



# YEAR 11

## CURRICULUM INFORMATION



## Western Australian Certificate of Education (WACE) requirements

At the completion of Year 12 all students will receive a **Folio of Achievement** which includes the **Western Australian Statement of Student Achievement (WASSA)**. The WASSA provides a formal record of what students leaving in Year 12 have achieved in their schooling. Students can use their school achievements to apply to enter university, training programs or employment.

**The Western Australian Certificate of Education (WACE)** is the certificate that students in Western Australia achieve when they have met specified requirements in their senior secondary education. If achieved the WACE certificate is included in the Folio of Achievement.

To achieve a WACE, a student must satisfy the following:

### General requirements

- demonstrate a minimum standard of literacy and a minimum standard of numeracy
- complete a minimum of 20 units or equivalents
- complete at least four Year 12 ATAR courses or complete\* a Certificate II (or higher) VET qualification.

### Breadth and depth

Students must

- complete a minimum of 20 units or the equivalent. This requirement must include at least:
  - a minimum of ten Year 12 units or the equivalent
  - two completed Year 11 units from an English course and one pair of completed Year 12 units from an English course
  - one pair of Year 12 units from each list A (arts/languages/social sciences) and List B (mathematics/science/technology).

### Achievement Standard

Students must achieve a minimum of 14 C grades (or equivalents) in Year 11 and Year 12 units, including at least six C grades in Year 12 units (or equivalents).

### Unit Equivalence

Unit equivalence can be obtained through VET qualifications and/or endorsed programs. The maximum unit equivalence through these programs is eight units – four Year 11 units and four Year 12 units.

There are four types of courses and two programs developed by the School Curriculum and Standards Authority (SCSA).

	Courses/Programs	General features
1	Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) courses	ATAR course units for students who are aiming to enrol in a university course direct from school. These courses will be examined by SCSA and contribute to the achievement of an Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR).
2	General courses	General course units for students who are aiming to enter further training or the workforce directly from school. These courses will not be examined by SCSA.
3	Foundation courses	Foundation course units for those who need additional help in demonstrating the minimum standard of literacy and numeracy.
4	Preliminary course units	Preliminary course units for those who may need modification to the curriculum to meet their special needs. Preliminary courses do not contribute to the achievement of a WACE.
5	Vocational Education and Training (VET) programs	VET qualifications are for students wishing to participate in nationally recognized training. All VET qualifications require registered training organisation (RTO) delivery, assessment and quality control under the relevant VET regulatory body.
6	Endorsed programs	These programs provide access to areas of learning not covered by WACE courses or VET programs and contribute to the WACE as unit equivalents. Endorsed programs are for students wishing to participate in programs which are delivered in a variety of settings by schools, workplaces, universities and community organisations.

Students can mix and match these options to provide themselves with the best platform to meet the requirements to achieve their WACE – and for life beyond school.

\*Note: In the context of VET in the WACE, the term 'complete' requires that a student has been deemed competent in all units that make up a full qualification.

For further information on WACE go to the SCSA website on the following link  
[scca.wa.edu.au/internet/Senior\\_Secondary/The\\_WACE/WACE\\_Requirements](http://scca.wa.edu.au/internet/Senior_Secondary/The_WACE/WACE_Requirements)

## 2018 Year 11 SIDE Courses and Programs

Learning area	Courses	Preliminary 1/2	Foundation (FE)	General (GE)	ATAR (AE)	Endorsed
	FE, GE and AE = unit pair					
The Arts	Visual Arts	●		●	●	
	Media Production & Analysis				●	
Career Development	Career & Enterprise			●		
	Workplace Learning					●
	School Based Traineeship/ Apprenticeship					●
English	English	●	●	●	●	
	EALD			●	●	
	Literature				●	
Health & Physical Education	Health Studies			●	●	
Humanities and Social Sciences	Accounting & Finance				●	
	Business Management & Enterprise	●		●		
	Economics				●	
	Geography			●	●	
	Modern History			●	●	
	Politics & Law				●	
Languages	French: Second Language				●	
	Indonesian: Second Language				●	
	Italian: Second Language				●	
	Japanese: Second Language				●	
Mathematics	Mathematics	●	●			
	Mathematics Essential			●		
	Mathematics Applications				●	
	Mathematics Methods				●	
	Mathematics Specialist				●	
Science	Biology				●	
	Chemistry				●	
	Human Biology			●	●	
	Integrated Science			●		
	Physics				●	
	Chevron: Powering Careers in Energy					●
Technologies	Applied Information Tech			●	●	
	Automotive Engineering & Tech			●		
	Children Family & Community			●		
	Computer Science				●	
	Design: Photography			●		
	Design: Technical Graphics			●		
Endorsed	ASDAN					●
	Community Arts / Community Sport Performance					●
	Community Services					●
	Off-campus Enrichment Program					●

VET Qualifications	Delivered in partnership with RTO
10297NAT Certificate II in Applied Language (French or Japanese) **	North Metropolitan TAFE (52786)
BSB20115 Certificate II in Business	North Metropolitan TAFE (52786)
CUA20215 Certificate II in Creative Industries	North Metropolitan TAFE (52786)
FNS20115 Certificate II in Financial Services	VETIS Consulting Services Pty Ltd (52499)
ICT20115 Certificate II in Information, Digital Media and Technology	Australian Institute of Commerce and Technology (2058)
Students may also access other VET qualifications via their local TAFE or private training organisations. Online delivery is an option for some courses. Contact the SIDE VET Coordinator or a Student Coordinator for more information. Students may be required to purchase a uniform, protective equipment, text books, trade equipment/tools or other incidental items as required by TAFE.	

\*\* Cannot be used for Certificate II WACE requirements. If completed can be used for unit equivalence.

### What textbooks and materials need to be purchased?

Students must purchase SIDE required texts and materials as soon as possible after enrolment. Detailed information is on the SIDE website.

[Admissions > Costs > Booklist - Personal Items and Resources](#)

### How do students access their learning through SIDE?

Saba is an online classroom that allows teaching to happen in real time. Lessons are scheduled by teachers and students are expected to attend at the allocated day/ time. Saba sessions are recorded and students are expected to watch the playback if they miss a lesson.

Moodle is a secure, learning management system consisting of individual online 'classrooms'. Course work is stored in Moodle and it is accessible by students 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Support is available with detailed guides and help sheets that can be found on the SIDE website.

[E-Learning > Guides and Help Sheets](#)

### Who is the best person at SIDE to contact if parents have concerns or just want to find out how their child is progressing?

Students/ parents will have contact details for all of the respective teachers and can contact them directly, either by email or by phone. Also, every student at SIDE has a Student Coordinator. In addition to enrolling the student, their responsibilities include monitoring the student's academic progress and providing a contact point for parents.

### Can a student change from one study pathway to another or are they 'locked in'?

Students can switch between course types (eg ATAR to General). The relevant SIDE Student Coordinator will work with them to determine the enrolment that best meets their interest, aspirations and needs.

There are points in the semester after which students should not change courses as it would be unlikely they could complete the coursework.

After Term 1 of Year 12 students cannot change.

### What Vocational Education and Training (VET) can a student study?

Students can undertake VET in a wide range of areas, including Automotive, Business Services, Community Services, Construction, Creative Industries, Engineering, Hospitality and Tourism, Information Technology, Primary Industries and Sport and Recreation.

At SIDE we offer Certificate courses in Applied Languages, Business Services, Creative Industries, Financial Services and Information Technology.

### Why would a student choose VET?

For many students, VET is more directly relevant and meaningful to their future career aspirations.

VET qualifications can give students an advantage when applying:

- for jobs that support them while they're studying at a state training provider or university after school
- to study for higher VET qualifications after they have left school
- for entry into university in some cases.

### Where can students/parents access information on future pathways and careers?

The Career Centre provide a free service and have an extensive range of information at [careercentre.dtwd.wa.gov.au](http://careercentre.dtwd.wa.gov.au)

### Why does a student need to meet the minimum literacy and numeracy standard?

To ensure students are well prepared for work and study after school, a minimum literacy and numeracy standard has been created for all WA students leaving Year 12. Meeting this standard is valued by employers and post school training providers.

This standard is required for students to:

- be eligible for university admission rank (ATAR) and
- enrol in training and pre-apprenticeship courses.

### How does a student meet the minimum literacy and numeracy standard?

In order to demonstrate the Literacy and Numeracy standard sufficient to gain the WACE by the end of Year 12, students either:

- prequalify by achieving Band 8 or higher in NAPLAN or
- pass the Online Literacy and Numeracy Assessment (OLNA).

### What are the options if a student does not achieve WACE?

WACE can be attained over multiple years. Credit from each WACE unit can contribute towards a certificate over a lifetime. The requirements may change over a life time, the student will need to meet the minimum requirements that apply in their final year of study to achieve a WACE.

### Do students sitting ATAR courses in Year 12 have to sit the final exams?

Students who do not sit the ATAR Course examination will not have a course mark or grade recorded on their WASSA, nor will they receive an ATAR Course report.