



Lake Joondalup
Baptist College

Year 10

INFORMATION GUIDE

Curriculum at LJBC - Year 10 Guide

Curriculum Office Contacts

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General Information

- West Australian Curriculum
- Courses designed to prepare for Year 11 and Year 12
- Preparing students for the future- a focus on inter-disciplinary skills (STEM)

WACE Requirements

- **WACE- West Australian Certificate of Education**
- **Numeracy and Literacy minimum standard (OLNA)**
 - All students must achieve success in the OLNA
 - Note- some students may be exempt due to achievement level in their Year 9 NAPLAN
 - OLNA first round was in March; second round is in September
- **Breadth and Depth**
 - Must choose a course from List A (Humanity type courses: English, History etc.)
 - Must choose a course from List B (Mathematics, Science, Design)
 - 20 units across Year 11 and Year 12 (Each course receives a unit for each semester of work)
- **Achievement Standard**
 - Must achieve 14 'C' grades or better across Year 11 and Year 12 (each unit receives a grade)
 - Minimum of 6 'C' grades or better must be obtained in Year 12
- **English Competence**
 - Complete 4 units of English or Literature across Year 11 and Year 12
 - Must achieve a 'C' grade or better in English or Literature for entry into University

Standard Pathways for Year 11 and Year 12

- **ATAR Pathway (Australian Tertiary Entrance Rank)**
 - Must take at least 4 ATAR courses to generate an ATAR score at the end of Year 12
 - Must begin that pathway in Year 11
- **General Pathway**
 - Must take at least 5 General courses
 - May elect to take an ATAR course; e.g. English ATAR
- **Certificate Pathways**
 - Certificate II through to a Certificate IV is available in many areas of study
 - Recommend only taking one ATAR course alongside of a Certificate study- usually English ATAR
 - VET Certificates can be completed on and off campus through Career Link Program

External Moderation of ATAR and General Courses

- **All courses, both ATAR and General courses are moderated in Year 12 externally**
 - ATAR- WACE Exams
 - General- External Set Tasks (EST)

Prerequisites for ATAR Courses Year 11

English (Learning Area Grade)

- English ATAR – 60%
- EALD (English as an Additional Language) – students who meet the language eligibility
- Literature ATAR – 65%
- General English – no prerequisite

Mathematics (Learning Area Grade)

- Mathematics Applications (ATAR) – ‘C’ Grade in Year 10 Pre-Application Mathematics
- Mathematics Methods (ATAR) – ‘A’ Grade in Year 10 Pre-Application Mathematics or ‘B’ Grade in Year 10 Pre-Methods Mathematics
- Mathematics Specialists – 75% in Y10 Pre-Methods Mathematics
- Mathematics Essentials – no prerequisite; suitable for TAFE bound students or general purpose Mathematics

Science

- ATAR Level – Biology, Chemistry, Human Biology
 - ‘B’ Grade in Science Learning Area and be recommended for Mathematics Applications
- Physics – ‘B’ Grade in Science Learning Area Grade for both Science and Mathematics
- Psychology – ‘B’ Grade in Science Learning Area and be recommended for both Mathematics Applications and English ATAR
- Integrated Science – no prerequisites

Remaining courses may have recommendations so it is best to speak with teachers and Heads of Learning from those individual areas.



Assessments

- Dates and details of all assessments are available on SEQTA Engage
- Students and parents should read all parts of the Senior Secondary Assessment Policy available on the College website
- **Information about absences during assessments**
 - Students may need to miss an assessment due to illness
 - When returning to school a student will need a medical certificate to cover the period of time that the assessment was missed
 - In class assessments – teachers will most likely provide an alternative assessment task that will be completed out of school time on a Wednesday afternoon from 3.30-4.30pm, supervised by Mrs Kelly or Mrs Eyre
 - Assessments that are out of class are due the first day back

Exams

- Semester One exams are scheduled for Term 2, week 8
- Classes will not run and students will be expected to attend their appropriate exams and use the rest of the time for exam preparation
- Most exams are of a 1.5 to 2-hour duration
- Exams include work covered in Semester One

Careers

- The College is able to assist with appropriate insurance cover should students wish to organise work experience. Please see Mrs Du Plooy or Mr Smith in the Careers/Curriculum office to discuss further

What do I do in the event of illness?

- If you miss an assessment due to illness, provide a medical certificate and write the assessment at a later stage
- An Assessment Catch-up class will be provided on Wednesday after school beginning in Week 4
- Do not attend school if you are ill as you may pass on your illness to other students

Family holidays and formal work

- Students should not miss any school days due to family holidays taken during regular term dates
- Please refer to the Senior Secondary Assessment Policy for clarification and information on this issue
- We recommend no formal work in Year 11 if it will have a negative impact on students achieving their goal

