

Information for Year 10 Senior School Course Selection



Frequently Asked Questions

Q *How do we go about selecting Year 11 courses for 2022?*

A Every student receives a package containing a Year 11 Course Selection Sheet, SCSA Year 10 Information booklet, a personal recommendation sheet and a USI (Unique Student Identifier) information sheet. The 'Year 11 Choices' course selection handbook, and information for external VET is available at <https://belridgecollege.wa.edu.au/curriculum/senior-school-course-selections/>

Q *What types of courses are there in Year 11?*

A There are **WACE courses** across a range of subject areas. These are grouped into **List A** (arts/languages/social sciences) and **List B** (mathematics/science/technology). Students must choose **at least one course from each List**. They **must do English** in Year 11 and Year 12.

ATAR courses – for students who are aiming to go to university and will need to sit an external exam which will get them an ATAR. **General courses** – for students aiming to enter further training or the workforce straight from school. **Endorsed Programs** – All VET Certificates, ADWPL. For students seeking training / employment pathways.

Q *When do we need to return a completed course selection sheet?*

A Completed Course selection sheet must be returned by **WEDNESDAY 3 AUGUST**

Q *How can we get additional support to select the best mix of Year 11 courses?*

A Parent interviews can be booked by ringing 9408 8000 – bring this package, including selection sheet (filled in where possible) and Semester 1 Year 10 report with you.

Q *Can we select ATAR courses if not recommended?*

A It is advisable to follow teacher recommendations. You will be asked to sign a 'waiver' form should you select ATAR courses without a teacher recommendation.

Q How do students achieve a WACE?

A Students must:

- demonstrate a minimum standard of literacy and a minimum standard of numeracy.
- complete at least four Year 12 ATAR courses (excluding unacceptable combinations); **or**
- complete* a Certificate II (or higher) VET qualification; **or**
- complete at least 5 courses (General and/or ATAR)

Q What is the WACE 'Breadth and Depth' requirement?

A 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 List A
- one pair of Year 12 units from List B.

Q What is the literacy and numeracy standard for the WACE?

A Students will also need to demonstrate a minimum standard of literacy and numeracy. To do this they will either have to:

- Achieve a Band 8 in Y9 NAPLAN for READING, WRITING & NUMERACY or
- Achieve Category 3 in the Online Literacy and Numeracy Assessment (OLNA).

Q What is the WACE Achievement Standard?

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

Q How does 'credit transfer' work for VET certificates completed in years 11 and 12?

A Studying VET provides credit towards the number of course units students need to complete to achieve their WACE, as follows:

VET equivalences

Completed qualification	Equivalence (total)	Credit allocation (units)	
		Year 11	Year 12
Certificate II	4 units	2	2
Certificate III and higher	6 units	2	4