SACE – South Australian Certificate of Education

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SACE Overview

- Local programme recognised internationally through ATAR score
- Inclusive – designed for all levels of ability
  - Work, training or further study
- Continuous assessment over 2 years
- Majority of work school assessed
- Stage 1 – broader focus
- Stage 2 – narrower, more specialised
How the SACE works

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How the SACE works - credits

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
How the SACE Works

There are two ‘stages’ of the SACE:

• **Stage 1 - generally completed in Year 11**
  - Subjects semesterised into half-year blocks – 7 blocks per semester
  - Some compulsory requirements – PLP, Literacy & Numeracy
  - 100% Internally assessed – with some external moderation
  - Graded A to E
  - Wider choice of subject in preparation for Stage 2

• **Stage 2 - generally completed in Year 12**
  - Most subjects run for full year
  - One compulsory requirement – Research Project (completed in Y11 at PAC)
  - 70% internal and 30% external assessment
  - Graded A+ to E-
  - Only Stage 2 subjects contribute to the ATAR

• Completed subjects earn credits towards the SACE
SACE at PAC

- Year 11 2017
  - PLP – 10 credits – completed in Y10
  - Research Project – 10 credits (Stage 2) – semester 2
  - English – 20 credits
  - Mathematics – 20 or 40 credits (ability dependent)
  - Other Stage 1 subject choices to fill timetable (or recognised courses)
  - Total of 140 Stage 1 credits & 10 Stage 2 credits

- Year 12 2018
  - 5 Stage 2 subjects
  - Total of 100 Stage 2 credits

- PAC students typically complete the SACE with 250 SACE credits – in preparation for tertiary study
Recognised Learning

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

• IB Diploma subject(s) – some PAC subjects only available in the IB (e.g. Languages)

• Vocational Education and Training courses (VET)

• Community learning (such as the Duke of Edinburgh’s Award or volunteer work)

• Can be used towards Stage 1 (and Stage 2) credits

• Note – ATAR restrictions (only 1 can count)
Success in the SACE

• Starts with success in Y9 and Y10 and choosing the right subjects in Year 11

• Gaining a high ATAR is HARD WORK

• 70% internal assessment means that you will be doing
  • 35-40 assessments per semester in Year 11
  • Similar number in Y12 that directly contribute to your ATAR
  • In Y12 you will be writing up to 30,000 words that will be assessed.
  • These assessments are not evenly spaced through the year – they come in peaks and troughs
  • Examined subjects convert to better ATAR scores.
Sources of Information

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

• 2017 Senior School Subject Handbook – on PAC website from Monday 20th June
• Subject selection forms & process outlined to students from 20/6/16