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## Stage 6 Special Program of Study

### For students with special education needs

From 2001, HSC students with special education needs following a Special Program of Study (SPS) will be eligible for the award of the Higher School Certificate.

#### Special Program of Study courses

Students who meet the SPS eligibility requirements will be able to undertake Board-developed Life Skills courses, regular Board-developed courses and/or Board-endorsed courses.

**Board-developed Life Skills** will be 2 unit, 240-hour courses. The following courses have been endorsed and are currently being developed:

- English Life Skills
- Mathematics Life Skills
- Personal Development, Health and Physical Education Life Skills
- Citizenship and Society Life Skills
- Science Life Skills
- Creative Arts Life Skills
- Technological and Applied Studies Life Skills
- Workplace and Community-based Learning Life Skills.

#### Industry Curriculum Framework courses include

- Tourism and Hospitality
- Business Services (Administration)
- Retail Operations
- Primary Industries
- Information Technology
- Metal and Engineering
- Construction.

Students entered for an SPS may undertake the Industry Curriculum Framework courses either:

- under regular course arrangements, or
- by units of competency selected through the individual transition planning process from a 240-hour course (for example, 7 units of competency rather than 12 units over 240 hours, including 70 hours of work placement).

#### Eligibility requirements

Students who meet the SPS eligibility requirements are students with disabilities in special schools, support classes or regular classes.

The eligibility requirements for the SPS are that:

- students generally will have completed at least 4 Life Skills courses for the School Certificate
- students' planning must be undertaken through an individual transition planning process
- under special circumstances students will be allowed access to Stage 6 Special Program of Study courses, e.g. if the student has:
  - a deteriorating condition;
  - undertaken regular syllabuses in Stage 6 but has experienced **significant** difficulty.

*Decisions about whether to enrol students in Special Program of Study courses for Stage 6 will be made by the school. The principal will be required to certify on the Preliminary and HSC entry forms that individual transition planning for each student entering for Life Skills courses in Stage 6 has occurred.*

**Note:** The majority of eligible students will have an intellectual disability.

#### Pattern of study

Students undertaking an SPS follow the same pattern of study requirements for the HSC as other students. These are a minimum of:

- at least 6 units of Board-developed courses
- at least 2 units of Board-developed English
- at least 3 courses of 2 unit value
- at least 4 subjects.

Please refer to the HSC Calendar of Events for the Special Program of Study Events in November and December. (<http://www.newhsc.schools.nsw.edu.au>)

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