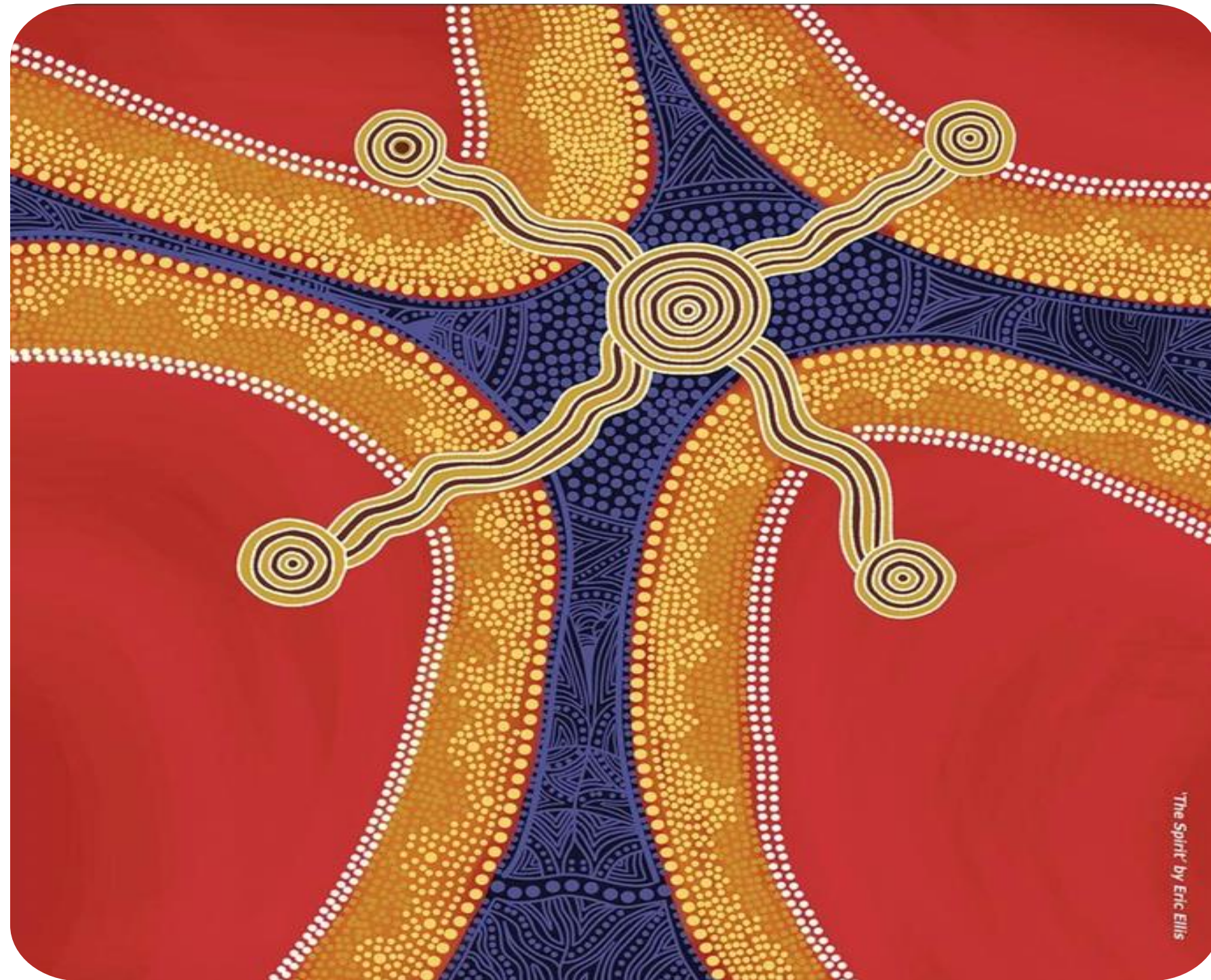




Seniors 2025

Information Evening

Acknowledgement of Country



'The Spirit' by Eric Ellis

Prayer



Agenda



- Leadership – who to go to and how
- Key dates
- Expectations
- Religious life of the College
- Senior schooling outcomes
- Information for students doing General subjects
- Information for students doing vocational education courses and Applied subjects
- Assessment
- Career Advice
- QTAC Applications

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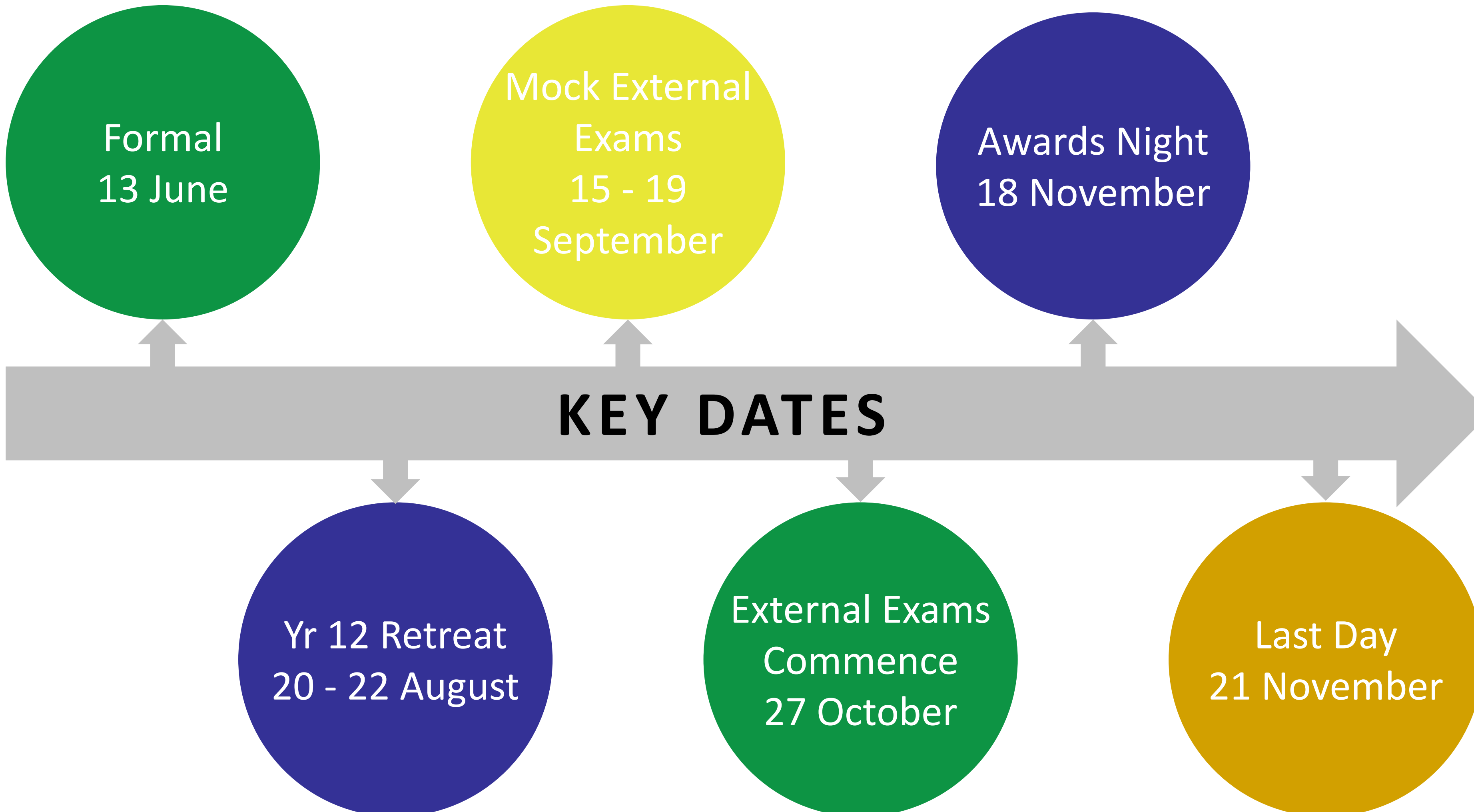
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Learning Days Left

School Days until
21 November
= 158

School events
- 7 days

Holidays & Public
Holidays
- 50 days

Exam blocks
- 22 Days

Lead by Example

Do the right thing
every day

Support the SRC
initiatives

Be inclusive

Uphold a Learning Culture

ST PAT'S LEARNERS

FOSTERING TALENT
PROVIDING CHALLENGE
PURSUING WISDOM

SELF DIRECTED
risk taker
focused
accountable

accept mistakes
resilient
seek feedback

PERSISTENT
reflective
inquiring
innovative



- What does this mean?
- What can students expect from College staff?
- What can staff expect from students?



Maintain Positive Relationships

Staff

Other Students

Employers

Peers



Parents/Carers

ST PAT'S WAY FOR STUDENTS

FOSTERING TALENT
PROVIDING CHALLENGE
PURSUING WISDOM



Respect for...

SELF



- Attend School
- Take responsibility for choices
- Take responsibility for learning
- Wear the correct uniform
- Follow directions and rules
- Be on time and prepared
- Engage in learning
- Socialise safely

PLACE



- Keep spaces clean
- Remain in-bounds
- Care for our environment
- Use digital spaces for learning

COMMUNITY



- Show welcome
- Restore relationships
- Allow others to learn
- Active community member
- Act for the common good
- Communicate respectfully
- Preserve our positive reputation

Expectations

Uphold the College
Values and follow
the St Pat's Way for
Students



Spare

- No student has a “Spare”
- They may have a study lesson in order to complete school work missed through TAFE, traineeships, work experience etc or course work.
- If you have previously undertaken a course and find yourself with too much time on your hands, you can always see Mrs McNaught about work experience.
- Respect other people's need to work when they have Study.

Find Balance

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Practice Time Management

School

Home

School Work
and Study

Work
Placement

Family

Sport

Work





Extra Curricular Policy

Extra Curricular activities include:

- Yr 12 Formal and Graduation
- Yr 12 privileges (microwaves, senior jersey)
- After school activities
- College Sporting Teams



Extra Curricula Policy

You can be excluded where:

Behaviour:

- You are suspended (within the last 3 weeks)
- Are on a process following poor behaviour at another event

Academic:

- Outstanding assessment, poor engagement in class

Attendance:

- <85% without appropriate and informed approval
- Outstanding unexplained absences
- <85% at training/rehearsal
- <80% at non-curriculum days eg carnivals

Religious Life of the College

- College Mass – first Monday of the month, in the church
- Retreat Term 3 Week 6 (August 20–22)
- Lighthouse Program
- Fundraising



Driving to School



- Qkr! – drivers and passengers
- Parking
- Be safe for yourself and others
- Car parks out of bounds during school day

Goal Outcomes

ALL STUDENTS

Queensland
Certificate of
Education (QCE)

Senior Statement
(if not successful)

SOME STUDENTS

Australian Tertiary
Admissions Rank
(ATAR)

Available in
ATAR Portal

SOME STUDENTS

Vocational
Qualification
and a
Selection Rank (if a
Cert 3 or higher)

VET Certificate and
Selection Rank is
determined by the
tertiary institution for
certificate level



Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE)

- All students have a learning account accessible at myQCE.
- To obtain a QCE students need:
 - A significant amount of learning (20+ points)
 - A set standard of achievement (passing)
 - Literacy and numeracy (passed at least one unit of an English and a Mathematics subject, which includes Essential subjects)

Assessment

- Assessment Calendar is on the Portal
- Students are responsible for electronic submissions and backups
 - QCAA does not accept excuses
 - Use your OneDrive
 - Submit early
 - Keep a back up
- Plagiarism and AI generation
 - We cannot mark work that is plagiarised.
 - We will mark the portion that is yours
 - Using AI/LLMs to write your assignments is a form of contract cheating.
 - If there is nothing to mark that is yours, your result may be “NR”, which stands for no result, and you may become QCE ineligible.
 - It is a QCAA policy and means that you void your subject result.

Assessment

- Students should submit drafts for all assessment items
 - Teachers can give feedback for improvement
 - It is a backup in case of technical difficulties
- Exams – ensure you write something, anything if you don't think you know the answer – it may come to you.
- The Assessment Policy is on BCE Connect.
- If a student is sick and cannot sit an exam/requires an extension the student is required to:
 - Visit a doctor and have the Medical Report QCAA completed (this is a QCAA requirement – not the College)
 - Complete the College Assessment Alteration Form



External Exam Preparation

- Exam Block 27 October to 14 November (approx)
- **Mock Exams** – end of Term 3
- There are also publicly available mock exams – subjects will use these as part of learning and preparation.
- To prepare:
 - Work in subjects
 - Work through texts given
 - Do practice tests
 - Read
 - Write extended paragraph responses in class and get teacher feedback
 - Look at higher order thinking skills and Cognitive Verbs
 - Revise on a regular basis, not just in preparation for exams



Completing Certificates

- It is very important that students complete their certificate courses.
 - Catch up required?
 - Still need to catch up by mock exams/externals.
- It is possible to attain part QCE points when a certificate course is not completed however, your QCE prediction is based upon you completing courses.
- Parents will be refunded 50% of costs paid for school-based vocational courses upon successful completion as a Term 4 fee credit. (School fees must be up to date)
- Where courses are completed after the issuing of Term 4 fees, the amount will be refunded. (School fees must be up to date)



Reporting

- Term 1 Report
 - no result, work habits
- Semester 1 Report
 - Confirmed results for IA1 for those doing General subjects
- The Learning Dashboard
- If you want copies of reports, please download before the end of the year.



Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank (ATAR)

- 2000 point rank of all eligible students in Queensland
- Students must be doing at least 4+ General subjects and an Applied or Certificate course (Cert III or higher)
- Students set up an ATAR account on the QTAC portal
- Students must have both the ATAR and the pre-requisites for entry into university courses

WE DO NOT PROVIDE ATAR PREDICTIONS.

There are websites that attempt to do this, but there are many variables that can make these inaccurate.



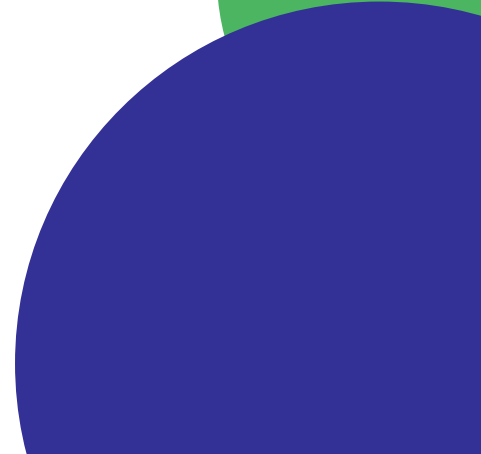
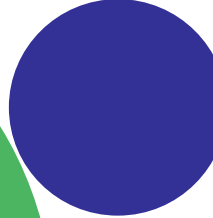
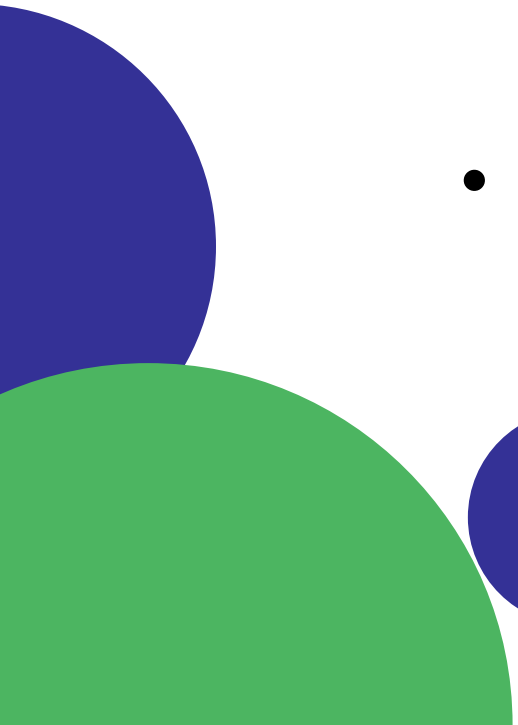

General Subject Assessment

$$\text{IA 1} + \text{IA 2} + \text{IA 3} + \text{EA} = \text{Raw Score}$$

- Each IA from each subject will be different and have different 'Instrument Specific Marking Guides' (ISMG's) or number of points. They relate to general standards (A-E) in the syllabus.
- IA's - submitted within a narrow window of time for each subject, samples Confirmed externally.
- These decisions are final and appear in student QCE Accounts once Confirmed.



Scaling and ATARs

- Once the Raw Scores for each subject are calculated, QCAA passes information to QTAC.
 - QTAC runs a scaling algorithm designed to compare course results among students who have undertaken comparable study. This permits further comparison with all other students and leads to adjustments in the Raw Score to a Scaled Score.
 - The five best Scaled Scores generate the ATAR score.
 - ATAR calculators or predictor services are unable to accurately give these until there is more data. We are in the same position.
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Selection Rank

- Selection Ranks are awarded to students who complete vocational certificates at a level III or higher
- Selection Ranks are accepted by most universities as an alternate means of entry (yes even e.g. UQ for Diploma/Bachelor courses).
- Not usually accepted for competitive courses
- Students must also meet pre-requisites
- Selection Ranks vary slightly between institutions but generally are about (these are USC):
 - Cert III – Selection Rank of 68
 - Cert IV – Selection Rank of 74
 - Diploma – Selection Rank of 82

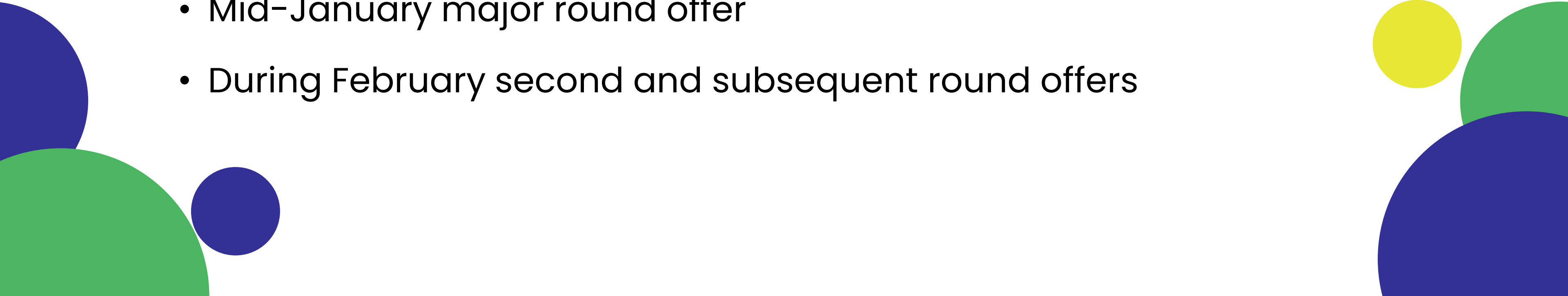


Career Guidance

- Options for 2025
 - TAFE/University/RTOs/work/other
- QTAC Information Evening
 - Date to be confirmed (Term 3)
- Careers and Information sessions
 - University Showcase (20th Feb)
 - Gympie Council Careers Expo (May 1)
 - University Open Days (See the QTAC website <https://www.qtac.edu.au/open-days-expos/>)



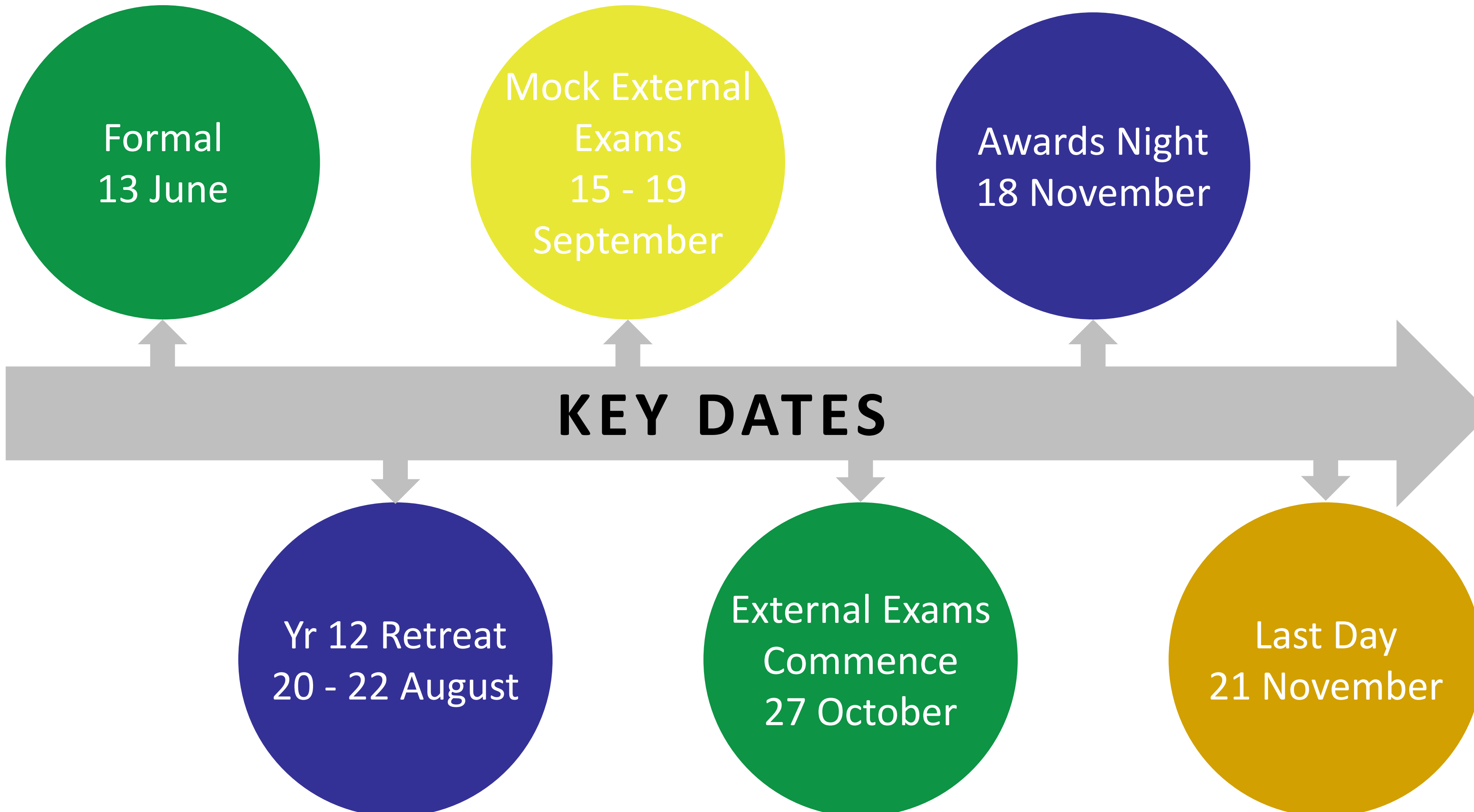
QTAC Applications

- Tertiary Courses information arrives mid-June
 - Include both a dream and fall-back position
 - Applications open early August
 - Early offer guarantees – due October
 - Adjustments – EAS, regional postcode
 - May lodge change of preference until end of December
 - Mid-January major round offer
 - During February second and subsequent round offers
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Term 4

- Year 12 students will continue with schooling in Term 4.
 - 2 weeks of regular classes – all students attending.
 - 1 study week
 - Incomplete certificate work – students required on campus until completion
- External exams weeks 4-7. (General subjects, timetable yet to be published by QCAA)
- Applied, Essential and VET courses are subject to their own timetable for completion. May include exams and submission of work during weeks 4-7.



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ROAD MAP, AND

THE COURAGE

TO PRESS ON

TO YOUR

DESTINATION.”





**Good Night
and
God Bless**