

### Year 12 ATAR Parent information Evening

### Achievement of the Western Australian Certificate of Education

The first priority for all students is to ensure they meet the requirements of the Western Australian Certificate of Education (WACE).

Students must;

- Complete a minimum of 20 units, 10 units must be completed in Year 12.
- Achieve at least 14 C grades (or equivalents) with a minimum of 6 C grades in Year 12
- Complete at least 4 ATAR courses or complete at least 5 General courses (non-ATAR pathway) in Year 12. This can include Certificate courses.
- One pair of units in Year 12 from List A (English/Arts/Humanities) and List B (Science/Mathematics)
- Demonstrate minimum standard of literacy and numeracy through NAPLAN or OLNA

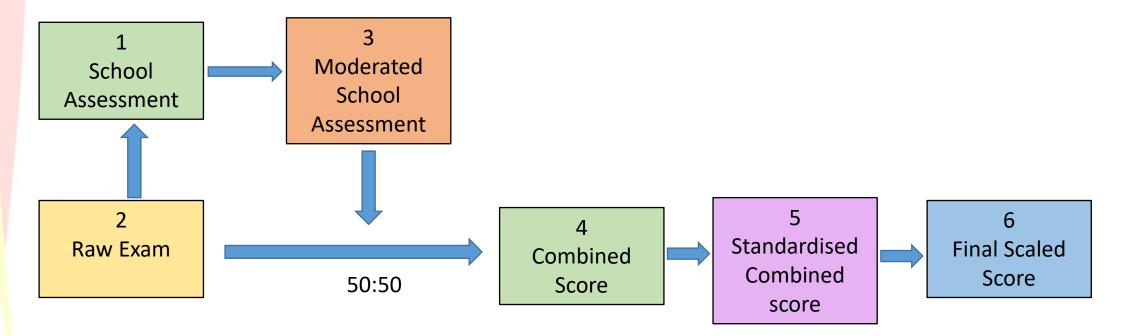
It is important to note that for all ATAR courses, students must sit the external WACE exam. If a student does not sit the exam this course is removed from their statement of results and can place achievement of WACE at risk.

### **ATAR pathway**

The aim should be to achieve the highest possible ATAR score to provide the greatest range of options for Universities and the courses they offer.

Direct entry into University involves the calculation of an ATAR – this uses the final result from the top four courses after the statistical adjustment process.

## The statistical adjustment process



- 1. The school assessment is moderated by the raw exam creating the moderated school assessment.
- 2. 50% of the raw exam and 50% of the moderated school assessment creates the combined score.
- 3. The combined score is standardised and then scaled to generate the final scaled score which is used for the ATAR calculation.

Moderation – this process is to ensure equity between schools. It evens out the differences in marking from school to school.

Standardisation – compensates for the differences in the difficulty of the exam from year to year.

Scaling – takes into account the degree of difficulty between courses. It aims to ensure students are not disadvantaged if they choose more difficult courses.

### **Calculation of your ATAR**

- The top four final scaled scores are added together to generate your Tertiary Entrance Aggregate (TEA).
- Add 10% from any Language, Maths Specialist and/or Maths Methods
- Your TEA is used to calculate your ATAR score. You can use the calculator on the TISC website to predict what your ATAR score may be

# Calculation of your ATAR IMPORTANT

- Commencing from this year the curriculum authority has removed the 'unacceptable combination' of Mathematics Applications and Mathematics Methods
- This means that students can complete study in both courses and use both in the calculation of their ATAR.
- This may of benefit to some students, particularly those strong in Maths that are looking to boost their ATAR score.
- This applies to Year 11 and Year 12 students from 2023.

### **ATAR Calculator**



tps://www.tisc.edu.au/calculator/atar-calculator.tisc?printable=true

### **ATAR Calculator**

This utility calculates the Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR), formerly known as the Tertiary Entrance Rank (TER), for a given WA Tertiary Entrance Aggregate (TEA) or Tertiary Entrance Score (TES).

1992 - 2007 TES	maximum 510
2008 - 2012 TEA	maximum 400
2013 - 2016 TEA	maximum 410
2017 onward TEA	maximum 430

### This calculator should not be used to predict future ATARs.



### ATAR RANKINGS

### ATAR Ranking determines the course you can get into at university

Average Scaled Marks	ATAR in 2022 (no bonuses)
50	62
55	72
60	80.5
65	85.8
70	87.5
75	95
80	97.5

## **ATAR Calculator**

- Students will be given their predicted ATAR from Semester 2 Year 11 during this week.
- This provides them with an idea of the impact of moderation, standardisation and scaling on each course.
- A Predicted ATAR session will be provided in week 8 outlining these processes and other important aspects that can have an impact on their final result. It's important that all ATAR students attend.
- Students will also receive predicted ATAR from Semester 1 in Year 12

# **Applying for University**

- The standard process to apply is through TISC which is based on your ATAR score.
- Early offers have become more common over recent years. Previously students could apply using predicted ATAR from Year 11 results or Semester 1 of Year 12. The process for most Universities has not been confirmed, students will be informed as the information comes to hand. For Curtin you can apply for an early offer through TISC from Monday 1 May.
- Students must have met English competency requirements, this varies across Universities.

## Languages – Non-school Candidates

- Students can enrol as a non-school candidate in a language. This
  option is for a range of languages that are offered interstate. It is the
  student's responsibility to enrol through the School Curriculum and
  Standards Authority.
- You must be enrolled in 3 or more ATAR courses at school
- Students will only sit the WACE exam.
- Applications close on Thursday 30 March, a fee is involved.
- An information session has been held for these students.

# **University Scholarships**

- There a multitude of scholarships available ranging from a one off \$1000 payment to over tens of thousands of dollars over the life of the degree.
- It is worth investigating.
- As Universities release this information for 2023, students will be informed.
- Check University websites

# **Effective study and revision**

- Devise a study plan and stick to it. Research has shown that retention of information is linked to output - write notes, do practice questions and attempt past exam papers.
- There is a bank of past papers on the student one drive.
- Maintain a balance eat healthy, exercise, get 8 hours of sleep and manage your social life effectively to meet your goals.
- Use the expertise of your teachers!

## **Non-ATAR Pathway – University Entry**

- Curtin, Murdoch and Edith Cowan Universities all offer portfolio entry into a range of courses. You do not need an ATAR score. The requirements vary for each University, do your research.
- Edith Cowan and Curtin offer alternative pathways to University through their Uni-Prep and Uni-Ready programs. You must have achieved your WACE to gain entry.

### **For students**

- Our aim is to provide the opportunity and support to ensure all students achieve success. There is a range of people you can seek out for advice and support
- Mr Jamie Long Associate Principal
- Mr Paul Siwek Head of Year 12
- Mrs Claire Slodecki Career Development Practitioner
- Ms Caroline Coates Brighton House Leader
- Mr John Poland Floreat House Leader
- Mr David Bongiascia Scarborough House Leader
- Mr Andrew Hales Trigg House Leader
- Mr Tim Morton VET Coordinator
- Mrs Mandy Morton School Psychologist
- Mrs Jane Price Special exam arrangements

### For students

- Start now set your goals and work hard toward achieving them
- There is limited time in Year 12, every day counts, be at school and engaged in every class
- Seek support when needed
- Good luck for a productive and successful year