

Grace Christian School

Year 9 Parent Information

Future Pathways

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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.



Mr Hugo de Ridder

INTRODUCTION

Thank you for taking the time to consider the future pathways available in the Senior Secondary program at Grace Christian School.

Three (3) very important acronyms you must know.

1 **WACE** – Western Australian Certificate of Education

Students who meet the necessary criteria achieve a certificate, the WACE. This is a desired outcome for all Year 12 students.

2 **ATAR** – Australian Tertiary Admission Ranking

An overall achievement ranking of Year 12 students. The ATAR is used by universities to select students for entry into courses of study. E.g. Medicine, Engineering etc.

ATAR subjects are those studied in Year 11 and Year 12 that can be included in determining an ATAR. E.g. ATAR Physics, ATAR Modern History, etc.

3 **VET** – Vocational Education Training

Vocational qualifications offer training for students aiming to enter the workforce or continue with tertiary studies. E.g. Certificates in Fitness, Health Services, Plumbing, etc.



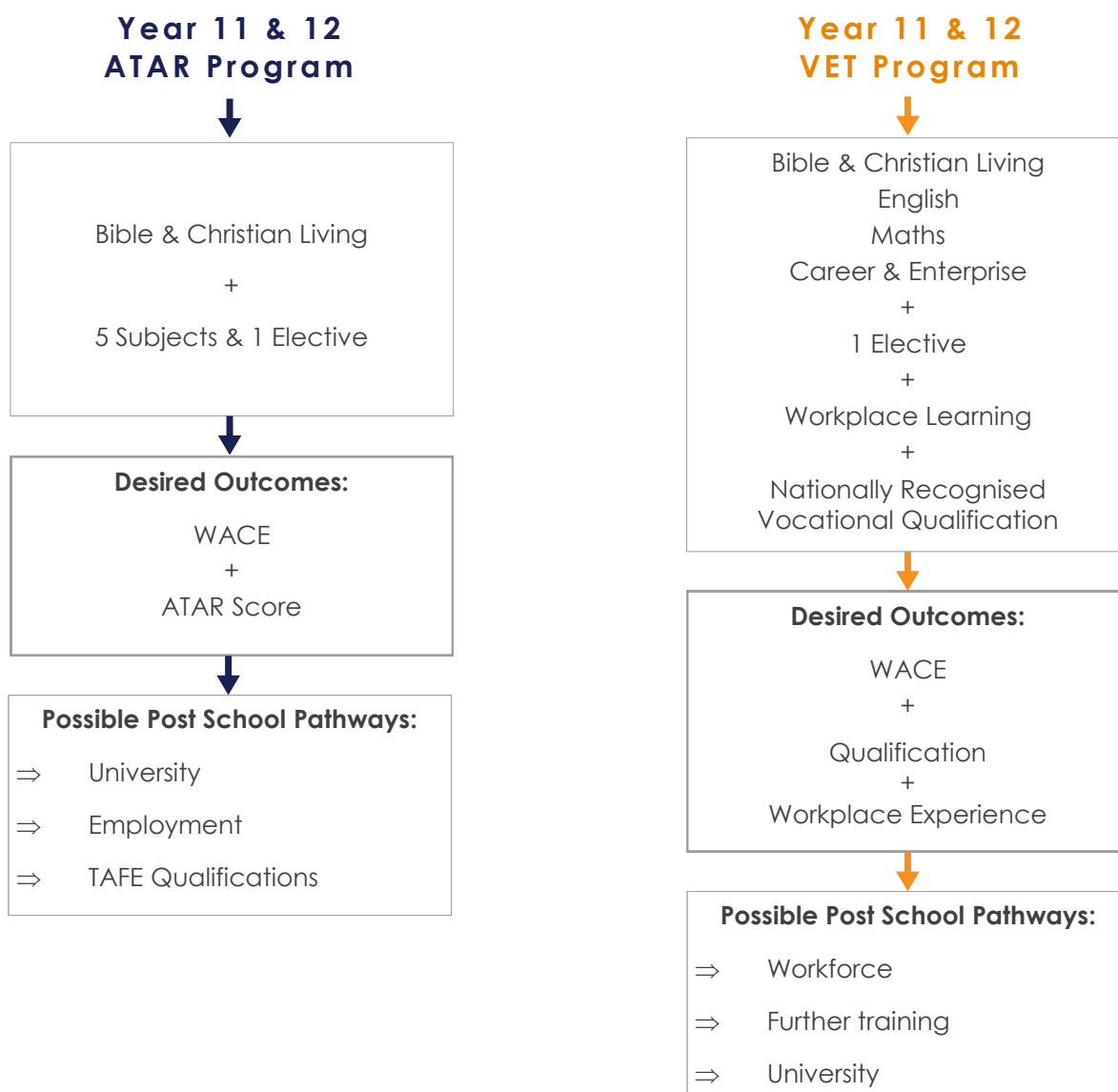
THE WESTERN AUSTRALIAN CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION (WACE)

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 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. E.g. Passing one course of study is equivalent to 2 C grades. Completion of qualifications and/or endorsed courses of study are the equivalent of C grades in Year 11 & 12, as outlined in the table below.*
Literacy and Numeracy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pass NAPLAN / 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. Complete at least one subject from both list A (English/History/Geography) and list B (Mathematics/Sciences/Technology).
Exams	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students studying ATAR courses must sit exams. Students studying General courses do not sit exams

*	"C grade" equivalence in Year 11	"C grade" equivalence in Year 12
Endorsed Courses (E.g. Workplace Learning)	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
Certificate IV* (*conditions apply)	2	4

GRACE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL YEAR 11 & 12 PATHWAYS

There have been many success stories at Grace Christian School from both ATAR and VET graduates. Which training pathway is right for you?



WHICH PATHWAY IS FOR ME?

Some people will find greater success in the ATAR or VET pathways. Consider the following questions before you make your decision.

ATAR	<i>and</i>	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"> ■ deal with a number of major assignments and tests per term, per subject? ■ retain large amounts of information for tests covering a whole term's work? ■ perform in exams assessing work across the year including externally written exams in Year 12? 		<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? ■ 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 go straight from school to university? 		<p>Do you...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ want to split your week between school, another training provider and work experience? ■ want to go to TAFE, University or the workforce? ■ want to improve your chances of entering competitive trades like electrical or mechanical through an apprenticeship? ■ want to network with employers and learn to navigate the world of work?
Then ATAR might be for You!		Then VET might be for You!

ATAR Pathway: ATAR Courses

Grace Christian School is able to deliver a number of subjects in the classroom through face to face study, subject to student numbers. In 2024 these include:

- English
- Chemistry
- Geography
- Human Biology
- Math Applications
- Math Methods
- Modern History
- Physics
- Certificate III in Christian Ministry and Theology*

*This qualification can be studied as one of an ATAR student's five courses or as an elective

ATAR SIDE Courses

Many other courses are delivered online through the School of Isolated & Distance Education (SIDE) and are available to study at Grace Christian School, examples of these subjects are: *(conditions apply)*

- Accounting and Finance
- Applied Information Technology
- Biology
- Computer Science
- Economics
- Health Studies
- Math Specialist
- Media Production and Analysis
- Politics and Law
- 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 Secondary School to determine if it is the right option for the individual.

Electives

We believe that students in both the ATAR and Vocational Pathways should be able to engage in courses of study that reflect their interests and passions. The following electives are available to students in Year 11 and 12:

- Cert III in Business
- Cert III in Christian Ministry and Theology
- Cert III in Music
- Cert III in Outdoor Recreation
- Cert III in Sport and Recreation
- Cert III in Visual Art
- Woodwork/Metalwork

ATAR: What's Next?

Month	In Year 10
May	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Attend Combined Universities Visit■ Attend South West Careers Expo■ Parent/Student meeting with Mr Knauf & Mr Woods
July	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Carry out Work Experience Week 10, Term 2 (Monday 24 June - Friday 28 June 2024)
October	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Grace Christian School Senior Secondary Program offers made by end of Term 3■ Acceptance of offers by beginning of Week 2, Term 4

VET Pathway: General Courses

All students engaged in the VET pathway have the following courses delivered in the classroom through face to face study at Grace Christian School:

- English
- Math
- Career and Enterprise

These subjects are chosen to prepare students for the literacy, numeracy and workplace skills required in the world of work. They also fulfill the school based components of the WACE.

Students also engage in

- Bible and Christian Living
- A chosen elective (See page 8)

A student's main focus in the VET pathway is their vocational qualifications.

VET Qualifications

The qualifications below are up to date and based upon offerings made to students for 2024.

Bunbury Regional Trade Training Centre (BRTTC)						
Delivery	Qualification	RTO	Fees	Duration	Placement	Days
In Class	Cert II in Engineering Pathways	Cartec 5202	\$2950	Term 1 – 3	Nil	Thurs or Fri
In Class	Cert II in Electrotechnology	SRTAFE 52790	Nil	Term 1 – 3	162 hours	Mon & Tues
In Class	Cert II in Automotive Servicing Technology	Cartec 5202	\$3250	Term 1 – 3	183 hours	Tues
In Class	Cert II in Automotive Vocational Preparation	Cartec 5202	\$2950	Term 1 – 3	Nil	Thurs
In Class	Cert II Plumbing	MPA Skills 1892	Nil	Term 1 – 3	158 hours	Thurs & Fri
In Class	Cert II Building & Construction (Trades Pathway)	Skill Hire WA 0361	Nil	Term 1 – 3	220 hours	Thurs
In Class	Cert II Civil Construction	GTSW 2317	Nil	Term 1 – 3	Nil	Fri

Bunbury Regional Trade Training Centre (BRTTC)

Delivery	Qualification	RTO	Fees	Duration	Placement	Days
In Class	Cert II Medical Service First Response	DNA Kingston 6811	\$1895	Term 1 – 3	Nil	Thurs
In Class	Cert III Health Services Assistance	DNA Kingston 6811	\$2695	Term 1 – 3	Nil	Fri
In Class	Cert III & IV Dental Assisting	DNA Kingston 6811	\$5770	2 Years	300+ hours	Thurs & Fri
In Class	Cert IV in Preparation for Health and Nursing Studies	SRTAFE 52790	\$2400	Term 1 – 3	Nil	Tues
In Class	Cert III Community Services	FEC 50354	\$1485	Term 1 – 3	Nil	Thurs
In Class	Cert III Early Childhood Education and Care	FEC 50354	\$1470	Term 1 – 3	120 hours	Tues
In Class	Cert III Education Support	FEC 50354	\$1270	Term 1 – 3	100 hours	Tues
In Class	Cert IV Education Support (Year 12 Only)	FEC 50354	\$1590	Term 1 – 3	100 hours	Mon
In Class	Cert IV in Business (Year 12 Only)	FEC 50354	\$1320	Term 1 – 3	Nil	Thurs
In Class	Cert IV Community Services (Year 12 Only)	FEC 50354	\$1590	Term 1 – 3	Nil	Fri

* Resource costs are over and above course fees. These 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 pay 70% of full-time school fees and Grace Christian School will provide a subsidy of up to \$1,500 towards any course fees associated with your chosen qualification. *(conditions apply)*

South Regional TAFE (RTO 52790)

Delivery	Qualification	Fees	Duration	Placement	Days
In Class	Cert II in Automotive Servicing Tech - light	Nil	Term 1 – 4	150 hours	Thurs & Fri
In Class	Cert II in Automotive Servicing Tech - Heavy	Nil	Term 1 – 4	150 hours	Thurs & Fri
In Class	Cert II in Building and Construction - Carpentry & Joinery	Nil	Term 1 – 3	150 hours	Thurs & Fri
In Class	Cert II in Building and Construction - Bricklaying/Blocklaying	Nil	Term 1 – 3	150 hours	Thurs & Fri
In Class	Cert II in Building and Construction - Painting & Decorating	Nil	Term 1 – 3	150 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 Ecosystem 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 Horticulture	Nil	Term 1 – 3	Nil	Thurs & Fri
In Class	Cert II in Community Services (General Focus)	Nil	Term 1 – 2	Nil	Thurs & Fri
In Class	Cert II in Community Services (Early Childhood Focus)	Nil	Term 1 – 2	Nil	Thurs & Fri
In Class	Cert II in Community Services (Education Support Focus)	Nil	Term 1 – 2	Nil	Thurs & Fri
In Class	Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care	Nil	7 Terms	320 hours	Thurs & Fri
In Class	Certificate III in School Based Education Support	Nil	Term 1 – 3	200 hours	Thurs & Fri
In Class	Cert IV in Preparation for Health and Nursing	Nil	Term 1 – 3	Nil	Thurs & Fri
In Class	Cert II in Sport & Rec	Nil	Term 1 – 3	Nil	Thurs & Fri
In Class	Cert III in Fitness	Nil	Term 1 – 3	Nil	Thurs & Fri

South Regional TAFE (RTO 52790)

Delivery	Qualification	Fees	Duration	Placement	Days
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
In Class	Cert II in Visual Arts	Nil	Term 1 – 3	Nil	Thurs & Fri

* Resource costs are over and above course fees. These vary from Nil - \$500

Health Science Hub (HSH) (RTO 52806)					
Delivery	Qualification	Fees*	Duration	Placement	Days
In Class	Cert III in Community Services	\$2200	Term 1 – 3	Nil	TBA
In Class	Cert III in Animal Studies	\$2300	Term 1 – 3	Nil	TBA
In Class	Cert III in Fitness	\$2200	Term 1 – 3	Nil	TBA
In Class	Cert III in Health Services Assistant	\$2200	Term 1 – 3	Nil	TBA
In Class	Cert III in Laboratory Skills	\$2300	Term 1 – 3	Nil	TBA
In Class	Cert III in Population Health (Online Studies)	\$2000	Term 1 – 3	Nil	TBA
In Class	Cert IV in Tertiary Preparation (Psychology & Mental Health)	\$2500	Term 1 – 3	Nil	TBA
In Class	Cert IV in Preparation for Health & Nursing Studies	\$2500	Term 1 – 3	Nil	TBA
In Class	Cert IV in Tertiary Preparation (Sports & Nutrition)	\$2500	Term 1 – 3	Nil	TBA
In Class	Cert IV in Science (Biology) Animal & Marine Science	\$2500	Term 1 – 3	Nil	TBA
In Class	Cert IV in Science (Biology) Forensics	\$2500	Term 1 – 3	Nil	TBA
In Class	Cert IV in Tertiary Preparation (Online Studies – Health & Disease, Environmental Studies or Society and Culture)	\$2200	Term 1 – 3	Nil	TBA

*Students will need to purchase a Health Science Hub polo shirt at \$35. Choosing to apply via a dual qualification pathway for Year 11 and 12 can provide a \$300 discount for fees over the two years.

Fees a Concern?

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In School Qualifications					
Delivery	Qualification	RTO	Fees *	Availability	Placement
Online	BSB20120 Cert II in Workplace Skills	Foundation Education 22557	\$799	Year 10 - 12	Nil
Online	CHC30121 Cert III in Early Childhood Education and Care	Foundation Education 22557	\$799	Year 10 - 12	120 hours
Online	CHC30221 Cert III in School Based Education Support	Foundation Education 22557	\$999	Year 10 - 12	100 hours
Online	SIS20115 Cert II in Sport and Rec	AIPT 32363	\$799	Year 10 - 12	Nil
Online	SIS30321 Cert III in Fitness	AIPT 32363	\$799	Year 10 - 12	30 hours
In Class	BSB30120 Cert III in Business	Skills Strategies 2401	\$200	Year 10/11	Nil
In Class	CUA31120 Cert III in Visual Art	Skills Strategies 2401	\$200	Year 10	Nil
In Class	SIS20419 Cert II in Outdoor Recreation	IVET 40548	\$300	Year 10/11	Nil
In Class	SIS30115 Cert III in Sport and Rec**	IVET 40548	\$TBA	Year 10/11	Nil
In Class	CUA30920 Cert III in Music	COSAMP 41459	\$200	Year 11	Nil

*Fees for these courses are per year and cover enrolment, resources and camp costs. Yearly fees are only indicative of future costs as external providers and associated costs are prone to change.

** Combined with Certificate II in Outdoor Recreation

VET: What's Next?

Month	Activity
February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ White Card Training (Trade based students) ■ Begin one day a week work experience (Highly recommended)
May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Attend combined universities visit ■ Parent/Student meeting with Mr Knauf & Mr Woods ■ Attend South West Careers Expo
June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Receive prospectus from TAFE, BRTTC and Health Science Hub
July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Interview training with Jobs and Skills WA ■ Carry out Work Experience, Week 10 Term 2 (Monday 24 June - Friday 28 June 2024)
August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Application to BRTTC and TAFE and HSH submitted
September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 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
October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Acceptance of offers by beginning of Week 2, Term 4

PORTRAITS OF GRACE STUDENTS

Grace students go on to achieve success in many different fields. The following pages reflect the success of nine of these students:



Mr Jordan McIntosh

Year: 2020

Program: VET

School Achievements: WACE, School Based Apprenticeship with Bunbury Diesels, 1st & 2nd Year of Certificate III Automotive Servicing Technology (Heavy Diesel)

Outcome: Apprenticeship at Bunbury Diesel in 3rd Year and Piacentini & Sons in 4th Year of Certificate III Automotive Servicing Technology (Heavy Diesel)
Heavy Diesel Mechanic for Piacentini & Sons at age of 19



Dr Nick Chatman

Year: 2013

Program: ATAR

School Achievements: WACE, ATAR

Outcome: Doctor of Medicine (MD)
Bachelor of Science (BSc) majoring in Pharmacology and Physiology



Miss Abby Brooks

Year: 2018

Program: VET

School Achievements: WACE, School Based Traineeship with Group Training South West, Certificate II & III in Business Administration, Certificate III & IV in Education Support

Outcome: ECU 3rd Year of 4 in Bachelor of Primary Education, Administration Support at South West Community Care



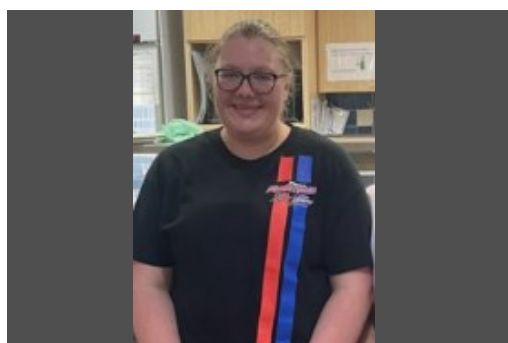
Miss Kate Monaghan

Year: 2016

Program: ATAR

School Achievements: WACE, ATAR

Outcome: Curtin University (1 Year exchange Northern Arizona University) Bachelor of Commerce (Management)
City of Bunbury (Event Management)
Australian Government (Department of Employment and workplace relations) Workforce Australia Local Jobs Program



Miss Lobke Botha

Year: 2021

Program: VET

School Achievements: Certificate III in Community Services, Certificate III in Health Services Assistance, Employment at Bethanie Fields Aged Care Facility

Outcome: Scholarship to complete Certificate IV in Disability Services as a Traineeship with Enable, Certificate III in Aged Care, Employed as a carer at Bethany Elanora and Disability



Miss Kaisha Saunders

Year: 2016

Program: ATAR

School Achievements: WACE, ATAR

Outcome: Curtin University Bachelor in Pharmacy (Honours)
Pharmacist at Terry White Chemmart



Miss Silva-Jade Hudson

Year: 2023

Program: VET

School Achievements: School Based Traineeship with paper Route, Muffin Break and Treendale Farm Hotel, Certificate II in Hospitality, Certificate II in Tourism

Outcome: Administration Support at Dolphin Discovery Centre, Bunbury



Mr Jaxon Lantzke

Year: 2019

Program: ATAR

School Achievements: WACE, ATAR & Cert III in Music

Outcome: Full time Serviceman in the Australian Defence Force Academy (ADFA) Program, completing a Bachelor of Arts majoring in History and Business at UNSW, Canberra. One year at Royal Military College, Duntroon, followed by 6 months of vocational training in preparation for service as an Officer.



Mr Lachlan Hedt

Year: 2020

Program: VET

School Achievements: Year 11 Completion, Academic Distinction – Career & Enterprise, Highest Achiever with Distinction – Career & Enterprise

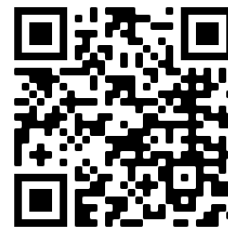
Outcome: Apprenticeship at RCR Mining Technologies
Certificate III in Engineering (Fabrication)

GRACE CAREERS WEBSITE

www.gracecareers.com.au

Students at Grace Christian School use this website to:

- complete an Individual Pathway Plan (IPP);
- design a resume;
- create a digital portfolio;
- carry out career investigations; and
- access hundreds of useful career resources;



Scan Me

This website can be used by parents and students to obtain detailed information about offerings available to students in Year 11 - 12, by clicking on the drop down menu "Senior School" and choosing :

- Vocational Education and Training
- Year 11 and 12 Course Descriptions
- Elective Descriptions

The screenshot displays the Grace Christian School Careers website. The browser address bar shows www.gracecareers.com.au. The website header includes the school logo and navigation links: Home, Sitemap, IMPORTANT INFO, SENIOR SCHOOL (highlighted), POST SCHOOL OPTIONS, WORKPLACE LEARNING, FOR PARENTS, and FOR STUDENTS. A central banner features a video player with the text "DID YOU KNOW" and a play button. To the right, a "Grace Christian School Careers" section explains the site's purpose: "Our aim is to provide you with all the latest information that will help you make decisions about your future career and your life beyond school." Below this, a paragraph states: "You can use this site to locate University, TAFE and any other type of course across Australia, get information about the VACE, search for job vacancies and much more. Feel free to drop into the Careers Office if you have any questions." A vertical "STUDENT LOGIN" button is on the right. At the bottom, there are three content tiles: "Find a Career, Course or Scholarship" (powered by 5000 EDUCATION GROUP), "Message Board", and "Career Targets (2021 Edition)".

OUR MOTTO

“Blessed is the man who does not walk in the
counsel of the wicked,

Or stand in the way of sinners,

Or sit in the seat of mockers.

But his delight is in the law of the Lord,

And on His law he meditates day and night.

He is like a tree planted by streams of water,

Which yields its fruit in season,

And whose leaf does not wither.

Whatever he does prospers.”

Psalm 1 : 1-3

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