SACE – Stage 1

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inspiring excellence
Stage 1 at Prince Alfred College

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# SACE Overview

**SACE Board – 200 credits to achieve SACE**

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- **PAC**
  - 140 Stage 1 credits
  - 110 Stage 2 credits

**Tertiary Admission Subjects (TAS)**

**ATAR**
## SACE subjects

### SACE Stage 1

- 100% Internal Assessment
- Compulsory requirements = PLP, Literacy and Numeracy

### SACE Stage 2

- **70% internal assessment** (subject to external moderation)
- **30%Externally assessed** (examination, investigation, evaluation, visual study etc.)

- Compulsory requirement is Research Project
SACE Policies – the rules

• Deadlines
  • Non-submission of work by the deadline results in no grade for the task (non-attendance at test date)
  • Illness requires medical note
  • Re-arrange by prior notification; at least 48 hours – for certain reasons (beyond student’s control; IT issues not an acceptable reason; at discretion of the College)

• Academic Honesty
  • Plagiarism, collusion & exam malpractice – zero grade

• Drafting
  • One draft policy
  • Feedback not editing
  • Submit best work – improve 1-2 grades, not how to get an A+

The rules ensure fairness for all students
ATAR – How?

1. A+ to E- score for **Stage 2 subject** = numerical score/15-points (SACE)

2. 15-point score is converted to score/20-points (SATAC)
   a) Or score /10 for a 10 credit subject (Research Project)

3. Best scores = score out of 90 known as the **University Aggregate** (SATAC)

4. **University Aggregate** is converted to a ranking out of 99.95, known as the **ATAR** (SATAC)

5. **Bonus Points** added – possibly (Universities)
Success at Stage 1

• Choose the right subjects!
• Continual effort – not fits and starts
• Build and develop record of learning (knowledge)
• Organisation – 28-30 assessment tasks per semester
  • Ignoring work doesn’t make it go away
  • Proactive prioritisation – take responsibility
  • No such thing as ‘no homework’
• Use the knowledge resources available
  • Teacher – **must** stay in communication
  • Student Success Team – not just for less able students

• Successful students work hard – there are no shortcuts
Assessment Outline

All students in all subjects

Also published on PAC website

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| **Fieldwork:** Torrens River Catchment  
  *Field Trip Week 8* | 30%              | Wk 10 Term 1 |
| **Inquiry:** Aging Population | 25%              | Week 4 Term 2 |
| **Skills and Applications:** Semester 1 Examination | 20%              | Week 5 – 6 Term 2 |

*Please note that dates given here are a guide only and are subject to change with a minimum of 1 week’s prior warning.*
Support for students (and parents)

• Deadlines – handbook on website
• Knowledge Management – identifies underperforming students
• Teachers there to help, feedback & communicate
• Student Success Team
• Special Provisions
  • Accessing assessment not a leg-up
  • Available for external assessment types (examinations)
  • Stage 1 = School & Stage 2 = SACE
Sources of Information

• SACE website – further information about the SACE
• Mr Jeremy Rylatt – Ass’t Director of Teaching & Learning (SACE)
• Ms Tabitha Noble – VET Coordinator
• Ms Monica Magann – Careers Counselor
• Subject teachers
• SATAC & TAFE Guides – for information about University and TAFE Courses