



BELLBIRD PARK
STATE SECONDARY COLLEGE



PHOENIX JUNIOR CERTIFICATE



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WHAT IS A PHOENIX JUNIOR CERTIFICATE?

The PHOENIX JUNIOR CERTIFICATE is a school-based junior schooling qualification awarded to eligible students at the end of Year 9 on completion of the junior phase of learning.

The flexibility of the PHOENIX JUNIOR CERTIFICATE means that a student can choose from a wide range of learning options to suit their interests and career goals. They will be given guidance on planning their PHOENIX JUNIOR CERTIFICATE pathway in their Pathways classes and at key review junctures across the Junior Secondary phase of learning.

Students will receive feedback on their progress through:

- invitations to awards days, organised for students who have reached Year level juncture expectations,
- celebrating success at our annual College Awards nights and at Junior Secondary Assemblies.

HOW THE PHOENIX JUNIOR CERTIFICATE WORKS?

To be awarded a PHOENIX JUNIOR CERTIFICATE, students will need to achieve a significant amount of learning, at a set standard that includes achieving a "C" standard or higher, in a number of core / mandated and elective subjects across six (6) semesters in Year 7, 8 & 9.

COURSE OF STUDY

These are organised in core and electives.

CORE

Core subjects are mandatory under the Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority. These (5) subjects are studied in Year 7, 8 and 9 by ALL students ALL year. They are Mathematics, English, Science, Humanities and Health & Physical Education (HPE).

ELECTIVES

In Year 7 & 8 - Elective subjects are studied one (1) per semester. These include:

- Food Technology
- Industrial Technology & Design
- French
- Art, Drama, Dance & Music (1 term each)

In Year 9 – Elective subjects are studied two (2) per year.



PLANNING FOR A PHOENIX JUNIOR CERTIFICATE

PHOENIX JUNIOR CERTIFICATE planning starts in Year 7, when students develop a PHOENIX JUNIOR PASSPORT. The PHOENIX JUNIOR PASSPORT helps students structure their learning around their abilities, interests and ambitions. The plan is agreed between the student, their parents/carers and the school, and maps their learning journey during their junior phase of learning. The PHOENIX JUNIOR PASSPORT will be developed by the end of Year 7, updated as necessary, and regularly reviewed to monitor progress.

HOW TO ACHIEVE A PHOENIX JUNIOR CERTIFICATE

To achieve a PHOENIX JUNIOR CERTIFICATE, students will need to accrue credits throughout their Junior Secondary phase of learning. A minimum of 30 credits is required to obtain the PHOENIX JUNIOR CERTIFICATE by the end of Year 9 (10 credits per year). Students have the opportunity to aim for a higher level PHOENIX JUNIOR CERTIFICATE by accruing more credits. These include:

PHOENIX JUNIOR CERTIFICATE award categories	Minimum credits required by end of Year 9
PHOENIX JUNIOR CERTIFICATE	30 credits
Silver	50 credits
Gold	70+ credits

HOW ARE THE POINTS CALCULATED AND TRACKED?

- Students will be automatically awarded credits based on their report card results for CORE and PREPARATORY levels of achievement.
- Students will need to apply for COMPLEMENTARY credits. They will need to have the application form completed with required documentation attached.
- Students will track their own credit tally on the attached tracking sheet.
- Points will be published on the end of year report cards and will be available on request.

PHOENIX JUNIOR CERTIFICATE CREDITS OVERVIEW

By the end of Year 9, you need to have accrued 30 credits to receive your PHOENIX JUNIOR CERTIFICATE
There are 3 levels at which you earn credits: Core, Preparatory, Complementary

LEVEL of CALCULATION	CREDITS	HOW IS IT CALCULATED?
CORE		
Core subjects English, Humanities Maths, Science, HPE	MAX 30 credits over 3 years	1 credit per semester for an A, B or C $1 \text{ credit/semester} \times 5 \text{ subjects} \times 2 \text{ semesters} \times 3 \text{ years} = 30 \text{ credits}$
Elective subjects	MAX 12 credits over 3 years	1 credit per semester for an A, B or C $1 \text{ credit} \times 2 \text{ subjects/semester} \times 2 \text{ semesters} \times 3 \text{ years} = 12 \text{ credits}$
PREPARATORY		
Attendance	MAX 6 credits over 3 years	1 credit per semester with $\geq 95\%$ attendance in each semester $1 \text{ credit/semester} \times 2 \text{ semesters} \times 3 \text{ years} = 6 \text{ credits}$
Effort Awards	MAX 6 credits over 3 years	1 credit per semester for Effort Award $1 \text{ credit/semester} \times 2 \text{ semesters} \times 3 \text{ years} = 6 \text{ credits}$ * Additional credit awarded if 'Excellent' achieved for every subject.
COMPLEMENTARY		
Extracurricular Activities	MAX 20 credits	1 credit per event - Student Application to HOY - See appendix for full list of eligible activities
PBL Rewards Events	MAX 6 credits over 3 years	1 credit per PBL reward event invited to per semester - Student Application to HOY

At the end of each semester students need to have achieved a "C" or higher in their chosen electives to achieve points for their **PHOENIX JUNIOR CERTIFICATE**.

Literacy and Numeracy Requirements

Students must receive a "C" standard or higher in literacy and numeracy.

This may be in Semester 1 or 2 of Year 8 & 9, in either English and Mathematics, PAT Test or NAPLAN.

PHOENIX JUNIOR CERTIFICATE STUDENT TRACKING TOOL

NAME								
Semester achievement result must be a minimum C standard to be awarded 1 credit		Year 7		Year 8		Year 9		Overall credits
		Semester 1	Semester 2	Semester 1	Semester 2	Semester 1	Semester 2	
Core	English							
	Humanities							
	Mathematics							
	Science							
	HPE							
	Elective 1							
	Elective 2							
	Elective 3							
	Elective 4							
Preparatory	Attendance							
	Effort Awards							
Total credits		/8	/8	/8	/8	/8	/8	/48
Complementary	Extracurricular Activities							
	PBL Rewards Events							
Total credits								
Requirement	✓ or ✕	Details						
Literacy		Literacy mark of C or above in English, PAT Test or NAPLAN						
Numeracy		Numeracy mark of C or above in Mathematics, PAT Test or NAPLAN						
Completed Core		I have successfully gained minimum 20 credits from core courses of study						
Total Credit		Minimum of 30 credits received						
PHOENIX JUNIOR CERTIFICATE eligibility		I will be awarded a PHOENIX JUNIOR CERTIFICATE at the end of Year 9						

STUDENT ACTIVITY LOG

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EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Extracurricular activities can include things such as, but not limited to:

- ANZAC Ceremony Leadership, ANZAC community event
- Volunteering at college and community events
- Performances at college and community events
- Representative sport
- Student leadership programs

*Please note this is not a full list of activities, please refer to HOY for clarification

**MANY PATHWAYS.
NO LIMITS. >**