



Year 9 Parent Information

Future Pathways

at Grace Christian School



MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

The decision about where your child continues their education is one of the most pivotal choices you'll make. In today's world, young people face a whirlwind of pressures — from social media, peer influences, and academic competition, to the expectations of a fast-changing society. Too often, I hear of students who have moved schools seeking something different, only to realize that the loss of community and individual attention, coupled with the added pressure of new peers, has left them feeling unsupported and overwhelmed.

At Grace Christian School, we understand that it truly takes a village to raise and shape a young person. Our community is built on care, support, and shared values. While many schools focus solely on academic success and career preparation, we take a broader view. Our approach prioritises not only academic achievement, but also the moral, emotional, and spiritual well-being of every student.

We stand in contrast to a culture that prioritises outcomes over individuals. Instead, we focus on fostering personal growth in a nurturing environment where students can develop their God-given gifts and character. Here, your child is not just prepared for a career but equipped for life, growing in faith, wisdom, and resilience.

Grace Christian School is more than a place of learning; it's a community where students are seen, supported, and encouraged to grow into the people God has designed them to be. We believe each child is wonderfully made with a unique purpose, and our aim is to help them discover and cultivate their God-given potential in every aspect of life.



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.



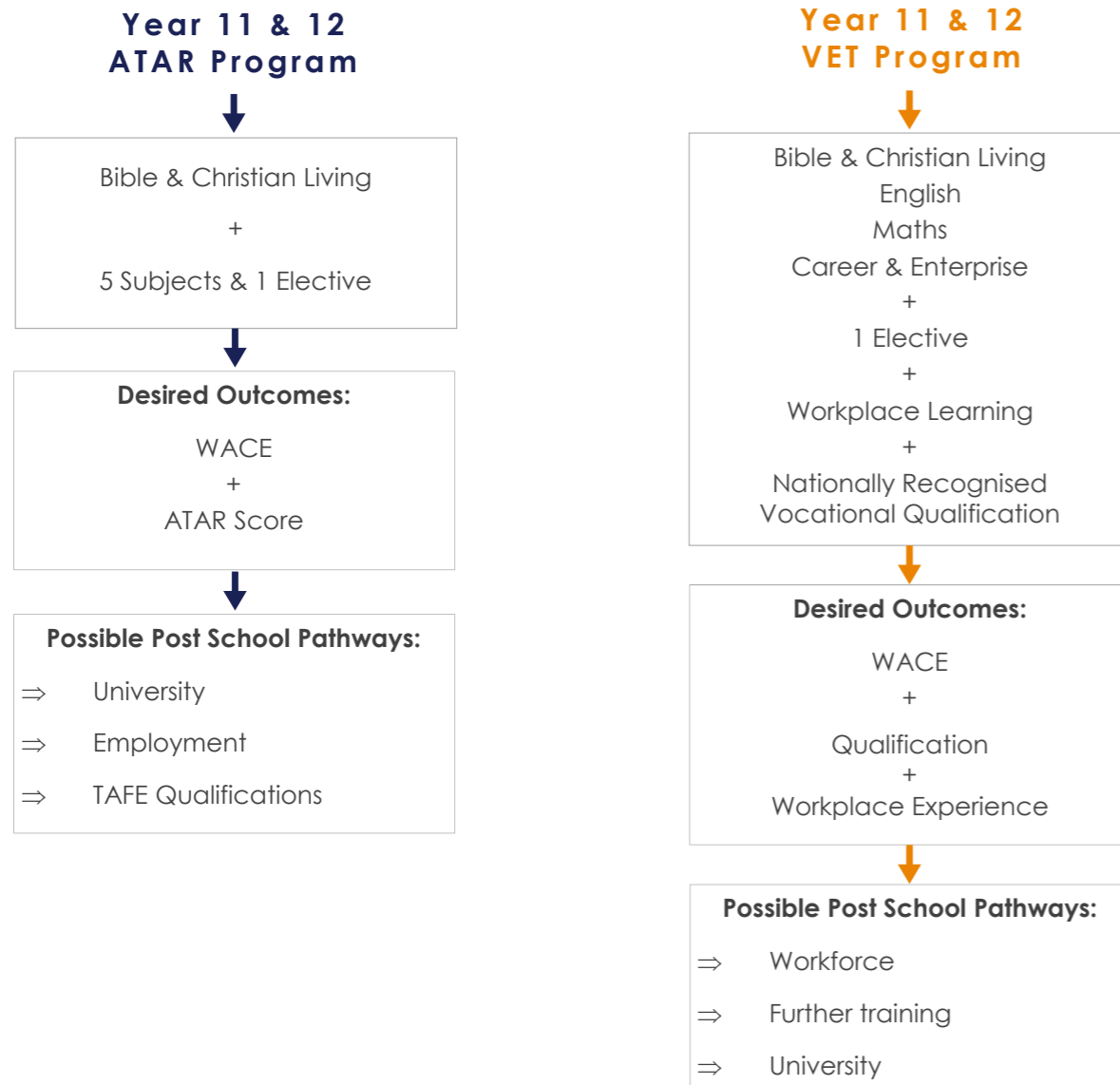
THE WESTERN AUSTRALIAN CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION (WACE)

West Australian Certificate of Education (WACE) Requirements	
Completion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete 20 units over Year 11 and Year 12.
Achievement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Achieve 14 C grades with 6 coming from Year 12. 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	and	VET
Can you... <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	
Can you... <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? 	Can you... <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? 	
Do you... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ want to go to school 5 days a week? ■ want to go straight from school to university? 	Do you... <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 2025 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. (Costs will apply for certain subjects).

Whilst many students have experienced great success through this method of study, students and parents should discuss this option with the VET Coordinator and Deputy Principal (Secondary) 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 II in Outdoor Recreation
- Cert III in Sport, Aquatics & Recreation
- Cert III in Visual Art
- Woodwork/Metalwork
- Cooking
- Private Study

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
June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ ATAR Course selection confirmed (End of Week 9)
July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Carry out Work Experience Week 10, Term 2 (Monday 30 June - Friday 4 July 2025)
October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ GCS Senior Secondary Program offers made ■ Acceptance of offers by end of Week 4, 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
- Mathematics
- 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 students 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 2025. They can vary and are dependant on student numbers. Access can be highly competitive.

Bunbury Regional Trade Training Centre (BRTTC)



Delivery	Qualification	RTO	Fees	Duration	Placement	Days
In Class	MEM20422 Cert II in Engineering Pathways	Cartec 52502	\$3250	Term 1 – 3	Nil	Thurs or Fri
In Class	UEE22020 Cert II in Electrotechnology	SRTAFE 52790	Nil	Term 1 – 3	162 hours	Thurs & Fri
In Class	AUR20520 Cert II in Automotive Servicing Technology (Light Auto) Pre-apprenticeship)	Cartec 52502	\$3250	Term 1 – 3	Nil	Tues
In Class	AUR20720 Cert II in Automotive Vocational Preparation	Cartec 52502	\$3250	Term 1 – 3	Nil	Thurs or Fri
In Class	52887WA Cert II Plumbing	MPA Skills 1892	Nil	Term 1 – 3	158 hours	Thurs & Fri
In Class	52893WA Cert II Building & Construction (Trades Pathway)	Skill Hire WA 0361	Nil	Term 1 – 3	110 hours	Thurs
In Class	R1120720 Cert II Civil Construction	GTSW 2317	Nil	Term 1 – 3	Nil	Fri

Bunbury Regional Trade Training Centre (BRTTC)



* Extra costs are over and above course fees and include first aid courses, construction safety courses and electrical safety license fees. These costs vary from \$75 - \$190. BRTTC courses also incur a site maintenance

Delivery	Qualification	RTO	Fees*	Duration	Placement	Days
In Class	HLT21020 Cert II Medical Service First Response	DNA Kingston 6811	\$1895	Term 1 – 3	Nil	Thurs
In Class	HLT33115 Cert III Health Services Assistance	DNA Kingston 6811	\$1895	Term 1 – 3	Nil	Fri
In Class	HLT35021 Cert III in Dental Assisting	DNA Kingston 6811	\$3990	2 Years	300+ hours	Thurs & Fri
In Class	52895WA Cert IV in Preparation for Health & Nursing Studies	SRTAFE 52790	Nil	Term 1 – 3	Nil	Thurs & Fri
In Class	CHC32015 Cert III Community Services	FEC 50354	\$1440	Term 1 – 3	Nil	Thurs
In Class	CHC30121 Cert III Early Childhood Education and Care	FEC 50354	\$1650	Term 1 – 3	160 hours	Tues
In Class	CHC30221 Cert III in School Based Education Support	FEC 50354	\$1350	Term 1 – 3	100 hours	Tues
In Class	CHC40221 Cert IV in School Based Education Support (Year 12 Only)	FEC 50354	\$1650	Term 1 – 3	100 hours	Mon
In Class	BSB40120 Cert IV in Business (Year 12 Only)	FEC 50354	\$1650	Term 1 – 3	Nil	Tues
In Class	CHC40221 Cert IV in Community Services (Year 12 Only)	FEC 50354	\$1650	Term 1 – 3	Nil	Fri

South Regional TAFE (RTO 52790)



Delivery	Qualification	Fees*	Duration	Placement	Days
In Class	AUR20520 Cert II in Automotive Servicing Tech - light	Nil	Term 1 – 4	150 hours	Thurs & Fri
In Class	AUR20520 Cert II in Automotive Servicing Tech - Heavy	Nil	Term 1 – 4	150 hours	Thurs & Fri
In Class	52893WA Cert II in Building and Construction - Carpentry & Joinery	Nil	Term 1 – 3	150 hours	Thurs & Fri
In Class	52893WA Cert II in Building and Construction - Bricklaying/Blocklaying	Nil	Term 1 – 3	150 hours	Thurs & Fri
In Class	52893WA Cert II in Building and Construction - Wall & Ceiling Lining	Nil	Term 1 – 3	150 hours	Thurs & Fri
In Class	UEE22020 Cert II in Electrotechnology	Nil	Term 1 – 4	157 hours	Thurs & Fri
In Class	SIT20421 Cert II in Kitchen Operations - Commercial Cookery/Patisserie	Nil	Term 1 – 3	163 hours	Thurs & Fri
In Class	MEM20422 Cert II in Engineering Pathways	Nil	Term 1 – 3	Nil	Thurs & Fri
In Class	AHC21020 Cert II in Conservation and Ecosystem Management	Nil	Term 1 – 3	Nil	Thurs & Fri
In Class	MSL20122 Cert II in Sampling and Measurement	Nil	Term 1 – 3	Nil	Fri
In Class	AHC20416 Cert II in Horticulture	Nil	Term 1 – 3	Nil	Thurs & Fri
In Class	R1120720 Cert II in Civil Construction	Nil	Term 1 – 3	Nil	Thurs & Fri
In Class	CHC22015 Cert II in Community Services (General Focus)	Nil	Term 1 – 2	Nil	Thurs & Fri
In Class	CHC30121 Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care	Nil	7 Terms	320 hours	Thurs & Fri
In Class	CHC30221 Certificate III in School Based Education Support	Nil	Term 1 – 3	200 hours	Thurs & Fri
In Class	52895WA Cert IV in Preparation for Health and Nursing	Nil	Term 1 – 3	Nil	Thurs & Fri
In Class	SIS30321 Cert III in Fitness	Nil	Term 1 – 3	Nil	Thurs & Fri

South Regional TAFE (RTO 52790)

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



Delivery	Qualification	Fees*	Duration	Placement	Days
In Class	SHB20121 Cert II in Retail Cosmetics	Nil	Term 1 – 4	Nil	Thurs & Fri
In Class	SHB20216 Cert II in Salon Assistant	Nil	Term 1 – 2	Nil	Thurs & Fri
In Class	ICT20120 Cert II in Applied Digital Technologies	Nil	Term 1 – 3	Nil	Thurs & Fri
In Class	SIT20322 Cert II in Hospitality	Nil	Term 1 – 2	Nil	Thurs & Fri
In Class	SIR20216 Cert II in Retail Services	Nil	Term 1 – 2	63 hours	Thurs & Fri
In Class	SIT20122 Cert II in Tourism	Nil	Term 1 – 2	Nil	Thurs & Fri
In Class	BSB30120 Cert III in Business	Nil	Term 1 – 2	Nil	Thurs & Fri
In Class	FNS20210 Cert II in Financial Services	Nil	Term 1	Nil	Thurs & Fri
In Class	FNS30322 Cert III in Accounts Administration	Nil	Term 1 – 3	Nil	Thurs & Fri
In Class	CUA20720 Cert II in Visual Arts	Nil	Term 1 – 3	Nil	Thurs & Fri
In Class	CUA31120 Cert III in Visual Arts	Nil	Term 1 – 3	Nil	Thurs & Fri

Health Science Hub (HSH) (RTO 52806)

*Students will need to purchase a Health Science Hub polo shirt at \$35.



Delivery	Qualification	Fees*	Duration	Placement	Days
In Class	CHC32015 Cert III in Community Services	\$2200	Term 1 – 3	Nil	TBA
In Class	ACM30122 Cert III in Animal Studies	\$2300	Term 1 – 3	Nil	TBA
In Class	SIS30321 Cert III in Fitness	\$2200	Term 1 – 3	Nil	TBA
In Class	HLT33115 Cert III in Health Services Assistance	\$2200	Term 1 – 3	Nil	TBA
In Class	MSL30122 Cert III in Laboratory Skills	\$2300	Term 1 – 3	Nil	TBA
Online	HLT36015 Cert III in Population Health	\$2000	Term 1 – 3	Nil	TBA
In Class	52895WA Cert IV in Preparation for Health & Nursing Studies	\$2500	Term 1 – 3	Nil	TBA
In Class	22582VIC Cert IV in Tertiary Preparation (Sports & Nutrition)	\$2500	Term 1 – 3	Nil	TBA
In Class	22582VIC Cert IV in Tertiary Preparation (Marine & Terrestrial Biology)	\$2500	Term 1 – 3	Nil	TBA
In Class	22608VIC Cert IV in Science (Biology) Forensics	\$2500	Term 1 – 3	Nil	TBA
Online	22582VIC Cert IV in Tertiary Preparation (Health & Disease, Environmental Studies or Psychology)	\$2200	Term 1 – 3	Nil	TBA

In School Qualifications

* Combined with Certificate II in Outdoor Recreation



Delivery	Qualification	RTO	Fees**	Duration	Placement
In Class	BSB30120 Cert III in Business	Skills Strategies 2401	\$200	Year 11-12	Nil
In Class	CUA31120 Cert III in Visual Art	Skills Strategies 2401	\$200	Year 10-12	Nil
In Class	SIS20419 Cert II in Outdoor Recreation & SIS30122 Cert III in Sport, Aquatics and Recreation*	IVET 40548	\$400	Year 10-12	Nil
In Class	CUA30920 Cert III in Music	COSAMP 41459	\$300	Year 11-12	Nil

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

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)

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"> Interview training with Jobs and Skills WA Receive prospectus from TAFE, BRTTC and Health Science Hub
July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Carry out Work Experience, Week 10 Term 2 (Monday 30 June - Friday 4 July 2025)
August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Application to BRTTC, 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
October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GCS Senior Secondary Program offers made Acceptance of offers by end of Week 4, 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: 3 years of apprenticeship at Bunbury Diesel and 1 year at Piacentini & Sons. Currently working for Premium Mechanical Group on 600T diggers and 300T haul pack trucks, at FMG's Christmas Creek site.



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: Graduate, Bachelor of Primary Education. Currently carrying out relief work whilst looking for full time employment. Casual Admin Officer for South West Community Care



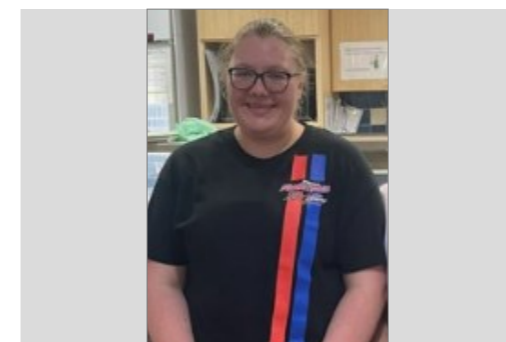
Miss Kate Monaghan

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) Currently working as an Employment Facilitator for the 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 Carer with Ensure



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 Dophin Discovery Center, Bunbury, Bar Manager at Milky Lane's new Bunbury restaurant (opening November 2024)



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

Outcome: RCRs Apprentice of the Year 2023
Fully qualified Mechanical Fitter with RCR Mining
Progressed into RCR's Hydraulics division working FIFO at Rio Tinto and FMG sites

GRACE CAREERS WEBSITE

www.gracecareers.com.au

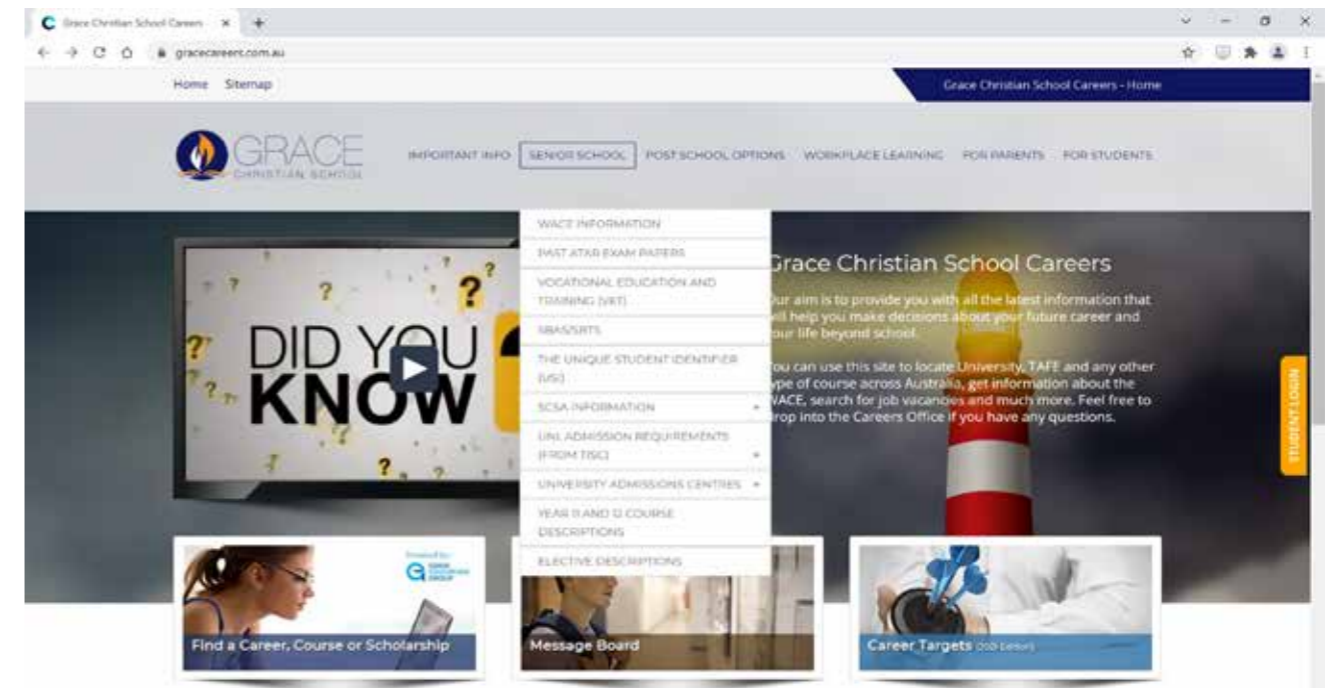
Students at Grace Christian School use this website to:

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



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





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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