Program

- WACE Requirements
- What to do if things aren’t going to plan
- Info about ATAR/VET Pathways
- Providing Support
Our goal…

- For students to leave WSC with choices
  - ATAR of 55+ and/or at least a Cert. II
  - WACE (graduation)
WACE

• Western Australian Certificate of Education
• Graduation
  – Minimum level of acceptable achievement
Acronym Overload

- VET = Vocational Education and Training
- ATAR = Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank
- STP = State Training Providers (formerly TAFE)
- SCSA = School Curriculum and Standards Authority a.k.a. The Authority
- WASSA = WA Certificate of Student Achievement
General Requirements

Students must:

• demonstrate a minimum standard of literacy and a minimum standard of numeracy – NAPLAN or OLNA
• complete a minimum of 20 units or equivalents (44.25%)
• Complete at least four Year 12 ATAR courses or complete a Certificate II or higher VET qualification (22%)
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 (20%)
  – two completed Year 11 units from an English course and one pair of completed Year 12 units from an English course (50%)
  – one pair of Year 12 units from each of List A (arts/languages/social sciences) and List B (mathematics/science/technology)
Achievement Standard

Students must achieve 14 C grades (or equivalents) in Year 11 and Year 12 units (16.07%), including at least six C grades in Year 12 units (or equivalents) (33.64%).
Unit Equivalence

Unit equivalence can be obtained through VET qualifications and/or endorsed programs. The maximum unit equivalence through these programs is eight units (17.27%) – four Year 11 units and four Year 12 units.
For VET qualifications:

- a Certificate I is equivalent to two Year 11 units (52.94%)
- a Certificate II is equivalent to two Year 11 and two Year 12 units (55.88%)
- a Certificate III or higher is equivalent to two Year 11 and four Year 12 units (13.43%)
Students should also be aware that if they choose to study more than four units in different courses in a particular subject (e.g. Media Production and Analysis), only four units in total will contribute towards achievement of the WACE for any one subject.
In short...

- Students need to be achieving a minimum of a C grade in their courses
- Certificates must be completed – missing one unit could be really significant
WACE - 2015

• Important Considerations
  – External exams for ATAR courses are compulsory.
  – Failure to attend or try in examinations may affect WACE and can affect other students. This course cannot count towards meeting the achievement standard.
  – Repeating policy and study zone policy
  – Year 11 matters
ATAR Students

- 50% school assessment
- 50% external examination

- Students enrolled in ATAR courses in Year 12 must sit the external exams for those courses
## Indicative ATARs

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VET Categories

• Category 1 – VET arranged and managed by schools

• Category 2 – VET outside a school – Individual’s responsibility to liaise with VET Coordinator for enrolment and credit to be recognised.
Quality VET at WSC

• Nationally recognised training in partnership with an RTO (Registered Training Organisation)

• WSC-RTO partners: VETisConsulting, Polytechnic West, CosAmp, Central Institute

• Unique Student Identifier – USI
VET Options at WSC

• VET provides all students with a broad range of post-school options and pathways.
• At WSC – music, hospitality, engineering, business, sport, outdoor recreation, integrated science, animal studies, building and construction and applied languages.
• Through STPs – Media, Electrotechnology, Nursing, Health, Construction, Auto, Education
Impact of VET on WACE

• 20 units required for a WACE - a maximum of eight (four in Year 11 and four in Year 12) may be substituted by VET credit transfer and endorsed programs through unit equivalence.

• Endorsed programs may contribute to a maximum of only four unit equivalents (two in Year 11 and two in Year 12).
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Endorsed Programs

• A significant learning program that has been developed for students in Year 11 and Year 12.
• An endorsed program may have been developed by the School Curriculum and Standards Authority, or it may have been developed by a private provider or a school and subsequently endorsed by the Authority.
Private Providers

- Australian Army Cadets
- Australian Institute of Classical Dance
- Girl Guides
- Duke of Edinburgh
- Royal Life Saving
- World Challenge
School Curriculum and Standards Authority: Endorsed Programs

- ADAM  Administration and Management
- ADCAP  Community Arts Performance
- ADCS  Community Service
- ADESP  Elite Sports Performance
- ADMPE  Music Performance Ensemble
- ADOEP  Off-campus Enrichment Program
- ADRP  Recreational Pursuits
- ADSP  School Production
- ADWPL  Workplace Learning
Workplace Learning- ADWPL

Workplace Learning is an Authority-developed endorsed program.

Student requirements:

- record of hours and tasks
- evidence of knowledge and understanding of the workplace skills by completing the Workplace Learning Skills Journal after each 55 hours in the workplace
- 55 hours = 1 Unit
- Max of 4 units to WACE
Workplace Learning (ADWPL)

- Cert II Business + 1 unit
- Cert I Construction + 1 unit
- Cert II Animal studies + 2 units (per year)
- INSTEP + 2 units

VS Work Experience
Senior Secondary Certification

Folio of achievement for all Year 12 students will include:

- Western Australian Certificate of Education (WACE)
  - This certificate is issued to Year 12 students who meet the specified requirements.
- Certificate of Distinction and Certificate of Merit
  - These certificates are awarded to students who meet the eligibility criteria.
A statement of student achievement is issued to all Year 12 students at the completion of their secondary schooling.

The statement of student achievement formally records, as relevant:
• achievement of WACE requirements
• achievement of literacy (reading and writing) standard
• achievement of numeracy standard
• achievement of exhibitions and awards
• school grades, school marks, and combined scores in ATAR units
• school grades and school marks in General Units
• successfully completed VET qualifications and VET units of competency
• completed endorsed programs
What if my child is ready to leave school?

• Can’t just leave – need to have somewhere appropriate to go
  – State Training Provider (TAFE)
  – Apprenticeship
  – Full-time employment

• Needs to be approved

• If they are looking at going to STP focus on accruing points now – grades do matter
Support Networks

- Chaplain
- Psychologist
- Teachers
- VET Coordinator
- Year Coordinator
- Associate Principal
- Homework Classes
- Special Arrangements
Everyone is a genius. But if you judge a fish on its ability to climb a tree, it will live its whole life believing that it is stupid.

-A Einstein
What if students are struggling with their courses?

- One course or many courses?
- Course changes – 27th Feb – special cases
- Speak to someone – teachers, Mr D’Esposito, Ms Francis, Ms Watson
- Connect
SUCCESS

WHAT PEOPLE THINK IT LOOKS LIKE

SUCCESS

WHAT IT REALLY LOOKS LIKE
study

(verb)

The act of texting, eating and watching TV with an open textbook nearby.
Study

• Study vs Homework
• What does it look like?
• How much should students be doing?
Seminar Program – Semester 1

• WACE and goal setting
• Positive Psychology
• Year 11 Transitions
• Ace Your Exams
• Stress Less
Good Standing Policy

• All students start with Good Standing
• The vast majority of students will never be at risk of losing good standing
• Clear expectation that students will meet certain responsibilities:
  – Behaviour
  – Attendance
  – Work
  – School policies
• Consequences if those responsibilities aren’t met
  – Important that students are aware of these
  – Applying to attend special events
Supporting Students

- Time expectations
- Home study environment
- Paid work
- Sporting commitments
- Getting work experience – STP ready
- Negotiate study timetables
- Facebook/mobile
- Conflicting goals
- Career Expo/Uni. open days
- Holidays during term time
Year Coordinators
We make our choices, then our choices make us.
BE THE BEST VERSION OF YOU