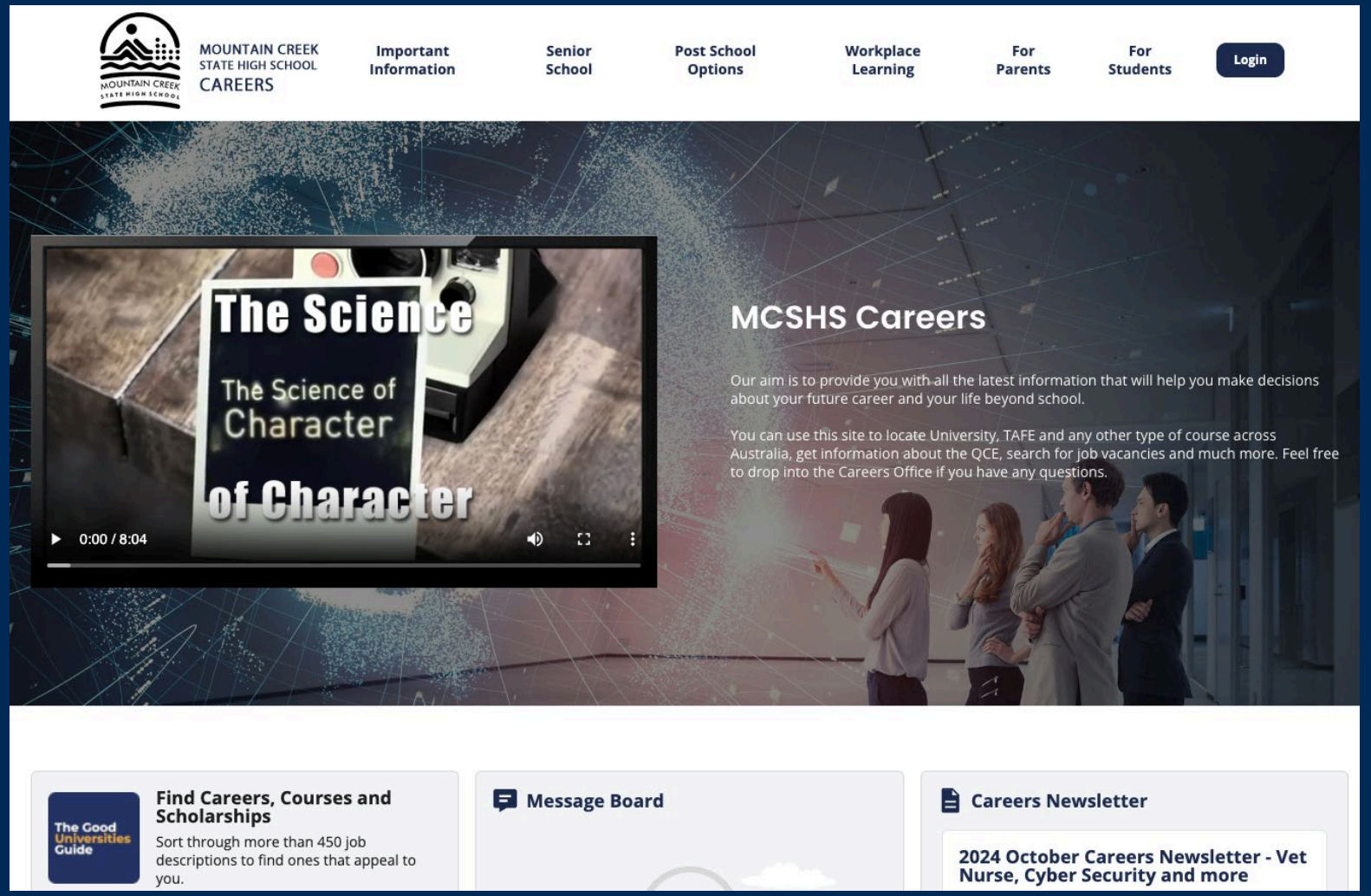
https://mountaincreekshs.eq.edu.au/

Quick links

- Parent information handbook
- ECP Education and Career Planning - Booking
- MCSHS-Student Code of Conduct (2024-2027)
- Year 12 Graduation tickets
- School Improvement Unit Executive Summary 2023
- Investing for success agreement 2022
- Moodle site MCSHS
- Bullying. Stymie that
- The Learning Place and Webmail
- Careers website MCSHS
- BYOD laptop purchasing advice



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Keys to Success

- Maximise days attended
- Complete all work to the best of your ability
- Track your QCE
- Research University requirements
- Explore possible pathways
- Ensure you hand in full drafts
- Ask for help if you need it

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2026 Parent Communication

QParents

For Consent Management and payments

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Compass

Helping Learning Thrive.

For Attendance, all other communication and more...

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QParents

For Excursions Consent and payments only

Sign in to the QParents website or download the app

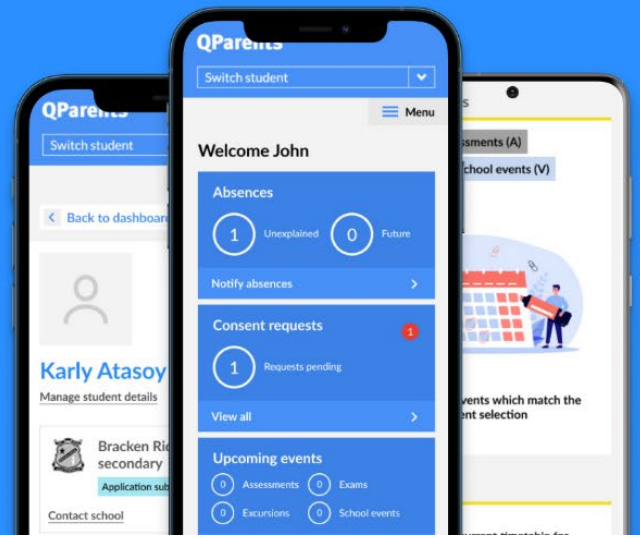
Download the QParents App for free on your favourite platform.

GET IT ON Google Play

Download on the App Store

or

Sign in



Sign-in securely
A range of security measures are in place to protect the privacy of information.

Provide consent
Respond to requests for consent for excursions, photos, etc.

Make payments online
Make payments and view all your invoices in one place.

View academic reports
View and download all report cards.

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Compass

For explaining absences, communications from school and individual teachers, notices, student timetables, calendar and more will come on board as the year progresses

How do I access Compass?

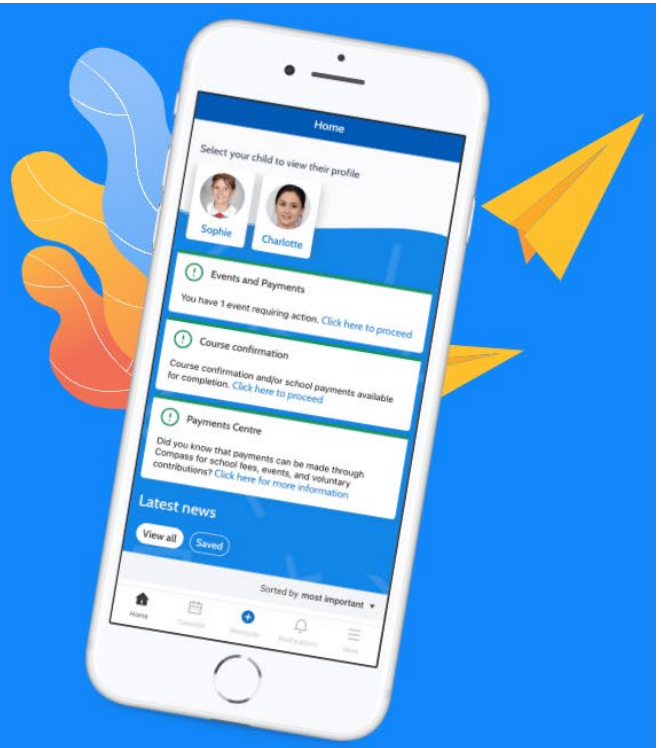
Compass is accessible on any modern web browser (Internet Explorer, Firefox, Chrome, Safari) or by using the Compass iOS or Android apps (continue reading to learn more about the app including how to use it).

To access the parent portal, you can go to your school's website and click the Compass link on their homepage. Alternatively, you can go to schools.compass.education where you can search for our school's direct URL.

To log in you will require your unique family username and password. These details will be provided to you by our school. Upon first login, you will be required to change your password and confirm your email address and mobile phone number. These details may be used by our school for SMS, password recovery and email communication throughout the year.

GET IT ON Google Play

Download on the App Store



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Questions?

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Conclusion

Our Core Purpose is to…
Inspire a Love of Learning

Thank you for supporting the school and your student via your attendance this evening.

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