



CATHOLIC  
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WESTERN AUSTRALIA

# 2024 ViSN Online Learning Handbook



**ViSN**  
Virtual School Network



## Welcome

Welcome to ViSN, a network of Catholic Education Western Australia (CEWA) secondary schools who work together to deliver online courses to Year 11 and Year 12 students.

ViSN provides students with the opportunity to engage in studies not available at their own school and in doing so, helps them build their technology skills, their ability to work independently and expands their network within the CEWA system.

Online learning is of particular benefit in transitioning to further study, especially university, where more and more courses are being delivered online.

This handbook outlines the way ViSN works, the benefits of online study and the courses available to study in 2024.

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# 2023 ViSN Snapshot

ViSN is a network of Catholic schools who work together to design and deliver online courses.



# 230

**ViSN Course  
Enrolments  
in 2023**

# 2023

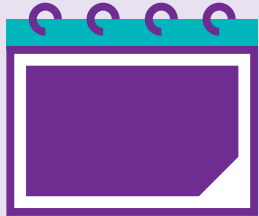
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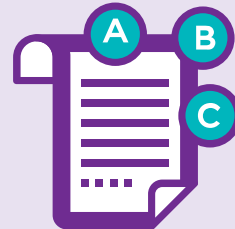
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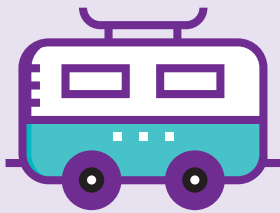
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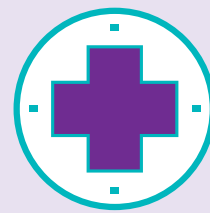
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Course not available



Travelling with family



Too unwell for school

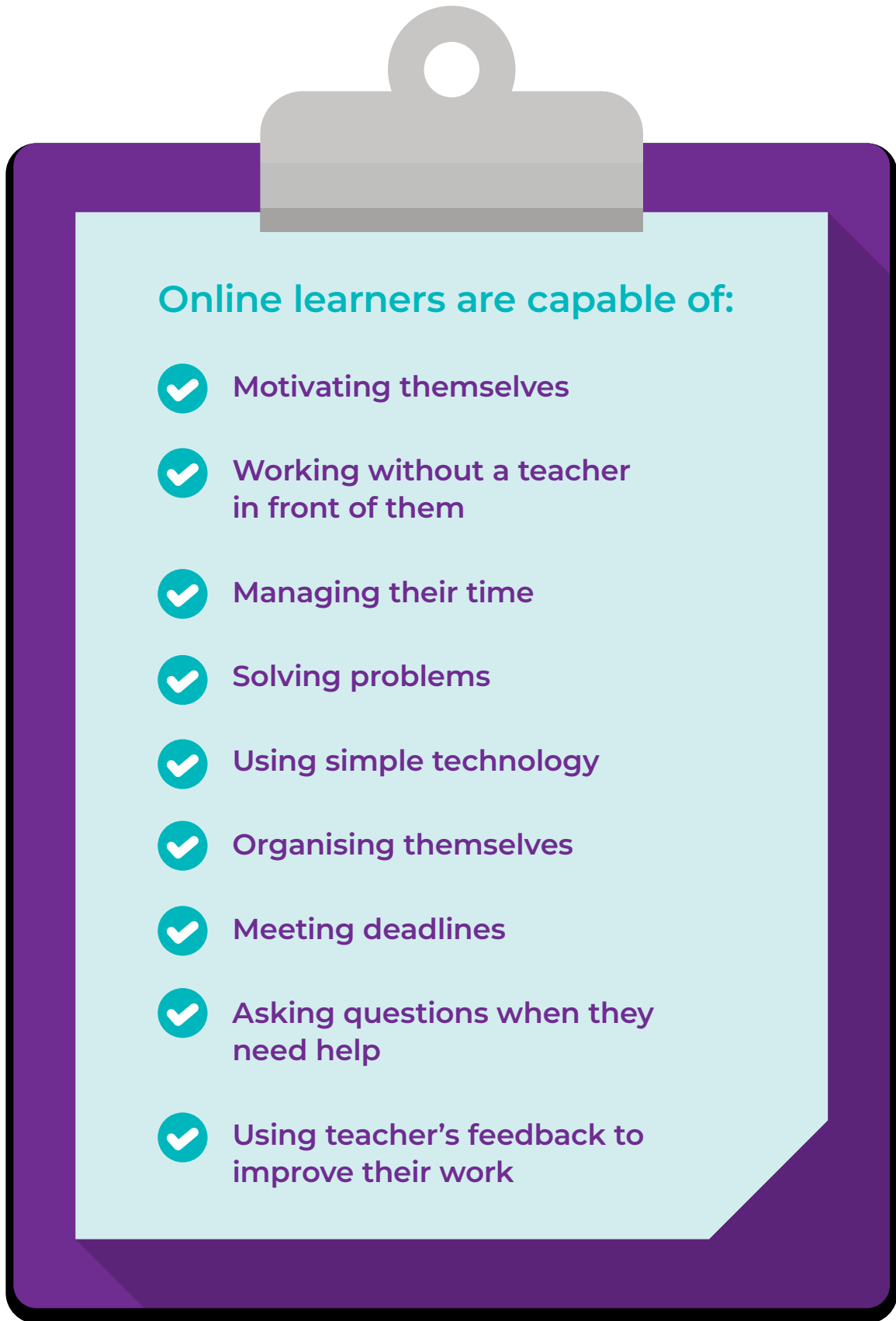


Away for competitions



Independent learner

# Online Learner Capabilities



# Student Voice

“ I find the teachers are always there if you need to ask them anything. ”



“ I'm really enjoying working at my own pace and taking in what I'm learning in a way that is most effective for me. ”

“ ViSN is great as I can have independence with my learning. ”

“ Thanks to the skills I learnt through ViSN, I have been able to excel at university now that everything is online. ”

“ ViSN has transformed my learning and has made me adapt into a more resilient and independent learner. ”

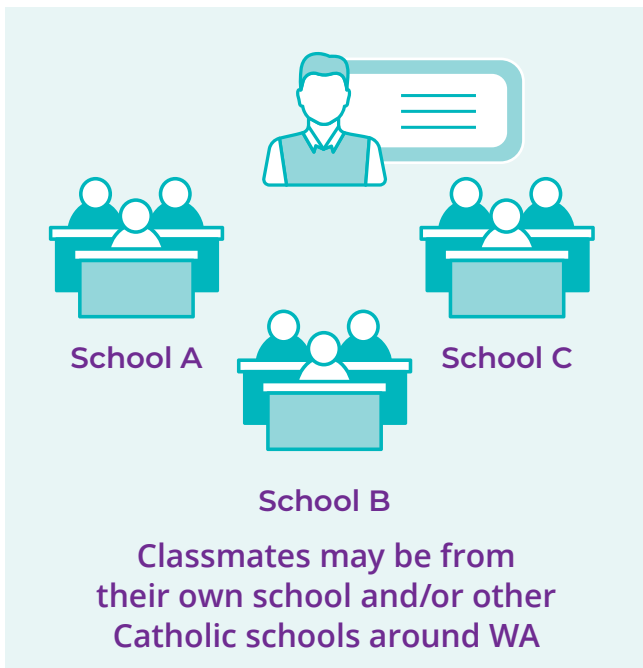
*Year 11 Accounting and Finance students at ViSN Camp 2023, St Thomas More College, Crawley*



# How does ViSN work?

Students remain enrolled at their own school but register for a ViSN online course, taught by a teacher in another WA Catholic school.

ViSN courses are compliant with SCSA requirements and can be used towards the calculation of WACE. In other words, they are no different to the courses delivered in a face-to-face classroom. A ViSN course is one of the 5 or 6 courses that are a part of the student's total study program. Someone at your school will check that your ViSN course will help you meet WACE requirements.



*Year 11 Maths Specialist student with their teacher, ViSN Camp 2023, St Thomas More College, Crawley*



Students are timetabled by their own school for 5 periods a week for the online course.

Students spend 4 of the 5 lessons working independently or collaboratively online with other students.

Students and the Teacher come together for 1 period a week via a Teams Call.

ViSN teachers are available daily to answer questions, provide feedback, monitor progress and provide assistance.

# Student access to learning



Students and Teachers use a Microsoft product called Teams. It is where they can communicate with their teacher and classmates, access documents, upload assignments for marking and access their course Class Notebook.



Teachers use a digital notebook called Class Notebook to create their lessons, which students then access on a daily basis. Students work with classmates in the collaborative part of the Class Notebook and independently in their own private section of the Class Notebook. The teacher can see all work and monitors progress daily.



PowerPoint



Teams



Flip



Forms



OneNote



Lens



# ViSN Events

Each year, CEWA offers the Year 11 ViSN students the opportunity to attend a two day camp in Perth. The camp is held at the end of Week 1 of Term 1.

**The purpose of the camp is to:**

- create an opportunity for students and teachers to connect in person, which is beneficial to online student success;
- help students become familiar with their ViSN course design and its requirements, key concepts and teacher expectations; and
- provide students with opportunities to participate in activities not necessarily available to them in their own school, which may aid their transition to post-school options.

Each year, CEWA offers the Year 12 ViSN students the opportunity to attend a one day workshop on maximising Semester 2 in Perth. The workshop is held after Semester 1 exams on a Saturday.

**The purpose of this day is to:**

- create an opportunity for students and teachers to connect in person, which is beneficial to online student success;
- receive detailed in-person feedback on their Semester 1 exam, from their ViSN teacher; and
- provide students with opportunities to hear from local universities, career advisors and TISC.

**Whilst these events are not compulsory, all students are encouraged to attend. Students who have attended previous ViSN camps have reported:**

- a greater sense of connection to their teacher and classmates; and
- increased confidence in online learning due to knowing how their teacher works and a familiarisation with their course structure and content.



*Year 11 Psychology students at ViSN Camp 2023, St Thomas More College, Crawley*

# Support for students



## ViSN Teacher

Only a message, email, Teams call or phone call away.  
The first point of call when you need help with your course.



## School-Based ViSN Mentor

Available as your school contact. They will support you to progress as planned and help administer assessments.



## Tech Support

Your school may have a tech specialist who can help you with ICT issues.



## Parents/Guardians

Your parents/guardians will be able to support you, particularly at home, to ensure you are on track.



## Online Course Classmates

Those doing the same online course as you can be a big help if you've got a question or need to clarify something.

# ViSN Teachers

“ As a ViSN educator I am supported by the latest education tools by Microsoft which enable me to be seamlessly connected to my students. The model uses two-way feedback tools to ensure that each course can meet the individual needs of students who may be separated by thousands of kilometres. Consequently, the students feel that they belong to, and can collaborate with a close community of peers interested in pursuing the same passions. ”

2022 ViSN Teacher

- Qualified and experienced CEWA teachers.
- Passionate about their learning area and online learning.

- Well trained in the delivery of online learning.
- Based in a CEWA school.

- In regular contact with students and parents.
- Only a phone call, message, email or Teams Call away if you have questions.



2023 ViSN teachers on camp,  
St Thomas More College, Crawley

# ViSN FAQs

## What are the benefits of studying through ViSN?

- Being able to adjust your workflow to suit your time schedule.
- Learning that suits your needs.
- You get to study a course your school may not offer.
- Study with students from other Catholic schools around the state.
- Be better prepared for the transition to university learning, as many university courses now deliver a majority of the content online.

## Do the ViSN courses have prerequisites?

Most of the courses have prerequisites, to give you an idea of the level you need to be operating at to be successful in the course. See the course outlines further in this book for details. All students also need to complete the ViSN Readiness Module as part of the prerequisites to enrol in ViSN.

## Is there a teacher?

Yes, ViSN teachers are based in their own school but are available to you via Teams message, email, Teams call or phone. They will let you know when they are available each day to answer your questions and they will be in regular contact with you each week, to see if you need help or have any questions.

## What does a normal week look like when studying a ViSN course?

You will be timetabled by your own school for 5 periods a week. For 4 of those periods, you work independently and/or with other virtual students doing your course. Your teacher will let you know what has to be completed by the end of each lesson. One lesson each week will be for you to connect online with your ViSN teacher and all other ViSN students doing the same course.

## Will someone from my own school support me?

Of course! Your own ViSN mentor will ensure you know where to go for your ViSN lesson, chat with you about your progress or any concerns you have, help you where they can and make sure you're keeping up with the work. They will work closely with your ViSN teacher too.

## How do I access my ViSN course?

Once you have met prerequisites, at the beginning of the school year you will be sent an email and Teams invite by your teacher to join the class.

**For more FAQs, go to**

<https://cewaedu.sharepoint.com/sites/8445Curriculum/SitePages/ViSN.aspx>

# Myth Busting!

## Online study is for everyone.

Some students are better suited to studying online than others. This is because not everyone is a self-motivated, independent studier! With commitment, these skills can be developed. See pages 14 –15 of this handbook to see what other skills you need to be successful online.

## I'll be learning on my own.

This is not the case in ViSN! Our teachers ensure there are plenty of opportunities for you to work online with others in your course. You will get to know your online classmates well and you will be able to contact each other too.

## It will be hard to get hold of my teacher.

While not in the same school as you, your ViSN teacher is just as accessible as your other teachers. You can contact them anytime during school hours and they will get back to you within 24 hours (but it's usually within the next hour in reality!)

## You have to be tech savvy to study online.

While it helps to have some basic tech understanding, it's not a criteria for being successful online. You will be shown how Teams and OneNote (our main tools) work during orientation, and your teachers and classmates will help you too.

## Online classes are second rate, or not as good as face to face classes.

There is plenty of research from online schools around the world that says otherwise! ViSN is no exception – our data to date says that our students are doing just as well in their ViSN classes, as compared to their face to face classes and in some cases, even better!

## I won't know my teacher.

You will get to know your teacher well, perhaps even better than some of your face to face

teachers! You will get a chance to meet them in person at Year 11 Camp and Year 12 Exam Revision Day and they are skilled at developing connections with their students in the online environment.

## The technology won't work.

CEWA has done a lot of work to ensure that all students (online or not) have improved internet access. There are times when things don't go according to plan but don't let internet connection stop you – there is always a plan B in place! In addition to internet access at home and at school, you'll need access to a laptop or desktop computer (yes, you need to do work at home, just like your other courses!)

## You can't study this course online.

Most of SCSA courses can be taught online, or we would not be offering it! The ViSN teachers go through a year of training before they start teaching you online, so they know all the clever ways to create engaging online lessons for you.

## My parents won't know my teacher.

Your parents will have plenty of opportunities to meet your ViSN teacher, via email, Teams calls, parent/teacher/student meetings online and the phone. ViSN teachers will contact your parents at the start of the year and share their contact details, so your parents are welcome to contact them at any time... just like in your face to face school.

## No one will be there to check on me.

You are going to have plenty of support while you study online. Your school will appoint a staff member as the ViSN mentor and they are your school-based support, ensuring you are on track, that your technology is working, that you are handing in assessments on time, that you do not need any help with content etc. In addition, your ViSN teachers are only a message away and are always keen to help. Your teacher will check your work daily and provide feedback, and your mentor will check on you regularly too.

# Are you ready to study online? (Part 1)

Student Readiness	Technology Skills	Work and Study Habits	Learning Style	Technology / Connectivity
<b>Less Ready 1</b>	Student has little, if any, experience using a computer or the internet, and has minimal desire to develop more skills in this area.	Student often needs reminders to complete routine assignments, often turns homework in late and has very limited independent study habits.	Student is not a self directed learner and often requires real time feedback from teachers regarding basic directions and follow-up support.	Student does not have consistent access to a computer and a reliable connection to the internet at home and at school.
<b>2</b>	Student has limited experience using a computer and the internet, and has expressed a strong interest in developing more skills in this area.	Student sometimes needs reminders and assistance in completing routine assignments and has demonstrated an improvement in independent study habits.	Student is beginning to demonstrate a behaviour of self-directed learning and sometimes requires real-time feedback from teachers regarding basic directions and follow up support.	Student has limited access to a computer with low-speed Internet service at school and at home.
<b>3</b>	Student has strong computer skills and more than adequate experience using a word processor, email application and web browser.	Student rarely needs reminders or assistance in completing routine assignments and has demonstrated good independent study habits.	In general, the student is self-directed and does not require real time feedback from teachers regarding basic directions and follow-up support.	Student has consistent access to a computer with moderate-speed internet service at home and at school.
<b>More Ready 4</b>	Student has excellent computer skills and significant experience using a word processor, email application and web browser, and is comfortable downloading information from the Internet and using other technology tools and applications.	Student does not need reminders or assistance in completing routine assignments, usually finishes homework ahead of time and has successfully completed an independent study experience or taken an online course.	Student is a self-directed learner and demonstrates a high level of comfort and skill in learning new material without requiring real-time feedback from teachers regarding basic directions and follow up support, and deals well with ambiguity.	Student has daily access to a computer with high-speed internet service at home and at a convenient location in the school building before, during and after regular school hours.

# Are you ready to study online? (Part 2)

Student Readiness	Time Management	Interest / Motivation	Reading / Writing Skills	Support Services
<b>Less Ready 1</b>	Student does not manage his or her time effectively in doing research, basic studies and preparing for tests or quizzes.	Student has little or no interest in the content area of the online course offering and has a negative or unrealistic attitude toward online learning.	Student is reading below grade level and has experienced difficulty with routine writing assignments.	In general, parents and school personnel do not actively support online learning and are unable or unwilling to provide support or assistance.
<b>2</b>	Student is beginning to demonstrate effective time management skills in doing research, basic studies and preparing for tests or quizzes.	Student has an interest in the content area of the online course offering, but has expressed concerns about enrolling in an online course or has an unrealistic attitude toward online learning.	Student is reading at grade level and has demonstrated limited proficiency with writing assignments.	Student support system is limited, parents and school personnel are somewhat supportive of enrolment in online courses.
<b>3</b>	Student has demonstrated effective time management skills in doing research, basic studies and preparing for tests or quizzes.	Student has an interest in the content area of the online course offering, and has a positive and realistic attitude toward online learning.	Student is reading at or above grade level and has demonstrated success with a variety of writing assignments.	Student has open access to school based mentoring/ counselling service and parental support.
<b>More Ready 4</b>	Student has demonstrated outstanding time management skills while participating in a variety of clubs, student organisations, sports and work activities.	Student has a strong interest in the content area of the online course offering, is highly motivated to enrol in an online course and has a positive and realistic attitude toward online learning.	Student is reading above grade level, has strong reading comprehension skills and has demonstrated success with complex writing assignments.	Student has access to school-based mentoring/ counselling services, parental support is strong and school has adopted policies and identified best practices to support students as online learners.

# What next?

1

## ViSN Handbook

Make sure you have read the ViSN handbook so you know what to expect. This includes ViSN and course information.

2

## Speak to the ViSN contact in your school

Chat to this person about your desire to study a ViSN course. Ask a Deputy who the ViSN contact person is.

3

## ViSN Enrolment

Follow the instructions provided by your school to complete an enrolment request form.

4

## ViSN Readiness Module

Upon acceptance into the ViSN course, students are sent a link to the ViSN Readiness Module to complete as part of the prerequisites.

5

## Start your ViSN course

Students will get an email with a link to the course, with pre-start lessons to do, to ensure everything is working!





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# 2024 ViSN Course Offerings



# 2024 ViSN Delivery Schools

The following CEWA schools are supporting equitable access to quality online education by delivering a course in 2024:

Aranmore Catholic College	Leederville
Bunbury Catholic College	Bunbury
Holy Cross College	Ellenbrook
Irene McCormack Catholic College	Butler
John Paul College	Kalgoorlie
John XXIII College	Claremont
Mandurah Catholic College	Mandurah
Mater Dei College	Edgewater
Mercy College	Koondoola
Prendiville Catholic College	Ocean Reef
Our Lady of Mercy College	Australind
Seton Catholic College	Samson
St Joseph's School	Northam
St Luke's College	Karratha
St Mary Star of the Sea College	Carnarvon

**ViSN course enrolments are open to all CEWA schools and their students.**

# 2024 ViSN Offerings

Year 11, 2024	Year 12, 2024
ATAR Religion and Life	ATAR Religion and Life
ATAR Accounting and Finance	ATAR Accounting and Finance
ATAR Biology	ATAR Biology
ATAR Chemistry	Certificate II Workplace Skills
Certificate II Workplace Skills	Certificate III Business*
Curtin UniReady (Endorsed Program)	Curtin UniReady (Endorsed Program)
ATAR Design (Graphic Design)	ATAR English as a Second Language
ATAR Earth & Environmental Science	ATAR Health Studies
ATAR Economics	ATAR Human Biology
ATAR English as a Second Language	ATAR Italian: Second Language
ATAR Geography	ATAR Maths Specialist
ATAR Health Studies	ATAR Politics and Law
ATAR Human Biology	ATAR Psychology
General Human Biology	
ATAR Italian: Second Language	
ATAR Literature	
ATAR Maths Methods	
ATAR Maths Specialist	
ATAR Modern History	
General Modern History	
ATAR Physics	
ATAR Politics and Law	
ATAR Psychology	

\* This course is only available to students who commenced the qualification in Year 11.

These are only the courses offered – minimum numbers are required by enrolment dates. ViSN Admin reserves the right to withdraw subjects.

## RELIGION AND LIFE

11 ATAR

### Course Content

#### Unit 1

The focus of this unit is the place of religion in society. It examines the responses of people to religion, in particular how people understand the response of religion to their concerns, needs and questions.

#### Unit 2

The focus of this unit is religious identity and purpose. It investigates how religion shapes, forms and supports people in life. The unit also examines how religion impacts on and interacts with, groups in society.

### Prerequisite

C grade in Year 10 Religious Education.

C grade in Year 10 English.

Schools will discuss suitability for online learning with interested students.

### Course Levy

The course levy is \$30.

*The course levies are correct at time of publishing but are subject to change. Final levies will be published in the ViSN booklist.*

### Syllabus Link

[Year 11 ATAR Religion and Life Syllabus](#)

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### Student Voice

“ ViSN has given me the opportunity to study Religion and Life ATAR at my small, rural school. I have learnt so much about the search people have for meaning, and how religion and society interact and influence each other, and have lead me to a better understanding of the Catholic faith. ”

## RELIGION AND LIFE

12 ATAR

### Course Content

#### Unit 3

The focus for this unit is the connection between past and present experiences of religion. Students analyse the impact of changes within society and how these changes shape the way individuals and groups interact with religion. They further develop research skills for conducting an inquiry, processing information, and communicating findings about the interplay between religion and life.

#### Unit 4

This unit centers on the relationship between religion and society, with a focus on how religion responds to and interacts with contemporary issues. Students will examine the interplay between religion and life and develop research skills for conducting inquiries, processing information, and communicating their findings about this connection.

### Prerequisite

C grade in Year 11 ATAR Religion and Life.

Schools will discuss suitability for online learning with interested students.

### Course Levy

The course levy is \$30.

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### Syllabus Link

[Year 12 ATAR Religion and Life Syllabus](#)

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### Student Voice

“ When I started ViSN I was worried that I would be left on my own to learn. But my teacher regularly messages me and makes contact to make sure I am keeping up with the content and consistently offers help. I know my teacher as well as I know the teachers in my school. ”

## ACCOUNTING AND FINANCE

11 ATAR

### Course Content

#### Unit 1

The focus for this unit is on double entry accounting for small businesses. Students apply their understanding of financial principles, systems and institutions to manage financial information and make decisions in a variety of small businesses.

#### Unit 2

The focus for this unit is on accrual accounting. Students apply financial systems and principles to the operations of businesses and distinguish between cash and accrual methods of accounting.

### Prerequisite

C grade in Year 10 WA Curriculum HASS.

C grade in Year 10 WA Curriculum Mathematics.

Schools will discuss suitability for online learning with interested students.

### Course Levy

There is a \$20 course levy for this course.

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### Syllabus Link

[Year 11 ATAR Accounting and Finance Syllabus](#)

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### Student Voice

“ Studying through ViSN allows me to manage my time well and the simple and easy planned out lessons means you don't fall behind on content. I am an independent person, so being able to manage my own work is sometimes easier than in class lessons. It is also great to be in a class of people who are also passionate about the same subject. ”

# ACCOUNTING AND FINANCE

12 ATAR

## Course Content

### Unit 3

The focus for this unit is on internal management for business. Decision-making processes using cost accounting techniques are a feature of the unit.

### Unit 4

The focus for this unit is on Australian reporting entities and how they are regulated by the *Corporations Act 2001*. The financing options of larger entities are identified and evaluated. The unit addresses corporate social disclosure issues and ethical behaviour within corporations.

## Prerequisite

C grade in Year 11 ATAR Accounting and Finance.

An understanding of the Year 11 content is assumed knowledge for students in Year 12. It is recommended that students studying Unit 3 and Unit 4 have completed Unit 1 and Unit 2.

Schools will discuss suitability for online learning with interested students.

## Course Levy

The course levy is \$30.

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## Syllabus Link

[Year 12 ATAR Accounting and Finance Syllabus](#)

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## Student Voice

“ Being able to study a subject that I am interested in means I am more motivated to work. I’m interested in accounting and hope to study it at uni after school. I feel like I am getting a head start on my university journey. ”

## BIOLOGY

11 ATAR

### Course Content

#### Unit 1 - Ecosystems and biodiversity

Students gain an appreciation of the complexity and diversity of life on our planet, including the dynamic interactions that occur within ecosystems and the effect of environmental factors on those interactions.

#### Unit 2 - Single cells and multicellular organisms

Students understand the structure and function of those body systems that sustain life. They examine how matter and energy is harnessed and processed within organisms, and the key role enzymes play in these biochemical processes.

### Prerequisite

C grade in Year 10 WA Curriculum Science.

Schools will discuss suitability for online learning with interested students.

### Course Levy

The course levy is \$30.

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### Syllabus Link

[Year 11 ATAR Biology Syllabus](#)

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### Student Voice

“ Doing Biology ViSN is the best, it allows you to get ahead, stay on track and catch up if you're behind! I love Biology and have a passion to understand and help the environment, and Biology has helped me to apply my knowledge to the real world. Your teachers are with you every step of the way and are always there if you're stuck on anything, so you are never alone while doing ViSN. ”



## BIOLOGY

12 ATAR

### Course Content

#### Unit 3 - Continuity of species

Students investigate mechanisms of heredity and the ways in which inheritance patterns can be explained, modelled and predicted; they connect these patterns to population dynamics and apply the theory of evolution by natural selection in order to examine changes in populations.

#### Unit 4 - Surviving in a changing environment

Students investigate system change and continuity in response to changing external conditions and pathogens. They examine homeostasis, infectious disease and its spread of at the population level.

### Prerequisite

C grade in Year 11 ATAR Biology.

An understanding of the Year 11 content is assumed knowledge for students in Year 12.

Schools will discuss suitability for online learning with interested students.

### Course Levy

The course levy is \$30.

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### Syllabus Link

[Year 12 ATAR Biology Syllabus](#)

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### Student Voice

“ ViSN Biology has allowed me to explore my capabilities and has encouraged me to become a more independent student. It has also let me explore new ways of learning as well as explore concepts of conservation, biotechnology and bodily functions and apply them to modern situations in the world. Overall, ViSN Biology is a great experience that allowed me to develop my learning and explore my interest in Biology. ”

## CERTIFICATE II WORKPLACE SKILLS

11 VET

### Course Content

Students will complete 12 units of competency that will allow them to run their own small business venture in Term 3.

#### Units of Competency:

- Apply communication skills
- Participate in sustainable work practices
- Plan and apply time management
- Support personal wellbeing in the workplace
- Process financial transactions
- Use digital technologies to communicate in a work environment
- Use inclusive work practices
- Process and maintain workplace information
- Deliver and monitor a service to customers
- Organise personal work priorities and development

### Prerequisite

No prerequisite.

Schools will discuss suitability for online learning with interested students.

### Course Levy

The course levy is \$120.

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### Syllabus Link

[Certificate II Workplace Skills Syllabus](#)

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### Student Voice

“ The skills I have learnt can be used in lots of office roles in any industry. ”

# CERTIFICATE III BUSINESS

12 VET

## Course Content

After completing a Certificate II in Workplace skills, students will complete 12 units of competency that will allow them to run their own small business venture in Term 3.

### Units of Competency:

- Apply critical thinking skills in a team environment
- Support personal wellbeing in the workplace
- Participate in sustainable work practices
- Use inclusive work practices
- Assist with maintaining workplace safety
- Engage in workplace communication
- Use digital technologies to communicate in a work environment
- Create electronic presentations
- Organise personal work priorities
- Process financial transactions
- Deliver and monitor a service to customers
- Process customer complaints
- Organise business meetings

## Prerequisite

Completion of the Year 11 Certificate II Workplace Skills.

Schools will discuss suitability for online learning with interested students.

## Course Levy

The course levy is \$120.

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## Syllabus Link

[Certificate III Business Syllabus](#)

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## Student Voice

“ The skills I have learnt can be used in lots of office roles in any industry. ”

# CHEMISTRY

11 ATAR

## Course Content

### Unit 1

This unit is centered on the use of atomic models and bonding to explain the properties of materials on a macroscopic level. Students will also develop an understanding of energy changes in chemical reactions and learn how to use chemical equations to calculate the masses of substances involved in these reactions.

### Unit 2

This unit is focused on further developing students' understanding of bonding models and the relationship between structure, properties, and reactions. Students will explore factors that affect the rate of chemical reactions, as well as the unique properties of water and the properties of acids and bases. They will also learn how to use chemical equations to calculate concentrations and volumes of solutions involved in chemical reactions.

## Prerequisite

C grade in a Year 10 WA Curriculum Science.

Schools will discuss suitability for online learning with interested students.

## Course Levy

The course levy is \$40.

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## Syllabus Link

[Year 11 ATAR Chemistry Syllabus](#)

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## Student Voice

“ There weren't enough people in my year group who wanted to do Chemistry so I had to go the online way or miss out. I was a little worried about learning online but it provided so much more flexibility in my learning. ”

## DESIGN (GRAPHIC DESIGN)

11 ATAR

### Course Content

#### Unit 1 - Product Design

Students design logos, brand names and products for specific purposes.

#### Unit 2 - Cultural Design

Students design logos, brand names and products for different subcultures.

This course may include elements of digital media, interactive media, graphics technology, and visual communication.

### Prerequisite

C grade in a Year 10 WA Curriculum Visual Arts course.

Schools will discuss suitability for online learning with interested students.

### Course Levy

The course levy is \$30.

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Students will also need access to the Adobe programs but schools will organise access to this, and may choose to pass the costs onto students.

### Syllabus Link

[Year 11 ATAR Design Syllabus](#)

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### Student Voice

“ I’ve really enjoyed learning new tech skills and being in a course that allows me to be creative. ”

# EARTH & ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE

11 ATAR

## Course Content

### Unit 1 – Earth systems

Students explore the understanding of Earth's formation, and structure and the processes that formed the oceans and atmosphere. They review significance of water at the Earth's surface and the environments influenced by water such as oceans, ice sheets and groundwater. They examine the scientific evidence, including fossils, for the evolution of life on Earth.

### Unit 2 – Earth processes

Students examine how the transfer and transformation of energy from the sun and Earth's interior impact processes within and between the geosphere, atmosphere, hydrosphere and biosphere, including tectonic plate movement, global weather patterns and ecosystems.

## Prerequisite

C grade in Year 10 WA Curriculum Science.

Schools will discuss suitability for online learning with interested students.

## Course Levy

The course levy is \$40.

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## Syllabus Link

[Year 11 ATAR Earth and Environmental Science Syllabus](#)

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## Student Voice

“ The ability to be able to hear about real world applications of this subject was a highlight of this course. It can be applied to so many different areas of the environment. ”

## ECONOMICS

11 ATAR

### Course Content

#### Unit 1 – Microeconomics

Students explore the role of the market in determining the wellbeing of individuals and society. Students explore the workings of real world markets with an emphasis on the Australian economy.

#### Unit 2 – Macroeconomics

This is an introduction to macroeconomics and explores economic growth, inflation and unemployment with an emphasis on the Australian economy.

### Prerequisite

C grade in Year 10 WA Curriculum HASS.

Schools will discuss suitability for online learning with interested students.

### Course Levy

There is no course levy for this course.

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### Syllabus Link

[Year 11 ATAR Economics Syllabus](#)

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### Student Voice

“ It was good to learn more about the economy and how it impacts me, my family and friends. ”

## ENGLISH (SECOND LANGUAGE OR DIALECT)

11 ATAR

### Course Content

#### Unit 1

This unit will enhance students' confidence in creating texts for different purposes and across all language modes in both real and imagined contexts. It will broaden their understanding of the sociocultural and sociolinguistic elements of SAE and develop skills for research and further academic study.

#### Unit 2

This unit focuses on developing planning and editing skills to create extended oral, written and multimodal texts. Attitudes, values and culturally based assumptions within texts are identified, analysed and compared. Strategies for collecting, analysing, organising and presenting ideas and information are refined.

### Prerequisite

Student must have a Language Background other than English (LBOTE).

Schools will determine if the students meet the [eligibility requirements](#).

[Level 5 Alignment of EAL/D Progress map](#)

### Course Levy

The course levy is \$30.

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### Syllabus Link

[Year 11 ATAR English as an Additional Language or Dialect Syllabus](#)

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### Student Voice

“ Being able to access EAL/D English has helped with my other ATAR subjects. ”



## ENGLISH (SECOND LANGUAGE OR DIALECT)

12 ATAR

### Course Content

#### Unit 3

This unit focuses on analysing how language choices are used to achieve different purposes and effects in a range of contexts and how these choices shape meaning and influence with audiences of oral, written, and multimodal texts. How ideas, attitudes, and values are represented, particularly in the Australian content, is analysed and evaluated.

#### Unit 4

Unit 4 focuses on analysing, evaluating, and using language to represent and respond to issues, ideas and attitudes in a range of contexts. Independent and collaborative investigation and analysis are used to explore how language and texts achieve specific purposes and effects. Extended oral, written and multimodal texts and presentations are created, adapted, and refined for a variety of contexts, purposes and audiences.

### Prerequisite

Student must have a Language Background other than English (LBOTE).

Schools will determine if the students meet the [eligibility requirements](#).

[Level 6 Alignment of EAL/D Progress map](#)

### Course Levy

The course levy is \$30.

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### Syllabus Link

[Year 12 ATAR English as an Additional Language or Dialect Syllabus](#)

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### Student Voice

“ As the only student in my year who speaks another language as my first language, ViSN EAL/D has helped me to improve my English so that I am ready for study at University. ”

# GEOGRAPHY

11 ATAR

## Course Content

### Unit 1

This unit covers the study of natural hazards (e.g. hydrological, geomorphic, and atmospheric) and ecological hazards (e.g. biological and chemical), and their impacts on people, places, and environments. Students will also learn about risk management, which includes preparedness and mitigation strategies to reduce the impact of these hazards.

### Unit 2

This unit is focused on the economic and cultural changes happening in the world, including their diffusion, spatial distribution, and resulting impacts. Students will explore and gain a better understanding of the dynamic nature of the world they live in.

## Prerequisite

C grade in Year 10 WA Curriculum HASS.

Schools will discuss suitability for online learning with interested students.

## Course Levy

The course levy is \$30.

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## Syllabus Link

[Year 11 ATAR Geography Syllabus](#)

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## Student Voice

“ Learning about the connection between people and places has brought me a greater understanding of the they have on each other. ”

## HEALTH STUDIES

11 ATAR

### Course Content

#### Unit 1

Students focus on the health of individuals and communities. Students learn about health determinants and their impact on health. Health promotion and ways to improve health are explored. Students extend on their understandings of factors influencing health, and research strategies to protect and promote health.

#### Unit 2

Students examine the impact of factors influencing the health of communities. Students learn about community development and how community participation can improve health outcomes. Students analyse issues influencing the health of communities and develop appropriate responses. The impact of technology on community health is also a focus.

### Prerequisite

C grade in Year 10 WA Curriculum English.

Schools will discuss suitability for online learning with interested students.

### Course Levy

The course levy is \$25.

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### Syllabus Link

[Year 11 ATAR Health Studies Syllabus](#)

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### Student Voice

“ ViSN Health Studies is an enjoyable subject that investigates human health in great depth and relates it to issues in the world surrounding us. The content covered by the course is easy to apply and links to that of other subjects, allowing those with a passion for health to advance their learning in this area. ”

## HEALTH STUDIES

12 ATAR

### Course Content

#### Unit 3

Students focus on the health of specific populations and reasons why some groups do not enjoy the same level of health as the general population. Students learn why this happens and how wellbeing can be improved.

#### Unit 4

Students study local, regional and global challenges to health. Students examine the impact of determinants on global health inequities and explore approaches to address barriers preventing groups from experiencing better health.

### Prerequisite

C grade in Year 11 ATAR Health Studies.

Schools will discuss suitability for online learning with interested students.

### Course Levy

The course levy is \$25.

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### Syllabus Link

[Year 12 ATAR Health Studies Syllabus](#)

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### Student Voice

“ ViSN Health Studies is a course I would highly recommend to anyone interested! It is interesting to learn about the different aspects of life that impact our health and how the government and organisations implement change. It is also helpful to understand why different health issues exist within the world. ”

## HUMAN BIOLOGY

11 ATAR

### Course Content

#### Unit 1 - The functioning human body

Learn how the structure and function of body systems, and the interrelationships between systems, support metabolism and body functioning.

#### Unit 2 - Reproduction and inheritance

Learn about the reproductive systems of males and females, the transfer of genetic material from generation to generation, and the effects of the environment on our genetic makeup.

### Prerequisite

C grade in Year 10 WA Curriculum Science.

Schools will discuss suitability for online learning with interested students.

### Course Levy

The course levy is \$15.

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### Syllabus Link

[Year 11 ATAR Human Biology Syllabus](#)

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### Student Voice

“ Studying Human Biology through ViSN is great as I can always work at my own pace and learn the subject in such a way that is most suitable for me. It’s also a great opportunity to get to know students from other schools and get out of my comfort zone to share my knowledge to my online peers. ”

# HUMAN BIOLOGY

12 ATAR

## Course Content

### Unit 3 – Homoeostasis and disease

This unit explores the various body systems and the mechanisms that help maintain the systems of the body to function within normal range. It also investigates the body's immune responses to invading pathogens (disease and infection).

### Unit 4 – Human variation and evolution

This unit explores the variations in humans in their changing environment and evolutionary trends in hominids. It will also examine the impact of gene pools on evolution.

## Prerequisite

C grade in Year 11 ATAR Human Biology.

Schools will discuss suitability for online learning with interested students.

## Course Levy

The course levy is \$15.

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## Syllabus Link

[Year 12 ATAR Human Biology Syllabus](#)

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## Student Voice

“ I am fascinated by the way our body works! This course also worked well with some of my other courses, like Health Studies. The flexibility of the course has enabled me to work at my own pace and customise my learning to suit my schedule. ”

## HUMAN BIOLOGY

### 11 GENERAL

#### Course Content

##### Unit 1 – Healthy body

This unit explores how the systems of the human body are interrelated to help sustain functioning to maintain a healthy body. Students will explore several systems including the respiratory, circulatory, digestive, and urinary systems, as well as the impact of lifestyle choices humans make. Students investigate the body systems through real or virtual dissections and practical examination of cells, organs and systems.

##### Unit 2 – Reproduction

Students learn about the reproductive systems of males and females and how they are specialised in many ways. Students will explore the different technologies used to monitor the healthy development of the embryo and foetus as well as issues around infertility. Sexually transmitted infections will be researched, and effects, treatments, and ways to minimise infection will be examined. Students apply their knowledge to construct a deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA) model and demonstrate cell division processes.

#### Prerequisite

No prerequisite.

Schools will discuss suitability for online learning with interested students.

#### Course Levy

The course levy is \$30.

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#### Syllabus Link

[Year 11 General Human Biology Syllabus](#)

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### Student Voice

“ I am hoping to become a nurse and this is a great course to support my current study at TAFE. ”

“ I am doing Curtin UniReady, hoping to get into their nursing course, so doing General Human Biology is helping to prepare me for study in that area. ”

## ITALIAN (SECOND LANGUAGE)

11 ATAR

### Course Content

#### Unit 1 - Relationships

Through the three topics: Family, friend and school relationships; Traditions, events and celebrations; and Communicating in a modern world, students further develop their communication skills in Italian and gain a broader insight into the language and culture.

#### Unit 2 - Travel, let's go!

Through the four topics: My holiday tales and plans; Destination Italy; Destination Australia; and Travel in a modern world, students extend their communication skills in Italian and gain a broader insight into the language and culture.

### Prerequisite

C grade in Year 10 WA Curriculum Italian.

Schools will discuss suitability for online learning with interested students.

Schools must also meet the SCSA deadline and complete the paperwork, for permission to enrol students in a language. More information can be found on the [SCSA Website](#).

### Course Levy

The course levy is \$50.

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### Syllabus Link

[Year 11 ATAR Italian: Second Language Syllabus](#)

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### Student Voice

“ I love learning another language and I'm confident that it will help me in life after school. ”



## ITALIAN (SECOND LANGUAGE)

12 ATAR

### Course Content

#### Unit 3 - Thank you Italy

Through the three topics: All things Italian; Italian lifestyle; and Italy around the world, students extend and refine their communication skills in Italian and gain a broader and deeper understanding of the language and culture.

#### Unit 2 - Yesterday, today and tomorrow

Through the three topics: Reflecting on my life and planning my future; Youth issues; and Environmental issues, students extend and refine their communication skills in Italian and gain a broader and deeper understanding of the language and culture.

### Prerequisite

C grade in Year 11 ATAR Italian: Second Language.

Schools will discuss suitability for online learning with interested students.

Schools must also meet the SCSA deadline and complete the paperwork, for permission to enrol students in a language. More information can be found on the [SCSA Website](#).

### Course Levy

The course levy is \$50.

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### Syllabus Link

[Year 12 ATAR Italian: Second Language Syllabus](#)

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## Student Voice

“ The positive aspects of learning a foreign language through ViSN are learning at your own pace and learning in a way that best suits you. It allows you to learn and understand the culture and language of a different country as well as a 10% boost on your ATAR. ”

# LITERATURE

11 ATAR

## Course Content

### Unit 1

Unit 1 develops the knowledge and understanding of different ways of reading and creating literary texts drawn from a widening range of historical, social, cultural, and personal contexts. Students analyse the relationships between language, text, contexts, individual points of view and the reader's response. A range of literary forms is considered: prose fiction, poetry, and drama. Students will create both analytical responses and imaginative texts.

### Unit 2

Unit 2 develops students' knowledge and understanding the ways literary texts connect with each other. Drawing on a range of language and literary experiences, relationships between texts, genres, authors, readers, audiences, and contexts are explored. Students create analytical responses that are evidence-based and convincing.

## Prerequisite

High B grade in Year 10 WA Curriculum English.

Schools will discuss suitability for online learning with interested students.

## Course Levy

The course levy is \$30.

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## Syllabus Link

[Year 11 ATAR Literature Syllabus](#)

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## Student Voice

“ I have a passion for Literature but I was the only one in my school that wanted to do it. ViSN allowed me to follow my passion and complete English Lit online. ”

# MATHEMATICS METHODS

11 ATAR

## Course Content

### Unit 1

Mathematics Methods focus on the following topics in Unit 1:

- A review of the fundamentals of probability and the introduction of the concepts of counting, conditional probability, and independence.
- A review of the basic algebraic concepts and techniques required for a successful introduction to the study of calculus.
- Basic trigonometric functions and simple relationships between variable quantities.

### Unit 2

Mathematics Methods focus on the following topics in Unit 2:

- Exponentials – their graphs and applications in a wide range of settings.
- Arithmetic and geometric sequences.
- Rates and average rates of change.
- Derivatives of polynomial functions, with simple application of the derivative to curve sketching, the calculation of slopes and equations of tangents, the determination of instantaneous velocities and the solution of optimisation problems.

## Prerequisite

B grade in Year 10 Mathematics course (SCSA 10A).

All students are interviewed by their school to determine suitability to undertake online studies.

## Course Levy

The course levy is \$30.

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## Syllabus Link

[Year 11 ATAR Mathematics Methods Syllabus](#)

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## Student Voice

“ I can now access both Maths Specialist and Maths Methods through ViSN – something I couldn’t do at my own school as I was the only student interested in high level Maths. ”

# MATHEMATICS SPECIALIST

11 ATAR

## Course Content

### Unit 1

Unit 1 of the Mathematics Specialist ATAR course contains three topics:

- Combinatorics
- Vectors in the plane
- Geometry

### Unit 2

Unit 2 of the Mathematics Specialist ATAR course contains three topics:

- Trigonometry
- Matrices
- Real and complex numbers

## Prerequisite

A grade in Year 10 Mathematics course (SCSA 10A).

Students must be enrolled in Year 11 ATAR Mathematics Methods.

All students are interviewed by their school to determine suitability to undertake online studies

## Course Levy

The course levy is \$30.

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## Syllabus Link

[Year 11 ATAR Mathematics Specialist Syllabus](#)

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## Student Voice

“ Maths Specialist has been a good challenge and I’ve enjoyed expanding on some key concepts from earlier Maths courses. ”

## MATHEMATICS SPECIALIST

12 ATAR

### Course Content

#### Unit 3

This unit contains the three topics:

- Complex numbers
- Functions and sketching graphs
- Vectors in three dimensions

#### Unit 4

This unit contains the three topics:

- Integration and applications of integration
- Rates of change and differential equations
- Statistical inference

### Prerequisite

C grade in Year 11 ATAR Mathematics Specialist.

An understanding of the Year 11 content is assumed knowledge for students in Year 12. It is recommended that students studying Unit 3 and Unit 4 have completed Unit 1 and Unit 2.

Students must be enrolled in Year 12 ATAR Mathematics Methods.

Schools will discuss suitability for online learning with interested students.

### Course Levy

The course levy is \$30.

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### Syllabus Link

[Year 12 ATAR Maths Specialist Syllabus](#)

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### Student Voice

“ This course has set me up well for future uni studies. I’ve been appropriately challenged and have enjoyed the work. ”

## MODERN HISTORY

11 ATAR

### Course Content

#### Unit 1 - Capitalism - the American Experience 1907–1941

This unit introduces significant developments in the modern period that have defined the modern world, and the ideas that underpinned them, such as capitalism, isolationism, and unionism.

#### Unit 2 - Nazism in Germany

This unit examines significant movements for change in the 20th century that led to change in society, including people's attitudes and circumstances.

### Prerequisite

C grade in Year 10 WA Curriculum HASS.

C grade in Year 10 WA Curriculum English.

Schools will discuss suitability for online learning with interested students.

### Course Levy

The course levy is \$30.

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### Syllabus Link

[Year 11 ATAR Modern History Syllabus](#)

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### Student Voice

“ Being given the chance to study history through ViSN has not only improved my organisation, time management and self-accountability, but has provided me with an opportunity to make new friends. I am truly grateful to be studying the events that have shaped our world today, through ViSN. ”

## MODERN HISTORY

### 11 GENERAL

#### Course Content

##### Unit 1 - People, place, and time

This unit will allow students to engage with a historical narrative, paying attention to the values, beliefs, and traditions within a society. Students will be able to identify the continuity and change between different societies and periods of time, as well as the importance of individuals. Students will study one or two of the following contexts:

- Local History – Impact of World War Two
- Aboriginal advancement since the 1950's to the Apology
- George Washington and the American Revolution

##### Unit 2 - Power and authority

Students will investigate different individuals and institutions who seek to gain and maintain power and authority over a group of society. Students will explore one of the following contexts:

- Tokugawa Japan
- Communist Russia/USSR 1917 – 1953

#### Prerequisite

No prerequisite.

Schools will discuss suitability for online learning with interested students.

#### Course Levy

There is no course levy for this course.

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#### Syllabus Link

[Year 11 General Modern History Syllabus](#)

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### Student Voice

“ Being able to explore the history of my own area was a positive about this course. We could teach each other about how World War Two impacted our local towns, seeing similarities and differences. It also allowed for me to connect with members of the community. ”

## PHYSICS

11 ATAR

### Course Content

#### Unit 1 - Thermal, nuclear, and electrical physics

Students investigate energy production by considering heating processes, radioactivity, and nuclear reactions, and investigate energy transfer and transformation in electrical circuits.

#### Unit 2 - Linear motion and waves

Students describe, explain, and predict linear motion, and investigate the application of wave models to sound phenomena. Each unit includes:

- a unit description – a short description of the focus of the unit;
- learning outcomes – a set of statements describing the learning expected as a result of studying the unit; and
- unit content – the content to be taught and learned.

### Prerequisite

C grade in Year 10 WA Curriculum Science course.

B grade in Year 10 Mathematics course (SCSA 10A).

Schools will discuss suitability for online learning with interested students.

### Course Levy

The course levy is \$30.

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### Syllabus Link

[Year 11 ATAR Physics Syllabus](#)

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### Student Voice

“ With not many students wanting to study Physics at my school, ViSN provided an option for me to have access to the subject run by an outstanding teacher. ”



## POLITICS AND LAW

11 ATAR

### Course Content

#### Unit 1 - Democracy and the rule of law

This unit examines representation, electoral and voting systems in Australia, justice in the Western Australian adversarial system and a non-common law system.

#### Unit 2 - Representation and justice

This unit examines representation, electoral and voting systems in Australia, justice in the Western Australian adversarial system and a non-common law system.

### Prerequisite

C grade in Year 10 WA Curriculum HASS course.

Schools will discuss suitability for online learning with interested students.

### Course Levy

The course levy is \$15.

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### Syllabus Link

[Year 11 ATAR Politics and Law Syllabus](#)

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### Student Voice

“ Studying Politics and Law has given me a knowledge of current affairs and an ability to think critically about government decisions and policies. ”

## POLITICS AND LAW

12 ATAR

### Course Content

#### Unit 3 - Political and legal power

This unit examines the political and legal system established by the Commonwealth Constitution (Australia) and the power wielded within the system, making reference to particular political and legal developments and issues.

#### Unit 4 - Accountability and rights

This unit examines avenues for, and the effectiveness of, accountability in relation to the three branches of government in Australia. The ways, and the extent to which, rights are protected, and demographic principles are upheld and/or undermined in Australia, and one other country, are also examined.

### Prerequisite

C grade in Year 11 ATAR Politics and Law.

An understanding of the Year 11 content is assumed knowledge for students in Year 12.

Schools will discuss suitability for online learning with interested students.

### Course Levy

The course levy is \$15.

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### Syllabus Link

[Year 12 ATAR Politics and Law Syllabus](#)

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### Student Voice

“ Politics and Law is my favourite subject. I love learning about the different political case studies and how they have had an impact on the Australia we live in today. ”

## PSYCHOLOGY

11 ATAR

### Course Content

#### Unit 1

Students begin to learn concepts associated with psychological theories, studies and models, to explain human emotion, cognition and behaviour. They learn the basic structure of the central nervous system and are introduced to several methods to study the brain. The unit introduces life span psychology with a key focus on adolescent development.

#### Unit 2

This unit focuses on the influence of others on human behaviour, cognition and emotion. Students learn the role of stereotypes and the relationship between attitudes, prejudice and discrimination in a range of areas.

Psychology is an evidence-based discipline following the principles of scientific inquiry. Students will collect, process, evaluate and critically interpret information from a range of scientific sources and develop an understanding of psychological concepts.

### Prerequisite

C grade in Year 10 WA Curriculum Science.

C grade in Year 10 WA Curriculum Mathematics.

Schools will discuss suitability for online learning with interested students.

### Course Levy

There is no course levy for this course.

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### Syllabus Link

[Year 11 ATAR Psychology Syllabus](#)

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### Student Voice

“ I think this has been a great course, I have learnt so much and I use this knowledge of the brain in everyday situations. I love to show my friends the fun things we do in class, like looking at visual illusions, testing our hemispheric dominance. ”

## PSYCHOLOGY

12 ATAR

### Course Content

#### Unit 3 - Memory and learning

This unit focuses on cognitive psychology – the process of how human beings develop understanding and apply this to the world in which they live, of which memory and learning form core components. Students will study various theories of memory and learning based on psychological research. Students apply learning theories in behaviour modification to real-world contexts. Science inquiry skills are further developed in this unit.

#### Unit 4 - Psychology of motivation, wellbeing and health

This unit develops an understanding of human cognition, emotion, and behaviour to inform improvements in the wellbeing of individuals and groups in society. Students explore the relationships between stress, sleep, and wellbeing. Psychological models and techniques are learnt to improve wellbeing in several contexts. The unit emphasises the role and relevance of science inquiry, where the psychological research is applied to contemporary concerns.

### Prerequisite

C grade in Year 11 ATAR Psychology.

An understanding of the Year 11 content is assumed knowledge for students in Year 12. It is recommended that students studying Unit 3 and Unit 4 have completed Unit 1 and Unit 2.

Schools will discuss suitability for online learning with interested students.

### Course Levy

There is no course levy for this course.

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### Syllabus Link

[Year 12 ATAR Psychology Syllabus](#)

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### Student Voice

“ The Year 12 ViSN psychology class has been an absolute blast to be a part of. The course is very interesting and set out very well through a structured program that I have very much enjoyed be able to learn from. ”

## 2024 Curtin UniReady ViSN Course Offerings



UniReady is an 'alternate entry to university' run by Curtin University. Students complete 4 units over Year 11 and Year 12 and upon successful completion of these units, are awarded an ATAR of 70. This ranking can then be used to gain entry to particular courses at Curtin University.

Each unit below is taught by a school-based ViSN teacher, in line with Curtin University standards for delivery. As such, students considering this option should understand that they would be undertaking a university level course and will be assessed according to university standards.

## Suggested Course Structure

**In the first year, Year 11 students complete 2 core (compulsory) units:**

- Fundamentals of Academic Writing
- Foundations of Communication

See the following pages for more details on each unit.

**In the second year, Year 12 students complete elective units from:**

- Introduction to Health Sciences
- Introduction to Commerce
- Introduction to Humanities

## SCSA Endorsed Program

The Curtin UniReady program has been endorsed by SCSA. Please refer to the SCSA website for more information on the use of this course for meeting WACE requirements.

*ViSN Camp 2023, St Thomas More College, Crawley*



# Competitive Course Information

## Student Application

The ViSN Curtin UniReady course is classified as a competitive one, meaning there are more students who apply than there are places available. To remain fair and equitable, limitations and special information for applications have been put in place.

**4**  
students  
per  
school

### School Enrolment Caps

Schools may submit as many applications as they wish, but will be asked to rank their students. A maximum of 4 students per school will be selected.

**Suitability  
criteria**

### Student Suitability

Schools are responsible for ensuring students on their ranked list meet the suitability criteria. Evidence of this will be required during the application process.

**ViSN  
enrolment  
app**

### Application Process

Application is via the normal online ViSN enrolment app.

**ATAR  
English  
requirement**

### Prerequisites

Students must be studying ATAR English for the duration of the 4 units. Enrolment in ATAR English is the school's responsibility.

# ViSN Curtin UniReady Students



Have clear aspirations to go to university



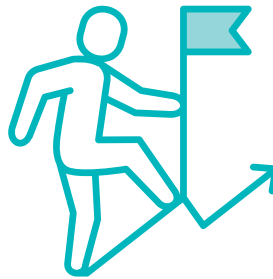
Are enrolled in Year 11 ATAR English



Are resilient and can 'bounce back' from adversity



Are self motivated and independent learners



Show consistent effort and persistence



Listen to and act on teacher feedback for improvement



Often do well in class assessments but may not do well in exams



Are dedicated, hardworking and take ownership of their learning



Have a plan for what they'd like to study in the future



## FOUNDATIONS OF COMMUNICATION

Endorsed Program (Core Unit)

### Unit Content

The focus of this unit is communication, specifically, looking at different ways of communicating information for different audiences and purposes.

Students will learn about email etiquette, group work, infographics, blogging, online communication and public speaking.

### Assessments

Assessments in this unit include course assignments and other assessments. There is no exam for this unit.

### Prerequisite

Students must be studying ATAR English for the duration of the Curtin UniReady program (all 4 units).

### Unit Levy

The course levy for this unit is \$85 per student.

*The course levies are correct at time of publishing but are subject to change. Final levies will be published in the ViSN booklist.*

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### Student Voice

“ It’s a good experience and helps you think things through and understand where you want to go next. ”

## FUNDAMENTALS OF ACADEMIC WRITING

Endorsed Program (Core Unit)

### Unit Content

The focus of this unit is learning about the skills needed to be able to write successfully at university level. Students will also gain a strong understanding of university protocols.

Content of this unit includes reading critically, plagiarism, academic integrity, paraphrasing and referencing, all in the context of developing essay writing skills.

### Assessments

Assessments in this unit include course based assignments and assessments. This unit includes an exam.

### Prerequisite

Students must be studying ATAR English for the duration of the Curtin UniReady program (all 4 units).

### Course Levy

The course levy for this unit is \$85 per student.

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### Student Voice

“ I feel like UniReady eased me into university life, a world unknown, in a way where I felt like I made the right decision for my career. ”

“ I now study a double degree in disciplines I am passionate about, and mentor new UniReady students, too. ”

## CURTIN UNIREADY

### Year 12 Elective Units

#### Elective Unit Overview

For Year 12, students will select 2 of the units below. More detail will be provided prior to enrolment.

##### **Introduction to Humanities**

This unit explores the interrelationships of people with and within systems. Students will explore themes related to society, culture, environment and technology and their reciprocal impacts. The unit seeks to develop students understanding of self as part of diverse and complex systems viewed.

##### **Introduction to Commerce**

This unit will provide an introduction to the fundamentals of economics, marketing, law, and accounting principles. The unit will focus on the basic concepts and techniques in accounting that apply to business; law with a business context; as well as giving attention to the basic principles relating to economics. Students will be shown how to apply basic economic, marketing, legal and accounting concepts to practical situations therefore shedding light on key commercial operations.

##### **Introduction to Health Sciences**

This unit will provide students with a basic understanding of some of the human anatomy and physiology components of an undergraduate Health Sciences program. This includes an overview of the structure and function of human anatomy and physiology, focused on musculo-skeletal, cardiovascular, respiratory, nervous, digestive, endocrine and immune systems. Human cell biology and homeostasis will also be investigated.

#### Prerequisite

Students must be studying ATAR English for the duration of the Curtin UniReady program (all 4 units).

#### Unit Levy

The course levy for each of the above units is \$85 per student.

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#### Student Voice

“ I have really enjoyed the Health Science Course as I have always had an interest in the human body. This course was extremely interesting and it was online based, so I discovered different ways of learning which will help me with my future in the university pathway. I highly recommend taking this course. ”



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