



# WASSA 2017

## What you need to know

### What is the Western Australian Statement of Student Achievement?

The Western Australian Statement of Student Achievement, also known as the WASSA, is issued to all Year 12 students at the completion of their secondary schooling.

The WASSA provides a formal record of what students leaving in Year 12 have achieved, as a result of their school education in Western Australia.

### What is included on the WASSA?

The WASSA formally records what a student has completed during their senior secondary schooling:

- achievement of WACE (Western Australian Certificate of Education) requirements
- achievement of literacy (reading and writing) standard
- achievement of numeracy standard
- achievement of exhibitions and awards
- school grades, school marks, and combined scores in ATAR (Australian Tertiary Admission Rank) units
- school grades and school marks in General and Foundation units
- completed Preliminary units
- completed VET (Vocational Education and Training) industry specific units
- successfully completed VET qualifications and VET units of competency
- completed endorsed programs
- number of community service hours undertaken (if reported by the school).

### How is the WASSA different from the Western Australian Certificate of Education?

The WACE is the certificate students receive when they meet the specified requirements. The requirements mean students need to:

- Complete at least 20 units (or equivalents) including:
  - a minimum of ten Year 12 units (or the equivalent)
  - four units from an English course, post-Year 10, including at least one pair of Year 12 units from an English course
  - at least one pair of units from a Year 12 List A course and one pair of units from a Year 12 List B course
  - a minimum of four Year 12 ATAR courses including the external examination (i.e. be eligible for an ATAR) or a Certificate II or higher VET qualification units.
- Achieve a minimum of 14 C grades or higher in Year 11 and Year 12 units (or equivalents) including at least 6 C grades (or equivalents) in Year 12 units
- Demonstrate a minimum literacy and numeracy standard.

The WASSA shows what students have achieved in order to meet the requirements of the WACE. For students who have finished Year 12 but not yet completed the requirements of the WACE, the WASSA shows their progress.



## Useful information

### WACE Manual

<http://senior-secondary.scsa.wa.edu.au/further-resources/wace-manual>

### Year 12 Information Handbook (Available 3 March 2017)

<http://senior-secondary.scsa.wa.edu.au/further-resources/year-12-information>

## How can students use the WASSA?

The WASSA is like the academic transcript students receive from universities and training providers. Students can use the detail in the WASSA to support their applications for employment, further education and training. Even if the WACE has not yet been achieved, the WASSA provides a statement that indicates how well students are prepared for further study, training and employment. It can be added to over a student's lifetime.

As a snapshot of a student's endeavours, the WASSA illustrates the level of study that has been attempted, performance in that study and the student's exposure to a variety of courses and extra-curricular activities. It gives a sense of the student's performance and engagement at school. This is a record that may be enriched by the comments provided on the student's school reports.

## How can employers, training organisations and higher education providers use the WASSA?

The WASSA is the document, which at the completion of a student's schooling sets out the areas of study, marks and grades a student has achieved as well as the breadth of their schooling, including extra-curricular activities. These are important factors for consideration by employers

when students submit job applications and for education providers when considering background requirements for course applications.

## Student Declaration and Permission

Year 12 students, and those not in Year 12 who are sitting ATAR course examinations, need to declare that they are aware of the requirements to achieve the WACE and for sitting the ATAR course examinations. They also need to complete a permission form.

The following students are required to complete the online Student Declaration and Permission:

- All Year 12 students
- Year 11 students who are studying ATAR Unit 3 and Unit 4 and sitting the 2017 ATAR course examinations
- Year 10 students who have been given approval to study ATAR Unit 3 and Unit 4 and sit the 2016 ATAR course examinations.

Full details are included at <http://senior-secondary.scsa.wa.edu.au/the-wace/student-declaration>.

To complete the Student Declaration and Permission online go to <https://www.wace.wa.edu.au> and follow the login instructions. This Student Declaration and Permission needs to be completed online by **Thursday, 22 June 2017.** ■



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