

YEAR 11 AND 12 INFORMATION NIGHT

The QLD Certificate of Education

Subject choices

Tertiary Entry



Queensland Certificate of Education

QCE



How does the QCE work?

- A **significant** amount of learning
- At a **set standard** of achievement
- A **literacy and numeracy** requirement
- Greater **flexibility** in what, where and when learning can occur
- QCE is based on students successfully completing
20 credits

A significant amount of learning

The student can achieve 20 credits with

- a minimum of 12 credits from completed core courses – generally 3 subjects from beginning of Year 11 to end of Year 12 – at least a C standard.
- Limited in changes between subjects. Can only change subjects at end of semester.
- the requirement for literacy and numeracy

A set standard of achievement

STUDENTS MUST PASS

- For school subjects the standard is a Sound Level of Achievement (C).
- Standard is taken from 'Exit' (final) results at the end of Year 12 or when a student leaves the subject
- For VET certificates, the agreed standard is Competence/Completion.

QCAA Late and Non submission of assessment policy

- In cases where students do not submit a response to an assessment instrument by the due date, judgments should be ***made using evidence available on or before the due date.***
- The practice of awarding a lower standard as a penalty for lateness is not valid in a standards-based system of **externally moderated** school-based assessment.

QCAA Late and Non submission of assessment policy cont.

- in cases of non-submission of student responses to assessment instruments, standards are not awarded when there is no evidence.



Changes to Senior Assessment 2019

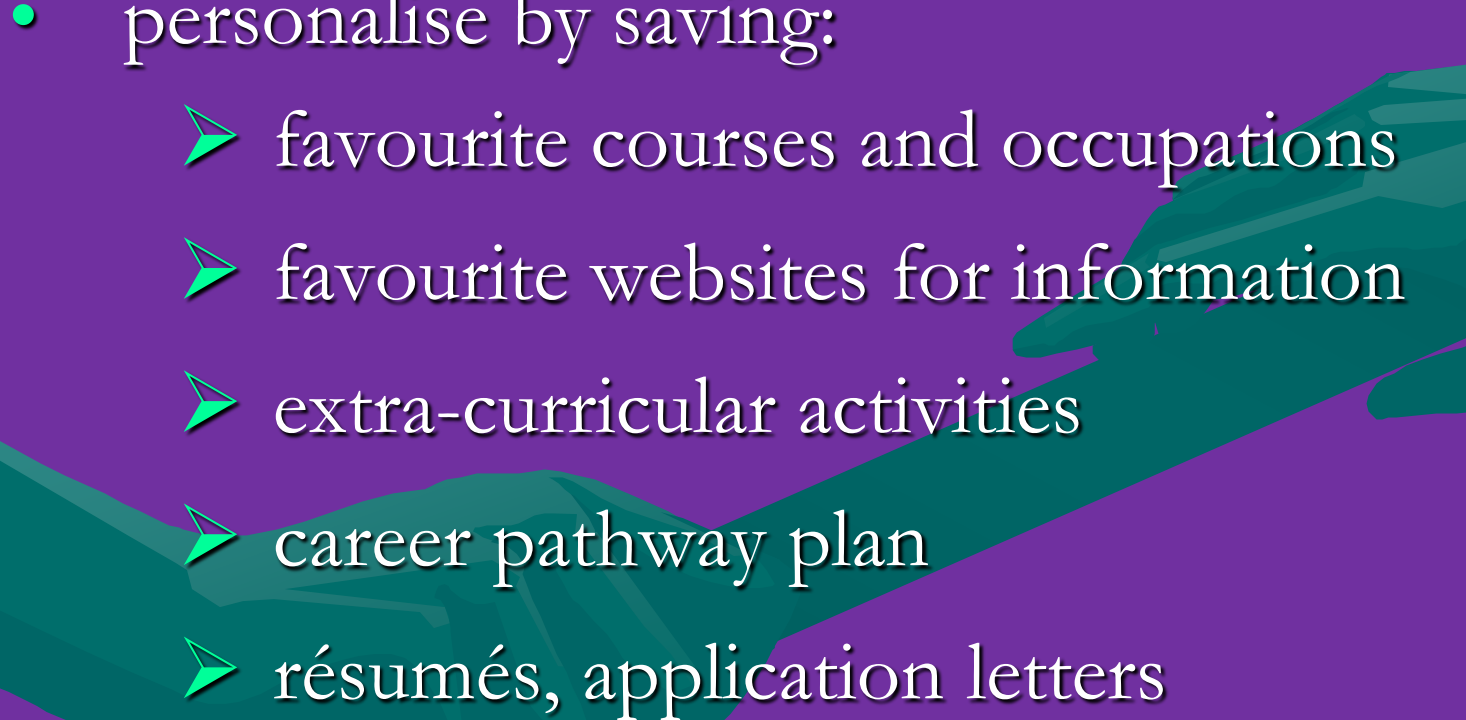
- Moving from a 100% school based assessment to a combined model of
 - school-based assessment (3 tasks)
 - external assessment (1 task)
- Trials of the external assessment were held in 2017
- Endorsement of assessment before it is used by a school will continue this year by the QCAA
- An information night will be held in May



<https://studentconnect.qcaa.qld.edu.au>

or via the Online Services on the QCAA website

Student Connect is Individualised

- students view their own learning account
 - personalise by saving:
 - favourite courses and occupations
 - favourite websites for information
 - extra-curricular activities
 - career pathway plan
 - résumés, application letters
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IMPORTANCE OF SUBJECT SELECTION

Students must complete

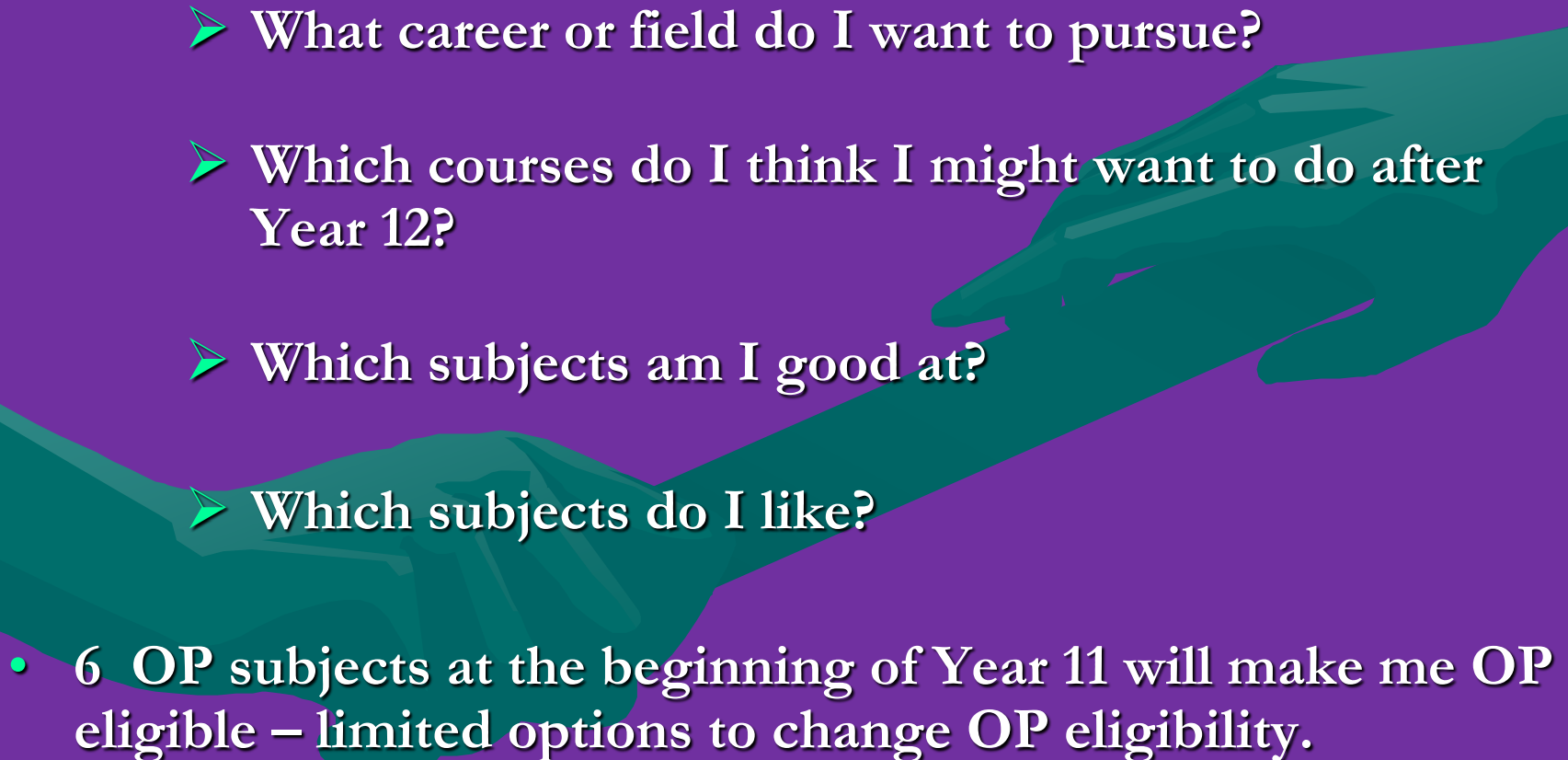
- English, Mathematics and Religion (any level) plus 3 elective subjects.

What to look for:

- Topics of interest and ability
- Prerequisites/Recommended prior learning for tertiary studies and employment
- OP (Authority registered) or VET
- Costs
- Transition Subjects (Yr 10) – Results
- Reminder – minimal changes of subjects after Wk 3 Year 11

The Importance of Subject Selection

When making subject choices you need to consider the following:

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- What career or field do I want to pursue?
 - Which courses do I think I might want to do after Year 12?
 - Which subjects am I good at?
 - Which subjects do I like?
- 6 OP subjects at the beginning of Year 11 will make me OP eligible – limited options to change OP eligibility.

Pathways to Tertiary Study

- OP Eligible
- Ranking
- Certificate III course – Ranking equivalency

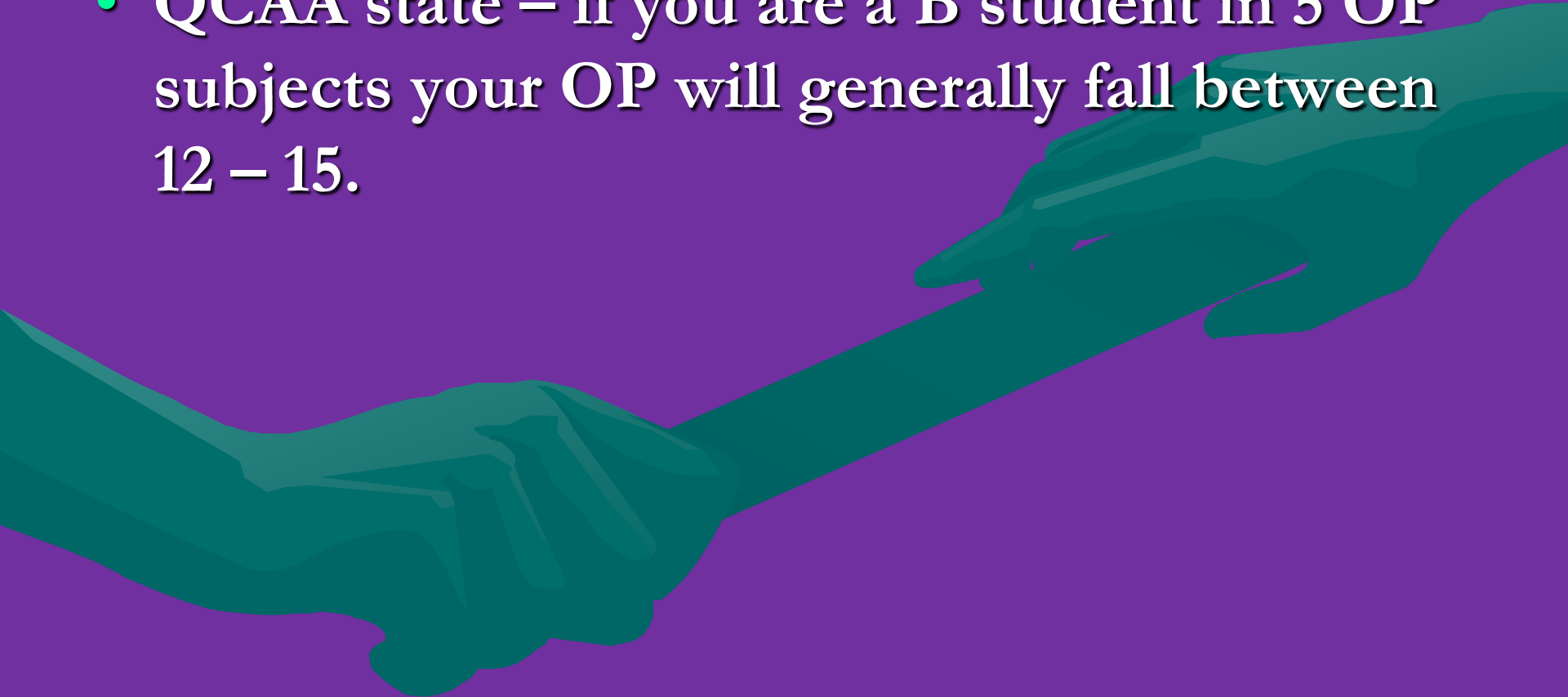


Pathways to Tertiary Study OP

- Must have 20 semesters of OP subjects.
- Students complete 5 or 6 OP subjects from beginning Yr 11 to end of Yr 12.
- OP scale 1 to 25 – 1 being the highest
- If you are OP eligible you **MUST** sit the QCS test

Pathways to Tertiary Study OP

- QCAA state – if you are a B student in 5 OP subjects your OP will generally fall between 12 – 15.



QCAA Data – OP RANGES

	2011		2014	
	Min	Max	Min	Max
All A's	1	5	1	8
All B's	3	16	4	16
All C's	9	23	12	24
All D's	19	24	21	24
All E's	24	24	22	25

OP EXAMPLES

OP 4

- English -B+
- Maths B – B
- Chemistry – B
- Biology – A
- Science 21 A+
- SOR – A
- Japanese A

OP 8

- English – B+
- Maths B – C
- Biology – B+
- Study of Religion – A
- BCT – A
- PE - B

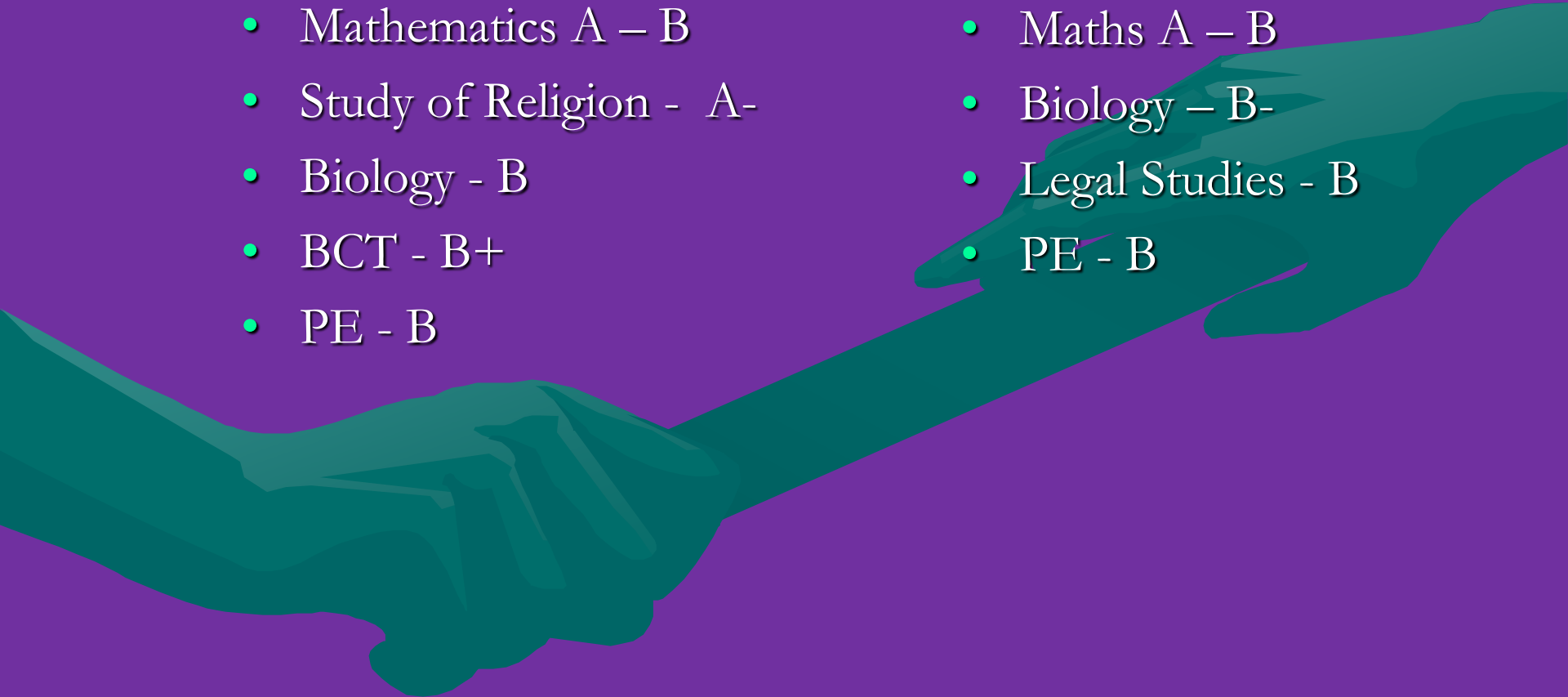
OP EXAMPLES

OP 11

- English – B
- Mathematics A – B
- Study of Religion - A-
- Biology - B
- BCT - B+
- PE - B

OP 14

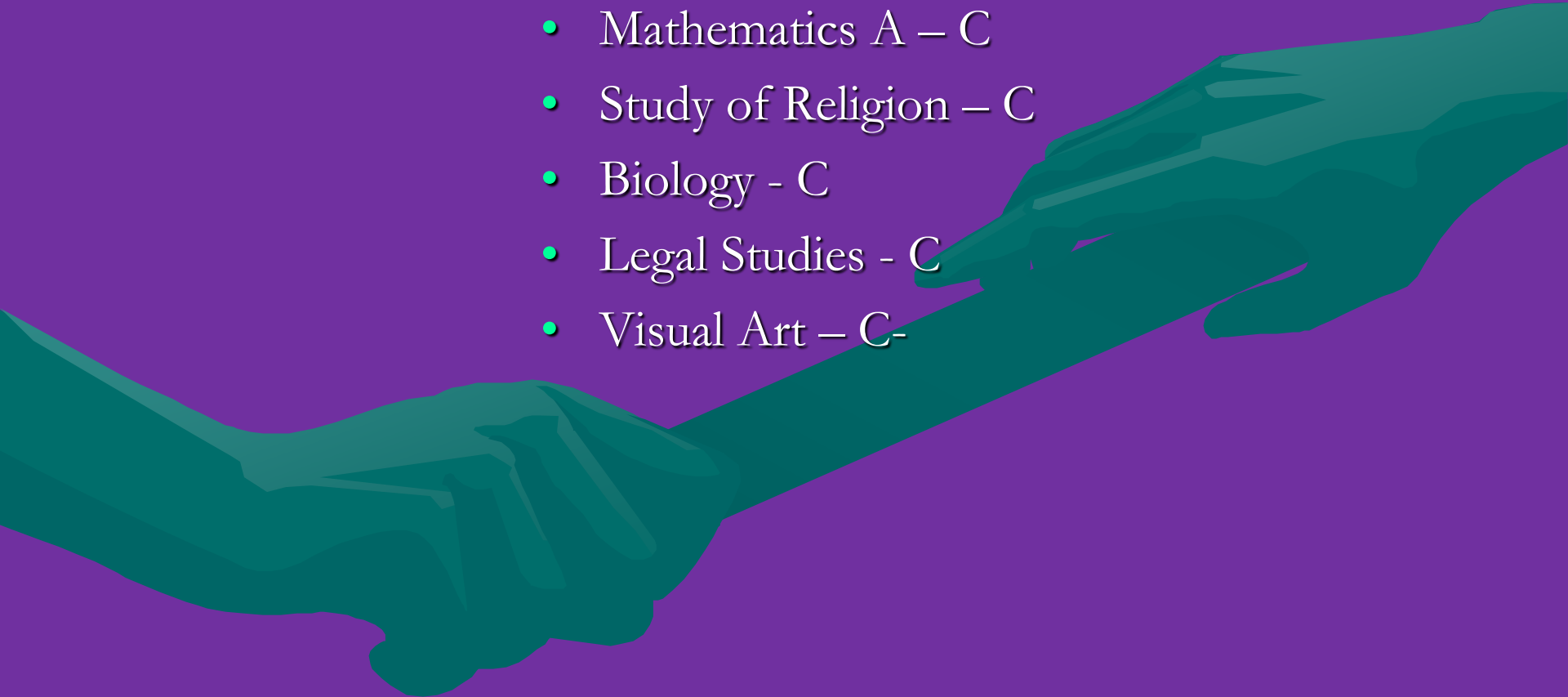
- English – B-
- Maths A – B
- Biology – B-
- Legal Studies - B
- PE - B



OP EXAMPLES

OP 18

- English – C
- Mathematics A – C
- Study of Religion – C
- Biology - C
- Legal Studies - C
- Visual Art – C-



OP Cut-off results for 2017/18

	LAW		NURSING		ENGINEERING		EDUCATION	
	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018
UQ	1	2	2 Midwifery	4	6	7	11	11
QUT	5	6	5	8	9	10	13	13
JCU	15	12	16	16	12	12	14	15
CQU	13	11	16	17	14	15	15	15

QCS Test

4 tests over 2 days

1 x Writing Task – 600 word response to stimulus

1 x Short Response

2 x Multiple Choice

Tests are conducted at the beginning of September.

QCS preparation and practice sessions are completed in Year 11 and 12.

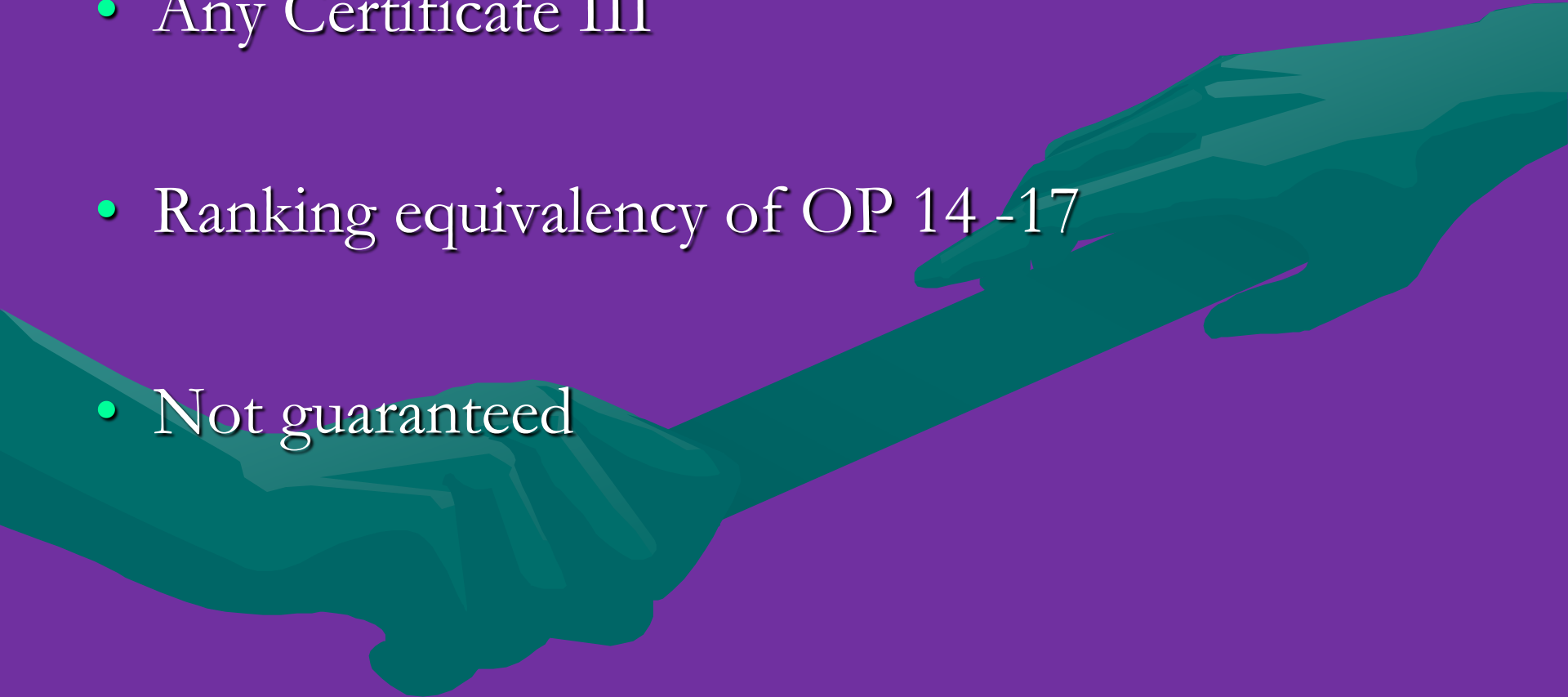
Pathways to Tertiary Study RANKING

- Ranking – Apply to QTAC
- Can study OP , Non- OP and Certificate courses
- Sit the QCS Test
- Decided through points awarded for results
- Listed as a number between 90 (highest) and 1
- 90 is approximately equivalent to an OP 6

Pathways to Tertiary Studies

CERTIFICATE III ENTRY

- Any Certificate III
- Ranking equivalency of OP 14 -17
- Not guaranteed



QTAC Applications – Year 12

- QTAC booklet available end of Term 2
- QTAC presentation end of July
- Opportunities to speak with the Careers advisor about courses, preferences and processes – end of Term 3



Considerations for Pathways

- Pre-requisites for career/job
- OP – tertiary courses - prerequisites
- Non OP course and Rankings
- Vocational training and work readiness
- Apprenticeships and Traineeships



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