



# CHURCHLANDS SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

## Y10 Career Development Newsletter

May 2018

### TERMINOLOGY EXPLAINED

Over the coming months, you will no doubt hear many new terms to do with Senior School and Subject Selection. Some of them are included below and will be briefly outlined at the Middle School Parent Evening on Wednesday 16th June and then detailed at the Year 10 Parent Information night on Tuesday 26th June.

#### SCSA

Schools Curriculum and Standards Authority (formerly known as the Curriculum Council). Responsible for Kindergarten to Year 12 curriculum, assessment, standards and reporting for all Western Australian Schools.

#### WACE

Western Australian Certificate of Education (achieved on completion of Year 12, after meeting standards set by SCSA). All subjects that students complete in Year 12 contribute to the WACE!

See [SCSA website](#) for specific detail on WACE requirements

#### ATAR

Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank (from 0 – 99.95) used for direct University entry. Completion of a minimum of four ATAR subjects will lead to the calculation of an ATAR Ranking. Pre-Requisites required for ALL ATAR subject, academically challenging!

#### GENERAL Subjects

Completion of General subjects contribute towards achievement of the WACE, they tend to be more practical in nature.

#### CERTIFICATE Courses

Nationally recognised courses that are monitored by a Registered Training Organisation (RTO) if delivered at school. Also contribute to achievement of the WACE!

#### VET

Vocational Education and Training - Designed to deliver workplace-specific skills and knowledge, vocational education and training (VET) covers a wide range of careers and industries, including trade and office work, retail, hospitality and technology.

#### SSO

Subject Selection Online - online system used by students to make subject choices, in Year 11 and 12. It will only allow students to choose subjects for which they have met the pre-requisites.

#### TISC

Tertiary Institutions Service Centre - manages WA Public University applications and offers.

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## IMPORTANT DATES



**Wednesday 16 May**

**Middle School Parent Info Evening**

**Monday 18 and Tuesday 19 June**  
**Year 10 Transition Program**

*Two groups - a subject selection handbook will be presented to students at this time and will also be available online.*

*NOTE: Subject Selection handbook not yet available.*

<https://www.churchlands.wa.edu.au/learning/senior-schooling>

**Tuesday 26 June**

**Year 10 Parent Info Evening**

**Friday 29 June**

**Year 10 Reports Issued**

**Thursday 19 July**

**Churchlands SHS Careers Expo**

*All year 10 students are invited but will have to provide a Career Expo 'Passport' to be allowed entry, this will be explained to students soon.*

**Week 3 Term 3**

**Subject Selection completed online.**

*Students and Parents can make appointments to discuss any concerns/issues, this will be explained further soon.*

## FEATURE WEBSITES

### MY FUTURE

<https://myfuture.edu.au/home>

Note: Students from Government Schools are able to use this site free of charge, but must sign up with their Churchlands email address.



### SKILLS ROAD

<http://www.skillsroad.com.au/>



### AUSTRALIAN APPRENTICESHIPS

<https://www.aapathways.com.au/>

<https://www.australianapprenticeships.gov.au/>

### JOB OUTLOOK

<https://joboutlook.gov.au/>

### JOB JUMP START

<https://www.jobjumpstart.gov.au>

## WHERE ELSE CAN I GET HELP?

- Career Advisor (Clare Slodecki)
- VET Coordinator (Carlee Ingleson)
- Associate Principals (Leah Crawford and Karena Shearing)
- Heads of Year (Kim Hudson and David Coles)
- House Coordinators
- Classroom Teachers for subject specific information
- Student Support Officer (James Webb)

## Student appointments to discuss subject selection

Students are encouraged to make appointments with me to discuss any concerns/issues that they might have regard to their subject selections for Year 11. They can also ask Subject Specialists for advice on individual subjects. PLEASE encourage your children to read their emails daily as information will be delivered by email on a regular basis.

## Parent appointments to discuss subject selection

If parents wish to discuss subject selection or have specific queries, I am more than happy to take phone calls and make appointments. Sometimes a telephone conversation can alleviate stress or answer a query quickly. Questions that are more complex are not always easily answered by email, so a phone call or appointment often works out best for everyone.

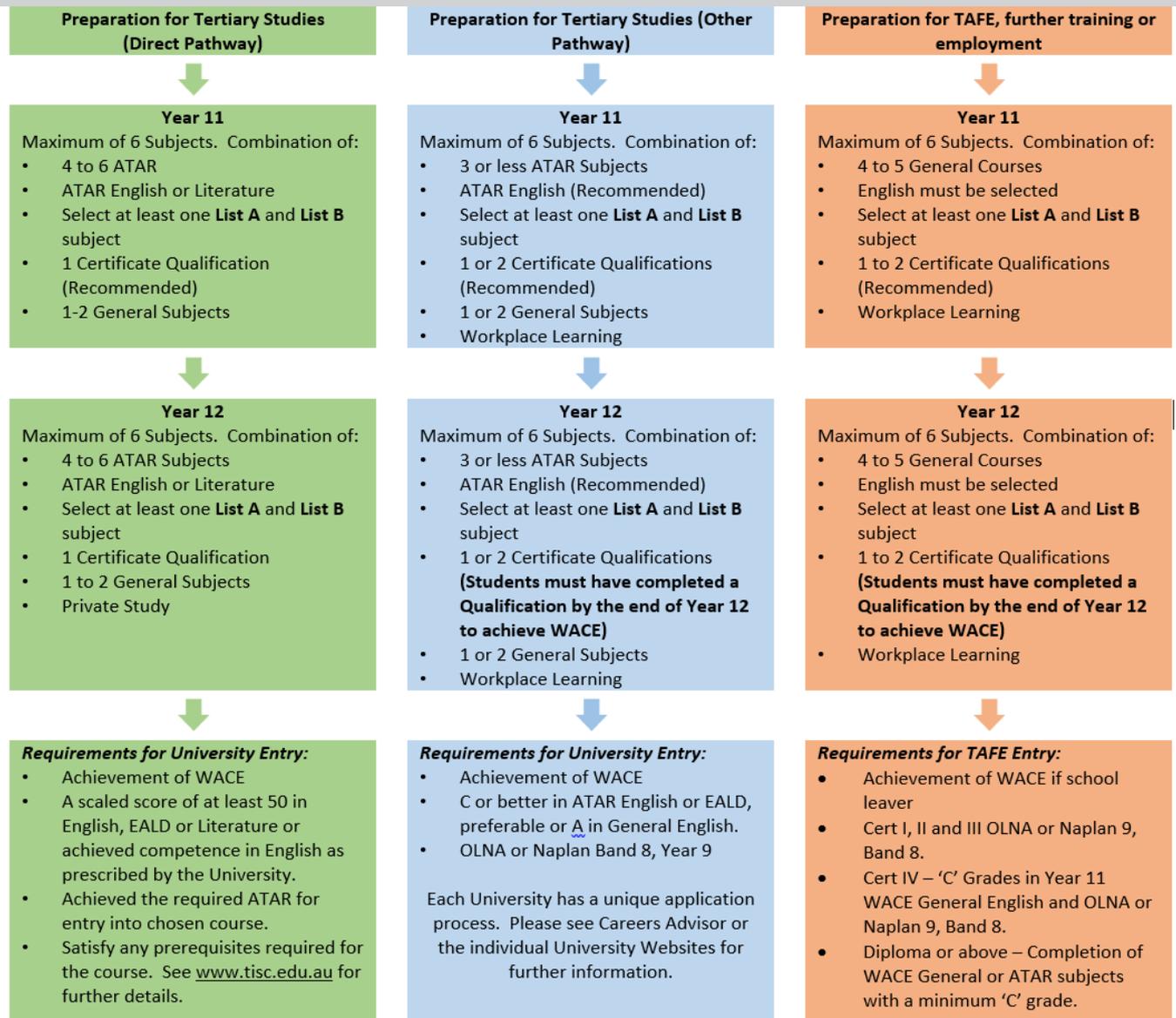
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## PATHWAYS

As your son/daughter starts to make decisions regarding their subject choices for Year 11 and beyond, it may be helpful to consider the overview of Pathways below.

Ultimately, we want all student to maximise their potential for success, so it is important to remember that there isn't a 'one size fits all' approach to the selection of subjects. A student does not have to do all ATAR OR all General subjects to achieve their WACE.

Sometimes a combination of both allows a young person to broaden their knowledge and take on academic challenges that enable them to work towards achieving their career and personal goals.



## Booking appointments

The Career Development Practitioner is always happy to book appointments for students with or without parents in order to help support their Career Development, help with subject changes/choice etc. Please note that I am not always available at short notice, as my days are often booked out in advance. To save you any inconvenience, it's best to call first to see what my availability is on a given day. You may need to leave a voice message if I do not answer the phone because I am working with students/parents or teaching.



*“Continuous effort, not strength or intelligence, is the key to unlocking our potential.”*  
Winston Churchill