

TO ACHIEVE A WACE – 2016 AND BEYOND

The minimum requirements to receive a WACE in 2016 and beyond are listed below. Achieving a WACE will signify that students have successfully met the breadth and depth requirements of the WACE and the achievement standards for the courses they choose.

For 2016 and beyond, students will be required to:

- demonstrate a minimum standard of literacy and a minimum standard of numeracy based on the skills regarded as essential for individuals to meet the demands of everyday life and work in a knowledge-based economy
- complete a minimum of 20 units or equivalents as described below
- complete four or more Year 12 ATAR courses or complete a Certificate II or higher.

Breadth and depth

Students will complete a minimum of 20 course units or the equivalent. This requirement must include at least:

- a minimum of 10 Year 12 units or the equivalent
- two completed Year 11 English units and one pair of completed Year 12 English units
- one pair of Year 12 course units from each of List A (arts/English/languages/social sciences) and List B (mathematics/science/technology).

Achievement standard

Students will be required to achieve 14 C grades in Year 11 and Year 12 units, including at least six C grades in Year 12 units (or equivalents, see below).

There will be provision for students to gain unit equivalence by completing:

- VET qualifications – a Certificate I can replace two Year 11 units, a Certificate II, two Year 11 and two Year 12 units, and a Certificate III or higher, two Year 11 and four Year 12 units
- endorsed programs – an endorsed program can replace two Year 11 units and two Year 12 units.

For unit equivalence, students may only use up to eight units of VET and endorsed programs with a maximum of four unit equivalents from endorsed programs.

Table 6: VET credit transfer unit equivalence

Completed qualification	Total Equivalents	Credit allocation by Year level (unit equivalents)		Satisfies the minimum VET qualification requirement for WACE
		Yr 11	Yr 12	
Certificate I ¹	2 units	2	-	✗
Certificate II ²	4 units	2	2	✓
Certificate III or higher	Partial ³	2	2	✓
	Full	2	4	✓

