

# SENIOR SECONDARY 2020

## CURRICULUM INFORMATION

## NEW COURSES AND PROGRAMS

## New Courses 2019

- Foundation Career and Enterprise
- General and ATAR English as an Additional Language or Dialect
- ATAR Psychology

## VET and Endorsed Programs

## Certificate II in

- Sport and Recreation
- Skills for Work and Vocational Pathways
- Community Services
- Recreational Pursuits

## New Courses 2020

- Foundation English as an Additional Language or Dialect (**Year 11 ONLY**)
- General Media Production and Analysis

## Endorsed programs

**ASDAN** - various programs, short courses  
and vocational tasters

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## Western Australia Certificate of Education (WACE) requirements

At the completion of Year 12 all students will be mailed 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
  - and complete:
    - at least four Year 12 ATAR courses
- OR**
- a Certificate II (or higher) VET qualification
- OR**
- at least five Year 12 General courses (or equivalents), or a combination of General and ATAR courses (or equivalents)

**Note: This option is a WACE change for Year 11 students in 2020.**

### 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.

For further information on WACE go to the SCSA website at the following link  
[senior-secondary.scsa.wa.edu.au/the-wace/wace-requirements](https://senior-secondary.scsa.wa.edu.au/the-wace/wace-requirements)

Learning area		Courses									
Year 11 units: GE, FE, AE = unit pair	Preliminary (P1/2, 3/4); General (GE, GT); Foundation (FE, FT); ATAR (AE, AT)	P 1/2	P 3/4	FE	FT	GE	GT	AE	AT	Endorsed	
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	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							●	●		
	Psychology							●	●		
	Chevron: Powering Careers in Energy									●	
Technologies	Applied Information Tech					●	●	●	●		
	Accounting & Finance							●	●		
	Automotive Engineering & Tech					●	●				
	Business Management & Enterprise					●	●				
	Children Family & Community					●	●				
	Computer Science							●	●		
	Design: Photography					●	●				
	Design: Technical Graphics					●	●				
Endorsed	ASDAN									●	
	Community Arts / Elite Sports Performance									●	
	Community Services / Recreational Pursuits									●	
	Off-campus Enrichment Program									●	

VET Qualifications	Delivered in partnership with RTO
10297NAT Certificate II in Applied Language (French or Japanese) **	North Metropolitan TAFE (RTO Code: 52786)
BSB20115 Certificate II in Business	TBA
FNS20115 Certificate II in Financial Services	TBA
ICT20115 Certificate II in Information, Digital Media and Technology	TBA
SIS20115 Certificate II in Sport and Recreation	TBA
FSK20113 Certificate II in Skills for Work and Vocational Pathways	TBA
Fee-for-service VET Qualifications	Various providers
Students may access other VET qualifications via local TAFE or private training organisations. Online delivery is an option for some courses. Contact the SIDE VET Coordinator or Student Coordinator for more info. 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 are required to purchase SIDE required texts and materials as soon as possible after enrolment. Detailed information is on the SIDE website:

[7-12 Enrolments > Costs > Booklist](#)

### 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 secondary 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?

Students can switch between course types (eg ATAR to General). The relevant SIDE Student Coordinator assists to determine the enrolment that best meets student interests, 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 withdraw from courses or change pathways.

### Why would a student choose Workplace Learning?

- It takes place on-the-job in a chosen industry workplace.
- It includes voluntary work, paid work and school organised placements.
- Some students also undertake a school-based apprenticeship/ traineeship.
- It is a valuable option for all students as a key aspect in improving employment prospects.
- It has a high rate of success.

### Why would a student choose VET?

- Offers many pathways towards career and vocational aspirations.
- May provide an alternative pathway to university.
- Allows development of workplace-specific skills and knowledge designed to meet current and future employment demands.
- Nationally recognised which means it can be taken anywhere in Australia.
- Qualification can be combined with schooling (via a school-based traineeship or apprenticeship), giving students a head start on becoming a qualified tradesperson (earn while you learn).
- Contributes significantly towards WACE.

Some VET qualifications are accessed through SIDE, while other VET qualifications can be accessed through local TAFE or private training organisations. Contact the SIDE VET Coordinator or Student Coordinator for more information. Further information is available at [7-12 Enrolment > Senior Secondary 11 > VET Certificates](#) or [7-12 Enrolment > Senior Secondary 12 > VET Certificates](#)

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

To ensure students are well prepared for work and study after school, a minimum literacy and numeracy standard has been established for all WA students leaving Year 12. Meeting this standard (OLNA) 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 do students receive at completion of Year 12?

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### Do Year 12 students have to sit examinations/ external assessments?

Year 12 students who are enrolled in a Year 12 ATAR course are required to sit the ATAR examination for that course. If students do not sit the pair of units and do not have an approved sickness/ misadventure application for the course, the pair of units completed in that year will not contribute to **any** of the WACE requirements.

Year 12 students enrolled in Foundation and General courses are required to complete an Externally Set Task (EST). This assessment, worth 15% of the unit pair, is administered by the school under standard test conditions and sample scripts are independently marked by the School Curriculum and Standards Authority.

### Why is there an additional pathway for Year 11 students in 2020?

The new pathway provides greater flexibility and choice and is good preparation for students wanting to pursue a range of post-school options, including university entry, or training in a specialist area. The new option is:

Complete at least five Year 12 General courses (or equivalents), or a combination of General and ATAR courses (or equivalents).