

Planning for Stage 2 of the SACE

What you need to know



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Stage 2 or Year 12

- Stage 1 of the SACE should be completed by the end of Year 11
- Stage 2 is generally completed in Year 12 or 13
- This can vary between schools and students

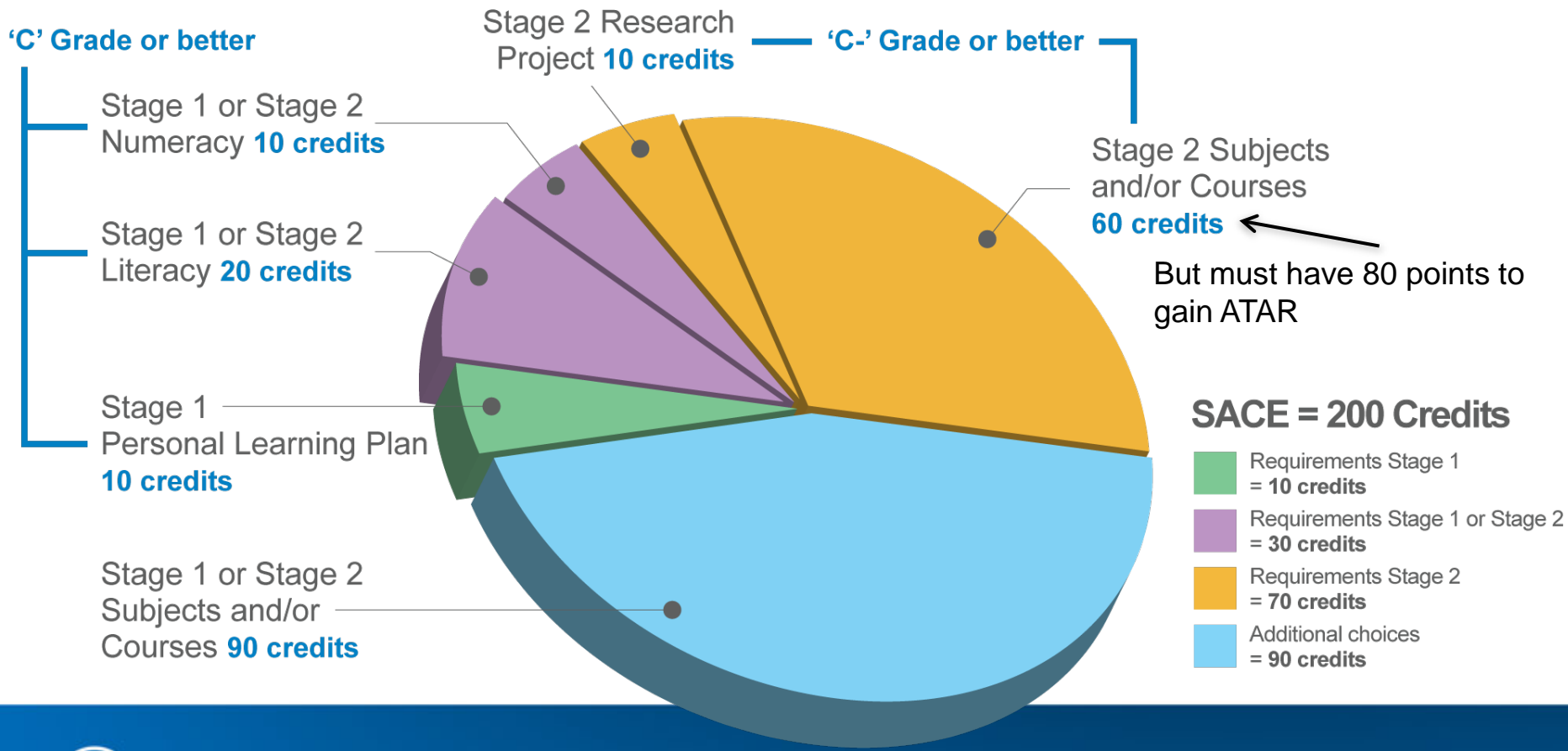
The final stage of the SACE

- Preparation and qualification for further learning – university and TAFE
- Developing skills in self-directed learning, project management, analysing information
- Opportunities to specialise and begin transition to next phase

Stage 2 requirements

- A minimum of 60 credits of Stage 2 subjects or courses (and all other SACE requirements)
- + Research Project (another 10 points)
- C- grade or higher for Stage 2 requirements
- Most students complete more than 70 credits at Stage 2 to keep university options open.

SACE Credits



Completion Status

Literacy requirement (at least 20 credits)

Choose from a range of English/English as a Second Language subjects or courses

English Pathways - 1EPW10 2013	B		10
English Pathways - 1EPW10 2013	Assumed C	10	

Numeracy requirement (at least 10 credits)

Choose from a range of Mathematics subjects or courses

Numeracy for Work and Community Life - 1NWC10 2013	C		10	
SUBTOTAL		10	20	30 / 30

200 credits at Stage 1 and 2

	Result	Potential	Credits	Target
Personal Learning Plan (10 credits)				
Personal Learning Plan - 1PLP10 2012	A		10	
SUBTOTAL		0	10	10 / 10

Stage 1 or Stage 2 subjects (at least 120 credits)

Other subjects free choice

Community Studies - 1COM10 2013	A		10	
English Pathways - 1EPW10 2013	B		10	
Food and Hospitality - 1FOH10 2013	B		10	
Physical Education - 1PHE10 2013	B		10	
Numeracy for Work and Community Life - 1NWC10 2013	C		10	
Child Studies - 1CSD10 2013	Assumed C	10		
English Pathways - 1EPW10 2013	Assumed C	10		
Integrated Learning - 1ILG10 2013	Assumed C	10		
Mathematical Applications - 1MCN10 2013	Assumed C	10		
Physical Education - 1PHE10 2013	Assumed C	10		
Business and Enterprise: Local Program - 1BES10 2013	Assumed C	10		
SUBTOTAL		60	50	110 / 120

• Stage 1 or Stage 2 subjects needs a further 10 credits

Stage 2 subjects (at least 60 credits)

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Research Project (10 credits)

SUBTOTAL		0	0	0 / 70



Stage 2 / Year 12 assessment

- Performance standards define the five levels of achievement from A+ to E-
- All SACE teachers and assessors mark with reference to the performance standards
- Performance standards are listed in subject outlines on the SACE website
- If you are considering a subject you can look it up on the SACE website to view exemplar tasks

School assessment – 70%

- Samples of student work from every Stage 2 subject in every school is sent to the SACE Board for checking
- Assessment experts check to ensure grades are accurate, fair and comparable with other SACE students
- Sometimes grades are adjusted through this process which is called ‘moderation’

External assessment – 30%

- The SACE Board marks the externally assessed component of all subjects
- These assessments can be written or oral examinations, investigations or performances
- Most exams take place in October and November
- The exam timetable is available on the SACE website early each year

Electronic Resulting

- Student assessment will be further aligned with teaching and learning technologies used in classrooms.
- The move to electronic submission and collection of student work will meet the growing demand for students to present evidence of learning in multimodal formats.
- This highlights the importance of BYOD. All work is submitted electronically.

Recognised learning

- The SACE recognises learning in and outside school, for example:
- Vocational education and training courses (VET)
- Community learning

Vocational education and training (VET)

- Learn on-the-job skills while working towards SACE completion and a VET qualification
- Students can gain up to 150 of their 200 SACE credits at Stage 1 and/or Stage 2 from VET but different courses contribute Stage 1 or 2 points
- Ensure you choose a subject that is related to your career pathway interests

TAFE and the ATAR

Students who complete a Certificate III or higher may count the qualification towards their ATAR
(20 credits in the flexible option)

However, students also need to complete 60 credits of Stage 2, 20 credit subjects.

The score given for a Certificate III is the average of the three other 20 credit subjects.

CONSIDERATIONS

Community Studies A and B

- Cannot be used for an ATAR calculation
- Can do more than one topic
- Can be converted into community studies if the subject content needs to be more flexible.

NO UNIVERSITY OPTION

Community learning

- Students can count up to 90 credits of community learning at Stage 1 or Stage 2
- Programs such as the Duke of Edinburgh's Award, Country Fire Service Training, and Australian Music Exams are recognised
- Students may also receive credits for playing sport at an elite level, acting as a carer, or gaining a pilot licence

Implications for subject selection

Yr 11 – Yr 12

Students choose 4 subjects, that they enjoy and have read the subject outlines to be clear about the content and costs.

Select subjects based on teacher recommendations:

- To safe guard their SACE completion
- To ensure the option of an ATAR
- All Stage 1 pending grades need to be completed before school finishes in December.

Implications for subject selection Yr 11 – Yr 12

Think about what you would like to do after school
Read Tafe and University information guides
Check courses for prerequisites
Identify assumed knowledge
Consider where courses are being offered
Attend Tertiary OPEN DAYS and Information sessions

CONSIDERATIONS

Precluded ATAR combinations

- Can't be used for an ATAR calculation
- Only ONE of the following:
 - Material Products – wood
 - Material products – metal
 - System and Control

Results

- Year 12 results are usually in mid December – as an email and online.
- Students need their PIN and SACE registration number to access their results on the Students Online section of the SACE website
- Students should check they can log in, and check their address is up to date, prior to exams and final assessments

Results

- All student results are available online.
- Students who qualify for a Tertiary Entrance Statement can access their Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) and TAFE SA Selection Score online
- Students also receive this information by email /mail from the South Australian Tertiary Admissions Centre (SATAC)

Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR)

- Measures a student's overall achievement compared with other students
- Used by universities to select students for university courses
- Ranges from 0 to 99.95
- Calculated from university aggregate – based on 90 credits of SACE Stage 2 for entry in 2017

Applying for 2018 university entry

To be eligible to apply for university courses, students need to have:

- Completed SACE with at least 90 Credits at Stage 2
- Gained an ATAR
- Gained a university aggregate
- Met any prerequisite subject requirements
- Complied with rules regarding subject combinations and counting restrictions.

Applying for TAFE

- Applications are made through SATAC
- SACE meets TAFE SA Course Admission Requirements for most courses
- TAFE SA considers other qualifications and experiences
- Refer the Tertiary Entrance 2017, 2018, 2019 booklet. This only available as a download from satac.edu.au Offers are made in early January

Special Provisions

- Available if an illness, disability or unforeseen circumstance significantly impacts a student's ability to participate in an assessment
- To apply, student must provide evidence of the impact (ie. Medical Certificate)
- More information is on the SACE website under Schools > [Special Provisions](#) (minisite)

Students with a disability

- Modified subjects are offered at Stage 1 and Stage 2 for students with identified intellectual disabilities
- Studying a modified subject gains credits towards the SACE but not a grade for the subject; achievement is recorded as 'Completed'
- Any modified subjects a student has studied are identified on their SACE certificate

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Further information

- Visit the SACE website – particularly the Students and Learning sections: www.sace.sa.edu.au
- For Tertiary Information visit www.satac.edu.au and www.tafesa.edu.au
- Download and read a copy of the Achieve handbook, Stage 1 or Stage 2 edition available from the SACE website.
- Talk to teachers, Mrs Chancellor VET Coordinator and/or Mrs Warner SACE Coordinator at your school