
WEST WYALONG HIGH SCHOOL

YEAR 11 2021
SUBJECT
SELECTION
INFORMATION



WHAT IS THE HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATE ?

- The final TWO years of your Secondary Studies at a school.
- **To complete your HSC** you must first successfully complete the RoSA in Year 10 and then satisfy the requirements of the preliminary HSC courses. (First three terms of year 11).
- It is an internationally recognised qualification.



LANGUAGE AND TERMINOLOGY

- **UNITS:** Most courses offered at WWHS are **2 UNIT** courses. To be eligible for a HSC you must study a minimum of;
- * 12 units in Yr 11 (6 subjects)
 - * 10 units in Yr 12 (5 subjects)

In Year 11 WWHS requires you to choose **6 school-based** courses to enable the timetable to be fairly constructed and to ensure all subjects wishing to be studied are available

LANGUAGE AND TERMINOLOGY

BOARD DEVELOPED COURSES:

Courses developed by NESA that are externally examined with a HSC examination.

These courses are further split into Category A or B which can affect your ATAR eligibility.

LANGUAGE AND TERMINOLOGY

➤ **CONTENT ENDORSED COURSES:**

School courses - NOT DEVELOPED BY NESAS - studied as part of the HSC that *do not* have an external examination and do not count towards an ATAR.

LANGUAGE AND TERMINOLOGY

➤ **VOCATIONAL EDUCATION & TRAINING (VET) COURSES:**

Courses that are '*dual accredited*' they are endorsed and studied as a part of your HSC, but are also a nationally recognised VET qualification (Certificate or Statement of Attainment).

LANGUAGE AND TERMINOLOGY

- ***THE AUSTRALIAN TERTIARY ADMISSIONS RANK (ATAR):***
replaced the previously named UAI or TER. A common standard scale for all students across Australia. A rank between (0-99.95). Used for admission to Uni. Your position based on performance.

THINGS TO CONSIDER ...

- To enrol in a HSC course you must first satisfactorily complete your Yr 10 Record of School Achievement (RoSA)
- After Year 10 and until the age of 17 students **MUST BE:**
 - a) in school, or registered for home schooling OR
 - b) in approved education or training OR
 - c) in full-time, paid employment (average 25 hours/week) OR
 - d) in a combination of these

THINGS TO CONSIDER ...

**Juggling Employment,
Sport**

and completing the HSC

**can be very challenging and some hard decisions may
need to be made to ensure you successfully balance your
commitments.**

HSC FACTS ...

- HSC opens more doors to employment opportunities.
- HSC provides access to university when you obtain an ATAR.
- The initial loss of income can be offset by the type of employment that can be obtained through completing the HSC.

WHAT DO I HAVE TO DO?

To obtain a HSC, you must:

- complete at least **SIX** units from Board Developed Courses;
 - at least **TWO** units of a Board Developed Course in **ENGLISH**
 - at least **THREE** courses of **TWO** units value or greater (either Board Developed or Board Endorsed Courses)
 - at least **FOUR** subjects.

IN PLAIN ENGLISH...

In Yr 11 you must choose

- An English Course (*Compulsory*)
- Plus 2 other Board Developed Courses (Eg Chemistry and Business Studies)
- Plus 3 other subjects of your choice.
- That is, 6 courses in total (12 units).

IN PLAIN ENGLISH...

In Yr 12 you can choose to

- Continue with this pattern of study or
- drop ONE subject to give you 5 courses (10 units).

IF YOU WANT AN ATAR...

To be eligible for an ATAR a student must satisfactorily complete at least 10 units of ATAR eligible courses.

These ATAR courses must include at least:

- **EIGHT** units from Category A courses with two units of English.
- **THREE** Board Developed courses of two units or greater
- **FOUR** subjects.

IF YOU WANT AN ATAR...

Some of the subjects delivered at WWHS are Category B subjects. To be eligible to receive an ATAR a student can study a maximum of **TWO** Category B subjects with only **ONE** contributing to their ATAR.

HSC MINIMUM STANDARD OF LITERACY AND NUMERACY

- From 2020, students must demonstrate a minimum standard of literacy and numeracy to be eligible for the award of the Higher School Certificate (see ACE 8004).
- Students must demonstrate the minimum standard in each domain of **Reading, Writing and Numeracy** to ASCF Level 3
- ASCF Level 3 describes the functional literacy and numeracy skills required for life after school, for work and further education.
- Students in Years 10 to 12 may demonstrate the HSC minimum standard by achieving Level 3 or above in the NESAs minimum standard online reading, writing and numeracy tests.
- See Miss Joshua if you have any questions regarding this requirement or the online tests.

COURSES AVAILABLE ...

- It's now time to refer to your Subject Selection handbook (emailed to all students and available on our website).
 - Table of Contents (English and then subjects appear alphabetically)
 - HSC Requirements
 - ATAR
 - Satisfactory Completion
 - What sort of Senior Student will you be ?
 - Course Descriptions

ENGLISH

- English Advanced
- English Standard
- English Extension
- English Studies

MATHEMATICS

- Mathematics Advanced
- Mathematics Standard 2
- Mathematics Extension I

SCIENCE

- Biology
- Chemistry
- Physics
- Investigating Science



HSIE

- Business Studies
- Geography
- Society and Culture



PDHPE

- PDHPE
- Sport Lifestyle and Recreational Studies (SLR)



HISTORY

- Ancient History
- Modern History

CREATIVE ARTS

- Music I & 2
- Visual Arts



TECHNOLOGY AND APPLIED STUDIES



- Industrial Technology – Timber
- Work Studies

VET AT SCHOOL & TAFE

- Construction
- Engineering
- Hospitality (Food & Beverage)
- Kitchen Operations
- Primary Industries (Ag/Rural Operations)
- Other Options – Ask your Careers Adviser



ASK YOURSELF THE FOLLOWING;

- Do I want or need an ATAR?
- Which courses will I get good marks in?
- Which courses do I currently do well in?
- What courses do I enjoy?
- Will any of these courses help me obtain my chosen job/future path?

ASK YOURSELF THE FOLLOWING;

UNSURE WHO TO TALK TO??

- Careers Adviser (Miss A Forster)
- Head Teacher Teaching and Learning (Mrs L Meredith)
- Deputy Principal (Mr M Bishop)
- HT/Teachers of the various subjects
- Students in Year 11 & 12 (as many of the courses were new in 2018)

HOW TO CHOOSE YOUR SUBJECTS?

- It is important to read the **SUBJECT DESCRIPTION** provided in this booklet for each of the subjects you are considering. It will provide you with an overview of the topics covered and any mandatory requirements such as major works or workplacement
- You will be asked to choose your HSC courses electronically (online). Mr Manchur and Mr Meredith will let you know when this is available and give you clear instructions on how to complete this task.
- You may also visit the **NESA** website which has further information about individual subjects and the HSC in general.

<https://syllabus.nesa.nsw.edu.au/>

DECISIONS! DECISIONS!

- Choosing your HSC courses is an **IMPORTANT DECISION...**
 - Read the booklet you have been given, check for Mandatory Requirements.
 - Talk to your parents/family.
 - Do your Research/Homework, talk to others!!!
 - Ask questions if you are UNSURE.

DO YOU HAVE A USI?

- USI = Unique Student Identifier
- This number is used to enrol you in external courses offered by other providers (VET)
- **DON'T PANIC** Its easy to get one, just visit;
<https://www.usi.gov.au/>
- You will need your; Name, Address, Phone No, e-Mail and Medicare card.
- You can also use this site to check if you have one or have lost the number