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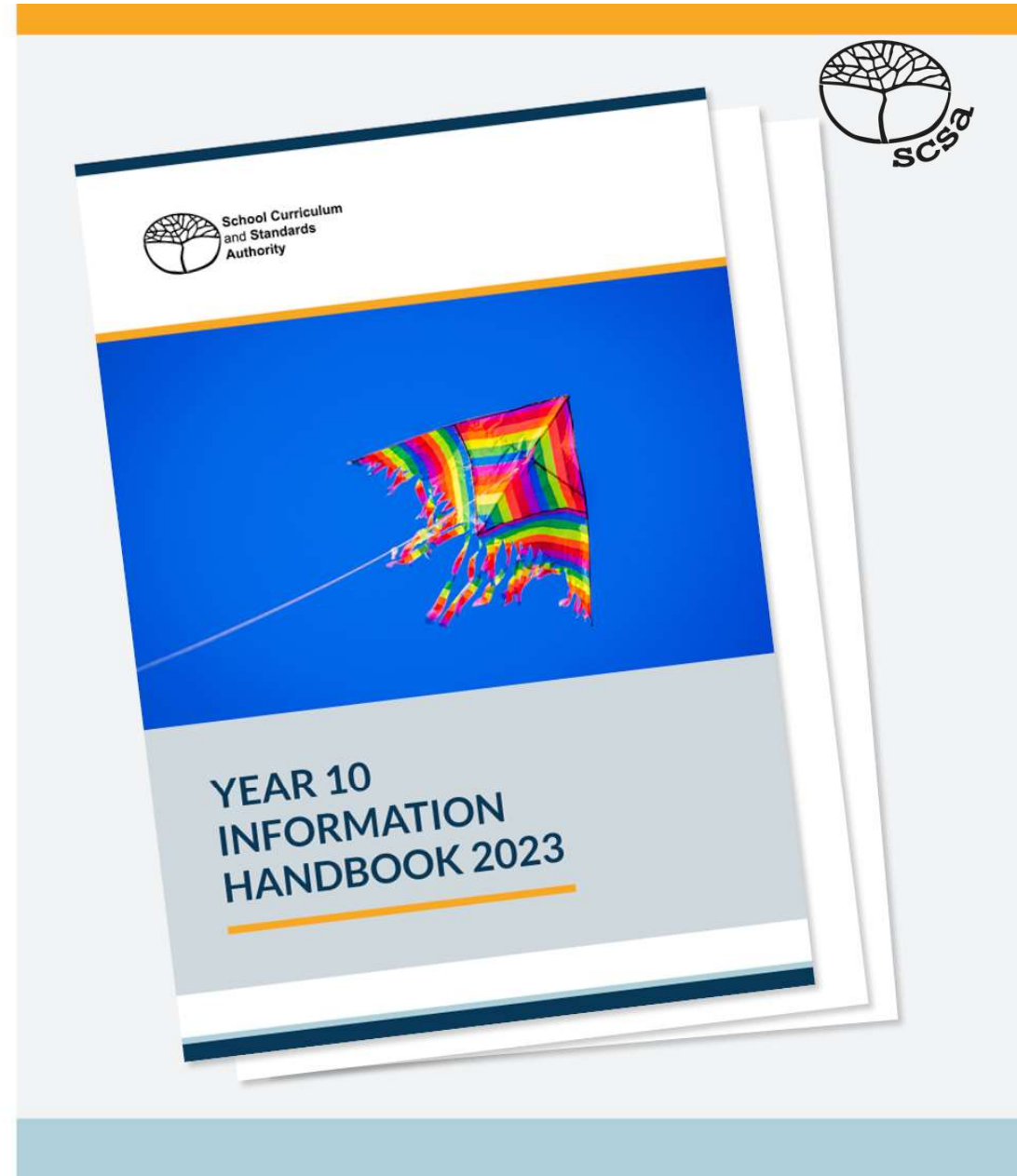
# Year 12 in 2025

Information for 2023 Year 10  
Students and their Parents



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# Guide to key abbreviations

Abbreviation	Full term
ATAR	Australian Tertiary Admission Rank
OLNA	Online Literacy and Numeracy Assessment
SRMS	Student Records Management System
the Authority	School Curriculum and Standards Authority
TISC	Tertiary Institutions Service Centre
VET	Vocational Education and Training
WACE	Western Australian Certificate of Education
WASSA	Western Australian Statement of Student Achievement
WASN	Western Australian student number



## The WASSA – All students

All students receive a Western Australian Statement of Student Achievement (WASSA) when they complete Year 12.

The WASSA:

- formally records a student's achievement in every course, qualification and program that the student has completed in senior secondary schooling
- provides evidence of achievement.



# The WACE

- The Western Australian Certificate of Education (WACE) is awarded to students who have successfully completed senior secondary schooling in WACE studies and have met the WACE requirements.
- The majority of students in Western Australia achieve the WACE.
- Study towards the WACE can be undertaken over a lifetime.



# WACE requirements

Students must:

- complete one of three course combination options
  - complete at least four Year 12 ATAR courses\* OR
  - complete at least five Year 12 General courses and/or ATAR courses or equivalent OR
  - complete a Certificate II (or higher) VET qualification in combination with ATAR, General or Foundation courses
- demonstrate the literacy and numeracy standards
- meet the requirements for breadth and depth of study
- meet the achievement standard.



# Literacy and numeracy standard requirement

Students must demonstrate minimum standards of literacy and numeracy by either:

- demonstrating the standard through the Online Literacy and Numeracy Assessment (OLNA); or
- pre-qualifying in reading, writing and numeracy in their Year 9 NAPLAN and being exempted from that component in the OLNA.



## Breadth and depth requirement

Students must complete a minimum of 20 units or the equivalent, including:

- a minimum of ten Year 12 units or the equivalent
- four units from an English learning area course, post-Year 10, including at least one pair of Year 12 units from an English learning area course
- one pair of Year 12 units from List A
- one pair of Year 12 units from List B.



# Achievement standard requirement

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





# Study options

Students are offered three study options which they can mix and match:

- WACE courses (four course types – ATAR, General, Foundation and VET industry specific)
- VET programs
- endorsed programs.



# Sample study programs – ATAR

ATAR

## Science



### Year 11

AELIT Literature  
AEPHY Physics  
AEHEA Health Studies  
AECHE Chemistry  
AEMAS Mathematics Specialist  
AEMAM Mathematics Methods

### Year 12

ATLIT Literature  
ATPHY Physics  
ATHEA Health Studies  
ATCHE Chemistry  
ATMAS Mathematics Specialist  
ATMAM Mathematics Methods

## Humanities



### Year 11

AEENG English  
AEMAM Mathematics Methods  
AEAST Agricultural Science and Technology  
AEGEO Geography  
GECFC Children, Family and the Community  
ADWPL Workplace Learning

### Year 12

ATENG English  
ATMAM Mathematics Methods  
ATAST Agricultural Science and Technology  
ATGEO Geography  
GTCFC Children, Family and the Community  
ADWPL Workplace Learning



# Sample study programs – General

GENERAL

## Arts



### Year 11

AEENG	English
GEDRA	Drama
GEDAN	Dance
AEMAA	Mathematics Applications
GEMPA	Media Production and Analysis
ADSP	School Production

### Year 12

ATENG	English
GTDRA	Drama
GTDAN	Dance
ATMAA	Mathematics Applications
GTMPA	Media Production and Analysis
ADCAP	Community Arts Performance

## Business



### Year 11

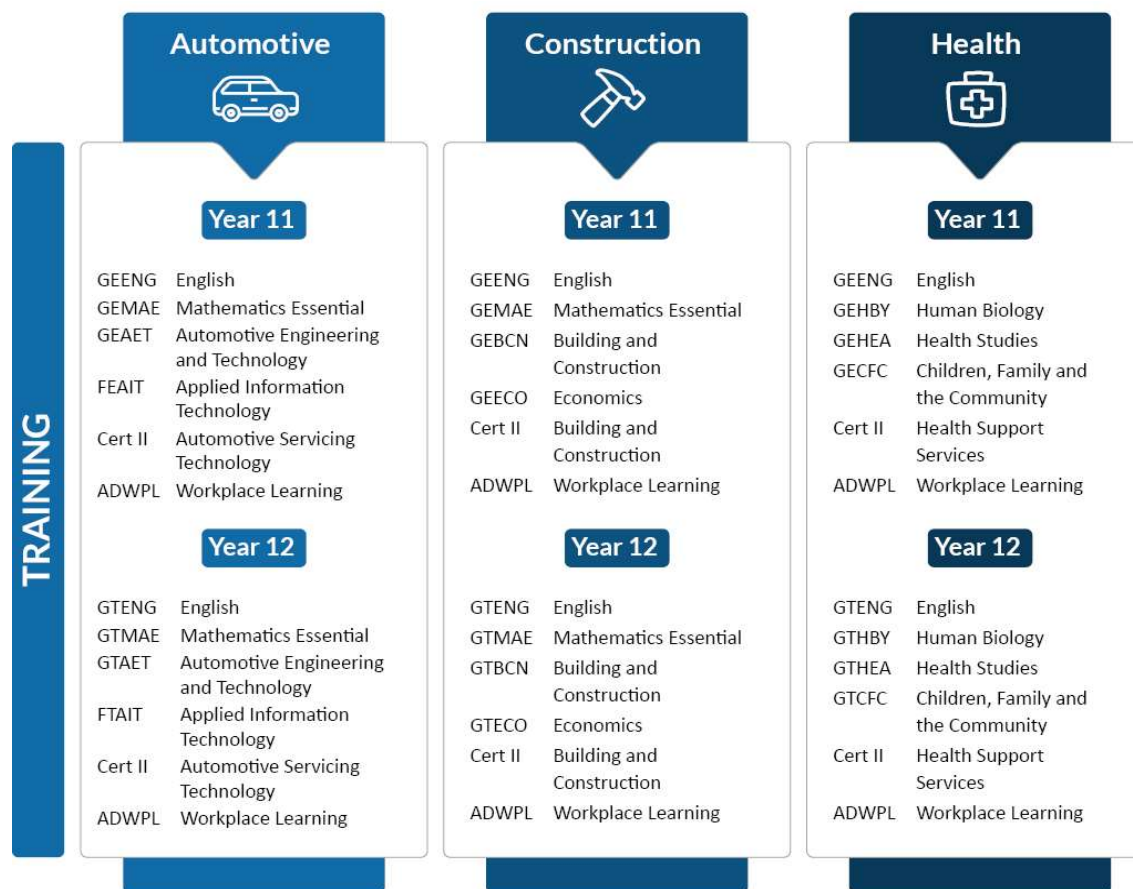
GEENG	English
GEACF	Accounting and Finance
GEBME	Business Management and Enterprise
GECSL	Chinese: Second Language
GEAIT	Applied Information Technology
ADCS	Community Service
GEMAE	Mathematics Essential

### Year 12

GTENG	English
GTACF	Accounting and Finance
GTBME	Business Management and Enterprise
GTCSL	Chinese: Second Language
GTAIT	Applied Information Technology
GTMAE	Mathematics Essential



# Sample study programs – Training



# University Pathways



- ATAR
  - Minimum 4 ATAR courses
  - WACE, English and ATAR entry requirements met
  - Bonuses- RISE, stepUp, Broadway, ECUaccess
- Enabling programs
  - Flexitrack high- Offered at Cecil Andrews College
- AQF
  - Certificate IV and Diploma qualifications
- Portfolio/ Experience based entry
- Mature Age entry

**TISC** TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS SERVICE CENTRE WESTERN AUSTRALIA

**UNIVERSITY ADMISSION 2026**  
Admission Requirements for School Leavers completing Year 12 in 2025.  
Year 10 subject selection for 2023.





# Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) courses

These courses:

- are examined by the School Curriculum and Standards Authority (the Authority)
- are used by the Tertiary Institutions Service Centre (TISC) to calculate a student's Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR).

There are written examinations for all ATAR courses.

There are practical examinations for some ATAR courses. Students must complete both examinations in these courses.



## Completing ATAR courses

Students enrolled in a Year 12 ATAR course pair of units are required to sit the written and, if the course has one, practical examination.

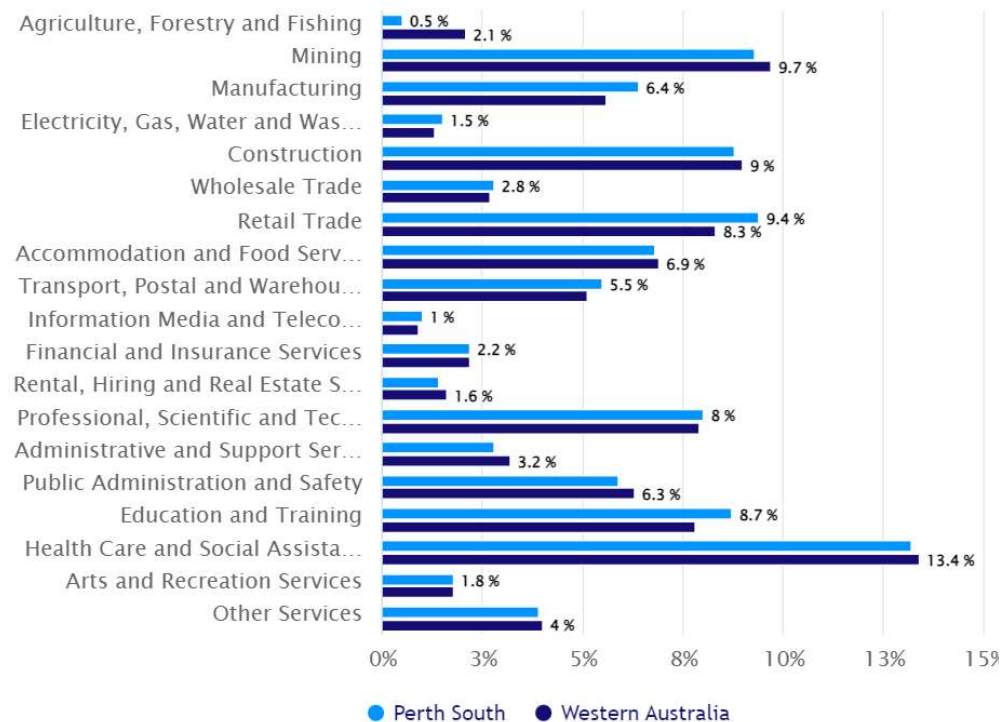
Students who do not sit the examination will not:

- have a course mark or grade recorded on their WASSA
- receive an ATAR course report
- have the pair of units completed in that year contribute towards any of the WACE requirements.

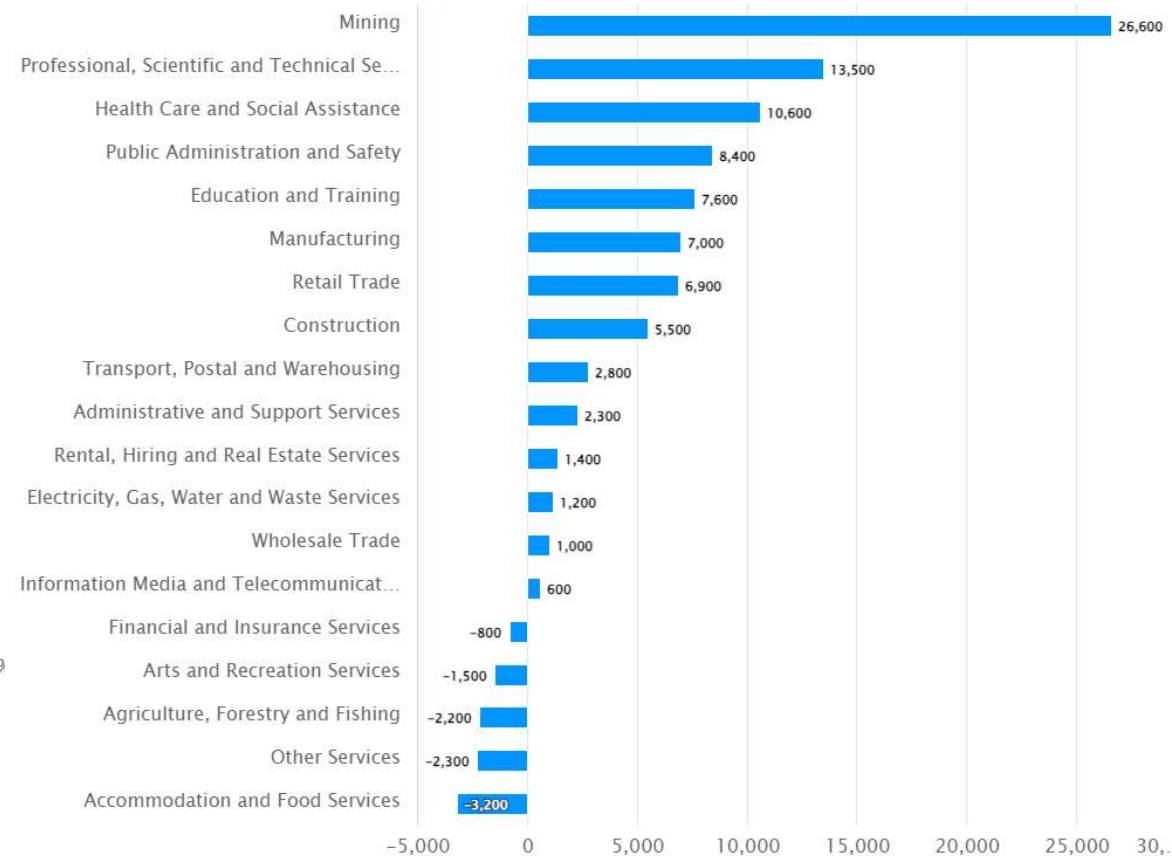
# Labour market information for Perth- South



Share of Employment by Industry, February 2023, Perth South



Employment Growth by Industry - 5 Years to February 2023, Perth South







# General courses

These courses:

- are not externally examined
- have an externally set task (EST) which is set by the Authority
- are designed for students who are typically aiming to enter further vocationally based training or the workforce directly from school.



# Foundation courses

These courses:

- focus on functional literacy and numeracy skills, practical work-related experience and personal skills
- are not an alternative senior secondary pathway
- are for students who have not been able to demonstrate the minimum standard for literacy and/or numeracy before Year 11 and who require significant support
- have an externally set task (EST) set by the Authority.

# Vocational Education and Training

- [VETDSS 2024 Pathway Opportunities July23V2.pdf \(southmetrotafe.wa.edu.au\)](#)
- [C23- 052 VETDSS Course Guide 2024 0723.pdf \(northmetrotafe.wa.edu.au\)](#)





# Vocational Education and Training (VET)

VET is nationally recognised and enables students to gain qualifications for all types of employment, and specific skills to help them in the workplace or in further training.



## VET contribution to the WACE

- As part of the minimum WACE requirements, a student may complete a Certificate II or higher in combination with ATAR, General or Foundation courses.
- Studying VET can provide up to eight units towards the number of course units students need to complete to achieve their WACE.
- Students will typically enrol in four or five additional ATAR, General or Foundation courses to meet the WACE requirements.
- Students who do not enrol in at least four Year 12 ATAR courses or at least five Year 12 General courses and/or ATAR courses (i.e. their program of study includes one or more Foundation course/s in Year 12) must also complete a Certificate II or higher to achieve the WACE.



# VET and the WACE

## Standard

VET credit transfer reduces the number of course units in which a C grade is required\*.

VET industry specific courses contribute in the same manner as a C grade or higher in other WACE course units.

## Breadth

VET industry specific courses or VET credit transfer programs do not contribute to the breadth requirement.

## Depth

VET industry specific courses contribute towards the depth requirement as WACE course units.

VET credit transfer contributes towards the depth requirement as unit equivalence\*.

\* A maximum of 8 unit equivalents can contribute towards the WACE (standard and depth requirements) if completed through a VET credit transfer arrangement.



# 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
- are for students wishing to participate in programs that are delivered in a variety of settings by schools, workplaces, universities and community organisations.



# Endorsed programs and the WACE

Endorsed programs can be used to:

- contribute towards the depth requirement and the achievement standard requirement of the WACE
- count as a maximum of four unit equivalents towards the WACE – two unit equivalents in Year 11 and two unit equivalents in Year 12.

The list of endorsed programs is available on the Authority website <https://senior-secondary.scsa.wa.edu.au/syllabus-and-support-materials/endorsed-programs>.





## Changing courses in Years 11 and 12

- The Authority publishes dates about changing enrolments in its *Activities Schedule*.
- There are points in the semester after which students should not change courses because it would be unlikely they could complete the assessment program.



## Support — Literacy and numeracy standard

Assistance is available through:

- Foundation courses designed for students who require significant support
- feedback to schools on individual student performance for each OLNA component.

Students who have achieved the minimum standard of literacy and/or numeracy through the OLNA, are not eligible to enrol in Foundation courses.



# WACE Checker – Summary

## WACE Checker Year 12 - 2021 onwards

This checker will allow you to determine whether you may be able to achieve your WACE in 2021

**X** You have not met the requirements to achieve WACE in 2021.

Save My Data Previous Save as PDF

### Your results

Based on the information provided

**X** You have not met the requirements to achieve WACE in 2021.

Course	Type	List	Level	Grade
<b>Course Enrolment</b>				
Dance	General	List A	Unit 3 + 4	B
Dance	General	—	Unit 1 + 2	B
Drama	General	List A	Unit 3 + 4	B
Drama	General	—	Unit 1 + 2	C
English	ATAR	List A	Unit 3 + 4	C
English	ATAR	—	Unit 1 + 2	D
Media Production and Analysis	General	List A	Unit 3 + 4	B
Media Production and Analysis	General	—	Unit 1 + 2	C
Music: Contemporary	ATAR	List A	Unit 3 + 4	B
Music: Contemporary	ATAR	—	Unit 1 + 2	B

**Breadth and depth requirement**

Completion of

- ✓ at least 20 units or the equivalent
- ✓ at least 10 Year 12 units or the equivalent
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- X one pair of Year 12 units from each of List A and List B

**Achievement standard requirement**

Achievement/completion

- ✓ of at least 14 C grades or higher (or the equivalent) in Year 11 and Year 12 units
- ✓ of at least six C grades or higher (or the equivalent) in Year 12 units
- ✓ at least four Year 12 ATAR courses OR at least five Year 12 General courses and/or ATAR courses or equivalent with a Certificate II (or higher) VET qualification in combination with ATAR, General or Foundation courses

**Literacy and numeracy standard requirement**

Demonstration

- ✓ of the minimum standard of reading
- ✓ of the minimum standard of writing
- ✓ of the minimum standard of literacy
- ✓ of the minimum standard of numeracy

**Disclaimer**

The WACE Checker is made available by the School Curriculum and Standards Authority (SCSA) for demonstration purposes only. Outputs must not be interpreted as a guarantee students will achieve a Western Australian Certificate of Education (WACE). Individuals are encouraged to consult the WACE Manual for the relevant year, or their school, should they wish to confirm WACE eligibility for a student based on enrolment and pre-individual achievement.

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Drama	General	List A	Unit 3 + 4	B
Drama	General	—	Unit 1 + 2	C
English	ATAR	List A	Unit 3 + 4	C
English	ATAR	—	Unit 1 + 2	D
Media Production and Analysis	General	List A	Unit 3 + 4	B
Media Production and Analysis	General	—	Unit 1 + 2	C
Music: Contemporary	ATAR	List A	Unit 3 + 4	B
Music: Contemporary	ATAR	—	Unit 1 + 2	B

**Endorsed Program**

2 x Endorsed Program

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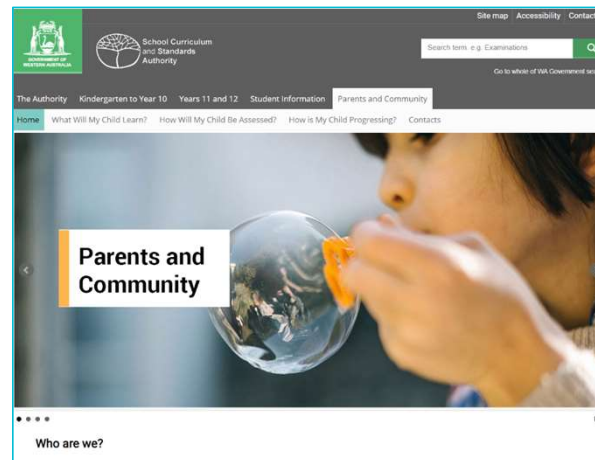
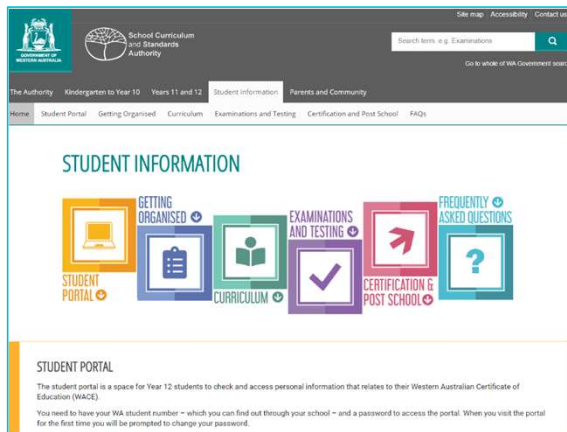


# Information for students





# Websites for students and parents



[www.scsa.wa.edu.au](http://www.scsa.wa.edu.au)

[info@scsa.wa.edu.au](mailto:info@scsa.wa.edu.au)

<https://facebook.com/SCSAWA>

# Year 11 timetable Draft



	Industries- General / VET suggested pathways								
Grid Line	Engineering P-Tech	Building and Construction	Business	Community-Care	Sport and Fitness	Hospitality	Digital technologies IT P-Tech	Creative *English	Environment ag
1	C3 Engineering	C3 Engineering	C2 Workplace Skills	Essentials	English	Career & Enterprise	Applied Information Technology	Dance	Essentials
2	Engineering Studies	Engineering studies	C3 Business	English	Physical Education Studies	English	C3 Business	Drama	English
3	MDT Wood	MDT Wood	Accounting	Health	Health	Health Studies	English	Visual Art	Earth and Environment
4	Essentials	English	English	Psychology	C2 Sport and recreation	Food Science	Essentials	C2 Music	Food Science Technology
5	MGT Metals	MDT Metals	Essentials	Children Family Community	Outdoor Education	Essentials		C2 Visual Art	General Geography
6	English	Essentials	Business Management & Enterprise	Food Science	Essentials	Business Management & Enterprise		Essentials	C2 Sampling and Measurement



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