

Subject Selections - SACE



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How the SACE works

SACE Stage 1

100% Internal Assessment (school-based)

Compulsory requirements = PLP, Literacy & Numeracy



SACE Stage 2

70% Internal Assessment (school-based,
subject to external moderation)

30% Externally
assessed (examination,
investigation, evaluation,
folio, visual study etc.)

Compulsory requirements = Research Project



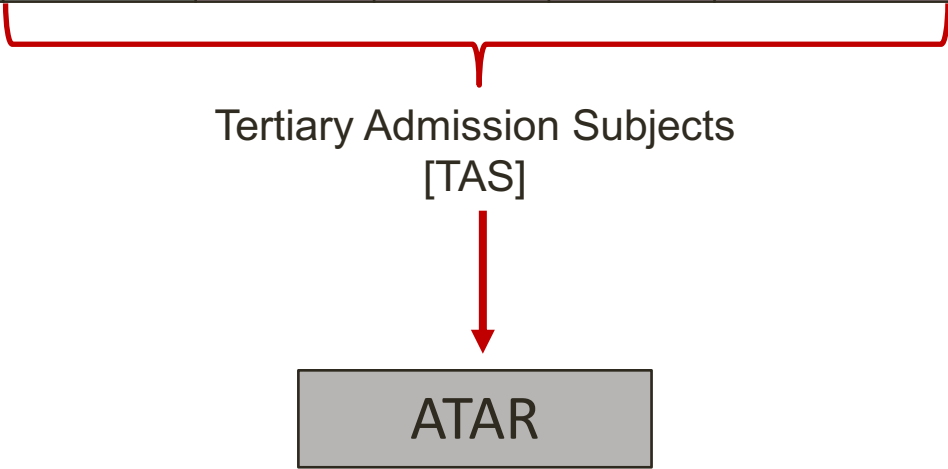
200 credits required to achieve the SACE

minimum requirements below:

Stage 1				Stage 2				
PLP (Year 10)	English (C grade)	Maths (C grade)	Other Stage 1 subjects or recognised learning	Research Project	Stage 2 subject	Stage 2 subject	Stage 2 subject	Stage 2 subject or recognised learning

Typical pattern at PAC:

- **130** Stage 1 credits
- **110** Stage 2 credits



The SACE at Prince Alfred College

At Prince Alfred College students study for more than the minimum 200 credits required to achieve the SACE

Students completing the SACE at the College will earn, on average, 240 credits

Year 10	Personal Learning Plan						
Year 11	Literacy	Numeracy	Research Project	Stage 1 Subject	Stage 1 Subject	Stage 1 Subject	Stage 1 Subject or IBDP Subject or VET
Year 12	Stage 2 Subject	Stage 2 Subject	Stage 2 Subject	Stage 2 Subject	Stage 2 Subject or IBDP Subject or VET		

Compulsory subject



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Flexibility in the SACE

The SACE recognises learning both in and outside school, for example:

- IB Diploma subjects – some PAC subjects only available in the IB (Languages, Sport Science, Film Studies, Design Technology)
- Vocational Education and Training courses (VET)
- Community learning (such as the Duke of Edinburgh Award)
- Headstart – University of Adelaide

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- Can be used towards Stage 1 and Stage 2 credits
 - ATAR restrictions (only 1 non-SACE subject can count)



SACE University aggregate to ATAR calculation

Each SACE student receives a University aggregate out of 90, which is then converted to an Australian Tertiary Admission Ranking (ATAR) with a maximum ranking of 99.95

How your university aggregate is calculated

60

Three 20 credit scores



30

Final 30 credits - flexible option

Your scaled scores from three 20 credit Tertiary Admissions Subjects (TAS) are used. Normally, 10 credit subjects do not count towards this requirement but some 10 credit subjects in the same subject area, when studied in pairs, can substitute for a 20 credit subject. These are called valid pairs.

You can find detailed information about Tertiary Admissions Subjects in the tables starting on [page 57](#).

Your score for the flexible option is the best 30 credits of scaled scores or scaled score equivalents from:

- the scaled score of a 20 credit TAS
- half the scaled score of one or more 20 credit TAS
- the scaled score of one or more 10 credit TAS
- scaled score equivalents for Recognised Studies to the value of 10 or the maximum of 20 credits

Your university aggregate is the best possible score calculated from the above options, subject to counting restrictions and precluded combinations.



SACE & ATAR

- B grade in examined subjects give approximately the same scaled score as an A grade in non-examined subjects
- C grade in any science gives a higher scaled score than a B grade in PE, Art, Tech or Outdoor Ed
- C in Mathematical Methods is approximately the same as B in General Mathematics (plus 2 bonus points)



SACE subject form:

- full subject list available
- precluded combinations highlighted

Available via:

- Email
- PAC website

Final selections made online via Web Preferences (login email sent to students)

All subjects are studied for a full-year. See the Senior School Subject Selection hand book <https://pac.edu.au/learning/senior-school/> for full details of each subject. You need to carefully check any pre-requisite or minimum success requirements for subjects you intend to study at Stage 1 and into Stage 2.

Fill in this form first to ensure you have the correct number of selections as per the instructions. Go to www.webpreferences.com.au to complete the online selection.

Note that Web Preferences will be available from Week 9 Term 2 – see your College email for log in details.

You need to select Research Project, English and Mathematics and then choose 5 option subjects; this includes one **reserve** subject. Number your choices in the order you wish to choose them and **pick them in the same order** in Web Preferences; this prioritises your subjects

	Subject	Preference Number
Compulsory Research Project	Research Project	1
Compulsory Literacy Requirement	English	
	English Literary Studies	
	English as an Additional Language (IB English B)	
Compulsory Numeracy Requirement	Essential Mathematics	
	General Mathematics	
	Mathematical Methods (<i>must have studied 10A in Year 10</i>)	
	Specialist Mathematics (<i>only available with Methods</i>)	
<p>Stage 1 Options: You must complete Option subjects.</p> <p><i>Number the subjects in the order that you want to choose them.</i></p> <p><i>The total number of compulsory and option subjects should be 8 (including one reserve option, and including Research Project)</i></p> <p>IB Subjects: You can choose one IB Diploma subject as part of your SACE pattern.</p> <p>Pre-requisites: There are formal pre-requisites for some of the subjects listed, and satisfactory completion of Year 10 subjects in the curriculum pathway to the Stage 1 or Stage 2 subject is required.</p> <p><i>If in doubt, the subject teacher's advice should be sought. Also check the Senior School Curriculum Handbook on the PAC website.</i></p> <p>PRECLUDED COMBINATIONS: Highlighted subjects of the same colour cannot be studied together.</p> <p>Only 2 of the subjects highlighted in yellow can be studied together.</p> <p>Viability of subjects and subject combinations in 2020 are the decision of the College.</p> <p>*VET: must also select another PAC subject. **IB in Year 11 allows a transfer to SACE stage 2 in Year 12. ^Note IB Language B subjects require the student to have studied that Language in Year 10. ^ Anticipated Biology: Expression of interest, must also select another PAC subject</p>	Accounting	
	Anticipated Biology [^]	
	Biology	
	Business and Innovation	
	Chemistry	
	Chinese (Background Speakers)	
	D & T: Digital Communication Solutions: CAD	
	D & T: Material Solutions Metal	
	D & T: Material Solutions Wood	
	D&T: Robotic and Electronic Systems: Coding and Automation	
	Drama	
	Economics	
	Geography**	
	History	
	IB Chinese B [^]	
	IB Design Technology	
	IB Film	
	IB French B [^]	
	IB Italian B [^]	
	IB Spanish <i>Ab initio</i> (beginner level – no prior learning assumed)	
	IB Sports Exercise and Health Science	
	Legal Studies	
Music		
Outdoor Education		
Physical Education		
Physics		
Visual Arts – Art		
Visual Arts – Design		
Vocational Education and Training (VET)*		



2022 selection process – key dates

Term 2

- Week 8 Tuesday 21st June
Year 10 Parent Teacher Interviews
- Week 9 Pathways Evening (Monday 27th June)
Subject Selection Handbook published online
Web Preferences available – online selections

Term 3

- **Week 2** **Friday 5th AUGUST**
Subject choice deadline for students
- w/c 15th August Subject counselling for some students



Sources of Information

- Senior School Subject Handbook on [PAC website](#)
- Sara Browning, Asst. Director of Teaching & Learning (SACE)
- James Mower, Asst. Director of Teaching & Learning (IBDP)
- Frank Palladino, VET Coordinator
- Monica Magann, Careers Counselor
- Subject teachers
- [SACE website](#) for further information about the SACE
- SATAC & TAFE Guides & websites for information about University and TAFE entrance and courses (and how an ATAR is calculated)

