



Renmark High School

The SACE

Information for Senior School Students 2017

What is the SACE?

Students who successfully complete their senior secondary education are awarded the South Australian Certificate of Education (SACE). The SACE is an internationally recognised qualification that paves the way for young people to move from school to work or further training and study. A new SACE was introduced in 2009 to ensure that students gain the skills they need for the future, as citizens and employees.

The SACE has been updated and strengthened to ensure it meets the needs of students, families, higher and further education providers, employers and the community. The new SACE will help students develop the skills and knowledge they need to succeed – whether they are headed for further education and training, university, an apprenticeship or straight into the workforce.

The certificate is based on two stages of achievement: Stage 1 (normally undertaken in Year 11) and Stage 2 (Year 12).

How do students get the SACE?

To gain the SACE, students complete about two years of full-time study which most students spread over three years. There are two stages:

- Stage 1, which most students do in Year 11, apart from the Personal Learning Plan, which most students will have completed in Year 10 in 2009
- Stage 2, which most students do in Year 12.

Each subject or course successfully completed earns 'credits' towards the SACE, with a minimum of 200 credits required for students to gain the certificate.

Students will receive a grade – from A to E – for each subject. For compulsory subjects, they will need to achieve a C grade or better.

The compulsory subjects are:

- Personal Learning Plan (10 credits at Stage 1)
- Literacy – at least 20 credits from a range of English subjects or courses (Stage 1)
- Numeracy – at least 10 credits from a range of mathematics subjects or courses (Stage 1)
- Research Project – an in-depth major project (10 credits at Stage 2)
- Other Stage 2 subjects totalling at least 60 credits.

The remaining 90 credits can be gained through additional Stage 1 or Stage 2 subjects or Board-recognised courses of a student's choice.

University and TAFE entry

TAFE SA recognises the SACE as meeting the entry requirements for most of its courses. It also considers a variety of other qualifications and experiences in its entry and selection processes.

Students who complete the SACE are eligible for university entry, provided they meet certain requirements. For university entry, students need to achieve 90 credits at Stage 2, including three 20-credit Stage 2 subjects. The final Stage 2 credits can be gained in a variety of ways defined by the universities. Universities also specify required subjects for some of their courses.

Full details of university and TAFE entry requirements for 2012 onwards will be included in the *Tertiary Entrance Booklet 2011, 2012, 2013*, to be published in July 2010 by the South Australian Tertiary Admissions Centre. Go to the SATAC website for more information www.satac.edu.au

For more information

Visit the SACE Board website at www.sace.sa.edu.au for more information about the new SACE.