SENIOR SCHOOL HANDBOOK

Year 11 and 12 Course Information

For students starting Year 11 in 2016
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Welcome to Senior School at Katanning Senior High School.

This handbook summarises what you need to know about the Western Australian Certificate of Education (WACE) in preparation for Years 11 and 12. It should be used in conjunction with the School Information Handbook as both contain information that you will need to know to ensure you make good decisions about your Year 11 and 12 course selection.

I encourage you to read these books carefully and discuss the contents with your parents/guardians.

If you have any questions, you can speak to the Senior School Program Coordinator, Heads of Learning Area and Teachers in Charge about career options, course selection, pathways, course content and assessment processes.

We offer you a large range of Courses and Certificates that cater for most career aspirations. Your choice will depend on whether you aim to continue your studies at an Institute of Technology (formerly TAFE), University or other training institution, a traineeship, apprenticeship or seek employment when you leave school.

When choosing your courses for 2016, try to be realistic in matching your past academic record, your ability and your career goals to your selections and your preparedness to work. Students and parents making over-ambitious course choices run the risk of stress, failure or drop-out. While it is possible to change courses up until the end of February 2016, it is preferable to make the right decisions from the start. It is important that you take note of the prerequisites for each course and your teachers’ recommendations. You should ensure that you are able to meet the requirements to achieve a WACE and to achieve an ATAR score equal to or greater than 55 and/or a Certificate II in an industry area.

I wish you all the best for your studies during the rest of your schooling.

Mr Trevor Carruthers
Deputy Principal
### TIMELINE OF COURSE SELECTION

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INFORMATION AND HOW TO GET IT

REMEMBER . . . CHOOSING IS ONLY THE BEGINNING

Getting started
If you know the career path you would like to pursue you can start by researching courses at the Institute of Technology, University or other training providers which lead to that career. The “Future Moves” Program will provide you with information to help you.

Career Guidance
Career advice is provided to support students and parents/guardians in the areas of study skills, course selection in relation to future vocational aspirations and ability levels, and career and course decision making. Students will be assigned to a member of staff to assist with the decision making and course selection process. Other people who can assist students include:

- Senior School Program Coordinator – Mr Frank Gaudin
- Heads of Learning Areas – Mr Ralph, Mr Dennis, Mr Dark, Mrs Anderson
- Middle School Program Coordinator – Mrs Julie Brown
- Deputy Principal – Mr Trevor Carruthers
- Principal – Ms Nicki Polding
- Follow the Dream – Mrs Caitlyn Fitzgerald
- Clontarf – Mr Brad Tomlinson
- Deadly Sista Girlz - Mrs Marrisa Willey
- ASSP - Mrs Andrea Atkinson
- EaLD – Ms Intan Butler
- Your teachers

“Job Guide” – Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations
A Job Guide is produced by DEEWR every year. This contains detailed information on many jobs. Some you may not have even heard of! This information is available online at www.jobguide.thegoodguides.com.au.

Other websites:
www.curtin.edu.au
www.murdoch.edu.au
www.ecu.edu.au
www.uwa.edu.au
www.nd.edu.au
www.myfuture.edu.au

www.apprenticentre.wa.gov.au
www.centrelink.gov.au
www.tisc.edu.au
www.defencejobs.gov.au/
www.trainingwa.wa.gov.au
http://www.futureskillswa.wa.gov.au
HOW TO ENROL FOR YEAR 11

1. Students are to complete the ‘YEAR 11 COURSE SELECTION’ form and discuss it with their career advisor and their parents/guardians. Forms are to be handed to the front office when complete.

2. Students intending to enrol full-time at an Institute of Technology or seek full time employment should indicate this on the form. You will be referred to the Participation Coordinator.

SELECTION OF COURSES

Some of the things students should consider are listed below:

1. Have you completed the “Future Moves” and career advice program with the Senior School Program Coordinator?
2. Are you going to study an ATAR, GENERAL or VET course?
3. What are the courses necessary for the University, Institute of Technology course or job that you are aiming for?
   a. Have you checked the University course prerequisites?
   b. Have you checked the Institute of Technology selection criteria?
4. What are your chances of being successful in those courses?
   a. What subjects am I good at and what do I enjoy doing?
      Avoid choosing courses that are too hard.
   b. There is little point in tackling difficult courses if you only end up with poor grades.
   c. Ask your teachers for recommendations in each learning area and you should carefully consider their advice.
   d. For 10.1 students who sat the exams, you should ask how you performed in the exams.
5. All students should study a List A and a List B course in Year 12. If you are studying ATAR courses you should study one other List A course in addition to English and a List B course.
6. Have you met the Year 10 prerequisites for the courses you have selected?
7. Have you discussed your course selection with your career advisor, the Senior School Program Coordinator, your parents/guardians and/or your subject teacher?
8. Once you have handed in your course choices it may be difficult to change them. Please be very sure about what you have selected to avoid this problem.
9. Students are advised that they take full responsibility for their outcomes if they do not accept the school’s advice. Students who chose to study an ATAR course against the advice of the school will be required to study a VET course which will allow them to achieve a Cert II at the end of Year 12.

YEAR 11 TRANSITION

Towards the end of Term 4, all Year 10 students completing ATAR courses will be involved in a Transition Program giving them the opportunity to experience lessons in the courses they have chosen. Students may seek further counselling about their course selection after this date with the Senior School Program Coordinator or the Deputy Principal.
The WACE is a certificate that demonstrates significant achievement over Years 11 and 12.

The WACE requirements
Achievement of your WACE acknowledges that at the end of your compulsory schooling you have achieved or exceeded the required minimum standards in an educational program that has suitable breadth and depth.

From 2016, to achieve a WACE, a student must satisfy the following:

General Requirements
- Demonstrate a minimum standard of literacy and a minimum standard of numeracy based on the skills regarded as essential for individuals to meet the demands of everyday life and work in a knowledge-based economy.
- Complete a minimum of 20 units or equivalents as described below.
- Complete four or more Year 12 ATAR courses or complete a Certificate II or higher.

Breadth and Depth
Students must complete a minimum of 20 course units or the equivalent. This requirement must include at least:
- A minimum of 10 Year 12 units or the equivalent
- Two completed Year 11 units from an English course and one pair of Year 12 units from an English course.
- One pair of Year 12 units from each of List A (Arts, Languages, Social Sciences) and List B (Mathematics, Science, Technology).

Achievement Standard
Students must achieve 14 C grades (or equivalents) in Year 11 and Year 12 units, including at least six C grades at Year 12 units (or equivalents).

The Western Australian Statement of Student Achievement (WASSA)
A WASSA is issued to all Year 12 students who complete any study that contributes towards a WACE. It lists all courses and programs students have completed in Year 11 and 12.

Literacy and Numeracy Standard
Completion of at least four units of an English course post Year 10 and studied over at least two years.

You must demonstrate that you have met the minimum standard for literacy and numeracy, which is based on skills regarded as essential for individuals to meet the demands of everyday life and work.

You can demonstrate the minimum standard:
- through the School Curriculum and Standards Authority’s (SCSA) Online Literacy Numeracy Assessment (OLNA), or
- if you demonstrate Band 8 or higher in your Year 9 NAPLAN, Reading, Writing and Numeracy tests.

The OLNA is compulsory for those students who have not prequalified in one or more of the components through Year 9 NAPLAN and want to achieve the WACE. Students will have up to six opportunities (two per year) between Year 10 and Year 12 to demonstrate the literacy and numeracy minimum standard.

If you have a language background other than English and arrived from overseas in the past year you may be able to delay sitting the OLNA. You should discuss your options with the Senior School Program Coordinator.
Disability provisions are available for students with significant conditions which may severely limit their capacity to participate in the OLNA. These students, after discussions with parents/guardians and the school, may choose not to sit the OLNA. However, this would mean that these students could not achieve the WACE. Students should discuss their options with their careers counsellor.

**Unit Equivalence**

Unit equivalence can be obtained through Vocational Education and Training (VET) qualifications and/or endorsed programs. The maximum unit equivalence available through these programs is eight units – four Year 11 units and four Year 12 units. Students may obtain unit equivalence as follows:

- up to eight unit equivalents through completion of VET qualifications, or
- up to four unit equivalents through completion of endorsed programs, or
- up to eight unit equivalents through a combination of VET qualifications and endorsed programs, but with endorsed programs contributing no more than four unit equivalents.

**VET Programs**

VET is recognised across Australia. VET programs can give you the opportunity to gain core skills for work and in some cases, complete training in industry through workplace learning.

If your educational program does not include four ATAR courses in Year 12, you will need to complete a Certificate II qualification or higher to achieve your WACE.

You can also begin training for your career while still at school by undertaking a VET qualification. Among the range of VET programs on offer are school-based apprenticeships and traineeships.

VET can contribute up to eight of the 20 units you need to achieve your WACE.

**Unique Student Identifier (USI)**

All students will require a USI. Without a USI, students will not be able to enrol in VET qualifications.

**Endorsed Programs**

Endorsed programs address areas of learning not covered by WACE courses. Examples include Workplace Learning, Cadets WA, and independently administered examinations in music, speech and drama.

These programs can be delivered in a variety of settings by schools, community organisations, universities, training organisations and workplaces.

Endorsed programs may replace up to two Year 11 course units and two Year 12 course units you need to achieve your WACE.

You should discuss endorsed programs opportunities with your Senior School Program Coordinator.

**Grades and School Marks**

To be assigned a grade in a WACE unit pair, you must have had the opportunity to complete your school’s education and assessment programs for the unit, unless there are exceptional circumstances that are acceptable to the school.

Teachers of Year 11 and Year 12 students submit results to the Authority at the end of the school year based on assessments such as classroom tests, in-class work, assignments, practical work and examinations.

You will receive a grade A, B, C, D or E for each unit pair you have completed, except for Preliminary (P) units, which are not graded.

You will also receive a school mark in the range 0 to 100 for each unit pair of an ATAR or General course (except Preliminary) you complete.
Adjustment of Grades and School Marks
During the school year, the School Curriculum and Standards Authority (SCSA) uses several procedures to ensure that the grades awarded by different schools are comparable.

Grades assigned by your school are based on the Authority’s grade descriptions for each course. The grades you receive from your school are provisional until confirmed by the Authority. Your school is required to advise you in writing if any changes are made to your provisional grades during the approval process. However, the Authority adjusts the grades assigned by a school only in exceptional circumstances.

Externally Set Tasks (EST)
Externally Set Tasks (EST) are common tasks that all students enrolled in a General course and a Foundation course will do in Year 12. The task is set by the Authority, completed by students under test conditions, and is worth 15% of the final mark for that pair of units. ESTs are marked by your teacher using a marking key provided by the Authority. Preliminary courses do not include ESTs.

Authenticity of Work
It is imperative that all work you submit for school assessment is your own. Any material that is included in your work that is not your own must be acknowledged appropriately.

The assessment policy outlines the penalties for submitting another’s work as your own. Work which could not be considered your own could include, but is not limited to:
- copying someone’s work in part or in whole, and presenting it as your own
- buying, stealing or borrowing another person’s work and presenting it as your own
- paying someone to write or prepare work
- submitting work to which another person (such as a parent, tutor or subject expert) has contributed substantially
- using material directly from sources such as books, journals or the internet without reference to the source
- building on the ideas of another person without reference to the source
- using the words, ideas, designs or the workmanship of others in practical tasks (performance, production or portfolio) without appropriate acknowledgement
- using non-approved materials and/or equipment during an assessment task or examination
- assisting another student to engage in an activity that will enable that student to have an unfair advantage over other students.

All the work you submit as part of the WACE practical component (ATAR and General Units 3 and 4), must also be your own work. Any material included in your work that is not your own must be acknowledged appropriately.

Review of School Assessments
Schools must inform students in writing of their grades by a date specified annually by the Authority (usually in late October).

If you believe that your grade and/or school mark is incorrect, you should make a request in writing to your school for a review of the result.

ATAR examinations
The Authority sets, administers and marks ATAR examinations for ATAR Units 3 and 4 in all courses.

Each ATAR examination assesses the specific content, understandings, knowledge and skills described in the syllabus for the pair of units studied. Each syllabus is available on the relevant course page of the Authority’s website at http://wace1516.scsa.wa.edu.au/#syllabus
All ATAR examinations have written papers and some also include practical, oral, performance or portfolio examinations. The practical ATAR examinations are held in the first week of the Term 3 school holidays, on weekends, the Queen’s Birthday public holiday and during the second and third weeks of Term 4. Written examinations will start on the first Monday in November.

ATAR examinations provide students and the wider community with confidence about the standards achieved at the end of Year 12. They also make it possible to compare the achievement of students, regardless of the school attended.

**Enrolling in Examinations**
When you enrol in a Year 12 ATAR course, you will be automatically enrolled to sit the ATAR examination in that course.

If you are applying for University admission, you should check that your course selections meet the entry requirements. University admission information is available on the TISC website at [www.tisc.edu.au](http://www.tisc.edu.au).

**Special Examination Arrangements**
Special arrangements may be made if you have permanent or temporary disabilities that may disadvantage you in an examination situation. If your disability prevents you having reasonable access to an examination, your school must submit an application on your behalf. Information about how to do this will be made available to your school at the start of Year 12.

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**2018 UNIVERSITY ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR SCHOOL LEAVERS**

Universities have finalised the 2018 entry requirements. Detailed information regarding university requirements will be contained in the 2018 Admission Requirements for School Leavers brochure published by TISC which will be distributed to students in June 2016. This information will also be on the TISC website [www.tisc.edu.au](http://www.tisc.edu.au).

The requirements for University Admission to Curtin University of Technology, Edith Cowan University, Murdoch University and the University of Western Australia will include:

- Meet the requirements for the Western Australian Certificate of Education (WACE) prescribed by the Authority.
- Achieve competence in English as prescribed by the individual universities.
- Obtain a sufficiently high Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) for entry to a particular university and/or course.  
  *The sum of the four best scaled course/ATAR results will produce an ATAR score. Unacceptable course combinations will be published in the TISC University Admissions Guide.*
- Satisfy any prerequisites or special requirements for entry to particular courses.

**Alternative University Pathways**
Individual universities have a variety of alternative pathways for student entry, including students providing further information to support their application, such as a portfolio or interview or completing a university preparation course. Many universities also have bridging courses for students who gain their WACE but do not meet the requirements for entry to university. More detailed information is available from the individual universities.

**Notre Dame University**
Application to Notre Dame is directly to the university, not through TISC.

Information about the application process can be found on the university website at [www.nd.edu.au](http://www.nd.edu.au)
INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY (ICT)  
Great Southern Cluster

Information and Communication Technology (ICT) is used to provide public secondary students access to a wider range of courses to be studied at Katanning Senior High School. These are listed in the course descriptions offered in this book.

The Great Southern Cluster primarily uses video conferencing and is supported by web-based programs such as Ozprojects. Students join with others through video conferencing and access Ozprojects through school and home computers. Interactive video lessons are usually conducted for two hours each week, which take place in the Video Conferencing room within the Library. In addition students will have set work they need to complete during the other three periods. These lessons take place in the Online Learning Centre within the Library. Students are able to contact teachers by email or telephone outside of the set lesson times. Work is usually submitted online or by email. Students undertaking this learning need to be well organised and motivated.

SCHOOL OF ISOLATED AND DISTANCE EDUCATION (SIDE)

The courses listed in this handbook can only run in 2016 if the number of students choosing to study the course makes it viable to run a class. In cases where a very small number of students wish to study a course which is not available on the Katanning Senior High School grid, it may be possible for the student to study this course externally through the School of Isolated and Distance Education (SIDE).
VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING (VET) CERTIFICATES AND UNITS OF COMPETENCY (UOC)

A significant number of pathways offered at Katanning Senior High School are related to industry specific career pathways.

The school offers students the opportunity to gain accreditation for nationally recognised Certificates and Units of Competency whilst continuing to study at school.

In 2016, Katanning Senior High School will work in partnership with a number of Registered Training Organisations (RTOs) and, as such, will be able to present and assess material leading to a nationally recognised Certificate or Statement of Attainment for students who successfully complete these extra qualifications.

Such Certificates are recognised at training institutions throughout Australia and provide students with advanced standing or course exemptions for programs of study at other training institutions and other programs associated with apprenticeships or traineeships.

In partnership with these RTOs, Katanning Senior High School is able to offer Certificate I and II qualifications which will be studied at the school. These are shown on the Course Units offered later in this book. Students and parents/guardians will be informed if there are any changes to the course selections. All Certificate I qualifications articulate to Certificate II in Year 12.

Students are able to access various Certificate qualifications through the Great Southern Institute of Technology Katanning Campus. These include but are not limited to Certificate I and II Tourism and Certificate I and II Horticulture. Students who intend to study these qualifications should advise the Senior School Program Coordinator of their intentions. Students are only able to enrol in these qualifications as part of the school program, students are not able to enrol in fee for service qualification at GSIT and be enrolled in school at the same time.

A student who does not complete the qualification requirements to achieve an ATAR will need to achieve a minimum of a Certificate II.

The school, in offering Certificate II qualifications has made every effort to minimise the course fees for students.

It is important that parents/guardians take into consideration the cost of the Certificate when choosing the pathway for their child to study. The school will offer alternative low cost courses to students who do not pay their fees and charges to enable the completion of WACE.

**Obtaining your USI**

Instructions for students to obtain their USI are included in the subject selection package. This must be done to ensure that students are able to be enrolled in their selected Certificate.
## OFFERINGS AT KSHS
### Year 11 2016

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ENGLISH FOUNDATION

PREREQUISITES:  Nil.

OUTLINE:
The English Foundation course aims to develop students’ skills in reading, writing, viewing, speaking and listening in work, learning, community and everyday personal contexts.

This course is for students who have not demonstrated the literacy standard in the Online Literacy and Numeracy (OLNA) test. Such development involves an improvement in English literacy, where literacy is defined broadly to include reading ability, verbal or spoken literacy, the literacy involved in writing, and visual literacy. Students undertaking this course will develop skills in the use of functional language conventions, including spelling, punctuation and grammar. Good literacy skills are required for comprehending and producing texts; for communicating effectively in a learning or working environment, or within a community; or for self-reflection; and for establishing one’s sense of individual worth.

ESTIMATED COST/CONTRIBUTION:
Year 11 – Approx. $35 plus texts
Year 12 - Approx. $35 plus texts

ENGLISH GENERAL

PREREQUISITES:  Must have achieved Band 8 in NAPLAN or passed the Online Literacy and Numeracy (OLNA) test.

OUTLINE:
The English General course focuses on consolidating and refining the skills and knowledge needed by students to become competent, confident and engaged users of English in everyday, community, social, further education, training and workplace contexts.

The course is designed to provide students with the skills to succeed in a wide range of post-secondary pathways by developing their language, literacy and literary skills. Students comprehend, analyse, interpret, evaluate and create analytical, imaginative, interpretive and persuasive texts in a range of written, oral, multimodal and digital forms.

ESTIMATED COST:
Year 11 - Approx. $35 plus texts
Year 12 - Approx. $35 plus texts
ENGLISH ATAR

PREREQUISITES: At least a B grade in Year 10 English.

OUTLINE:
The English ATAR course focuses on developing students’ analytical, creative and critical thinking, and communication skills in all language modes, encouraging students to critically engage with texts from their contemporary world, the past, and from Australian and other cultures.

Through close study and wide reading, viewing and listening, students develop the ability to analyse and evaluate the purpose, stylistic qualities and conventions of texts and to enjoy creating imaginative, interpretive, persuasive and analytical responses in a range of written, oral, multimodal and digital forms.

ESTIMATED COST:
Year 11 - Approx. $35 plus texts
Year 12 - Approx. $35 plus texts

MATHEMATICS FOUNDATION

PREREQUISITES: Nil.

OUTLINE:
The Mathematics Foundation course focuses on building the capacity, confidence and disposition to use mathematics to meet the numeracy standard for the WACE.

This course is for students who have not demonstrated the numeracy standard in the OLNA. It provides students with the knowledge, skills and understanding to solve problems across a range of contexts including personal, community and workplace/employment.

This course provides the opportunity for students to prepare for post-school options of employment and further training.

ESTIMATED COST:
Year 11 - Approx. $39 plus text
Year 12 - Approx. $39 plus text
Scientific Calculator
MATHEMATICS ESSENTIAL GENERAL

PREREQUISITES: Meet the standards of OLNA (recommended).

OUTLINE: The Mathematics Essential General course focuses on using mathematics effectively, efficiently and critically to make informed decisions. It provides students with the mathematical knowledge, skills and understanding to solve problems in real contexts for a range of workplace, personal, further learning and community settings. This course provides the opportunity for students to prepare for post-school options of employment and further training.

ESTIMATED COST:
Year 11 - Approx. $39 plus text
Year 12 - Approx. $39 plus text
Scientific Calculator

MATHEMATICS APPLICATIONS ATAR

PREREQUISITES: At least a C grade in Year 10 Mathematics.

OUTLINE: This course focuses on the use of mathematics to solve problems in contexts that involve financial modelling, geometric and trigonometric analysis, graphical and network analysis, and growth and decay in sequences. It also provides opportunities for students to develop systematic strategies based on the statistical investigation process for answering statistical questions that involve analysing univariate and bivariate data, including time series data.

ESTIMATED COST:
Year 11 - Approx. $39 plus text
Year 12 - Approx. $39 plus text
CAS calculator (approx $200)

MATHEMATICS METHODS ATAR (ICT Albany)

PREREQUISITES: At least a B grade in Year 10 Mathematics.

OUTLINE: This course focuses on the use of calculus and statistical analysis. The study of calculus provides a basis for understanding rates of change in the physical world, and includes the use of functions, their derivatives and integrals, in modelling physical processes. The study of statistics develops students' ability to describe and analyse phenomena that involve uncertainty and variation.

Mathematics Methods provides a foundation for further studies in disciplines in which mathematics and statistics have important roles and is advantageous for further studies in the health and social sciences. In summary, this course is designed for students whose future pathways may involve mathematics and statistics and their applications in a range of disciplines at the tertiary level.

ESTIMATED COST:
Year 11 - Approx. $20 plus text
Year 12 - Approx. $20 plus text
CAS calculator (approx $200)
HUMAN BIOLOGY ATAR

PREREQUISITES:  At least a B Grade in Year 10 Biological Science.

OUTLINE:
The Human Biology ATAR course gives students a chance to explore what it is to be human—how the human body works, the origins of human variation, inheritance in humans, the evolution of the human species and population genetics. Through their investigations, students research new discoveries that increase our understanding of human dysfunction, treatments and preventative measures.

Practical tasks are an integral part of this course and develop a range of laboratory skills; for example, biotechnology techniques. Students learn to evaluate risks and benefits to make informed decisions about lifestyle and health topics, such as diet, alternative medical treatments, use of chemical substances and the manipulation of fertility.

ESTIMATED COST:
Year 11 - Approx. $42.00 plus text and workbooks (2)
Year 12 - Approx. $42.00 plus text and workbook

CHEMISTRY ATAR

PREREQUISITES:  At least an A grade in Year 10 Chemical Science

OUTLINE:
The Chemistry ATAR course equips students with the knowledge, understanding and opportunity to investigate properties and reactions of materials. Theories and models are used to describe, explain and make predictions about chemical systems, structures and properties. Students recognise hazards and make informed, balanced decisions about chemical use and sustainable resource management.

Investigations and laboratory activities develop an appreciation of the need for precision, critical analysis and informed decision making.

This course prepares students to be responsible and efficient users of specialised chemical products and processes at home or in the workplace. It also enables students to relate chemistry to other sciences, including biology, geology, medicine, molecular biology and agriculture, and prepares them for further study in the sciences.

The course includes a considerable number of chemical mathematical problems. Any student who meets the prerequisites should be able to succeed in this section.

ESTIMATED COST:
Year 11 - Approx. $40.00 plus texts
Year 12 - Approx. $40.00 plus texts
PHYSICS ATAR

PREREQUISITES: At least an A grade in Year 10 Physical and Chemical Science and an A Grade in Year 10 Mathematics.

OUTLINE: In the Physics ATAR course students will learn how energy and energy transformations can shape the environment from the small scale, in quantum leaps inside an atom’s electron cloud, through the human scale, in vehicles and the human body, to the large scale, in interactions between galaxies. Students have opportunities to develop their investigative skills and use analytical thinking to explain and predict physical phenomena.

Students plan and conduct investigations to answer a range of questions, collect and interpret data and observations, and communicate their findings in an appropriate format. Problem-solving and using evidence to make and justify conclusions are transferable skills that are developed in this course.

ESTIMATED COST:
Year 11 - Approx. $40.00 plus texts
Year 12 - Approx. $40.00 plus texts

INTEGRATED SCIENCE GENERAL

PREREQUISITES: Nil.

OUTLINE: The Integrated Science course is a practical course with an emphasis on experiments and investigations. Students will use scientific principles to derive solutions to real world problems and issues. Students will develop a variety of skills, including the use of appropriate technology and an array of diverse methods of investigation in a collaborative environment. This course will prepare students for a wide variety of Certificate Course Science based career pathways. In this course students will investigate the many systems found on Earth. These include studies into plants and animals, ecosystems, sustainability, chemical reactions and motion and forces.

ESTIMATED COST:
Year 11 - Approx. $60 plus texts
Year 12 - Approx. $60 plus texts
GEOGRAPHY ATAR

PREREQUISITES: At least a B grade in Year 10 Society and Environment.

OUTLINE:
The study of the Geography ATAR course draws on students’ curiosity about the diversity of the world’s places and their peoples, cultures and environments.

The course provides students with the knowledge and understanding of the nature, causes and consequences of natural and ecological hazards, international integration in a range of spatial contexts, land cover transformations, and the challenges affecting the sustainability of places.

In the ATAR course, students learn how to collect information from primary and secondary sources, such as field observation and data collection, mapping, monitoring, remote sensing, case studies and reports.

ESTIMATED COST:
Year 11 - Approx. $36 plus texts
Year 12 - Approx. $36 plus texts

MODERN HISTORY ATAR

PREREQUISITES: At least a B grade in Year 10 Humanities and Social Sciences.

OUTLINE:
Studying the Modern History ATAR course enables students to become critical thinkers and helps inform their judgements and actions in a rapidly changing world. Students are exposed to a variety of historical sources, including government papers, extracts from newspapers, letters, diaries, photographs, cartoons, paintings, graphs and secondary sources, in order to determine the cause and effect, and the motives and forces influencing people and events.

Through the process of historical inquiry, students are encouraged to question and evaluate historical sources, identify various representations and versions of history, use evidence to formulate and support their own interpretations, and communicate their findings in a variety of ways.

ESTIMATED COST:
Year 11 - Approx. $29 plus texts
Year 12 - Approx. $29 plus texts
ECONOMICS ATAR  ICT – Great Southern Cluster

PREREQUISITES:  At least a B grade in Year 10 Society and Environment.

OUTLINE:  Economics explores the choices which all people, groups and societies face as they confront the ongoing problem of satisfying their unlimited wants with limited resources.

The Economics ATAR course aims to develop students’ ability to analyse the allocation, utilisation and distribution of scarce resources that determine our wealth and wellbeing. The study of Economics provides a framework for examining society’s issues and identifying possible solutions which assist decision making. The emphasis of the course is on the Australian economy.

ESTIMATED COST:  
Year 11 - Approx. $20 plus text  
Year 12 - Approx. $20 plus text

MATERIALS DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY WOOD GENERAL

PREREQUISITES:  Nil.

OUTLINE:  The Materials Design and Technology General course is a practical course.

Students will work with wood, with the design and manufacture of products as the major focus. Students have the opportunity to develop and practice skills that contribute to creating a physical product, while acquiring an appreciation of the application of a design process, and an understanding of the need for materials sustainability.

Students will learn and practice manufacturing processes and technologies, including principles of design, planning and management.

ESTIMATED COST:  
Year 11 - Approx. $51 plus materials.  
Year 12 - Approx. $51 plus materials.

CHILDREN, FAMILY AND THE COMMUNITY GENERAL

PREREQUISITES:  Nil.

OUTLINE:  The Children, Family and the Community General course focuses on factors that influence human development and the wellbeing of individuals, families and communities. Students explore the health of individuals and communities and the protective and preventative strategies that impact on growth and development. They engage in shared research, examine goal setting, self-management, decision making, communication and cooperation skills when creating products, services or systems that will assist individuals, families and communities to achieve their needs and wants. Contemporary Australian issues or trends relating to families and communities at the state and national level are examined in practical ways.

ESTIMATED COST:  
Year 11 - Approx. $45  
Year 12 - Approx. $45
**FOOD SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY GENERAL**

**PREREQUISITES:** Nil.

**OUTLINE:**
The Food Science and Technology General course provides opportunities for students to explore and develop food-related interests and skills. Food impacts on every aspect of daily life and is essential for maintaining overall health and wellbeing. Students organise, implement and manage production processes in a range of food environments and understand systems that regulate food availability, safety and quality. Knowledge of the sensory, physical, chemical and functional properties of food is applied in practical situations.

Students investigate the food supply chain and value-adding techniques applied to food to meet consumer and producer requirements. Principles of dietary planning, adapting recipes, and processing techniques, are considered for specific nutritional needs of demographic groups.

Occupational safety and health requirements, safe food handling practices, and a variety of processing techniques, are implemented to produce safe, quality food products. This course may enhance employability and career opportunities in areas that include nutrition, health, food and beverage manufacturing, food processing, community services, hospitality and retail.

**ESTIMATED COST:**
Year 11 - Approx. $70  
Year 12 - Approx. $70

**CAREER AND ENTERPRISE GENERAL**

**PREREQUISITES:** Nil

**OUTLINE:**
Career education involves learning to manage and take responsibility for personal career development. The Career and Enterprise General course involves recognising one’s individual skills and talents, and using this understanding to assist in gaining and keeping work.

The course develops a range of work skills and an understanding of the nature of work. Key components of the course include:

- the development of an understanding of different personality types and their link to career choices; entrepreneurial behaviours;
- learning to learn; and
- the exploration of social, cultural and environmental issues that affect work, workplaces and careers.

**ESTIMATED COST:**
Year 11 - Approx. $30  
Year 12 - Approx. $30
VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING in Schools – VET

CERTIFICATE I SPORT AND RECREATION VET

PREREQUISITES: Nil.

OUTLINE:
The Certificate I in Sport and Recreation is a practical course which teaches students hands on skills in sports management, coaching and officiating.

Participants in the course will be required to coach Primary and Secondary aged students, developing the ability to plan and reflect upon coaching sessions.

Students will also develop knowledge of First Aid and injury management, nutritional requirements and performance pathways.

The course is based on nationally endorsed training packages and provides opportunities for students to complete Certificate I and Certificate II qualifications and access industry related placement/employment through mandatory Workplace Learning. They will also have the opportunity to gain course unit credit towards the WACE.

The Certificate I will articulate to a Certificate II Sport Coaching in Year 12.

ESTIMATED COST:
Year 11 - Approx. $108
Year 12 - Approx. $108

Basketball Cup Finals Teams with Student Coaches

CERTIFICATE I BUSINESS VET

PREREQUISITES: Nil.

OUTLINE:
This course covers;

- Occupational Health and Safety in the work place
- Computer skills in Word documents and Spreadsheets
- Skills for working in a business setting
- How to use technology in business and for communication
- Customer service

The VET Business Services General course is based on nationally endorsed training packages and provides opportunities for students to complete Certificate I and Certificate II qualifications and access industry related placement/employment through mandatory workplace learning.

The Certificate I will articulate to a Certificate II Business in Year 12. Students studying this course can achieve nationally recognised vocational qualifications and gain course unit credit towards the WACE.

ESTIMATED COST:
Year 11 - Approx. $30
Year 12 - Approx. $30
**CERTIFICATE I ENGINEERING VET**

**PREREQUISITES:** Nil.

**OUTLINE:**
The Certificate I Engineering course provides students with the opportunity to become proficient in a number of engineering skills which may include mechanical cutting, welding, finishing and sheet and plate assembly. Students will use a variety of workshop machines and perform engineering measurement tasks. They will also learn how to apply the principles of occupational health and safety in the work environment.

The course is based on nationally endorsed training packages and provides opportunities for students to complete Certificate I and Certificate II qualifications and access industry related placement/employment through mandatory workplace learning.

Students studying this course can achieve nationally recognised vocational qualifications and gain course unit credit towards the WACE.

The Cert I will articulate to a Cert II Engineering in Year 12.

**ESTIMATED COST:**
Year 11 - Approx. $110.00.
Year 12 - Approx. $110.00.

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**CERTIFICATE I VISUAL ARTS VET**

**PREREQUISITES:** Nil.

**OUTLINE:**
In the Visual Arts VET course, students engage in traditional, modern and contemporary media and techniques within the broad areas of art forms. The course promotes innovative practice.

Students are encouraged to explore and represent their ideas and gain an awareness of the role that artists and designers play in reflecting, challenging and shaping societal values. Students are encouraged to appreciate the work of other artists and engage in their own art practice.

The Certificate I will articulate to a Certificate II Visual Arts in Year 12.

**ESTIMATED COST:**
Year 11 - Approx. $150.00.
Year 12 - Approx. $150.00.
CERTIFICATE I VISUAL ARTS (Photo Imaging) VET

PREREQUISITES: Nil.

OUTLINE:
In the Visual Arts (Photo Imaging) course, students develop a competitive edge for the current and future industry and employment markets. Students are equipped with the knowledge and skills to understand design principles and processes, analyse problems and devise innovative strategies through projects. The emphasis will be on the use of digital cameras to take photographs and manipulate and print these images on computers.

The Certificate I will articulate to a Certificate II Visual Arts (Photo Imaging) in Year 12.

ESTIMATED COST:
Year 11 - Approx. $120.00.
Year 12 - Approx. $120.00.

ENDORSED PROGRAMS

WORKPLACE LEARNING ADWPL

PREREQUISITES: Nil.

OUTLINE:
Workplace Learning is an endorsed program developed by SCSA that is managed by individual schools and open to students in Years 11 and 12. To complete this endorsed program, a student works in one or more real workplace/s to develop a set of transferable workplace skills.

The student must record the number of hours completed and the tasks undertaken in the workplace in the Authority's Workplace Learning Logbook. The student must also provide evidence of his/her knowledge and understanding of the workplace skills by completing the Workplace Learning Skills Journal after each 55 hours completed in the workplace. Unit equivalence is allocated on the basis of 1 unit equivalent for each 55 hours completed in the workplace, to a maximum of 4 units. The total number of hours completed in the workplace is reported on the student's WASSA (Western Australian Statement of Student Achievement).

This course will be done at the same time as Careers and Enterprise and will be linked to the industry area the student is studying.

ESTIMATED COST:
Year 11 - Approx. $45
Year 12 - Approx. $45
SENIOR SCHOOL ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM (SSEP)

PREREQUISITES:  Nil.

OUTLINE:
The SSEP program at Katanning SHS is designed to cater for Year 11 and Year 12 students who have not achieved a level 2 or above in OLNA.

Students in the program work with one teacher for Foundation Mathematics and English and join mainstream classes for their other courses, which includes participating in a Certificate I/II course. Students will also be enrolled in the Workplace Learning (WL1) or TAFE program for one day a week, however students will only be placed when judged competent to work in the workplace with an employer.

Students entering this course will not be expected to achieve their WACE. They will be expected to achieve a Certificate II or higher at the end of their two years in the program.

ESTIMATED COST:
Year 11 - Approx. $44.00
Year 12 - Approx. $44.00
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