



Senior Pledge – a statement of commitment

Isis District SHS **Senior Pledge** endeavours to promote, encourage and maintain high standards of work ethic, commitment, responsibility and behaviour, all qualities that future employers are wanting their young workers to display. The Senior Pledge applies to any student who has completed their Compulsory Schooling and has entered the Compulsory Participation Phase.

Compulsory School Age – Years 7, 8, 9 & 10

All students in year 7 to 10 are in the compulsory phase of schooling. They remain in this phase until they have completed year 10 or turned 16 years of age, whichever occurs first.

Compulsory Participation Phase – Years 11 & 12

A young person's compulsory participation phase starts when she/he stops being of compulsory school age (i.e. turns 16 or completes Year 10 whichever comes first) and ends when the person:

- gains a Senior Certificate (QCE / QCIA), Certificate III or Certificate IV or
- has participated in eligible options for 2 years after the person stopped being of compulsory school age
- turns 17 or
- gains paid employment of over 25 hours per week.

Purpose of Senior Pledge

To foster a positive culture of high expectations and standards where everyone is able to learn, achieve and succeed in their chosen course of study.

Goal of Post Compulsory Schooling

All students completing Year 12 will exit with either a "Queensland Certificate of Education" (QCE) or a "Queensland Certificate of Individual Achievement" (QCIA); and be prepared for their chosen pathway.

The Senior Pledge requires senior students at Isis District SHS to:

- A. **Meet a minimum attendance requirement of 90%.** (Authorised absences must be supported by official documentation eg: medical certificates, letters from practitioners/specialists etc)

Attendance – "Every day Counts"

At Isis District State High School, we believe that "Every Day Counts". Research shows that students who have a good attendance record are more likely to achieve high results. Our "Senior Pledge" requires that students have a minimum attendance of 90%.

- B. **Display good work ethic** demonstrated by:

- Active participation and engagement in the learning process. ("Satisfactory" or better for effort in all subjects).
- Completion of all classwork and homework. This includes meeting minimum time requirements in year 11 and 12 for all General and Applied subjects.
- Have 100% submission/completion rate for assessment as detailed in the student's assessment calendar (eg assignments, exams, orals, VET competencies etc.)
- Meet all VET expectations (year 11,12)

- C. **Display an acceptable standard of behaviour and cooperation** ("Satisfactory" or better for behaviour in all subjects, no suspensions)






- D. **Compliance with school policies and procedures** including Student Dress Code and Mobile Phone policy.



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Senior Pledge and Extra-Curricular Activities

Maintaining the Senior Pledge ensures that students meet the **initial eligibility** requirements for the following activities and privileges:

-  School Socials (A & C)
-  Representative School Sport (A, B, C & D)
-  Leadership Camp (Year 11 only) (A & C)
-  Senior Jersey (Year 11 only) (A, B, C & D)
-  Year 12 Formal (Year 12 only) (A, B, C & D)

Consequences of NOT upholding the Senior Pledge

Consequences of NOT upholding the Senior Pledge for **any** senior student are at the discretion of the Principal and could include:

-  Withdrawal of extra-curricular benefits or opportunities as listed above
-  Demotion from leadership positions including School Captain, Senior Leader, House Captains
-  Commencement of the “Enforcement of Enrolment at State Schools” process if attendance requirements are not met, including Formal warning and notification to parents
-  Progression through the stages of the Compulsory Participation phase, cancellation of enrolment process (see next page)
-  Awarding of unsatisfactory regarding the achievement of course objectives for senior subjects in Year 11 (which may affect QCE eligibility)
-  Withdrawal from a subject with the allocation of a replacement subject (which may affect QCE eligibility)

Common Understanding and Commitment to the Senior Pledge:

- ✓ I have read and understand the Senior Pledge
- ✓ I understand my responsibilities
- ✓ I understand the implications of breaching this policy

Student Name (print): _____ Roll Class: _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Acknowledgement:

Name: _____ (Signature): _____

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Cancellation of Enrolment (*Compulsory Participation Phase*)

A student will be placed on the following cancellation process if their work ethic and or behaviour amount to a refusal to participate in the educational program provided at the school (see below).

