



CORNERSTONE  
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## SACE Workshop

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# What is SACE?



# SACE

- **S**outh **A**ustralian **C**ertificate of **E**ducation
- Significant qualification to recognise completion of schooling
- Separate from ATAR and tertiary processes



# SACE and universities

## National

### South Australia

Flinders University

University of Adelaide

University of South Australia

Tabor College

### Interstate

Australian National  
University

University of Melbourne

University of Sydney

## International

New York University

University of Oxford

Yale University

National University of  
Singapore

University of Cambridge

Princeton University



# Flexible pathways

- SACE is flexible
- learning both in and outside school
- academic study
- combine study and part-time work, a traineeship or school-based apprenticeship
- Vocational education and training (VET), community learning, and university studies



# Leaving School – when?

- Compulsory age is 17 years
- At school
- In recognised training
- Employed (min 25 hours/week)

For majority of students, staying at school and completing SACE is best option



# The SACE – how does it work?

- 200 credits to achieve the SACE
- 10-credits is a one-semester subject
- 20-credit subjects are two semesters/full year
- C grade or higher is required for Stage 1 (Year 11)
- C- grade or higher is required for Stage 2 (Year 12)



Year 10	Personal Learning Plan	10 credits
Year 11	Literacy requirement (English )	20 credits
	Numeracy requirement (Maths)	10 credits
	7 semester subjects or VET	70 credits
Year 12	Research Project	10 credits
	3 x full year subjects	60 credits
	Another full year subject	20 credits
TOTAL		200 credits





# Personal Learning Plan (PLP)

- Stage 1 subject - worth 10 credits
- Completed at the start of the SACE – Year 10
- Identifies strengths and interests
- Set personal and learning goals
- Gain skills for future study and employment  
- planning skills, research
- C grade or higher is needed



# SACE – Stage 1 (Year 11)

- Year 11 - five subjects each semester
- Includes two semesters of English and at least one semester of Maths
- 'C' grade or better is required for English and Maths

Extras studied at Cornerstone College – non-SACE subjects:

- Health & Fitness (two lessons/week)
- Christian Living (two lessons/week)



# Literacy and Numeracy requirements

- Literacy – English
  - Essential English
- Numeracy – Maths Methods
  - General Maths
  - Essential Maths

In both areas students will be supported in classes best suited to their ability.



# Decisions for Year 10 with SACE?

- No decisions to be made
- Every student does PLP
- All do an extra SACE unit – Workplace Practices
- Some students will get additional credits in Year 10 in supported courses (Scientific Studies, Applied Maths, Focus English)
- Allows some flexibility for learning needs in Years 11 and 12
- For majority of students additional credits not needed



# What could Year 11 look like?

## Semester 1

- English
- General Maths
- Physics
- Food and Hospitality
- PE

## Semester 2

- English
- Maths
- Physics
- Biology
- History

Christian Living, Vetamorphus or Religion Studies all year,  
plus Health & Fitness



# Another example

## Semester 1

- English
- Maths Methods A
- Geography
- Chinese
- Cert III in Fitness

## Semester 2

- English
- Biology
- Psychology
- Chinese
- Outdoor Ed

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plus Health & Fitness



# Students doing VET

- Semester 1
  - English
  - Essential Maths
  - Material Prod-Metal
  - Chemistry
  - VET – Doorways to Construction
- Semester 2
  - English
  - Essential Maths
  - PE
  - Chemistry
  - VET – Doorways to Construction

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plus Health & Fitness



# What about SACE at Year 12?

- Minimum of four Year 12 subjects / VET
- Research Project – compulsory 5<sup>th</sup> subject
- Christian Living – one lesson per week (non-SACE)





# Research Project

- All SACE students study the Research Project
- A chance to investigate a topic of interest in depth
- Develop skills in planning, research, analysis and communication
- Tertiary-style study; skills valued by employers
- Assessed on research skills and processes (not the product)



# Research questions can relate to interests and passions



**Tom analysed jazz music and created his own compositions**



**Salma researched and produced an organic skincare range**



**Corey questioned if the video game industry is stereotyped and needs to change**



# VET in the SACE

- The SACE can include VET  
    Vocational Education and Training
- 70 hours of competence = 10 credits (70 hours is usually a one-semester subject)
- Different VET courses achieve different number of credits (10 credits, 20, 30 or more) according to hours allocated to the course by the SACE VET register



# VET – Vocational Education & Training

- Mr Doyle (Pathways Coordinator)
- Most courses start in Years 11 or 12
- At CC – Cert III in Fitness
- AHSPs - [Adelaide Hills Student Pathways](#)

Tonight – sessions in SC201

- Pathways – general career planning
- VET – specific detail on VET courses



# Community Learning and SACE

- Gain SACE credits for certain recognised community programmes
- Encourage all students to complete Duke of Edinburgh (Bronze) (usually started in Year 9)
- CFS courses, Grade 5+ AMEB music exams, Army cadets, Queens Scouts
- Completed another course? – ask if recognised or check SACE website



# SACE website – a wealth of info

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## SACE News

Read the latest Term 3 news for teachers and schools



### [SACE modernisation](#)

Message from the Chief Executive

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Registration is now open

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A guide for students preparing for Stage 2 of the SACE

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Registration is now open

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#### Learning

Information about all SACE subjects and courses



#### Students

Study resources, assessment and student stories



#### SACE International

For students who study the SACE overseas



#### IEA

Institute of Educational Assessors



# Any Questions?

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