

## SOUTH AUSTRALIAN CERTIFICATE of EDUCATION

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This SACE information applies primarily to students who are studying Year 10 or 11 in 2008. New SACE arrangements will apply to students who are currently in Year 9. The South Australian Certificate of Education (SACE) is administered by the SACE Board of SA. Details of courses and patterns of study can be found on their website <http://www.ssabsa.sa.edu.au/>

Units of study in Years 11 and 12 are counted in semester length units. For example, a full year subject would be two units while a half-year subject would be one unit. Students at St John's usually study 14 units in Year 11 and 10 units in Year 12. Some subjects are compulsory (e.g. English, Mathematics and Australian Studies at Stage 1) while others are optional. We also offer a SACE subject at Year 10 called Work Education.

A sample outline is shown in the boxes below to illustrate the pattern over the two years. Obviously a lot of other subject combinations are possible.

### Sample SACE pattern

#### Year 11 Stage 1 (14 units)

<b>Semester 1</b>	English	Maths	Biology	Philosophy	Art	Music	PE
<b>Semester 2</b>	English	Maths	Biology	Maths Unit F	Legal Studies	Music	Australian Studies

#### Year 12 Stage 2 (10 units)

<b>Semester 1</b>	English	Maths	Biology	History	Music
<b>Semester 2</b>	English	Maths	Biology	History	Music

### How is work assessed?

Work is assessed for SACE using three grades. These grades are part of the curriculum from SSABSA and are applied in all schools. (Most schools, however, also have an internal grading system which they use in their end of term and semester reports. We have this separate system at St John's too.) The three SSABSA grades are:

- 'SA' which means that students have met the course requirements Satisfactorily,
- 'RA' which means that students have a Recorded Achievement for the subject but the work is not quite satisfactory, and finally,
- 'RNM' which is a fail and means Requirements Not Met.

To pass SACE students must study a minimum of 22 units over Years 11 and 12. They must all be passed as 'SA' or 'RA', with a minimum of 16 'SA' scores. If students receive an RNM for a subject the unit will not count. In general, students only receive RNMs if they have not done the work required. All students can be reasonably expected to receive 'SA' or 'RA' grades.

### What subject patterns are offered in SACE?

All current Year 11 and 12 SACE subjects belong to one of two categories. Subjects are either Group 1 (Arts/Humanities/Social and Cultural Studies) subjects or they are Group 2 (Maths/Science/Technology) subjects. An overarching pattern, both at Stage 1 and at Stage 2, is that all students need to study at least one subject from each group. The lists below show subjects which we are offering next year if there is sufficient demand for classes.

In some cases there may only be a few students who wish to study a subject and so the class will not run. This is a dilemma which all schools face. It is not possible for schools to offer all subjects or all combinations of subjects. However, we hope that students will find sufficient breadth in the courses below for them to have a viable and challenging course of study which will lead them into, and through, Year 12.

### Year 11 —SACE Stage 1 Pattern of Subjects

#### All Year 11 students will need to study

English (Either as English Studies, English Communications or ESL)	2 units
Mathematics (Either as Mathematical Studies, Mathematical Applications, Maths for Industry (or Mathematics Supplementary 1 unit))	2 units
PE (Recreational 0 units or Elective PE 1 or 2 units)	
Australian Studies —(Unless studied in Year 10)	1 unit
Work Education — (studied in Year 10)	1 unit

#### Students will study 9 units of elective subjects

<p>Year 11 students must study at least 2 units of <b>Group 1 subjects (Arts/Humanities/Social &amp; Cultural Studies)</b>. Some of these subjects are semester courses and some are full year courses.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Art - Design</li> <li>Art – Visual Arts</li> <li>Business Studies</li> <li>Community Studies</li> <li>Drama</li> <li>Food Technology</li> <li>Geography</li> <li>Indonesian</li> <li>Japanese</li> <li>Legal Studies</li> <li>Media Studies</li> <li>Modern History</li> <li>Music</li> <li>Philosophy</li> <li>Studies in Religion</li> </ul>	<p>Year 11 students must study at least 2 units of <b>Group 2 subjects (Maths/Science/Technology)</b>. Some of these subjects are semester courses and some are full year courses.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Accounting</li> <li>Biology</li> <li>Chemistry</li> <li>Community Studies</li> <li>Design and Technology</li> <li>Information Processing &amp; Publishing</li> <li>Information Technology</li> <li>Mathematics (Unit F)</li> <li>Mathematics Specialist</li> <li>Physical Education</li> <li>Physics</li> <li>Psychology</li> <li>Mathematics Supplementary</li> </ul>
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## Year 12 — SACE Stage 2 Pattern of Subjects

Year 12 students study 5 full year subjects from the lists below.

### The following points need to be considered.

At least one subject from Group 1 and one subject from Group 2 must be chosen.

Students who want university entry should check the prerequisites for courses in which they are interested. All of the courses below are Higher Education Selection Subjects (HESS) except for Community Studies which cannot be counted towards university entry.

As a general rule, most university courses require a minimum of 4 subjects which are HESS GENERAL status for university entry. Put another way, this means that students who want university entry should choose a maximum of one HESS RESTRICTED subject from the 5 subjects they elect to study. This is, however, a general rule and should be checked in the SATAC information booklet. Students may choose 5 HESS GENERAL subjects.

The table below shows the Year 12 subjects in their two groups and indicates their assessment status. In some cases more than one form of assessment may be offered in the one class.

Group 1 Subjects	HESS	Group 2 Subjects	HESS
Business Studies	G	Accounting Studies	G
Community Studies	n/a	Biology	G
Drama	G or R	Chemistry	G
English Studies	G	Community Studies	n/a
English Communications	G	Design and Technology	R
English as a Second Language	G	Information Technology	R
Geography	G	Mathematics Applications	R
Indonesian	G	Mathematics Methods	G
Japanese	G	Mathematical Studies	G
Legal Studies	G	Mathematics Specialist	G
Media Studies	G	Physical Education	G
Modern History	G	Physics	G
Music	G or R	Psychology	G
Philosophy	G		
Visual Arts (Art/Craft/Design)	G or R		

## Planning your potential pathways

You may like to use the boxes below to plan your pathway.

### Year 10

<b>Semester 1</b>	English	Maths	Science	Work Education			Health and Money Matters
<b>Semester 2</b>	English	Maths	Science				RAVE

Choose at least one Arts/Humanities/Social & Cultural Studies subject (Group 1).

Choose at least one Maths/Science/Technology subject (Group 2).

### Year 11 Stage 1 (14 units)

<b>Semester 1</b>	English Communications	Maths					PE
<b>Semester 2</b>	English Communications	Maths					

Choose at least one Arts/Humanities/Social & Cultural Studies subject (Group 1).

Choose at least one Maths/Science/Technology subject (Group 2).

### Year 12 Stage 2 (10 units)

<b>Semester 1</b>						
<b>Semester 2</b>						