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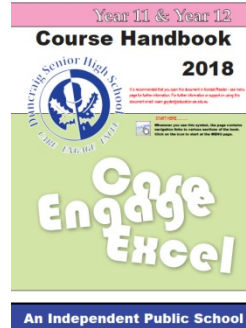
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Senior School Course Selection Booklet – 2018

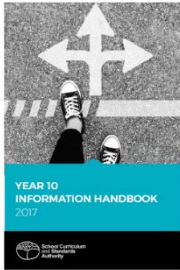
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Dear Students and Parents

The Senior School Course Booklet for 2018 is now online and ready to access. The booklet will mainly be of use for our current 2017, Year 10 students as they commence their journey into Senior School. Before you download and open your handbook, please take the time to read this letter completely! You can download the booklet from the link above or by clicking on cover page at top right.



Understand the terminology – WACE, ATAR, General course, VET



Make sure that you take the time to read the first 20 pages which outline the types of courses (ATAR, General and VET) along with the requirements to attain your “West Australian Certificate of Education” (WACE). The Schools Curriculum and Standards Authority (SCSA) have also published a handbook for Year 10 students. This has been placed on the Senior School Bulletin Board (SSBB) and can be accessed by clicking on the cover page to your left. **It is vital that all students and parents understand the terminology used in Senior School courses so that you ensure a successful Senior School.**

Make success your focus

The course selection booklet lists all the courses and the recommended prerequisites for entry. Many students often attempt ATAR courses of which they are not capable under the impression that this is required for University Entry. It is important to focus on structuring a successful and realistic pathway through Senior School. Do not attempt an ATAR program just because you think you think is the only way into University. Know your Alternative Entry pathways. The Alternative Pathways to University Expo will be held at Duncraig Senior High School on Thursday 10th August. Further details will be sent out to you via email in Term 3.

How do I plan for a successful Senior School?

The transition from year 10 to year 11 is a tough one! Senior School requires a different level of application than lower school. All Senior School courses will require you to apply yourselves both in and out of the classroom. If you are attempting an ATAR program you will need to be doing at least 3 hours at home, 5 times per week. Are you ready for that?

Take time to read through the Senior School Success Planner. You can download a copy by clicking on the image. Follow the hyperlinks for more information. Get your **Life Study Planner** into action and start training now! Build up to a minimum of 2 hours (5 times per week) so that you can then make the transition into Senior School.

Success does not just happen. You have to plan and act! Start now.

Duncraig SHS - Senior School Success Made Simple!

Success need not be complicated! Keep it simple – Use this simple tick box to work out your plan.

Section 1 – Must Do section. You should do all of this stuff all of the time. Can you tick them all off?

Item	Check box
<p>Life Study Planner This is the single most important thing you can do to be successful! Have a Life/ Study Plan and stick to it as best you can. Plan to work hard but plan to play hard as well! Academic life is about a balance between the hard work and commitment to study and the other things such as family, friends, sport and hobbies that keep our heads in a good space! Sticking to a plan will help you stay motivated (see useful links below)</p> <p>ATAR students – You need to be doing at least 2.5 – 3 hours – 5 times per week</p> <p>Non-ATAR students – You need to be doing about 1 hour per night – 5 times per week</p> <p>Get the homework out of the way first – these are the practice sets, assignments, essays etc. When this is done – get the study done. Revision Course books are great.</p> <p>Useful links How to get up a Life/ Study planner (see us in administration if you need a copy of the large wall planner) Time to get up a Life/ Study planner Listen to our past students tell you about their life experiences and hints for a successful life – see the Archives for Breakfast Club Speakers podcasts</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>Hand in every piece of assessment on time and to the best of your ability, not a lot more to say really, if you are not doing them then you are not serious about success!</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>Complete a PIR (or a Good, Bad & The Ugly) for every major test that you do. Take a few minutes to go through each major assessment task and analyse it – What went well? What did not go well and what are you going to do about it? Do not let bad history repeat itself.</p> <p>Useful links Download an electronic version of a PIR from the SCSA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work through a trial test if you have one (see WACE revision book) – correct the test very carefully and use this information to focus your study. Trial Exam papers – the best way to improve your exams is to practice. Get copies of past papers where possible and work through them under exam conditions where possible (just do the sections in the recommended time) <p>Useful links SCSA – Past WACE Examinations (Pages 2/3)</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Selecting courses for 2018 – Subject Selection Online (SSO)/ Year 10 to 11 Student Parent Night



Mr Cheeseman (Year 9/10 Student Services Manager) and Mr Hill (Year 9/10 Associate Principal Years 9/10) have already been working hard with Year 10 students in discussing Senior School pathways. Mr Hill will also be finalizing and releasing details of the Subject Selection Online (SSO) process before the end of Term 3.

Please note that the Year 10 to 11 Student/ Parent night is the first Tuesday back in Term 3 – 18th July at 7 pm in the Gym. Please put this date in your diary now. Student and parent attendance at this evening is vital!

Hints and tips for using the Senior School Course Handbook - <http://bit.ly/SSCourses2018>

The Senior School Course Handbook is not available as a hardcopy. It has been designed as PDF online book with numerous links and navigation aids to help move quickly around the book. While it will probably open and function in your web browser, for more predictable results please do the following:



- Follow the link above and then download the PDF book onto your device.
- Open the file using Acrobat Reader (or Professional) and then use the numerous navigation links (such as those found at the top of every page) to move through the booklet. Start by clicking on the “Click Here” icon on the cover page to go to the menu page.
- You will also see a question mark icon throughout the booklet. Hover your mouse pointer over the icon for further information.

Please take your time leading up to course selection time, exploring and understanding your options and courses. We are lucky to have a large range of courses including some new General courses for 2018 including Technical Graphics, Photography, Physical Education Studies and Human Biology.

Who can I speak to for advice and further information?

- Specific course information – speak to your teacher in that Learning Area for further information. The Learning Area Head or Teacher in Charge is also a good point of contact.
- Pathways – ATAR? Alternative Entry? VET courses in and out of school? – Speak to Mr Goyder, Mr Hill, Mr Cheeseman, Ms Baker or Ms Marcon. Please note that Ms Marcon is our VET Manager. If you are thinking about VET course (both in and out of school) then Ms Marcon is an excellent contact.

Remember – Senior School is not just about courses. It is a way of thinking and acting as you move forward into your next phase of education and life. It requires you to step up and apply yourself at a higher level. Use the Senior School Success planner as a guide and take advantage of all the opportunities that will be available for you. Remember your greatest resource is you!

All the best as you commence your Senior School journey. If you have any feedback or require further help with this course booklet then please contact me.

Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Owen Goyder', written over a horizontal line.

Owen Goyder

Associate Principal – Senior School