At Hillcrest Christian College we offer an extensive range of subject choices for students in Years 10 to 12. As part of our subject offerings, we guarantee to offer each subject on the line structure irrespective of the number of students who choose it. Students currently in the Junior Learning Community or new to the College can plan for their Senior Year’s journey with certainty. They can also look at acceleration into these year levels from a very early age because our time table structure will remain consistent year to year.

Not only are we providing a wide range of subject choices but we’ve also been able to secure partnerships with Bond, Griffith, QUT and Southern Cross University where we can offer first year subjects as part of their Senior Years’ study. This will provide students with the unique ability to be able to complete their formal years of education at Hillcrest Christian College while still obtaining course accrued into first year tertiary studies as is expected from places such as the Qld Academy of Healthy Science.

We are very proud to offer this to our students as it is a unique and specific way in which students at Hillcrest Christian College can receive significant benefits and opportunities beyond that which they would find at other schools.

To assist students in planning their courses, we offer significant support to ensure that each child has an individual learning plan that will maximise their opportunities of achieving their goals and dreams through their learning experiences.

Our Senior Learning Community (Years 10 to 12) also provides a unique distinctive, in that we have an Honours Program for our gifted and talented students. This program is offered to students based on an individual student meeting the Honours Program Criteria and their willingness to commit to the program.

We welcome students into their final phase of secondary learning as they enter Year 10. We aim to provide each and every student the opportunity to succeed.

Jeff Davis
PRINCIPAL
LEARNING PATHWAYS

Hillcrest Christian College offers a wide range of learning options for students. These include:

• Guaranteed subject offerings
• Honours program
• University studies
• Enhanced university options

Students undertake to combine a selection of these options to create an individual learning pathway in the College.

GUARANTEED SUBJECT OFFERINGS

In their Senior Phase of Learning (Years 10-12) students choose from a wide range of learning options. Subjects currently offered include:

• Accounting
• Ancient History
• Biology
• Business Communication & Technologies
• Chemistry
• Dance
• Drama
• English
• English Extension (Year 12 only)
• English ESL
• Film, Television & New Media
• French
• Graphics
• Home Economics
• Hospitality
• Information Communication & Technology
• Information Processing and Technology
• Legal Studies
• Mathematics A
• Mathematics B
• Mathematics C
• Modern History
• Music
• Music Extension (Year 12 only)
• Philosophy
• Science21
• Studies of Religion
• Physical Education
• Physics
• Technology Studies
• Visual Art

Each student chooses up to six subjects. Students must undertake the study of English and Maths A or Maths B as two of their six subjects. In addition to these subjects students can choose to undertake Study of Religion or Philosophy and Reasoning as academic subjects.
HONOURS PROGRAM

At Hillcrest Christian College we offer a unique distinctive, in that we have an Honours Program for our gifted and talented students. This program is available to students based on their being able to meet the Honours Program Criteria and their ability to commit to the opportunities that the program provides.

Small group tutoring in Honours English and, or Honours Mathematics. These programs focus on enhancing the students skills and understanding in order for students to accelerate and extend their learning in English and Mathematics.

- Mentor program with a selected staff member to plan potential pathways.
- Access to Griffith Partnership Programs offered on Campus in the areas of Mathematics, Chemistry, Biology. Physical Education and Information Technology.
- Opportunity to accelerate learning by studying subjects from other year levels. For example study 11 Chemistry whilst in Year 10.
- Option to undertake the QCAA accredited courses for Extension English and / or Extension Mathematics in Year 12.
- Access to study selected Bond, University of Queensland, Griffith and Southern Cross University subjects whilst in Year 10 to 12.

STUDY UNIVERSITY ON CAMPUS

Hillcrest has partnered with Griffith University to offer First Year University courses that are an extension of Year 11 and 12 subjects.

These courses provide the opportunity to complete at least one semester of study and possible guaranteed entry to selected Griffith subjects.

Courses are available in:
- Maths C
- Chemistry
- Biology
- Information Technology
- Physical Education

MIGHTY MINDS

Hillcrest has partnered with Mighty Minds to offer students small group tutorial sessions two afternoons a week. These sessions are conducted by qualified university tutors.
UNIVERSITY STUDIES (EXTERNAL)

At Hillcrest Christian College, students with strong academic results have the opportunity in Years 10, 11 and 12 to enrol in a university subject and experience university subjects. Each university offers a different programme. Students have the opportunity to study these subjects as part of their Year 10-12 studies.

Bond University – Student for a Semester

This programme offers the opportunity for intelligent, ambitious students to kick start their career while still at high school.

Students can select from the range of Business, Technology, Sustainable Development, Humanities & Social Sciences, Law, and Health Science offerings. Students are required to attend one lecture and one tutorial every week, depending on the subject requirements.

Griffith University – GUESTS Programme

The GUESTS Programme offers students the opportunity to stretch their academic boundaries and sample university life by studying a single course at Griffith University in Year 12.

Once they successfully complete their GUESTS course they receive an ‘Offer of Guaranteed Entry’ into an associated Griffith degree programme. This provides full credit for the course and it will then count towards the requirements of their degree.

Southern Cross University – HEAD START

The Head-Start program provides an opportunity for Year 11 and 12 students to gain direct entry and advanced standing into a variety of courses offered at Southern Cross University. It offers the chance to gain a taste of university life, stimulate interest in academic pursuits and enhance educational performance and long term aspirations.

Queensland University of Technology – START QUT

START QUT is an Enhanced Studies Programme that offers university experience and preferential entry for Year 12 students undertaking the Queensland Certificate of Education. Passing two START QUT subjects gives guaranteed entry to some QUT courses.

University of Queensland – Enhanced Studies Programme

The UQ Enhanced Studies Programme (ESP) provides an opportunity for high achieving students to enrol in one course (subject) at The University of Queensland during semester one of their final year of school. Students attend classes with University students and have the opportunity to study in a range of disciplines, including mathematics, history, philosophy, economics, music, psychology, law, languages, literature and political science.