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Year 11 in 2027

Information for Year
10 Students and
their Parents

**YEAR 11 & 12
WESTERN AUSTRALIAN**

**Pathways
from
High School**



High School



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1 Pathways



2 To Provide Teaching and Learning Excellence in Every Classroom



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Business Plan 2021-2024

Dare to Dream

3 To Provide a Safe and Inclusive Learning Environment



4 To Provide Support for Staff Professional Growth and Wellbeing





Your Journey Ahead: Senior School Pathways

1

Year 10

Where you are now - exploring options and preparing for senior school.

2

Year 11

Beginning your WACE journey with either ATAR, General, or VET pathways.

3

Year 12

Completing secondary education and preparing for further studies or employment.

4

Beyond

University, TAFE, apprenticeships, or direct entry to workforce.



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(Yr 9 & 10)**
Ms Erin Gisborne



**Year Coordinator
(Yr 10)**
Miss Annie Scanlon



**Coordinator
Pathways &
Performance**
Miss Fiona Haigh



**Subject Selection
Counsellor**
Mrs Lisa Winduss



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Course Counselling Process at DRSC

Includes:

- Parent/Student info evening
- Exam results & Report data
- ATAR Preparation (Terms 3/4)
- 1:1 Counselling session
- Year 9 Career Tasters
- Year 10 Work Experience (Term 4)



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Year 11 Subject Selection Handbook



Comprehensive Guide

Detailed information about all available courses and requirements.



Digital Access

PDF copy sent when you log in for Course Counselling Interviews.



Online Availability

Also accessible through the School Website for reference.



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SENIOR SCHOOL PATHWAYS AND COURSE HANDBOOK

FOR

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Acronyms

ADWPL	Authority-developed Workplace Learning
ATAR	Australian Tertiary Admission Rank
OLNA	Online Literacy and Numeracy Assessment
SCSA	School Curriculum and Standards Authority
TISC	Tertiary Institutions Service Centre
VET	Vocational Education and Training
VETDSS	Vocational Education and Training Delivered to Secondary Students
VOCATIONAL	Work related skills development
WACE	Western Australian Certificate of Education
WASSA	Western Australian Statement of Student Achievement



WASSA & WACE: Your Educational Credentials

Western Australian Statement of Student Achievement (WASSA)

- All Year 12 graduates receive this document. It records every course, qualification, and program completed.
- It provides official evidence of your senior secondary achievements.

Western Australian Certificate of Education (WACE)

- Awarded only to students who successfully complete senior secondary requirements.
- Most Western Australian students achieve this certificate.
- You can work toward WACE requirements throughout your lifetime.



WACE Courses

ATAR Courses

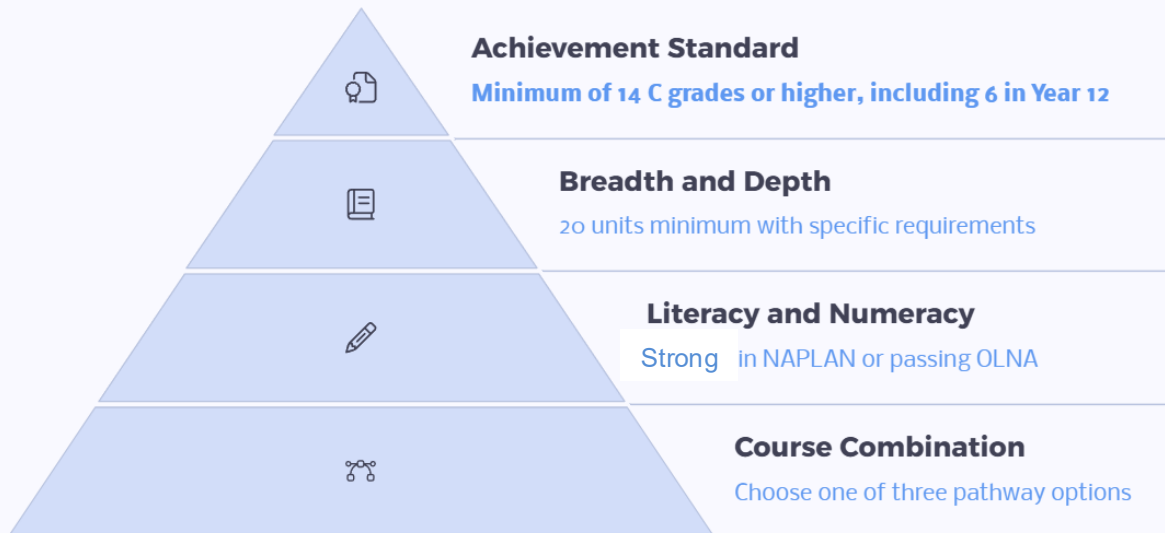
- Examined by the School Curriculum and Standards Authority (the Authority)
- Used by the Tertiary Institutions Service Centre (TISC) to calculate a student's Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR). This informs admission into **university**.
- There are **written examinations** for all ATAR courses.
- There are **practical examinations** for some ATAR courses.
- If students do not complete the exam, students 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

General Courses

- Are not externally examined.
- Are designed for students who are typically aiming to enter further **vocationally based training** or the **workforce** directly from school.
- Have an **Externally Set Task (EST)** which is set by the Authority.
- Students can attend school Monday to Thursday and complete **ADWPL** on Friday (4:1).
- Students attend school Monday to Wednesday and complete **ADWPL** on Thursday and Friday (3:2).



WACE Requirements: Your Roadmap to Graduation



You must complete at least four Year 12 ATAR courses OR five General/ATAR courses

OR a Certificate II or higher with ATAR/General courses.



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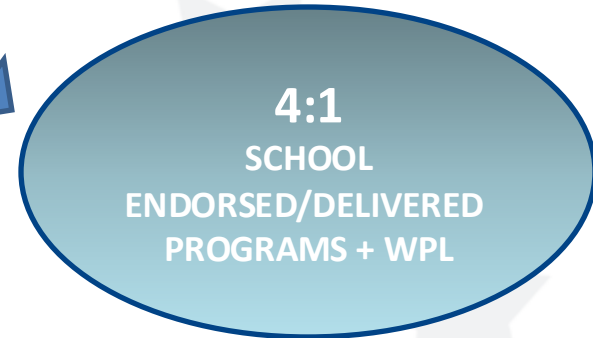
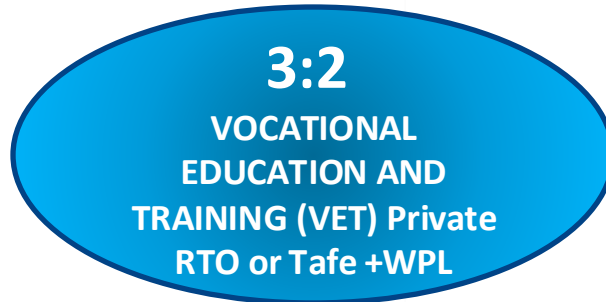
IF YOU ARE NOT ATAR PATHWAY....

YOU ARE IN VOCATIONAL PATHWAY

THIS WILL BE DETERMINED ON COURSES OR CHOICES AT YOUR YEAR 10
COURSE COUNSELLING



Pathways





Vocational Education and Training at DRSC (VET)

What is VET at DRSC?

Courses: Job-focused training with official recognition. Learn hands-on skills for work. VET helps you meet WACE graduation requirements. VET Courses are offered through TAFE, at school or via Training Providers.

Work Placements: Learn by doing real job tasks. Includes time in actual workplaces.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3:2	School (Maths, English, C+E and 1 x Elective)			TAFE, Traineeship and/or ADWPL	
4:1	School (Maths, English, C+E and 3 x Electives)				ADWPL



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What is Work placement / Workplace learning?

WORKPLACE LEARNING IS THE SAME AS WORK EXPERIENCE

IF YOU ARE IN A VOCATIONAL PATHWAY THEN WPL IS **COMPULSARY**. IF YOU ARE ENROLLED AT SCHOOL IN YEAR 11 AND 12, YOU WILL BE ENROLLED IN WPL. YOU WILL ATTEND ON EITHER A THURSDAY OR FRIDAY, DEPENDING ON YOUR TIMETABLE

IT IS NOT AN 'OPT IN' SUBJECT.

EXPECT TO EITHER GET THERE UTILISING YOUR PARENTS OR PUBLIC TRANSPORT

YOU WILL BE DOING 2 WEEKS (BLOCK) AT THE END OF THIS YEAR. (details about this will be discussed at a later time).





VET's Contribution to Your WACE

Unit Contribution

VET can provide up to eight units toward your WACE requirements.

Flexible Combinations

Complete a Certificate II or higher alongside ATAR or General courses.

Course Selection

Typically enroll in four or five additional courses to meet WACE requirements.



Your Pathway Guides

- **Individual Pathway Planning**
Meet with Ms Gisborne, Miss Haigh, HoLA's or your teachers to develop your personalised education journey.
- **Goal Support**
Get assistance to achieve your academic and career goals.
- **Alternate Pathways**
Discover options beyond traditional school programs.
- **Easy Access**
Visit the VET/Careers office during breaks or to schedule an appointment.





- Wrap around from Student Services/VET & Pathways Teams.
- Includes monitoring student achievement & progress in their chosen pathway (ATAR Review T1 &4/ WACE Trackers)
- Managing OLNA testing & support for students.
- Individual pathway planning to support students to achieve their goals.
- Assisting with alternate pathways to school.

Pathways and Performance



“Changing” and “Withdrawing” from WACE Courses

Changing	The student replaces one course enrolment with another.
Withdrawing	The student no longer studies the course.

- The Authority publishes dates about changing enrolments in the *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.
- If students withdraw from a course in Year 12, their enrolment in the course for the year is not recorded on their WASSA. This means no credit is given for the work done for the years units prior to dropping the course.



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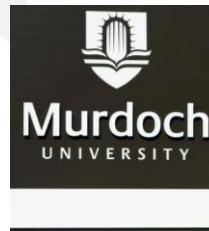
Can my child still get into university if they choose VET?

Yes!

Students can still gain admission to university via:

1. Enabling, bridging and university preparation courses (yr 12 Subject)
2. Portfolio entry
3. Certificate IV Business (yr 11& 12 Subject)

++PLUS 1 ATAR COURSE



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For Students

Year 10 Subject Selection Handbook for 2027

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Also available on School
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Further information for Students and Parents via SCASA

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KEY DATES – Term 2

- **Week 7** **Year 10 Assembly**
- **Week 7** Bookings open for Subject Selection Appointments
- **Week 8** Parent Information Night
- **Week 9** Subject Selection Appointments
- **Week 10** Subject Selections close





College Contribution & Charges policy

Please be aware that as part of the subject selection process a deposit will be payable to secure the chosen subjects.

- \$300 for sport program students
- \$150 for other students



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NEXT STEPS

- 1. GO HOME TALK TO ABOUT YOUR PLANS POST SCHOOL**
- 2. LOOK AT THE SUBJECT HANDBOOK AND WORK OUT WHICH ONES MATCH THE DESIRED POST SCHOOL PATHWAY**
- 3. TALK TO YEAR 11 & 12 STUDENTS WHO ARE DOING THE PATHWAY YOU ARE INTERESTED**
- 4. SPEAK TO MS GISBORNE, MISS HAIGH OR ONE OF YOUR TEACHERS**



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Questions?





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COURSE COUNSELLING SESSIONS

BOOK YOUR SPOT NOW!



1. Scan QR Code

2. Enter your details

3. Select your preferred counsellor

- [Fiona Haigh](#): Best for ATAR Pathways
- [Lisa Winduss](#): Best for Vocational Pathways
- [Erin Gisborne](#): Best for both ATAR & Vocational Pathways

4. Select your preferred date and time

5. Confirmation will be sent to the email provided in step 2.



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Thank you for attending