Western Australian Certificate of Education (WACE)
Year 11 in 2014 and Year 12 in 2015

Year 11 in 2014
Leeming Senior High School
Parent Information Evening
Wednesday 5th February 2014
TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED:

- Student Services members
- Required grade average to achieve WACE
- Key end dates
- Tips for improved achievement
- Time management
- Academic support
- Question time
STUDENT SERVICES (YEAR 11/12)
LEEMING SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

- Damon Atthowe – Deputy Principal
- Vance Bryan – Student Services Manager
- Luke Devenish – Yr11/12 Coordinator
- Bettina Carter – Chaplain
- Annette Harmon – School Psychologist
- Pauline Chambers - Nurse
- Subject specific HOLA’s
- Subject specialist teachers
- PARENTS
GRADE AVERAGE = C+
KEY DATES – YEAR 11 – 2014

• Semester 1 Exams: 26 May to 6 June (Term 2 Wk5/6)
• Semester 2 Exams: 3 Nov to 14 Nov (Term 4 Wk4/5)

• 27 November (Term 4 Week 7)
  Last date for schools/providers to inform students in writing of their grades for all course units studied in Yr11.

• 25 November (Term 4 Week 7)
  Yr 11 students usually need to remain enrolled until this date to complete the requirements of the structured educational program which is required for a grade to be assigned for a course unit. **FINAL DAY.**

HOW DO WE GET THERE SUCCESSFULLY???
IMPROVE YOUR STUDY RESULTS – 11 TIPS

1. Study in short, frequent sessions.
2. Take guilt free days of rest.
3. Honour your emotional state.
4. Review the same day.
5. Observe the natural learning sequence.
6. Use exaggeration.
7. Prepare your study environment.
8. Respect “brain fade”.
9. Create a study routine.
10. Set reasonable goals.
11. Avoid the frustration enemy.
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Key sources that are provided through LSHS, that offer curriculum support services for senior secondary students:

**LEEMING SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY** – the school library is open from 8am to 3.15pm Monday to Friday with students having access to the facilities both during class time (at the direction of staff) and during lunch time for self directed study.

**THE ARTS (HEAD OF LEARNING AREA – MR MARK WILLIAMS)**

The staff in The Arts conduct revision programmes and exam preparation in Music, Visual Art, Media Production and Analysis, Drama Studies and Dance. Sessions take place either before or after school, and are aimed at students preparing for ATAR examinations in Year 12. Students are encouraged to contact their teacher to arrange help. The Arts support a programme in the school where two dedicated weeks during the school year are devoted to revision in each Learning Area. During our assigned weeks intensive revision classes will be arranged for all ATAR subjects. A note home is sent in advance of these sessions outlining times for each subject. The Arts encourage parents to contact subject teachers about revision needs or concerns. Contact can be made directly with these teachers, or through the HOLA.
The staff in the Business and Information Technology department are always willing to provide support to students out of class hours either individually or in small groups. Students should approach their teacher either before school, during lunchtime or after school to discuss the relevant issue and possibly arrange a suitable time for assistance to be provided. Students are always encouraged to seek assistance immediately if they are struggling with a particular matter or require clarification of a task or material presented in class. For some courses additional support material may also be available online for students to access out of hours (e.g., video solutions with detailed explanations). Exam preparation sessions are often also run after school and students will be notified by their teacher when these are available.

The English Department have traditionally offered support to students on an individual basis and this year we will continue this assistance. In the first instance, students are encouraged to approach their classroom teacher for support as they are ideally placed to identify the points of access to improve performance. As in previous years after-school timeslots have been allocated for students to seek additional personalized feedback/coaching. Teachers will always be available to provide support and coaching. Students need to discuss their requirements with their classroom teacher who will arrange for the student to attend the session. This is not a structured homework class or a tutoring session, rather it will allow student access to teaching support/supervision in a quiet, uninterrupted environment. It is expected that this time would be used possibly to complete assigned work, secure a more detailed explanation of feedback already provided on an assignment, review a concept taught in class but not understood, catch up on lesson content missed due to absence/illness or study for an examination/assessment point.
CURRICULUM SUPPORT (INTERNAL)

MATHEMATICS (HEAD OF LEARNING AREA – MR MURRAY DAWS)

The Mathematics Learning Area regular hours of operation are 0700-1730 (Monday-Friday). Students in need of extra help and support are welcome to attend the Mathematics Central Area to progress assignments, homework and test preparation. There are specialist and general teaching staff available before school, lunchtime and after school – just go to the Maths Office or Staff Room areas first and ask for assistance. Mathematics will also be conducting year group revision workshops at the end of semester 1/2 for stage 2/3 courses (usually 1-2hr workshops).

SCIENCE (HEAD OF LEARNING AREA – MR GRAEME ROBERTS)

All students can seek the ongoing provision for extra requested help from their teacher outside of class time. Additionally, students can seek coordinated support through Science HOLA or Science office from 8am to 3.30pm Monday to Friday. The Science Technology Academy coordinates excursions/camps/lectures which are ongoing. These dates will be advised upon formalisation.

SOCIETY & ENVIRONMENT (HEAD OF LEARNING AREA – MR MIKE FAZIO)

The staff in the Society and Environment Learning Area conduct revision and exam preparation sessions on an after school basis in Economics, Geography and Modern History. These sessions usually run from 3 to 4 pm on alternating days and are open to all students. Traditionally only a small number of students have attended these sessions, which provides high levels of one to one assistance for students. In addition, some mock examination activities and extended revision classes can be conducted on weekends.
CURRICULUM SUPPORT (EXTERNAL)

Some sources that offer curriculum support services for senior secondary students:

- **SCHOOL CURRICULUM AND STANDARDS AUTHORITY (SCSA) –** [www.scsa.wa.edu.au](http://www.scsa.wa.edu.au)  
  sets standards of student achievement and for the assessment and certification of student achievement according to those standards.

- **TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS SERVICE CENTRE (TISC) –** [www.tisc.edu.au](http://www.tisc.edu.au)  
  processing of applications for admission to undergraduate courses at the public WA Universities.

- **DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION WA –** [www.education.wa.edu.au](http://www.education.wa.edu.au)  
  the “Schools” tab offers a range of support services for parents/guardians and students.

- **PAST WACE EXAM PAPERS** – [http://www.scsa.wa.edu.au/Internet/Publications/Past WACE Examinations](http://www.scsa.wa.edu.au/Internet/Publications/Past WACE Examinations)  
  the School Curriculum and Standards Authority (SCSA) website and WACE exam papers from previous years.

  these are specialist revision classes/courses for Yr11/12 with an eye on university entrance – these are payment courses (several locations – phone 9486 1377 or 0488 102 907 for further details).
FURTHER INFORMATION FOR 2014 AND BEYOND

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