



Christ Church
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PERTH, WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Course Selection Year 11

General Overview





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Key CCGS staff in the subject selection process

- **Jody Clarke, Careers Counsellor**
- **Heads of House, tutors, Year Group Coordinator (boarders), Indigenous Coordinator, EAL/D Coordinator, teachers**
- **Holly Rose, Assistant Director of Studies**
- **Mahendra Vaswani, Director of Studies**





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Introduction

- **In Year 11, boys get to choose their subjects to a greater extent than ever before – exciting!**
- **Be aware the WACE system changed in 2015/16**
- **This presentation contains a lot of generalisations - broad advice for whole cohort**





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Introduction contd.

- **CCGS philosophy: we recommend and counsel but do not preclude**
- **We do our best but it is not possible to meet all preferences for all boys**
- **CCGS timetable is constructed from boys' choices – hence the early start to the process.**





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Subject selection process at CCGS

- Year 10 HWB unit and class talk (Weeks 2 and 3)
- Parent Information Presentation (Week 5)
- Subject Selection information and advice re prerequisites distributed (Week 5)
- Boy and parents/Boarding YGC invited to interview with HoH and Ms Clarke (Weeks 7, 8 & 9)





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Subject selection process contd.

- Selections confirmed Wednesday Week 2 of Term 3 – best chance for getting subjects as timetable is constructed from these choices – but not all boys get all choices
- Boys can contact Studies Office for changes in Terms 3 and 4 – can often accommodate but not guaranteed
- Further changes available until Week 5, Term 1 Year 11 (the sooner the better, however). Expected to carry Year 11 subjects for the full year.





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Frequently used acronyms

- **ATAR** Australian Tertiary Admissions Ranking
- **SCSA** School Curriculum and Standards Authority
- **TAFE** Technical and Further Education
- **TISC** Tertiary Institutions Service Centre
- **VET** Vocational Education and Training
- **WACE** West Australian Certificate of Education
- **WASSA** West Australian Statement of Student Achievement





The goal at the end of Year 12

- **WASSA (West Australian Statement of Student Achievement) – all Year 12 students receive this**
- **WACE (West Australian Certificate of Education) – not all students receive this**
 - Non-ATAR Pathway → workplace, further study at TAFE or university

or

 - ATAR Pathway → further study at university





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The (new-ish) WACE

- **WACE is the West Australian Certificate of Education – new in 2015/16 - more demanding**
- **It is “... a certificate that demonstrates significant achievement over Years 11 and 12 in either ATAR or non-ATAR pathway”**
- **Changes mean that more CCGS boys are taking the non-ATAR Pathway to the WACE than previously**





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The WACE contd.

Should be achieved by almost all boys:

- **not required for entry into workforce**
- **required for some TAFE courses**
- **required for direct university entry**





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WACE requirements

Students must:

- Complete at least 4 ATAR subjects (ATAR Pathway) in Year 12

or

- Achieve a VET Certificate II, III or IV and General Subjects (non-ATAR Pathway) in Year 11 or 12

or

- Complete at least 5 General subjects in Year 12
(or a combination of General and up to three Year 12 ATAR courses)

and

- Demonstrate minimum standard of literacy/numeracy via NAPLAN and/or OLNA by end of Year 12

and...





WACE requirements contd.

and

- Complete at least 10 courses across Years 11 and 12, which must include
 - English, Literature or EAL/D in Year 11 and Year 12
 - Minimum of five courses in Year 12
 - One course each year from
 - List A (arts/languages/humanities) and
 - List B (maths/science/technology)

and

- Achieve 7 C grades in total by the end of Year 12 (minimum 3 of these in Year 12) – *no averaging*

and

- Sit and make a genuine attempt in the ATAR examinations





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WACE Eligibility?

Year 11	Grade	Year 12	Grade
English ATAR	C	English ATAR	C
Maths Applications ATAR	D	Maths Applications ATAR	C
History ATAR	B	History ATAR	B
Physics ATAR	E		
Biology ATAR	C	Biology ATAR	D
P & L ATAR	C	P & L ATAR	D





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WACE – to summarise

- **Six courses in Year 11**
- **Six courses in Year 12 (students on an ATAR path can elect a Private Study as one of these courses)**
- **Seven Cs across Year 11 and 12 (3 in Year 12)**
- **Numeracy & Literacy through NAPLAN / OLNA**
- **At least one List A and one List B course**





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Two pathways to WACE in Year 11 and 12

non-ATAR pathway which can include study of a Cert II, III or IV

- for employment/TAFE/university
- general courses are assessed 100% on CCGS coursework, with no external examinations

OR

ATAR pathway

- for direct entry to university
- ATAR courses are assessed by a 50/50 combination of Year 12 CCGS coursework and external examinations (marked by SCSA and reported directly to TISC).

