



Tannum Sands SHS

Junior Certificate of Education (JCE) – Information Sheet

At Tannum Sands State High School the focus is on 'creating our futures' through acquiring positive behaviours for learning, seeking opportunities for growth and support, and celebrating success. Students who successfully accomplish the minimum expectations in junior secondary are better prepared for their chosen pathways in senior.

The JCE is a **school-based junior secondary qualification** awarded to students **at the end of Year 9** who have successfully achieved the following:

- **Maintaining a minimum of a 'C' standard, or showing improvement,**(across the core subjects: English, Maths, Science, HPE and Humanities on both semester one and semester two reports;
- **Maintaining a minimum of a 'satisfactory' effort and behaviour result, or showing improvement,** across the core subjects and all specialist subjects on both semester one and semester two reports;
- **Maintaining an attendance rate** of at least 94% **or showing improvement** (exemptions are at the discretion of the Principal).

Students who do not maintain the minimum 'C' standard in any of the core subjects will be required to work to achieve the minimum standard during a Consolidation Block. Special consideration is given to students with identified learning difficulties or disabilities.

At the end of each reporting period, student results are analysed and reviewed by the Junior Secondary team. Students requiring support are identified and intervention strategies implemented for the student to assist them in achieving their learning goals.

On Track	Students who do NOT meet the standards across		
	Level 1: one subject	Level 2: two subjects	Level 3: 3+ subjects
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reflection and goal-setting • Learning ladder conversations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Head of Department notified • Learning ladder conversation within relevant subject area • Goal-setting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Junior Secondary HoD notified • Parent & student meeting • Student Intervention Plan and review put in place 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deputy Principal notified • Parent & student meeting • Parent & Student Support (PaSS) plan and review

Frequently Asked Questions about the Junior Secondary Education Certificate

Do all schools award the JCE?

No, it is a Tannum Sands SHS based certificate but other schools may also offer a similar certification.

What are the main reasons for Tannum Sands High implementing the JCE?

TSSHS recognises that the junior phase of learning is an integral time in schooling and, by instilling positive habits around study, assessment, effort, behaviour and attendance during this time, students are more likely to achieve success as they progress into senior and post-schooling. We aim to ensure students understand the importance of these habits and to respect the learning offered to them. We look forward to celebrating their success at a Year 9 graduation ceremony and the presentation of their TSSHS Junior Certificate.

What if my child enrolls part way through a year?

Student results will be based on the standards achieved from the point of enrolment.

Is the JCE awarded at the end of Year 7 and 8?

No, the JCE is awarded at the end of Year 9 for the work done during that year. In Years 7 & 8 students' results are also tracked and support measures implemented. Recognition for being 'on track' is celebrated through events such as the Achievers' Beach Day.

My child has a disability that requires special learning adjustments. Will this affect their ability to gain a JCE?

No, students with identified learning needs will be given special consideration.

If my child does not receive a JCE at the end of Year 9 does this mean s/he cannot enrol in Year 10?

No, students will still advance with their cohort, however unsatisfactory levels of achievement could affect their entry into senior subjects.