

# RELIGION AND LIFE

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### 1. Why study Religion and Life?

All social and individual life everywhere is influenced by religious issues, thinking, and actions, and therefore deserve attention and analysis. Religions, historically and in the present, are critical in individual, social and political life around the globe.

The course is inherently multidisciplinary as it examines human experiences and understandings, cultural influences, global insights and traditions. Students develop skills in thinking critically, listening empathetically, speaking thoughtfully, and writing succinctly.

### 2. What can the course of Religion and life be used for?

The course is a useful foundation for a range of University and Tafe courses.

- Psychology
- Teaching
- Anthropology
- Sociology
- Psychiatry
- Medicine
- Law
- Social Services
- Journalism
- Diplomacy
- Politics
- Business

### 3. What grade level does a student need to be in Year 10 to do ATAR Religion and Life?

The course is heavily literacy based, with reading, analysis and reporting, Therefore, it is recommended that a student has a B grade in both Year 10 English and Religion.

### 4. Why does 'Religious Education' in years 7-10 become 'Religion and Life' in years 11-12?

The Religious Education programme is run in all Western Australian schools from Kindy to Year 10, and is designed and mandated by the Bishops. Its purpose is to provide opportunities for students in Catholic schools to learn about their Catholic faith and engage in faith experiences.

Religion and Life is a senior course designed by the Curriculum Council to be non-denominational, so that students from every school can study it.

### 5. Do students need to have a personal faith, and attend Church to do this course.

Students' personal faith, experiences and opinions can certainly contribute to their learning and understanding, However, a religious background is not necessary for participation in the course.

# THE ARTS

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### ATAR

**Do you have to play an instrument to do Music?**

Yes, you need to be level 3 or 4, or a serious composer.

**What if I haven't done music since Year 7?**

You will struggle. Speak to music teachers ASAP to see if you are able to do a "crash course" in theory.

**Will I be required to pay for individual music lessons?**

Yes, if doing the performance option, you must have a tutor. Your tutor may be from outside of Nagle.

### GENERAL

**Do you have to play an instrument to do Music?**

Yes, you need to be level 2 or 3, or interested in composing.

**What if I haven't done music since Year 7?**

You will need to work hard to catch up your theory in your own time. Speak to a music teacher to see what catch up theory work you can do in Year 10.

**Will I be required to pay for individual music lessons?**

No, however they are always advantageous.

### CERT II

**Do you have to play an instrument to do Music?**

Yes, but Music Technology instruments can be used, such as LaunchPad.

**What if I haven't done music since Year 7?**

That's OK. We focus on industry music skills, not music theory.

**Will I be required to pay for individual music lessons?**

No, however they are always advantageous.

# ENGLISH AND LANGUAGES

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### **What is it?**

Literature is a subject that our Year 10 students can select instead of English. Literature is focused on reading and interpreting three text forms; Poetry, Drama and Prose and writing analytical essays in response to these. No visual texts are studied in Literature. There is a Creative Writing component included in each Semester.

### **Who should do Literature?**

Students who have a real passion for reading books. Students who are interested in the history of Literary periods. Students who are successful English students who want to be challenged. With challenges, comes rewards. Many students are rewarded in this subject if they keep up with coursework and engage with the texts offered.

### **What are some benefits associated with this subject?**

A small class size- strong connections with students and teachers are formed.

Encourages higher order thinking and creativity (for people who think outside of the box).

No creative writing in the exam.

# HEALTH & PHYSICAL EDUCATION

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### ATAR HEALTH STUDIES

**1. What career pathway could this course lead to?**

This course will prepare students for careers and study pathways in a range of health and community service fields.

**2. Is this course similar to a lower secondary health course?**

No. Students undertaking this course develop the knowledge, understanding and skills necessary to promote an understanding of the importance of personal and community action in promoting health.

**3. What skills are required for this course?**

Research and inquiry skills

Sound writing skills

### ATAR PHYSICAL EDUCATION STUDIES

**1. What career pathway could this course lead to?**

The course prepares students for careers and study pathways in a range of sport, leisure and recreation fields, education, sport development, youth work, and health and medical fields linked to physical activity and sport.

**2. What is the written to practical component of the course ratio?**

There is a heavy theory component to this course. The general breakdown is 4 periods theory and 1 period practical throughout the week.

Assessment breakdown – 70% written component and 30% practical performance.

**3. What sports are covered throughout the year?**

In Year 11 ATAR Physical Education Studies students will be assessed on two sports, volleyball and badminton. In Year 12 ATAR Physical Education Studies students will be assessed on the one sport for their school mark (teacher selected) and for their WACE Practical exam they will be required to select one of the following sports, AFL, Badminton, Basketball, Cricket, Hockey, Netball, Soccer, Tennis, Touch and Volleyball.

### GENERAL PHYSICAL EDUCATION STUDIES

**1. What career pathway could this course lead to?**

The course prepares students for careers and study pathways in a range of sport, leisure and recreation fields, education, sport development, youth work, and health and medical fields linked to physical activity and sport.

## **2. What is the written to practical component of the course ratio?**

The course has a greater practical component over ATAR Physical Education studies and appeals to students with varying backgrounds, physical activity knowledge and dispositions.

Assessment breakdown – 50% written component and 50% practical performance.

## **3. Will there be an exam?**

Yes, but only in Year 12. Students will be required to sit an externally set task. This is a written task or item or set of items of 50 minutes duration developed by the School Curriculum and Standards Authority and administered by the school.

## **GENERAL OUTDOOR EDUCATION**

### **1. Do we go on any camps?**

Yes, throughout the Year 11 and 12 courses students will have the opportunity to participate in a 2-night expedition in Kalbarri, a three day, two-night hiking expedition to Tamala Station, Shark Bay, a three-day, two-night expedition to Rottne Island and a one-day expedition leading a camp for a Year 8 Outdoor Education group.

### **2. What is the theory to practical workload?**

The course has a greater practical component over ATAR Outdoor Education and appeals to students with varying backgrounds, physical activity knowledge and dispositions.

Assessment breakdown – 50% written component and 50% practical performance.

### **3. Will there be an exam?**

Yes, but only in Year 12. Students will be required to sit an externally set task. This is a written task or item or set of items of 50 minutes duration developed by the School Curriculum and Standards Authority and administered by the school.

### **4. What career pathway could this course lead to?**

The course will prepare students for career and study pathways in areas such as outdoor leadership, environmental interpretation, environmental planning, facilities management, eco-tourism, military service and outdoor education.

## **CERTIFICATE III IN FITNESS**

### **1. What will the course allow me to do?**

You will be a qualified Fitness Instructor, able run group classes and gain the knowledge to work in gym management positions. The Certificate III in Fitness is a prerequisite for Certificate IV in Fitness which certifies you as a Personal Trainer.

### **2. Is it cheaper to do this course through school or TAFE?**

Yes, it is, it will cost you \$200 to complete a Certificate III in Fitness at Nagle and it is run through a reputable organisation The Australian Institute of Personal Trainers. If you were to complete this course outside of school, it would cost you \$3400 to complete.

### **3. Do I need to be fit to do this course?**

We welcome students of all fitness levels, the course is about gaining knowledge on how to become fit and healthy to coach others to do so as well.

### **4. How much time is spent on theory and practical?**

Each unit has a theory component and practical competencies which must be demonstrated.

## **CERTIFICATE II IN OUTDOOR RECREATION**

### **1. Do we go on any camps?**

Yes, the Certificate II in Outdoor Recreation has various camps over the two-year course. These include a 5-day trip to Coral Bay where students go fishing, snorkelling and get to swim with manta rays), a day trip to Kalbarri abseiling and rock climbing and a navigation trip to Tamala station.

### **5. What qualifications do I come out with?**

Students will gain a wealth of experience in teamwork, environmental awareness and leadership. Students come out with a Certificate II in Outdoor Recreation and Senior First Aid. Many units covered in the course can be used as RPL for many other courses in the future. This means that it could take time off your future studies if you choose to do so.

### **6. What is the theory to practical workload?**

Depending on the unit, some are more practical based, some more theory. Students will get assessed on theory and practical components of the course.

## **CERTIFICATE II IN SPORT AND RECREATION**

### **1. What career pathway could this course lead to?**

The course opens up doors to a variety of career and study pathways, all in the sport and recreation industry. It provides students with the skills and knowledge to work in sporting facilities such as the Basketball stadium or Aquarena. It will also provide students with the skills and knowledge to coach sporting teams which may lead to an interest in teaching.

### **2. What is involved in the course?**

The course is comprised of theory and practical learning. Incorporating learning relevant skills into sports. It includes practical assessments, theory questions, water-based activities, sports injury prevention experience, event meal planning for athletes, some coaching experience, OHS knowledge and much more

### **3. What is theory to practical workload?**

Depending on the unit, some are more practical based, some more theory. A general workload is 70% theory and 30% practical.

### **4. Do we play sport?**

There will be an opportunity to play sports during the week, through playing sports the learning experiences happen. The sports designed to facilitate learning experiences e.g. the set up and pack up, the handling of equipment, scoring and officiating, planning sessions for younger people

### **5. What qualifications do I come out with?**

Students come out with a Certificate II in Sport and Recreation, First Aid and Water Rescue Qualification. Many units covered in the course can be used as RPL for many other courses in the future. This means that it could take time off your future studies if you choose to do so.

# HUMANITIES

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### 1. Why choose a humanities subject?

There is good sense in choosing a humanities subject in your selection of subjects.

- a. The Humanities teach you a particular set of social skills that are in high demand in the modern world of work such as working in groups, being able to produce products and negotiate outcomes in collaboration with a team.
- b. The Humanities subjects also have important conceptual frameworks (ways of thinking) that are not taught in other areas of the curriculum. These ways of thinking will help you to solve problems and function effectively in the modern ever-changing environment.
- c. The Humanities subjects also teach a set of unique skills that are directly transferrable to real life situations like reading maps, interpreting visual data and images and evaluating policies. By mastering these skills students will be more competitive in the modern work place.

### 2. What is Economics about?

Economics is the study of how societies, governments, businesses, households, and individuals make decisions to allocate resources such as raw materials, food, taxes and so on.

A study of economics involves two aspects

- a. developing models of behaviour to predict how people will respond to changes in policy and markets.
- b. The second aspect involves using statistical data to investigate these changes and the effect of decisions that people make.

Studying economics will help students to understand the tax system, inflation, unemployment and the welfare system. Understanding the economic principles that underpin society can help students to lead effective futures as citizens in a competitive capitalist society.

### 3. What subjects do I need to study to become a lawyer?

It is recommended that you take Politics and Law. You should also have ATAR English in your choices too. It would be good to compliment these subjects with History and a subject linked to the field of law that you would like to practise in such as Geography if you want to work in Environmental Law or Accounting if you are interested in financial law.

# MATHEMATICS

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### **Can I do Specialist and Applications?**

No, if you want to complete Specialist maths you must choose the Methods course as well.

### **Can I just do Specialist?**

No, if you want to complete Specialist maths you must choose the Methods course as well.

### **What is the minimum requirement for – Applications/Methods/Specialist?**

Applications: Students should have achieved a **C** grade or above in Year 10 Accelerate Mathematics or have achieved a **B** grade or above in Year 10 General Mathematics.

Methods: Students should have achieved a **B** grade or above in Year 10 Accelerate Mathematics

Specialist: Students should have achieved an **A** grade in Year 10 Accelerate Mathematics.

### **Do I need Methods or Specialist to do medicine at University?**

No

# SCIENCE

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### **What Science subjects do I need to study to become a doctor?**

You can maximise your chances of entry into UWA, Curtin University or Notre Dame by getting a high ATAR, but a high ATAR does not mean you will automatically gain a place. Your ATAR is considered by medical schools alongside your UMAT (Undergraduate Medicine and Health Sciences Admission Test) and interview scores to calculate your ranking for entrance.

The Science Department recommends Chemistry, Physics and/or Human Biology to achieve the best possible ATAR. Whilst studying these subjects you will develop a strong work ethic which will hold in good stead during your undergraduate studies.

### **What Science subjects do I need to study to become a physiotherapist/speech therapist/occupational therapist?**

Again, these degrees are quite competitive. Curtin University states a minimum ATAR of 90, in practice this can be much higher. The median rank to receive an offer in physiotherapy in 2017 was 96.13.

The Science Department recommends Human Biology and Chemistry to help achieve the best possible ATAR.

### **What Science subjects do I need to study to become an engineer?**

To survive the academic rigours of engineering at university, Physics and Chemistry are the recommended subjects.

### **What Science subjects should I choose if I am not sure of my post-secondary plans?**

The Science Department suggests Chemistry and Human Biology or Biology when students are not sure of their plans after school.

Other popular combinations are Biology and Earth and Environmental Science or Human Biology and Psychology.

### **Can I study Biology and Human Biology in Year 11 and 12?**

Yes, Biology and Human Biology can be studied at the same time.