

**Duncraig Senior High School Year 12 students – please note this new requirement for 2017 and beyond.**

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**WACE Requirements and ATAR exams – 2017 – Please read and understand this**

Dear principal

Please note the following change to the WACE requirements for 2017. Please pass this information to relevant staff at your school.

Students who do not sit an ATAR course examination will not have their school grade for that ATAR Year 12 course count towards meeting any of the WACE requirements.

From 2017, students who do not sit an ATAR course examination and do not have an approved sickness/misadventure application for that course, will not have the grade for the pair of units completed in that year contribute to the calculation of the Western Australian Certificate of Education (WACE).

This means, the grades for the ATAR Year 12 course will not contribute to the:

- completion of a minimum of 20 units, including 10 Year 12 units.
- completion of at least one pair of Year 12 units from an English course (if the ATAR Year 12 course was either English, Literature or English as an Additional Language or Dialect)
- completion of one pair of Year 12 units from List A (arts/languages/social sciences) or List B (mathematics/science/technology) {depending on the list of the ATAR Year 12 course}
- achievement of at least 14 C grades or higher, including at least six C grades in Year 12 units.
- completion of at least four Year 12 ATAR courses.

Previously, the grade for the pair of units completed in that year did not contribute to meeting the achievement standard, but they could count in the breadth and depth requirement.

This is no longer the case.

In addition, students will not receive an ATAR course report.

As a consequence, a student may not meet the requirements to receive a WACE.

We advise consultation with students who may be enrolled in ATAR course/s but who are not requiring an ATAR to confirm that they must sit the examination for that course for it to contribute to their WACE.

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