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Hello,

First of all my name is Kyle Hillcoat and I graduated from high school last year and am now studying Marine Biology at James Cook Townsville. I studied both Chemistry and Maths B.

I don't really have much of an opinion as to how grades are defined but most of the teachers, in particular my maths, music and chemistry teachers at my school were very knowledgeable about the grading and panel system as most of them were on the panel themselves. In terms of prioritizing my work load during grade 11 and 12, which ever was due first was top priority. Very few times was I ever working on more than three assignments at a time, I prefer to finish one before starting another.

In terms of a time frame for EEI and ERT tasks, the time given was adequate, however especially in Chemistry and Agriculture Science, if the results from the experiments were not accurate there was little time to repeat the experiment depending on the level of difficulty. The specified word limit personally was often too short. A few of my Chemistry and Agriculture Science assignments were around the 2500 word count as the topic needed a great deal of explanation and covered a wide range of subtopics.

With respect to the workload of subjects, each has its on and off peaks during the year as all subjects do. I suppose the workload depends on the assessment type, graphics was a rather time consuming subject as there were many design assignments compared to maths and chemistry as they were mostly tests. One last comment I wish to make is the poor level of mathematics in Queensland. Personally I lack some of the foundational principles of mathematics and as a consequence university maths is proving very difficult at times. Although I must commend the government to some degree as they have changed the curriculum and have increased the difficulty as some of the mathematics I am doing in University, my younger sister is doing in Maths B in grade 10. However she is struggling as well as she has missed the foundational work as I did and has now been hit with incredibly hard content.

Thank you for your time and this opportunity,

Kyle Hillcoat