Information for Year 10s
June 2014

Western Australian Certificate of Education (WACE)
Year 11 – 2015
Year 12 - 2016
Aims

• WACE: What does it mean?
• What Woodvale offers
• Identifying an appropriate pathway
• The process from here
Student Participation Requirement

As of 1 January 2008, young people must remain in education, training or approved employment until the end of the year in which they turn 17.

These options are:

- Full-time school
- State Training Providers (formerly known as TAFE Colleges)
- Other Registered Training Organisations
- Apprenticeship/Traineeship
- Approved Employment
Glossary

- **WACE** – Western Australian Certificate of Education (WACE)
- **WASSA** – WA Statement of Student Achievement
- **ATAR** – Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank
- **Certificate Course** – equivalent to a qualification achieved through a State Training Provider (TAFE)
- **WACE Courses** – subjects
- **VET** – Vocational Education and Training
- **OLNA** – Online Literacy and Numeracy Assessment
WACE Requirements

- Have changed for 2016
- Current Year 10 students the first through under the new system
• All students will be working towards achieving their WACE
• Not all students will be working towards achieving an ATAR
WACE Requirements 2016

General Requirements
• Demonstrate a minimum standard of literacy and numeracy
  – NAPLAN – Band 8+ or OLNA
• Complete a minimum of 20 units or equivalents
• Complete four or more ATAR courses or complete a Certificate II or higher
Breadth and Depth

Students will complete a minimum of 20 course units or the equivalent. This requirement must include at least:

• A minimum of 10 Year 12 units or the equivalent
• Two completed Year 11 English units and pair of completed Year 12 English units
• One pair of Year 12 course units from each of List A (arts/English/languages/social sciences) and List B (mathematics/science/technology)
Achievement Standard

• Students will be required to achieve 14 C grades (or equivalents) in Year 11 and Year 12 units
• At least six C grades in Year 12 units (or equivalents).
What’s available at Woodvale?

• ATAR courses: Primarily for students who are aiming to go to university. Students will need to sit an external exam. Students studying four or more courses at this level will be eligible to achieve an ATAR.

• Also for students requiring specialist knowledge for their future career/studies e.g. Human Biology for nursing, Maths for ICT, electrical etc.
What’s available at Woodvale?

• General courses: For students aiming to enter further training or the workforce straight from school. Also for students wishing to broaden their knowledge and skills.
What’s available at Woodvale?

• Vocational Education and Training (VET) courses: Certificate courses offered at WSC. Nationally recognised and delivered in partnership with a Registered Training Organisation (RTO). Valuable for gaining skills and qualifications.
Woodvale Students

- VET Pathway
- Hybrid Pathway
- ATAR Pathway
Choosing the Best Pathway

- Look at School Results
- Course Type – ATAR, General, VET
- Prerequisites
- Areas of strength and interest
- Application – historical
VET Pathway

• Choose 6 courses including English and at least one certificate. Can choose a combination of General, Certificates and ATAR.
• For ATAR courses, sit exams at the end of Year 12.
• Complete Externally Set Tasks in Year 12.
• Strengths-based decision making: Listen to teacher recommendations, look at text books, talk to other students.
• Focus on areas of interest.
Certificate Courses

• Engineering, Animal Studies, Business, Hospitality, Music, Construction, Visual Arts (Technical Graphics), Outdoor Recreation, Sport and Recreation (Basketball and Soccer)
• Recognised by STP and industry
• Same as any other courses – 6 zones per week
• May be work placement requirements
• No grade. Must complete all units.
• Embedded certificates.
The maximum unit equivalence available VET and endorsed programs is eight units – four Year 11 units and four Year 12 units.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Completed qualification</th>
<th>Equivalence (total)</th>
<th>Credit allocation (units)</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>11</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Certificate I</td>
<td>2 units</td>
<td>2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Certificate II</td>
<td>4 units</td>
<td>2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Certificate III and higher *</td>
<td>6 units</td>
<td>2</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

* Non-completion
INSTEP

• Gives students a taste of the world of work without having to leave school.
• Get an application package from Ms Francis’ office.
• Choose English, Career and Enterprise and a Certificate – any 3 others.
• Go to work each Wednesday. Two placements per year. Assessed by employer.
• Any kind of placement.
Cert. II Animal Studies

- Requires an application package from Mr. Stalker in the Science Office.
Profile Courses – VET for Schools

- Offered by STP (TAFE) colleges one day per week
- Recognised certificate courses
- Have to find your own way there
- Miss a day at school – catch up on work
- Easier to get into STP full time
- Achieve a qualification while at school
ATAR Pathway

- Select 6 courses
- At least 4 ATAR Courses – typically 5 at this level
- Need to have met the prerequisites for a range of courses
- Students can study ATAR courses without necessarily working towards achieving an ATAR – must have achieved prerequisites
Public Universities

- WACE
- An ATAR high enough to get into a course of your choice
- Competence in English – different to literacy standard for WACE
- Meet any prerequisites
Prerequisites

• Some university courses have defined prerequisites

• A final scaled mark of at least 50 (often in a particular Maths course) may be required for admission to some university courses

• For more information go to the TISC web-site at www.tisc.edu.au – see the University Admissions Guide
What is an ATAR?

- A percentile rank
- TISC (Tertiary Institutions Service Centre) ranks students because there are more applicants than places
- Students are numbered from 99.95 down
- An ATAR of 96 = top 4% or better than 96% of the Year 12 school leaver population
- 96 ATAR = scaled average of approx. 77.6%
- Can be used across Australia
- 50% School-based – 50% external exam
- Language bonus
ZITS

BY JERRY SCOTT AND JIM BORGMAN

GOT ANY HOMEWORK TONIGHT?

A LITTLE.
University Open Days

- 20 July    ECU Joondalup
- 3 August   Curtin University
- 10 August  ECU Mt Lawley and WAAPA
- 10 August  UWA
- 17 August  Notre Dame
- 24 August  Murdoch University
Staying at School

- Work to your strengths
- Be sure of learning pathway
- Build skill set and knowledge base
- Maturity and independence
The Selection and Counselling Process

- Semester 1 school report, exam results and prerequisite information
- Career Voyage – English classes
- Planning Your Future workbook – English classes
- Handbook (Moodle and school website)
- Draft Selection Sheet – End of Term
- Parent/Teacher Interview Day – Friday 4\textsuperscript{th} July
- On-line Course Selection – Closes 6pm Sunday 20\textsuperscript{th} July
The Selection and Counselling Process

• Selection Counselling Interviews 24th & 25th July
• INSTEP & Animal Studies Interviews – Early Term 3 (students only)
• Timetabling occurs – students may be required to reselect
On-line Course Selections

You will receive:
Login
Password
User Instructions
Are you returning to Woodvale Secondary College for Year 11 in 2015?

- Yes
- No

If you selected No, please indicate your plans for 2015

Please move to the next page using the arrows on the right of this page
The following global rules have not been met:
You must select at least one course from List A
You must select at least one course from List B

Pathways

Please indicate your chosen pathway:

- A pathway leading to University
- A pathway leading to a State Training Provider (STP - formally known as TAFE) or Employment
- Undecided

If you selected STP or Employment, do you wish to enrol in the INSTEP program?

- Yes
- No

List in order the careers and possible study courses in which you may be interested after leaving school. Please be specific, eg. which University or course (if known).

Choice 1
UWA Science

Choice 2
Curtin Physiotherapy

Choice 3
Murdoch Biology

Please move to the next page using the arrows on the right of this page.
You will now need to make your subject selections for Year 11.

Please remember that

- You must choose **nine** course in priority order to make up your Year 11 timetable - six preferred courses
- Greyed out courses indicates that the prerequisites have not been met

Please select your three reserve subjects and order these by preference using the blue arrows.

To make selections you must select a subject and **CLICK THE ADD BUTTON**

Please move to the next page using the arrows on the right of this page.
Important Points

• Prerequisite override
• High cost courses
• Checklist at the end e.g. List A/B, number of courses
• Print outs available
• Parent interviews
• Animal Studies and INSTEP
• Indicating preferred courses only – no guarantee