



# YEARS 11 & 12 PATHWAYS

## INTRODUCTION

This information has been put together to help parents and students in understanding the options for Years 11 and 12 – this includes the different pathways available and where they could potentially lead, the subject parameters and options and the range of options and opportunities that exist for students.

This information is only one of many resources to which parents and students may refer when making subject decisions. This booklet is for your information only - not all courses or pathways may be suitable. Families should keep in mind that students will be recommended for the courses that best suit their abilities and course results, along with their post-school goals. Plenty of support will be provided throughout the course selection process.

For more information on the other resources available to assist families, please speak with your HoLAs, Head of Year, the Dean of Education or the Deputy Principal of Teaching and Learning. The course pathways listed in the coming pages are the main pathways the College offers, and the most popular options for the majority of students. However, the College works with families to select the correct pathway for each student; this may include variations on the main pathways.

## ATAR

### What is ATAR?

This pathway is designed for students who wish to gain direct access into university. This is the most direct pathway to prepare students for the requirements of university, and also the option most preferred by universities. ATAR subjects prepare students well for tertiary studies, with explicit instruction in exam preparation, analytical writing and study skills.

### Is ATAR for me?

Students selecting ATAR need to be:

- Achieving 65% in Year 10 English
- Getting a C grade or higher in all Course 2 or higher Year 10 subjects
- Willing to work hard and study regularly throughout Years 11 and 12

## VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING (VET)

### What is VET?

This pathway provides access to employment, training institutes, Workplace Learning and alternative entry to university. Murdoch University the TLC Program, facilitated by the College, which is optional for all VET students and offers direct access to Murdoch University upon successful completion. The course also helps prepare students for tertiary studies by working on literacy skills, writing structure, examination preparation and referencing. Approximately 20-25% of VET students are accepted into university courses each year.

### Is VET for me?

Students selecting VET might:

- Not be interested in going to university or may struggle with the traditional direct access route
- Want to go straight into the workforce after school
- Want to access TAFE or training institutes after school
- Be interested in gaining an apprenticeship after school

## WACE

The School Curriculum and Standards Authority (SCSA) [www.scsa.wa.edu.au](http://www.scsa.wa.edu.au) sets out requirements for graduation, ie, achieving a Western Australian Certificate of Education (WACE). These can be found in the WACE Manual. In response to these requirements, the College sets guidelines for all students to adhere when selecting courses for Year 11. All pathways laid out in this document meet the requirements for WACE graduation.

## REQUIREMENTS

- Students can choose up to six (6) courses in Year 12 of which, for ATAR students, one can be a study period (1 period per day). Combined with their six (6) courses in Year 11, this provides 24 units over two years if all are completed. SCSA requires a minimum of 20 units.
- ATAR students must choose at least four (4) ATAR courses for Year 12.
- VET students will do the course Career & Enterprise. It incorporates an endorsed unit, called Workplace Learning.
- Students must complete one *English* course and *Religious Education*
- Students must include at least one (1) *List B* course (both ATAR and VET)

## MURDOCH UNIVERSITY TLC PROGRAM

- Alternative pathway to university for VET students; please note this is a very competitive course.
- Students **must apply and be accepted** into TLC N1110 course run by Murdoch University.
- Students who complete all requirements of the course are given access to courses which require an ATAR of 70.
- This a direct pathway to Murdoch University and students should be aware of courses and course requirements before enrolling.
- For more information on the TLC N1110 course please visit <https://www.murdoch.edu.au/course/enabling/n1110>

## LIST B SUBJECTS OFFERED

Accounting & Finance

Biology

Chemistry

Computer Science

Design

Earth & Environmental Science (VISN)

Food Science & Technology

Human Biology

Integrated Science

Materials Design & Technology

Mathematics

Outdoor Education

Physical Education Studies

Physics

## YEAR 11 VET

3 compulsory subjects include **English General, Religion and Life General and Career and Enterprise General**

1

6 General courses  
Certificate course (off site)  
1 day of Workplace Learning

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## YEAR 11 ATAR

2 compulsory subjects include an **English course and a Religious Education course.**  
*\*Indicates most common pathway*

1\*

5 ATAR Subjects  
1 General course

2

6 ATAR Subjects

## YEAR 12 VET

3 compulsory subjects are **English General, Religion and Life General** and **Career & Enterprise**.

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6 General courses  
1 Certificate course  
1 day of Workplace Learning

2

6 General courses  
1 Certificate II or III course  
1 day of Workplace Learning  
TLC N1110 Program

3

6 General courses  
1 Certificate IV course  
TLC N1110 Program

## YEAR 12 ATAR

2 compulsory subjects include an **ATAR English subject** and a **Religious Education course**.  
Students must choose 1 subject from List B.

*\*Indicates most common pathway*

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4 ATAR Subjects  
1 General course  
1 Study Period per day

2\*

5 ATAR Subjects  
1 Study Period per day  
(RE ATAR included)

3

5 ATAR Subjects  
1 General course

4

6 ATAR Subjects