

Dear Parent/Caregiver,

In sharing your young person's academic journey, you will no doubt be aware of the assignments, research projects and other forms of assessment they have been undertaking. For students studying General Syllabus subjects the final piece of assessment is an external examination. The external assessment (exam) is the final contributor to our young people's subject results. In some General Syllabus subjects a student's external assessment result contributes 50% to their final subject result. In all other subjects, it contributes 25%. (For further information visit the [QCAA website](#))

During October, some 30,000 senior students around the state sit these final assessment pieces. Each exam is held at the same time and on the same day and so external examinations can be daunting, especially for those students sitting an examination that contributes 50% of the marks to their result. They can also be very rewarding.

Toowoomba Catholic Schools, through a strong collaborative process, have a proud record in supporting their students achieve their best possible results in these external examinations. To further consolidate this excellent preparation Toowoomba Catholic Schools and their principals have developed an **External Examination Preparation Program (EEPP)**.

**EEPP** brings students from across nine Catholic schools to a central location with the aim of refining their knowledge and understanding of content, providing an opportunity to work collaboratively with their peers and offering suggestions with regards to managing exam conditions. At **EEPP**, students will have the opportunity to be guided in their preparation by an expert mentor. Each mentor possesses expertise in their subject area and, most importantly, experience with the external examination process. They are well equipped to pass on the nuanced skills that can make all the difference in a student's results.

As you can see **EEPP** is all about students and maximising their performance. Last year's participants spoke very highly of the program and its benefits, particularly in focussing their attention to a customised revision program for the last few weeks of school.

Student A:

*A lot of the students that attended were polite and easy to get along with, so it was encouraging to come the next day and know I knew people there. The teachers gave me a completely different perspective on the text and offered great resources to improve not only my weaknesses but also help build my strengths. I finished the program far more confident about my exams.*

Student B:

*I thoroughly enjoyed my time in this class. As someone from a smaller class it was interesting to be in a larger-scale classroom with a different teacher. It gave a new perspective to what we were learning.*

Student C:

*The teachers were great and they addressed all of our concerns, giving great feedback along the way.*

This year, **EEPP** is being conducted over the second week of the September school holidays from Monday 29 September through to Friday 3 October and will be held at the Toowoomba Catholic Schools Office in Toowoomba (opposite St Saviour's Primary School).

This letter is an invitation for your young person to attend **EEPP 2025**. There is no compulsion whatsoever to attend, this is simply an opportunity that is made available to students at the Diocese of Toowoomba's Catholic Secondary Schools. To register your young person for **EEPP 2025** please complete the form by clicking [HERE](#) or scanning the QR code.



Students are welcome to attend any session that they believe will provide value to them. Just be aware that the sessions are intensive; students will work individually and cooperatively with others and they will be expected to engage with exam style questions. They will work hard.

There will be a small charge to help offset the costs of the program. This is based on a sliding scale. If your young person attends one session the charge will be \$60, if they attend four, \$130 and so on.

| Number of subjects | Cost to student |
|--------------------|-----------------|
| 1                  | \$60.00         |
| 2                  | \$80.00         |
| 3                  | \$110.00        |
| 4                  | \$130.00        |
| 5                  | \$150.00        |
| 6                  | \$165.00        |

Students will be expected to source their own accommodation in Toowoomba while undertaking the program.

### What should I do now?

- talk to your young person about the program
- talk to your young person's teachers, or better still, the Assistant Principal: Curriculum or Deputy Principal at the school
- assist your young person in registering to attend by completing the [EEPP registration form](#)
- payment will be payable to the school
- make your accommodation arrangements
- further communications will be sent to the email address on the registration form

### The program outline is as follows.

**Subjects offered:** English\*, Study of Religion, General Maths, Maths Methods, Specialist Maths\*\*, Chemistry, Physics\*\*, Biology\*\*.

**NOTE:** \* EEPP English will unpack the play *Macbeth*. DO NOT select English if you are studying any other play or novel.

\*\* Those students undertaking alternative sequence subject offerings are welcome to register and gain valuable insight into general exam preparation for their subject choice; however, they should note that focus will be given to content from Units 3 and 4.

### Timetable

| Session                                     | Mon 29 Sep 2025   | Tue 30 Sep 2025  | Wed 1 Oct 2025   | Thu 2 Oct 2025   | Fri 3 Oct 2025   |
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| <b>Morning session</b><br>8:30am - 12:30pm  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Specialist Maths</li> <li>• Biology</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chemistry</li> <li>• SOR</li> </ul>         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chemistry</li> <li>• SOR</li> </ul>         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• English (<i>Macbeth</i>)</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• English (<i>Macbeth</i>)</li> </ul> |
| <b>Afternoon session</b><br>1:00pm - 5:00pm | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Specialist Maths</li> <li>• Biology</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• General Maths</li> <li>• Physics</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• General Maths</li> <li>• Physics</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maths Methods</li> </ul>            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maths Methods</li> </ul>            |

*Offerings subject to mentor availability and may be changed at any time.*

It is best to get in early, so please make sure you discuss the program together and then complete the registration form. Your school can assist you in this process. Once registered, students will receive a steady supply of preparation materials and other general information that will help ensure their successful engagement with the program.

The **EEPP** program is an initiative designed to assist your young person successfully prepare for External Examinations. I look forward to their participation.

Yours in teaching and learning

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