



Senior Years Course Information Session **SACE**

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Welcome to Endeavour College

“A Christian Environment
for each student
and staff member
to develop their
God-given abilities
for LIFE and community”



The SACE Journey



Welcome to the SACE

The South Australian Certificate of Education (SACE) is a modern, internationally-recognised secondary school qualification designed to equip you with the skills, knowledge, and personal capabilities to successfully participate in our fast-paced global society.

The SACE has evolved to provide you with more flexibility to choose subjects that reflect your interests, skills, and career goals, using a combination of SACE subjects, vocational education and training (VET), community learning, university, and TAFE studies.

SACE subjects are made up of investigations, performances, and other assessment tasks to demonstrate your skills, knowledge, and personal capabilities throughout the year. Some subjects will have an end-of-year exam worth a maximum of 30% of the overall grade.

Your SACE journey

To complete the qualification, you will need to attain 200 credits from a selection of Stage 1 and Stage 2 subjects. A 10-credit subject is usually one semester of study, and a 20-credit subject is usually over two semesters. Here's how it works.



COMPULSORY SUBJECTS

50 credits

- Exploring Identities and Futures (EIF) (10 credits)
- Literacy requirement (20 credits) demonstrated from a range of English subjects at Stage 1 or Stage 2
- Numeracy requirement (10 credits) demonstrated from a range of Mathematics subjects at Stage 1 or Stage 2
- Activating Identities and Futures (AIF) (10 credits)



STUDENT SELECTED SUBJECTS

90 credits

Choose and successfully complete a selection of Stage 1 and Stage 2 subjects, recognised VET courses, or community learning.



60 credits

Choose and successfully complete a selection of Stage 2 or VET subjects worth at least 60 credits in total.

Stage 2 subjects are externally assessed by the SACE Board of South Australia.

Handout Provided

If there are none left it is available from the SACE website

<https://www.sace.sa.edu.au/studying/your-sace/what-is-the-sace>

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The SACE is flexible and your schedule may differ depending on your school. The majority of students in South Australia will start their journey with **Exploring Identities and Futures in Year 10**, their chosen **Stage 1 subjects in Year 11** (including the compulsory Maths and English choices), and their chosen **Stage 2 subjects in Year 12** plus Activating Identities and Futures. To view all subjects offered by SACE visit sace.sa.edu.au

EXAMPLE OF ACHIEVING A MINIMUM OF 200 CREDITS

50 credits - compulsory

Exploring Identities and Futures (10 credits)

Stage 1 General Mathematics
(10 credits – one semester)

Stage 1 Essential English (20 credits)

Stage 2 Activating Identities and Futures (10 credits)

Min. 90 credits

Stage 1 Biology (20 credits)

Stage 1 Language
(20 credits)

Stage 1 Food and Hospitality
(20 credits)

Stage 2 Food and Hospitality
(20 credits)

Stage 1 VET: Certificate II in Food
Processing (min. 40 credits)

Min. 60 credits

Stage 2 Biology (20 credits)

Stage 2 Language
(20 credits)

Stage 2 Essential English
(20 credits)

Numeracy in the SACE

Completion of the compulsory 10 Credits of Numeracy can be achieved through a range of Mathematics

Subject options at **Stage 1** and **Stage 2**:

- Specialist Mathematics
- Mathematics Methods
- General Mathematics
- Essential Mathematics

Further information on the progression into each subject will be communicated in the specific Year Level sessions.

Literacy in the SACE

Completion of the compulsory Literacy requirement (20 credits) can be achieved through the following English subject options:

• Stage 1

- *English Literary Studies*
- *English*
- *Essential English*

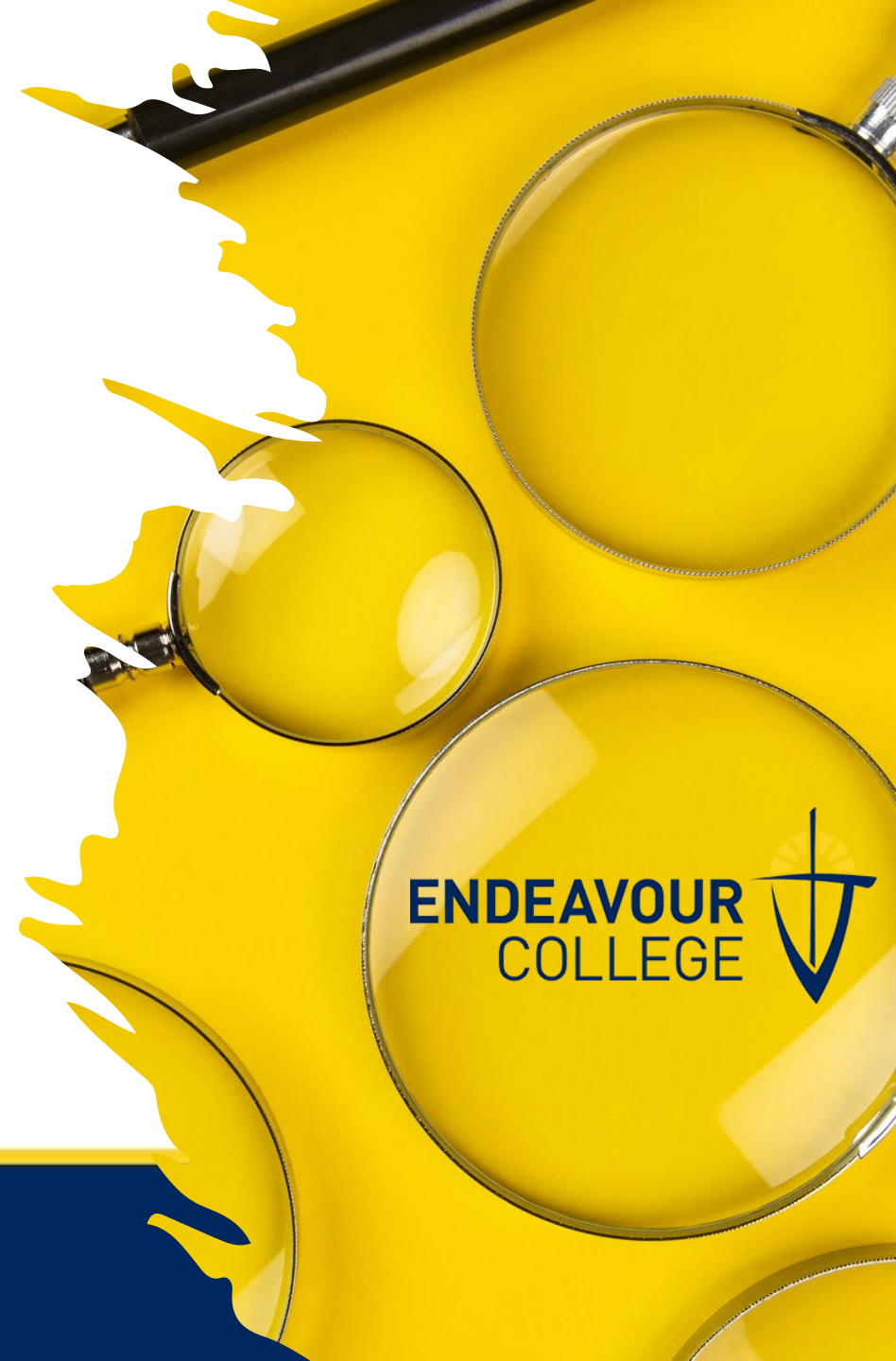
Stage 2

English Literary Studies
English
Essential English

What is the Exploring Identities and Futures (EIF)?

Stage 1 Compulsory subject

- Helps students better understand themselves.
- Encourages exploration of personal aspirations and future pathways.
- Supports students at the beginning of their SACE journey.
- Builds key knowledge, skills, and capabilities for lifelong learning.
- Empowers students to take ownership of their future pathways.
- Encourages exploration of interests such as work, travel, and further study.



What is the Activating Identities and Futures (AIF)?

Stage 2 Compulsory Subject

- Students choose strategies to explore and develop an area of personal interest
- Involves creating or planning a learning output based on this interest
- Builds skills in “learning how to learn”
- Develops problem-solving strategies for unfamiliar situations
- Uses self-directed inquiry as the main learning process
- Guides students to select strategies that help them reach a final outcome





Vocational Education and Training

- Students can gain SACE credit for VET courses in a wide variety of industries
 - Hospitality, Tourism, Animal Care, Automotive, Christian Ministry, Construction, Information Technology, plus many more!
- Credits are applied and depending on the level of the VET course the time required to complete it.
 - Stage 1 – usually Certificate I and II, lower credits
 - Stage 2 – usually Certificate III and IV, higher credits

Community & Recognised Learning

- Students can gain also SACE credit for a variety of Community-developed programs such as:
 - *Army or Air Force Cadets, AMEB studies, Queen's Guide/Scout Award, CFS or St John's Volunteering, plus many more.*
- Credits are applied depending on the level of the program, but usually 10 credits applied at Stage 1.
- See the SACE Coordinator to see if your program is eligible.



Compulsory Stage 2 SACE requirements

Students must **successfully** complete at least 70 credits:

- 10 Credits – Activating Identities and Futures (AIF) (with a C- or better)
- 60 Credits - At least 3 other Stage 2 subjects (with a C- or better)

This will get students their SACE but **not** an ATAR.

Mission Accomplished!

- There are minimum allowable grades for the compulsory subjects and requirements:
 - C or higher for the Literacy and Numeracy Requirements, and the EIF.
 - C- or higher for the AIF and 60 credits of Stage 2 subjects.
- For the **remaining** 90 Credits from Stage 1 or 2
 - Credits are awarded for A-E grades at Stage 1
 - A passing grade must be achieved in all Stage 2 subjects for credits to be counted toward the SACE.



Special Provisions and the SACE

Provided for Students who:

- Have a disability
- Medical, Social or Emotional Condition
- Meet with misadventure
- Experience personal circumstances beyond their control

May include:

- Reasonable adjustments
- Rest breaks during examinations
- Provision of exam resources in adjusted format

Completed on a student-by-student basis.



To be eligible for an ATAR

The ATAR is based on 90 credits of Stage 2 subjects.
This means

- at least 60 credits from 3 x 20 credit Tertiary Admissions Subjects (TAS)
- 30 credits from any combination of TAS subjects and up to 20 credits of Recognised Studies (eg. VET)

*For entry into university courses students need to complete any **prerequisite subject** for the chosen university courses and give consideration to completing those subjects listed as **assumed knowledge**.*



Scaling

- Cannot be predicted; is determined on a year-by-year subject-by-subject basis
- Choose subjects based on:
 - Strengths
 - Enjoyment
 - Future pathways
 - Not on perceived scaling benefit



Questions?

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