



Future Pathways



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Mr Hugo de Ridder



The choice of a secondary school is a very important one and should not be taken lightly.

There is little doubt cultural pressure and expectations impose a significant influence on an education system and on schools.

The once holistic education of the earlier centuries is miles apart from the ostensibly industrial model of the present age.

While the lifestyles, morals, values and expectations of children and young people have changed over time, what has remained constant are the basic needs of children and young people walking the journey of life.

Grace Christian School has always been countercultural; our values, ethos and educational philosophy underscore a holistic education, where academics and career outcomes are of utmost importance as too are moral, character and emotional and spiritual development.

Schooling should not be solely about a career; it should be a transforming journey of discovery in a safe and caring environment that encourages personal growth and excellence, planted firmly on a solid philosophical and values foundation.

This is why Grace Christian School students are different; it is why our graduates do make a difference.

Hugo de Ridder
Principal

CHECKLIST

We look forward to guiding you through your options in Year 11 and Year 12, Please feel free to ask questions. While there are many options it essentially comes down to two pathways.

- Talk with your Careers teacher and Head of Senior Secondary about the training pathways that cater to your career interests.
- Find out about past students from Grace Christian School that have experienced success in both ATAR and VET pathways.
- Prayerfully consider pathways and options .

FOR THOSE THAT CHOOSE ATAR

- Talk to teachers of ATAR courses and electives of interest.
- Identify important dates for ATAR students this year.
- Complete the course selection form.

FOR THOSE THAT CHOOSE VET

- Talk to the VET Coordinator about available qualifications.
- Talk to teachers about your three school courses and your elective of interest.
- Identify the important dates for VET students this year.
- Complete the course selection form.

Questions to ask:

THE WESTERN AUSTRALIAN CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION (WACE)

The Western Australian Certificate of Education (WACE) is awarded to senior secondary students who satisfy its requirements. Generally students will need to complete Year 11 and 12 to complete their WACE, although there is a degree of flexibility in this.

West Australian Certificate of Education (WACE) Requirements	
Completion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete 20 units over Year 11 and Year 12, where one subject equals two course units. E.g. Year 11 Math Methods Unit 1 and 2. Completion of four Year 12 ATAR courses OR a Certificate II qualification OR a combination of ATAR and General courses.
Achievement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Achieve 14 C grades with 6 coming from Year 12. Completion of qualifications and/or endorsed courses of study are the equivalent of C grades in Year 11 and 12, as outlined in the table below.*
Literacy and Numeracy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pass the NAPLAN or OLN (Online Literacy and Numeracy Assessment).
Breadth of Study	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete 10 Year 12 course units. Complete Year 11 and Year 12 English. Completion of subjects from both list A (English/History/Geography) and list B (Mathematics/Sciences/Technology).
Exams	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students sitting ATAR courses must sit exams. Students studying General courses do not have to sit external examinations.

*	"C grade" equivalence in Year 11	"C grade" equivalence in Year 12
Endorsed Courses	Maximum of 2	Maximum of 2
VET Qualifications	Maximum of 4	Maximum of 4
VET Qualifications and Endorsed Courses Combined	Maximum of 4	Maximum of 4
Certificate II	2	2
Certificate III	2	4

* For more information see the [SCSA Year 10 Information Handbook](#)

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YEAR 11 & 12 PATHWAYS

There have been many success stories at Grace Christian School from both ATAR and VET graduates, but this is about your own journey.

So which training pathway is right for you?

ATAR or **VET**?

ATAR



You will be studying:
Bible & Christian Living
+
5 Subjects + 1 Elective
or
6 Subjects



Desires Outcomes:
WACE
+
External ATAR Examinations



⇒ University
⇒ Employment
⇒ TAFE Qualifications

VET



Bible & Christian Living
English
Maths
Career & Enterprise
+
1 Elective
+
Workplace Learning



Desires Outcomes:
WACE
+
Nationally Recognised
Vocational Qualifications



⇒ Workforce
⇒ Further training
⇒ University

WHICH PATHWAY IS FOR ME?

Not everyone is going to be successful in the ATAR or VET pathway. Consider the following questions before you make your decision.

ATAR	and	VET
<p>Can you...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ work closely with teachers who love God and have a desire to see you achieve your best? ■ handle a challenge? ■ read and prepare for classes ahead of time? ■ complete a large amount of work outside of class time? ■ start major assessments straight away, ensuring they do not accumulate? ■ manage time and commitments like part-time employment and sport? 		
ATAR	VET	
<p>Can you...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ handle multiple assignments on the go that may be due at the same time? ■ deal with up to four major assessments per term, per subject? ■ retain large amounts of information for tests covering a whole term's work? ■ perform well in exams assessing work across the year including externally written exams that are worth up to 50% of the year's grade? 	<p>Can you...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ manage yourself in an adult learning environment away from the school setting? ■ manage reading, bookwork and assignments related to your qualification without school supervision? ■ manage much of your school workload on the days you are not at school? ■ locate and carry out work placement in your own time, often working outside of school hours? 	
<p>Do you...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ want to go to school 5 days a week? ■ want to be encouraged to achieve the highest education standards? ■ want to go straight from school to university? ■ want to be able to enter into a highly competitive and highly trained career field like Medicine, Law, Teaching, Engineering, etc.? 	<p>Do you...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ want to go to school 3 days a week? ■ want to go to TAFE, University or enter the workforce? ■ want to enter the trades? ■ want a traineeship or an apprenticeship? ■ want to network with employers and learn to navigate the world of work? 	
<p>Then ATAR might be for You!</p>	<p>Then VET might be for You!</p>	

ATAR PROGRAM

■ **Choose 5 or 6 subjects from the following options***

- ATAR English** ATAR Math Applications
- ATAR Accounting and Finance*** ATAR Math Methods
- ATAR Applied Information Technology ATAR Math Specialist
- ATAR Biology*** ATAR Media Production & Analysis***
- ATAR Chemistry ATAR Modern History
- ATAR Computer Science*** ATAR Physics
- ATAR Economics*** ATAR Politics and Law
- ATAR Geography ATAR Psychology***
- ATAR Health Studies***
- ATAR Human Biology

*Choosing 5 courses will allow for an elective. Choosing 6 courses will not and will likely require a student to study this via SIDE (Schools of Isolated and Distance Education). Courses are based upon 2021 offerings and are subject to change based on student numbers and preferences. Any courses not offered face-to-face will be offered via SIDE.

**English and Bible and Christian Living are the only compulsory aspects of a senior school program at Grace Christian School.

***These courses are available only through SIDE. Students may choose only one of these to supplement their face-to-face delivery.

■ **Choose one of the following electives.** Discuss electives with the teacher in charge.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Certificate III in Christian Ministry and Theology <input type="checkbox"/> Certificate II in Outdoor Education <input type="checkbox"/> Certificate III in Music <input type="checkbox"/> Certificate III in Visual Art <input type="checkbox"/> Materials and Design (Metal and Wood) <input type="checkbox"/> Private Study (ATAR Students) 	<p>Or Flexible Online Qualifications (delivered online via Foundation Education)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Certificate II in Sport and Recreation <input type="checkbox"/> Certificate II in Business <input type="checkbox"/> Certificate III in Sport and Recreation <input type="checkbox"/> Certificate III in Business <input type="checkbox"/> Certificate III in Fitness
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ATAR: SIDE Courses

The following courses are delivered online through the School of Isolated & Distance Education and are available to study at Grace Christian School: *(conditions apply)*

- Accounting and Finance
- Biology
- Computer Science
- Economics
- Health Studies
- Media Production and Analysis
- Psychology

Students may choose one course of study through SIDE.

Whilst many students have experienced great success through this method of study, students and parents should discuss this option with the VET Coordinator and Head of Senior Secondary.

Pathway Plan

Name: _____

Career Goal: _____

Future Courses: _____

Prerequisites: _____

Required ATAR: _____

Course Selection

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
English						Bible & Christian Living

Elective Preference	
1.	
2.	

ATAR: What's Next?

Month	Activity	Checklist
May	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Attend Combined Universities Visit■ Parent/Student meeting with Mr Knauf & Mr Woods	<input type="checkbox"/>
June	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Attend South West Careers Expo	<input type="checkbox"/>
July	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Carry out Work Experience Week 11, Term 2 (Monday 28 June—Friday 2 July)	<input type="checkbox"/>
September	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Application made to GCS Senior Secondary Program	<input type="checkbox"/>
October	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ GCS Senior Secondary Program offers made by end of Term 3■ Acceptance of offers by Week 3, Term 4	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>

Notes/Questions to ask:

ATAR: A student's perspective

I know what I want and am working hard to get there. I am studying five ATAR subjects; English, Math Methods, Chemistry and Human Biology. I enrolled in Health Studies through SIDE and have really enjoyed the course because of its relationship to my intended career. My goal is to study Physiotherapy at Curtin University, which requires an ATAR score of 90. I am confident that my teachers will assist me in achieving this and that my courses will provide the foundation for my future studies.

My Certificate II in Outdoor Recreation contributes towards my WACE and provides me with a physical outlet and some really useful skills.

Attending Grace Christian School provides me the opportunity to achieve educational excellence in a Christian setting, where teachers pray for me on a regular basis and help me understand God's purpose for my life.

Kayla Maritz (Year 12, 2019)



VET: A student's perspective

School is great! I only have to attend Monday to Wednesday and on Thursday and Friday I go to TAFE or work. School work hasn't really become harder or easier, but my workload has become more manageable. I only study three subjects; Math, English and Career and Enterprise. The Certificate II in Outdoor Recreation is my elective. This allows me to develop outdoor skills, as well as leadership, teamwork and confidence; qualities I know will be useful when seeking employment. I get to do all this in a Christian environment with teachers that genuinely care for me.

I chose the Certificate II in Hospitality at the South Regional TAFE in Year 11. After completing this, I had a lot of different options open to me. I have a casual job as a barista and could have kept training in this industry, but I chose to broaden my horizons by completing a Certificate II in Community Pharmacy through a School Based Traineeship.

Part of the VET program is getting as much work experience as you can to prepare you for the workforce. I get paid to attend Work Placement and receive industry training from the Pharmacy Guild.

I really enjoy the flexibility of school and work. I am totally work ready!

Jenani Cargill (Year 12, 2019)



VET Program

VET Check List:

- Discuss content of school based courses below with senior teachers.
- Subjects on lines 1-5 are compulsory for all VET students.

Line 1	Line 2	Line 3	Line 4	Line 5
General English	General Mathematics Essentials	General Career & Enterprise	Workplace Learning	Bible & Christian Living
				Chosen Elective

- Gather information about these school courses.

PLUS

- Choose 2 possible VET qualifications to be studied from both the South Regional TAFE and BRTTC. See page 15 for courses offered in 2021.

PLUS

- **Choose one of the following electives.** Discuss electives with the teacher in charge.
 - Materials and Design (Metal and Wood) (*Mr Scott de Ridder*)
 - Certificate II in Outdoor Education (*Mr Prebble*)
 - Certificate III in Visual Art (*Mr McCafferty*)
 - Certificate III in Music (*Mrs Newhouse*)

Online Qualifications (Foundation Education):

- Cert II in Business
- Cert III in Business Administration
- Cert II in Sport and Recreation
- Cert III in Sport and Recreation
- Cert III in Fitness
- Cert III in Early Childhood Education & Care
- Cert III in Education Support

Pathway Plan

Name: _____

Career Goal: _____

Future Courses: _____

Prerequisites: _____

Course Selection:

1. SCHOOL COMPONENT

Line 1	Line 2	Line 3	Line 4	Line 5
General English	General Mathematics Essentials	General Career & Enterprise	Workplace Learning	Bible & Christian Living

Preference	ELECTIVES
1.	
2.	

2. VET COMPONENT

Preference	SOUTH REGIONAL TAFE
1.	
2.	
Preference	BUNBURY REGIONAL TRADE TRAINING CENTRE - BRTTC
1.	
2.	

Notes/Questions to ask:

VET: What's next?

Month	Activity	Checklist
May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parent/Student meeting with Mr Knauf & Mr Woods 	<input type="checkbox"/>
June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attend South West Careers Expo Receive 2022 Prospectus from TAFE and BRTTC 	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Carry out Work Experience Week 11, Term 2 (Monday 28 June—Friday 2 July) 	<input type="checkbox"/>
August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Application to BRTTC and TAFE submitted 	<input type="checkbox"/>
September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Application made to GCS Senior Secondary Program Aptitude testing and interviews for competitive courses at BRTTC and TAFE Successful VET applicants notified GCS Senior Secondary Program offers made by end of Term 3 	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acceptance of offers by Week 3, Term 4 	

PLEASE BE ADVISED:

- * Based on courses offered for 2021
- ** Available to both ATAR & VET students
- *** Resource costs including textbooks, tools and uniforms are a cost over and above course fees and vary from Nil - \$500.
- **** BRTTC Courses incur a site maintenance fee over and above course fees of \$352 per year.

FEES A CONCERN?

VET students only pay 70% of full-time school fees and Grace Christian School will provide a subsidy of up to \$1500 towards any course fees associated with your chosen qualification. *(conditions apply)*

In School Qualifications

Delivery	Qualification	Fees***	Duration (Years)	Placement	Days
Online	Cert II in Business**	\$699	1-2	Nil	Tue (flexible)
Online	Cert III in Business Admin**	\$699	1-2	Nil	Tue (flexible)
Online	Cert II in Sport and Rec**	\$699	1-2	Nil	Tue (flexible)
Online	Cert III in Sport and Rec**	\$699	1-2	Nil	Tue (flexible)
Online	Cert III in Fitness**	\$699	1-2	30 hours	Tue (flexible)
Online	Cert III in Early Childhood Education and Care	\$699	1-2	120 hours	Tue (flexible)
Online	Cert III in Education Support	\$999	2	100 hours	Tue (flexible)
In Class	Cert II in Outdoor Recreation (Cadets)**	Nil	2	Nil	Tue
In Class	Cert III in Music**	Nil	2	Nil	Tue
In Class	Cert III in Visual Art**	Nil	2	Nil	Tue

South Regional TAFE*

Delivery	Qualification	Fees***	Duration (Terms)	Placement	Days
In Class	Cert II in Automotive Servicing Tech - light	Nil	Term 1 – 4	183 hours	Thurs & Fri
In Class	Cert II in Automotive Servicing Tech - Heavy	Nil	Term 1 – 4	183 hours	Thurs & Fri
In Class	Cert II in Building and Construction - Carpentry & Joinery	Nil	Term 1 – 3	125 hours	Thurs & Fri
In Class	Cert II in Building and Construction - Bricklaying/Blocklaying	Nil	Term 1 – 3	125 hours	Thurs & Fri
In Class	Cert II in Building and Construction - Painting & Decorating	Nil	Term 1 – 3	125 hours	Thurs & Fri
In Class	Cert II in Electrotechnology	Nil	Term 1 – 4	157 hours	Thurs & Fri
In Class	Cert II in Kitchen Operations – Commercial Cookery/Patisserie	Nil	Term 1 – 3	163 hours	Thurs & Fri
In Class	Cert II in Engineering Pathways	Nil	Term 1 – 3	Nil	Thurs & Fri
In Class	Cert II in Conservation and Land Management	Nil	Term 1 – 3	Nil	Thurs & Fri
In Class	Cert II in Sport & Rec	Nil	Term 1 – 3	Nil	Thurs & Fri
In Class	Cert II in Retail Cosmetics	Nil	Term 1 – 3	Nil	Thurs & Fri
In Class	Cert II in Salon Assistant	Nil	Term 1 – 2	Nil	Thurs & Fri
In Class	Cert II in Info, Digital Media & Technology	Nil	Term 1 – 2	Nil	Thurs & Fri
In Class	Cert II in Hospitality	Nil	Term 1 – 2	Nil	Thurs & Fri
In Class	Cert II in Retail Services	Nil	Term 1 – 2	63 hours	Thurs & Fri
In Class	Cert II in Tourism	Nil	Term 1 – 2	Nil	Thurs & Fri
In Class	Cert II in Business	Nil	Term 1 – 2	Nil	Thurs & Fri
In Class	Cert II in Financial Services	Nil	Term 1 – 2	Nil	Thurs & Fri
In Class	Cert III in Accounts Administration	Nil	Term 1 – 3	Nil	Thurs & Fri

BRTTC VET Qualifications*

Delivery	Qualification	Fees*** / ****	Duration (Terms)	Placement	Days
In Class	Cert II in Engineering Pathways	\$2300	Term 1 – 3	Nil	Thurs or Fri
In Class	Cert II in Electrotechnology	\$3900	Term 1 – 4	162 hours	Thurs & Fri
In Class	Cert II in Automotive Electrical	\$3250	Term 1 – 3	100 hours	Thurs & Fri
In Class	Cert II in Plumbing	Nil	2 Years	220 hours	Thurs
In Class	Cert II in Building & Construction (Trades Pathway)	Nil	2 Years	220 hours	Fri
In Class	Cert II in Medical Service First Response	\$1545	Term 1 – 3	Nil	Thurs
In Class	Cert III in Health Services Assistance	\$2405	Term 1 – 3	Nil	Fri
In Class	Cert IV in Dental Assisting	\$4655	2 Years	250 hours	Thurs & Fri
In Class	Cert IV in Preparation for Health and Nursing Studies	\$2400	Term 1 – 3	Nil	Tues
In Class	Cert III in Retail Services	\$1250	Term 1 – 2	Nil	Tues
In Class	Cert III in Community Services	\$1335	Term 1 – 3	Nil	Thurs
In Class	Cert III in Early Childhood Education and Care	\$1470	Term 1 – 3	120 hours	Tues
In Class	Cert III in Education Support	\$1070	Term 1 – 3	100 hours	Tues
In Class	Cert IV in Education Support (Year 12 Only)	\$1470	Term 1 – 3	100 hours	Mon
In Class	Cert IV in Business (Year 12 Only)	\$1850	Term 1 – 3	Nil	Thurs
In Class	Cert IV in Community Services (Year 12 Only)	\$1470	Term 1 – 3	Nil	Fri

