

# Commonly used senior school acronyms

<b>QCE</b>	<b>Queensland Certificate of Education</b>	Is Qld's senior secondary schooling qualification. It is internationally recognised and provides evidence of senior schooling achievements.
<b>QCAA</b>	<b>Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority</b>	The QCAA develops and revises syllabuses and guidelines for Kindergarten to Year 12. It offers services and resources to help teachers implement QCAA syllabuses.
<b>SATE</b>	<b>Senior Assessment &amp; Tertiary Entrance</b>	Is a term used to indicate the new senior schooling system to be implemented in 2019.
<b>ATAR</b>	<b>Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank</b>	Is replacing the overall position (OP) from 2020. The ATAR is commonly used in other state and territories.
<b>QTAC</b>	<b>Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre</b>	QTAC will be responsible for calculating the ATAR upon completion and marking of External Exams. Results will be scaled (inter-subject) and the ATAR is produced. QTAC is also responsible for admissions to tertiary institutions.
<b>SET Plan</b>	<b>Senior Education and Training Plan</b>	An agreement between the school, students and parents that identifies a flexible and co-ordinated pathway in senior study. It takes into account abilities, goals and interests of the student. The Qld. Government mandates the SET Plan.
<b>QCS</b>	<b>Queensland Core Skills Test</b>	A common test used to compare students across the state in calculating Overall Positions (OP). Test will no longer run in 2020.
<b>ISMGs</b>	<b>Instrument Specific Marking Guides</b>	A highly prescriptive and specific guide to marking and writing assessment used by teachers and students to guide responses to assessment tasks.
<b>EA</b>	<b>External Assessment</b>	Externally written and marked assessment by QCAA that common to all subjects across the state.
<b>IA</b>	<b>Internal Assessment</b>	Assessment written and marked by teachers within schools in response to requirements of the syllabus. All internal assessment is endorsed by QCAA prior to delivery and results confirmed post completion by QCAA.
<b>VET</b>	<b>Vocational Education &amp; Training</b>	Vocational education and training enables students to gain qualifications for all types of employment, and specific skills to help them in the workplace.
<b>VETIS</b>	<b>VET in Schools</b>	Funding given to school students by the government for the completion of certain Vocational Education certificate courses.