

St Joseph's School

Frequently Asked Questions

Senior Secondary Schooling



1. School Information

1.1 Why your child should attend St Joseph's School for Senior Secondary

St Joseph's School has always provided a quality and well-rounded education that caters for the 'whole' student from Pre-Kindergarten to Year 10 and now to Year 12. Pastoral Care is a high priority at this school and will continue to be so for our students in Years 11 and 12. Our teachers are qualified and experienced in providing a Senior Secondary education. With our small numbers in senior school, our staff will be providing more individualised instruction for our students.

1.2 Projection for the next 5 years

St Joseph's School intends to introduce Year 11 in 2016 and Year 12 in 2017. With continued growth a broader ATAR stream and GENERAL stream will be offered to the students. The Board is currently developing a long term Capital Development Plan to cater for future needs and facilities. The refurbishment of the current administration building is a priority.

1.3 Fees

The Board will investigate current practices in other similar Catholic high schools. This school will continue to provide quality Catholic education at a reasonable fee structure. Typically there is a minimal increase from Year 10 to Senior Secondary.

2. Student Information

2.1 2015 Year 10 'End of an Era' Recognition Dinner

The staff at St Joseph's School would like to celebrate the 'End of an Era' with a Mass and Semi-Formal Function on 10th December 2015 for the current Year 10 students.

2.2 Student Leaders

Further consultation with current St Joseph's School students will occur to develop a future Student Leadership Model and the transition stages.

2.3 Formal Graduation for Year 12, 2017

There will be a Graduating Mass and Formal Dinner for the Graduating Class of 2017. It is envisaged that Year 11 students will have a social event.

2.4 Lockers & Common Room

There is adequate space for lockers with the introduction of Senior Schooling. The use of the Common Room will be discussed with the senior students.

2.5 Leavers jackets

This will now be a Year 12 privilege.

2.6 Participation in Country Week Sport

We will be investigating this next year. We will continue to enter all current ACC events at the Senior School level.

2.7 Technological Devices

Current Year 10 students can continue to loan iPad's for Years 11 and 12.

3. Curriculum Information

3.1 Small group moderation

This will occur for all ATAR courses with other metropolitan schools.

3.2 Staff Networks

Staff teaching Year 11 and 12 courses will work in conjunction with colleagues within the CEWA network.

3.3 Courses Offered

Lines	ATAR	GENERAL
1	Religion and Life ATAR	Religion and Life GEN
2	Maths Methods OR Maths Applications	Maths Essential
3	English ATAR	English GEN
4	Chemistry ATAR	Integrated Science GEN
5	HSS ATAR	Certificate II Courses -Agriculture -Community Services -Hairdressing -Business -Automotive Servicing Tech -Building and Construction: Trades -Cert III – Early Childhood Education and Care
6	PE Studies ATAR	Certificate II – Sport Coaching

3.4 Choosing a Study Pathway

Students and parents will be invited to a personal counselling meeting with a member of the school's Leadership Team to discuss the student's individual needs.

3.5 Requirements for graduation

Courses at St Joseph's School are designed to deliver a WACE according to SCSA requirements.

4. Catholic Schooling Information

4.1 Religion and Life

Religious Education remains a compulsory subject in Senior Secondary Catholic Schools. St Joseph's School will be offering Religion and Life at both the ATAR and GENERAL level according to SCSA regulations.

4.2 MAJEC – Christian Service Learning

Students at St Joseph's School are required to complete a Christian Service Learning. This program (MAJEC) will extend to cover Years 11 and 12 in accordance with SCSA requirements. Senior students are expected to complete 20 hours of community service by the end of Term 3, Year 12. These hours will be recorded on their WACE (Western Australian Certificate of Education).