



# Year 11 & 12 Parent Presentation

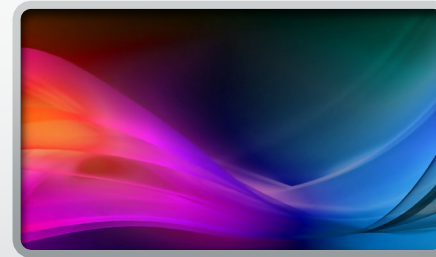
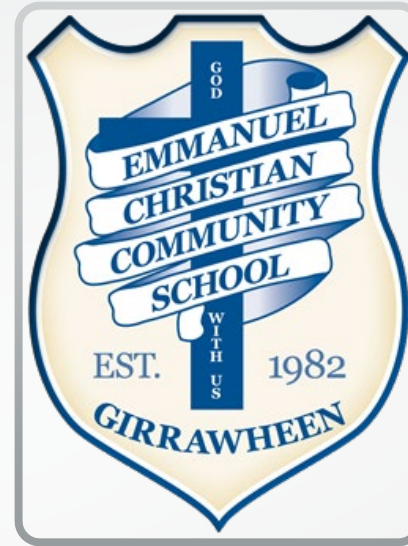
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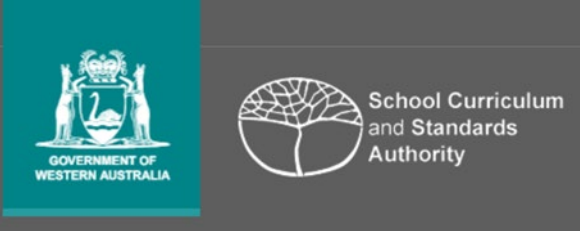
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# Welcome to Upper School in 2021

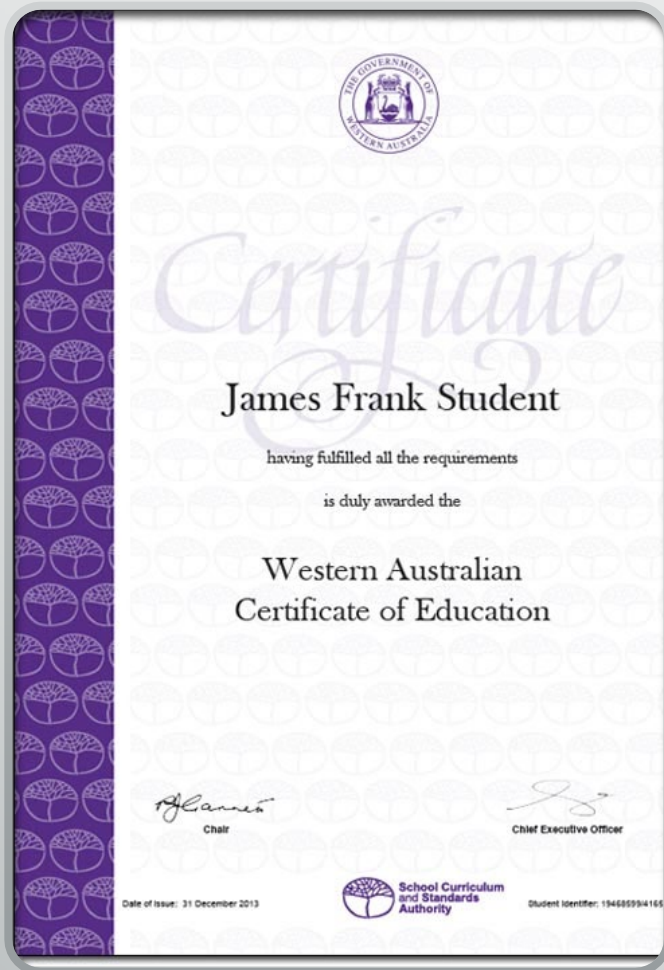


# TERMINOLOGIES



- WACE – Western Australian Certificate of Education
- ATAR – Australian Tertiary Admission Rank
- SCSA - Schools Curriculum and Standards Authority
- Course – academic program produced by SCSA
- Endorsed program – Program produced by another provider – can be the school – which is endorsed by SCSA and will count towards the WACE e.g. ECU UniPrep
- VET – Vocation Education and Training – TAFE and RTO produced certificate courses that count towards achieving a WACE

# What is the WACE?



## The Western Australian Certificate of Education:

- Includes a minimum of 20 Units studied in Years 11 & 12
- 10 Units (includes equivalents) must be studied in Year 12
- Unit equivalents include VET and Endorsed Programs (e.g. Workplace Learning, ECU UniPrep)
- 4 units of English over Years 11 & 12
- One pair of List A units (English, Humanities, Arts)
- One pair of List B units (Math, Science, Technologies)
- 14 C grades or higher
- 6 Cs in Year 12 units

# Why a WACE not achieved by some students

- Do not meet literacy and/or numeracy standard (OLNA)
- Do not pass enough units – 14 units must have a C grade or higher.
  - Do not achieve a pass in 8 of the Year 11 units
  - Do not pass enough Year 12 units (need to pass 6 in Year 12)
    - Students have picked courses that they are not suited to
    - Students do not work at their courses either in class, at home or both because they lack intrinsic motivation.
    - Other



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# Vocational Education and Training

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# VET in Schools

Vocational Education Training

ECCS's current VET program offers students either a one or two-day course at a TAFE campus.

Several of the courses also include a Workplace Learning component which is organised in consultation with the school and the specific Industry.

For example Cert II Hospitality - 163 hours in a restaurant



What can we  
do to help?





# What can parents or guardians do?

Staying focused is important for all students as they work towards finishing Secondary School. There are some simple things you can do.

- Help your teen stay focused on their goals, reaching the end of the school year and starting the next chapter of their life's adventure.
- Resist society's narrow definition of success and encourage your teen to develop their own personal definition of success.
- Talk with your teen in particular about your expectations; Students experience much less worry and stress about school work when they feel like they are meeting parents' expectations. Students will often assume what these are if they are not said. It also helps to have reasonable expectations.
- Tell your teen you love them no matter what grades or ATAR or offers they get.

An illustration of a study desk. On the desk, there is a red calendar, a round clock, a stack of books, and a laptop. A yellow backpack is on the floor next to the desk. The background is a light yellow wall with a large sun-like circle.

# Effective study strategies

## Strategies for managing distractions

It can be hard to concentrate on homework or study when there are too many distractions.

- Talk with your child about what they are most likely to be distracted by and how they can limit these.
- Set up an area that is quiet and well lit with good air flow.

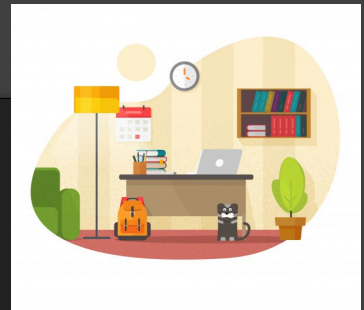
# Avoid distractions

- Consider making this area a phone free zone or turning off social media notifications during set study periods.
- It is important that your child has regular breaks while studying and sets aside time for fun. If they know that they will get time to connect with others and do the things they enjoy they will find it easier to focus during set study periods.



# What can parents / guardians do?

- Space – provide a quiet space for homework and study.
- Time – free up some time by relaxing expectations for chores and family commitments **during exam periods**; assess part-time job commitments and limit hours, if required



- Routine – establish a regular routine and flexible schedule to create balance
- Clarification – encourage your child to ask their teacher questions if they're unsure





Balance – encourage extra-curricular activities and connection with support networks



Rest – maintain a regular sleep schedule and encourage recreation with regular short and long breaks to relax, exercise and socialise



Breaks – teach the importance of study breaks, and returning to study as planned after a break – make a list activities that can be breaks and rewards

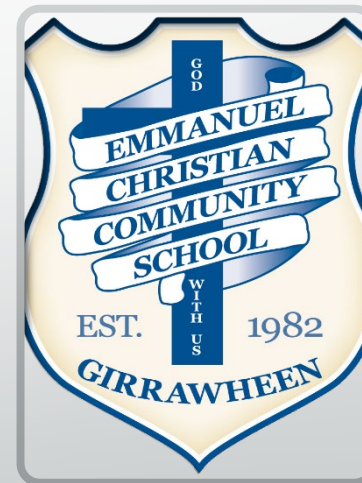




Distractions – minimise disruptions to study schedules by encouraging breaks from phones and social media

Talk – find out from your child about when, where and how they study best – encourage them to take advantage of any course clubs or study technique sessions run by the school

What can we at  
ECCS do?







- Course clubs after school – free tutoring
- OLNNA prep to help students prepare for the Online Literacy and Numeracy Assessment
- Teach study skills
- Encourage students to make SMART goals
- Wellbeing activities – River Cruise, Ball
- Keep you informed of important dates





## Important Dates – Term 1

3–5 March

March round of the Online Literacy and Numeracy Assessment (OLNA) (Year 10–12 students) – Writing component tests.

3–27 March

March round of the Online Literacy and Numeracy Assessment (OLNA) (Year 10–12 students) – Numeracy and Reading component tests.

31 March

Last day for Year 12s to change their enrolment in courses (after this date you can only withdraw).



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# SCSA Website



## Student Information

Welcome to the School Curriculum and Standards Authority Student Information Website.

Here you will find information and advice for students about:

- curriculum and assessment
- examinations
- achieving a WACE
- frequently asked questions.

# SCSA website



### Student Portal

The student portal is a space for students to check and access personal information.

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### Getting organised

Get organised with important dates, requirements for attaining your WACE and our WACE Checker tool.

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### Curriculum

Information on what you'll be taught in Years 11 and 12 including course types and links to syllabus documentation and related resources.

[Read more about the curriculum »](#)



### Examinations and testing

Check out this page for information on Assessments, Examinations and Externally set tasks.

[Read more about examinations testing »](#)



### Certification and post-school

Find information about certification on completing Year 12 and post-school study and training options including university and TAFE.

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### Frequently asked questions

Read some frequently asked questions from other students or submit your own.

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## Student portal

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To access the student portal, you will need your WA student number (WASN) – which you can find on your school report/s – and a password. When you visit the student portal for the first time, you will be prompted to change your password.



The student portal is your space to access and check personal information that relates to your Western Australian Certificate of Education (WACE), Western Australian Statement of Student Achievement (WASSA) and other senior secondary school achievements.

The student portal will display your school achievements based on your personal study profile. Simply click on the relevant section to view your school results.

Visit the student portal to:

- check your personal details
- check your course enrolments
- complete your *Student Declaration and Permission* (Year 12 students, and anyone enrolled in a Year 12 Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) course, should do this by Thursday, 17 June 2021)
- complete your Year 12 ATAR English as an Additional Language or Dialect (EAL/D) eligibility application by Friday, 26 February 2021
- download a copy of your *Personalised written examination timetable* if you are enrolled in a Year 12 ATAR course from Thursday, 9 September 2021
- download a copy of your *Personalised practical examination timetable* if you are enrolled in a Year 12 ATAR course with a practical component from Thursday, 9 September 2021