

How does my child achieve a WACE?

To achieve a WACE in 2018, students will need to:

- demonstrate a minimum standard of literacy and numeracy based on the skills regarded as essential for individuals to meet the demands of everyday work and life in a knowledge-based economy
- complete the course requirements to achieve an ATAR or complete a Certificate II (or higher)
- complete two Year 11 English units and a pair of Year 12 English units
- complete at least one pair of units from a List A course and one pair of units from a List B course in Year 12¹
- complete at least 20 units (or equivalents), including a minimum of 10 Year 12 units
- achieve a minimum of 14 C grades in Year 11 and Year 12 course units with at least six C grades in three pairs of Year 12 units (or equivalents).

¹ To ensure breadth of study, courses are divided into two lists – arts/languages/social sciences (List A) and mathematics/science/technology (List B).

How does my child demonstrate the minimum standard of literacy and numeracy?

Students can meet the minimum standard either by demonstrating Band 8 or higher in the NAPLAN reading, writing and numeracy tests in Year 9 or by meeting the minimum standard of the reading, writing and numeracy components of the Online Literacy and Numeracy Assessment (OLNA).

It will be possible for students to re-sit the OLNA on several occasions in Years 10, 11 and 12 in order to demonstrate the minimum prescribed standard necessary to achieve the WACE.

What type of courses will my child be able to choose from?

Students will be able to select across a range of courses according to their abilities, interests and post-school aspirations. In selecting their courses students need to be aware of the requirement to either qualify for an ATAR (i.e. complete a minimum of four Year 12 ATAR courses) or complete a VET Certificate II or higher.

The range of courses at Woodvale Secondary College includes:

- ATAR courses - for students who are aiming to enrol in a university course direct from school
- General courses – for students typically aiming to enter further training or the workforce directly from school
- VET industry specific courses – courses which have VET qualifications integrated within them and can lead to the attainment of a Certificate II (or higher)
- VET programs – nationally accredited programs which can lead to the attainment of a Certificate II (or higher)
- Endorsed programs – programs in areas of learning not covered by ATAR and General courses or VET programs

Where do I find more information?

For further information, please visit the School Curriculum and Standards Authority website at www.scsa.wa.edu.au.