



Year 11 in 2023

Information for Year 10 Students and
their Parents/Carers

Guide to key abbreviations



Abbreviation	Full term
ATAR	Australian Tertiary Admission Rank
OLNA	Online Literacy and Numeracy Assessment
SRMS	Student Record Management System
the Authority	School Curriculum and Standards Authority
TISC	Tertiary Institutions Service Centre
VET	Vocational Education and Training
WACE	Western Australian Certificate of Education
WASSA	Western Australian Statement of Student Achievement
WASN	Western Australian student number

The WASSA – All students

All students receive a Western Australian Statement of Student Achievement (WASSA) when they complete Year 12.

The WASSA:

- formally records a student's achievement in every course, qualification and program that the student has completed in senior secondary schooling
- provides evidence of achievement.



The WACE

- The Western Australian Certificate of Education (WACE) is awarded to students who have successfully completed senior secondary schooling in WACE studies and have met the WACE requirements.
- The majority of students in Western Australia achieve the WACE.
- Study towards the WACE can be undertaken over a lifetime.



WACE requirements

Students must:

- complete one of three course combination options (ATAR/General/VET/Endorsed)
- demonstrate the literacy and numeracy standards (OLNA)
- meet the requirements for breadth and depth of study (20 units)
- meet the achievement standard (14 C grades)



Literacy and numeracy standard requirement

Students must demonstrate minimum standards of literacy and numeracy by either:

- demonstrating the standard through the Online Literacy and Numeracy Assessment (OLNA); or
- pre-qualifying for a particular component by achieving Band 8 or higher in reading, writing and numeracy in their Year 9 NAPLAN and being exempted from that component in the OLNA.



Breadth and depth requirement

Students must complete a minimum of 20 units or the equivalent, including:

- a minimum of ten Year 12 units or the equivalent
- four units from an English learning area course, post-Year 10, including at least one pair of Year 12 units from an English learning area course
- one pair of Year 12 units from List A
- one pair of Year 12 units from List B.

Achievement standard requirement



- Students must achieve 14 C grades or higher (or equivalents) in Year 11 and Year 12 units, including at least six C grades (or equivalents) in Year 12 units.



Study options

Students are offered three study options which they can mix and match:

- WACE courses (four course types – ATAR, General, Foundation and VET industry specific)
- VET programs
- endorsed programs.



ATAR courses

These courses:

- are examined by the School Curriculum and Standards Authority (the Authority)
- are used by the Tertiary Institutions Service Centre (TISC) to calculate a student's Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR).

There are written examinations for all ATAR courses.

There are practical examinations for some ATAR courses. Students must complete both examinations in these courses.



General courses

These courses:

- are not externally examined
- have an externally set task (EST) which is set by the Authority
- are designed for students who are typically aiming to enter further vocationally based training or the workforce directly from school.

Foundation courses

These courses:

- focus on functional literacy and numeracy skills, practical work-related experience and personal skills
- are not an alternative senior secondary pathway
- are for students who have not been able to demonstrate the minimum standard for literacy and/or numeracy before Year 11 and who require significant support
- have an externally set task (EST) set by the Authority.



Vocational Education and Training (VET)

- VET is nationally recognised and enables students to gain qualifications for all types of employment, and specific skills to help them in the workplace or in further training.



Endorsed Programs

These programs:

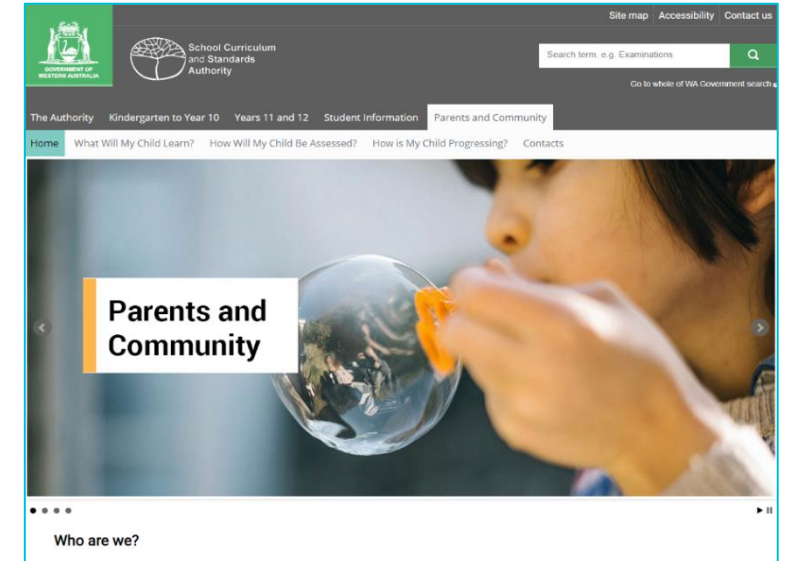
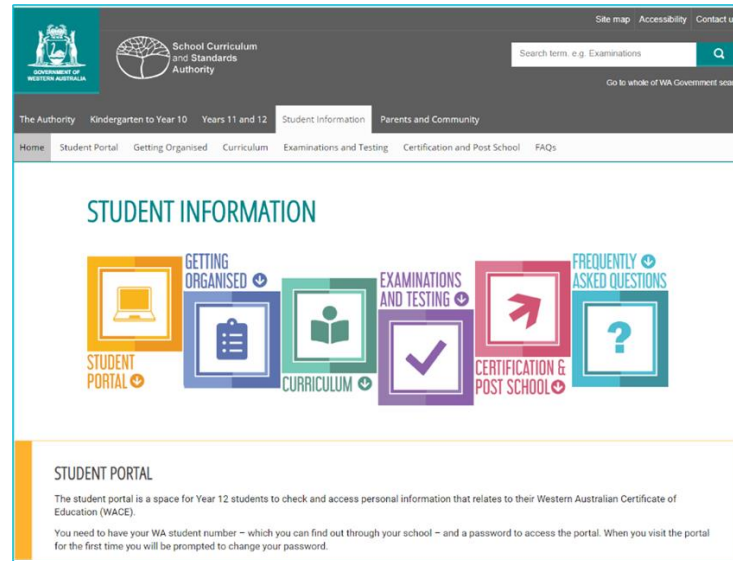
- provide access to areas of learning not covered by WACE courses or VET programs and contribute to the WACE as unit equivalents
- are for students wishing to participate in programs that are delivered in a variety of settings by schools, workplaces, universities and community organisations.



What is being offered at NMSHS?

ATAR	General	VET	Foundation
Biology	English	Certificate II Active Volunteering	Maths
Human Biology	Maths	Certificate II Work Skills	English
Chemistry	Visual Arts	Certificate II Aquaculture	
Physics	Materials, Design, Woodwork	Certificate II Community Services	
Engineering Studies	Physical Education	Certificate II Sport and Recreation	
English	Food Science		
Maths Methods	Outdoor Education	Endorsed Programs	
Maths Specialist	Dance	Work Place Learning	
Maths Applications	History	Social Skills	
Modern History		Employment Advantage	
Geography			
Psychology			
Physical Education			
SIDE – options available			

Where can I find out more information?



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Where to from now?

- Speak to teachers
- Meet with DP or Vet Coordinator
- Read the handbook
- Subject selection will be online – details of how to log in and select subjects will be sent out in the next couple of weeks