

# **Course Selection Year 11**

**General Overview** 





# 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





### 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

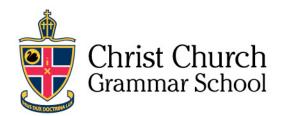




### Introduction contd.

- 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.

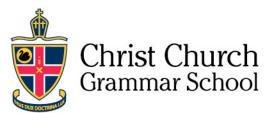




# Subject selection process at CCGS

- 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)





# Subject selection process contd.

- Selections <u>confirmed</u> 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.





# 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





### 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





### 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





# **WACE** requirements

#### **Students must:**

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

#### <u>or</u>

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

#### <u>or</u>

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





# **WACE Eligibility?**

Year 11	Grade	Year 12	Grade
English ATAR	С	English ATAR	С
Maths Applications ATAR	D	Maths Applications ATAR	С
History ATAR	В	History ATAR	В
Physics ATAR	Е		
Biology ATAR	С	Biology ATAR	D
P & L ATAR	С	P & L ATAR	D





### **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





### 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).

