

Leeming Senior High School
Parent Information Package
for the families of
Year 11 Students
in 2020



LEEMING SHS

H A R M O N Y ~ E X C E L L E N C E

Contents

A LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL	2
WELCOME YEAR 10 PARENTS TO COURSE COUNSELLING FOR 2020	2
Course Counselling Events for Year 10 students making subject selections for Year 11 in 2020.....	3
PARENT INFORMATION PACKAGE 2020	4
OVERVIEW DOCUMENTS (PAGES 2 AND 3 OF THIS PARENT INFORMATION PACKAGE):.....	4
UNDERSTANDING THE WESTERN AUSTRALIAN CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION (WACE):.....	4
VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING (VET) IN SCHOOLS:.....	4
UNIVERSITY ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS:	4
CAREERS AND EMPLOYMENT GUIDANCE:	4

A LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

WELCOME YEAR 10 PARENTS TO COURSE COUNSELLING FOR 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Thank you for considering Leeming Senior High School for your child's senior school education. This is a very important time and decisions need to be carefully considered. At times it will appear as though there is information overload.

The course counselling information (the Senior Directory, the Parent Information Package and the Student Career Exploration Workbook) will outline the extensive processes of career education, counselling and course selection for Leeming Senior High School in 2020. The whole process begins with student abilities and aspirations. It is important that families fully discuss a child's intentions for Year 11 and 12 and beyond.

The information provided in these packages are useful resources and should be part of the whole process. It is important that you analyse these packages, attend the Parent Information Evening, and then incorporate this knowledge in your child's eventual course selections. The process aims to be personalised and target the needs of individual students.

While students will work towards planning a post-secondary school pathway, it is also important to have back up plans and reserve options. For example, a student on a pathway to university should cover all bases and select a school based Certificate II qualification. This certificate will assist in accessing TAFE beyond secondary school, should your child not meet university entrance requirements or simply change their mind.

At the compulsory course counselling meeting, the counsellor will have access to your child's latest report, all secondary school results, teacher recommendations plus numerous forms of course and pathway information.

When selecting subjects, students will not be locked into these choices, but subject movement after specific dates is now impossible due to the new WACE constraints. Please read the following letter from Vance Bryan and come along to the Parent Information Evening for more information and opportunities to ask questions.

Thank you

Brendon Wallwork
Principal
Leeming Senior High School

Dear Parent/Guardian

Course Counselling Events for Year 10 students making subject selections for Year 11 in 2020

The preparation phase for the counselling of Year 10 students into Year 11 courses in 2020 is well underway. All Year 10 students are currently involved in a knowledge building process of Year 11 course offerings that are delivered both at Leeming SHS and also external to the school.

This course counselling process for the students includes:

- a Transition Education Program delivered by the Leeming SHS Student Services Manager plus one to one sessions for interested students with the Student Services Manager
- a Parent Information Package, the 2020 Senior Directory (subject offerings and requirements) and a Student Career Exploration Workbook for 2020 that will be added to Connect in week eight
- a Parent Information Evening at the **Leeming SHS Performing Arts Centre on Monday 24th June at 6pm (Wk 9)** to discuss all of the information listed above.

The school will conduct the Parent Information Evening to further expand upon information relevant to Year 10's preparing for and selecting appropriate courses for 2020 as the key information forum for parents and guardians. Please add this event to your "must do" calendar.

The end purpose of these educative sessions for both students and parents/guardians is to ensure that a parent or guardian is able to assist their son or daughter to select Year 11 courses that are appropriate to their interests, ability and future educational and career requirements.

The counselling sessions where both your child and yourself will select Year 11 courses, will take place in week three of term three between Monday 5th August and Friday 9th August 2019 (at selected times between 7.30am and 5.30pm). Your counselling session will take approximately 20 to 30 minutes. For the counselling session to be productive it is very important that you familiarise yourself with the Leeming SHS 2020 Senior Directory, the various materials offered in the Parent Information Package, and you complete the 2020 subject selections to the best of your ability. Also it is COMPULSORY that your child's Student Career Exploration Workbook for 2020 be completed and presented at this session.

The Leeming SHS staff that will be conducting the course counselling interviews are:

- Damon Atthowe – Deputy Principal (Upper School)
- Vance Bryan – Student Services Manager (Upper School)
- Simon Heatherly – Year 11 and 12 Coordinator
- Lee Barclay – Teaching and Learning Coordinator
- Trevor Welsh – Workplace Learning Coordinator
- Edel McGill – SAER Coordinator

Course Counselling session time bookings will be able to be made online via www.schoolinterviews.com.au. This online booking system will be opened (and a booking code made available) at the conclusion of the Parent Information Evening presentation on Monday 24th June. Those not attending the Parent Information Evening will have the booking code made available to them via the Year 10 Connect page the following day. **Counselling sessions involving both yourself and your child are compulsory for subjects to be selected.**

Please feel free to contact me at the school – vance.bryan@education.wa.edu.au - to further discuss any of the listed course counselling information.

Yours sincerely,

Vance Bryan

Student Services and VET Manager

Leeming Senior High School

PARENT INFORMATION PACKAGE 2020

This package is provided so that parents and guardians can access electronic information that will assist their understanding of how best to support their child in successfully entering and then completing Years 11 and 12 at Leeming Senior High School.

CATEGORIES OF INFORMATION AND THE RELEVANT WEBSITE/S

OVERVIEW DOCUMENTS (PAGES 2 AND 3 OF THIS PARENT INFORMATION PACKAGE):

- A **Letter from the Principal** as an introduction to the Course Counselling process for Year 10 students and their parents for 2020.
- A letter outlining **Course Counselling Events for Year 10 students** in preparation for 2020 from the Upper School Student Services Manager – this document outlines all events leading up to and including the Course Counselling Sessions.

UNDERSTANDING THE WESTERN AUSTRALIAN CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION (WACE):

- The **Year 10 Handbook 2019** document for both parents/guardians and students which covers in depth all WACE requirements for students in 2020-2021. This document can be found at: <http://www.scsa.wa.edu.au/publications/year-10-information>

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING (VET) IN SCHOOLS:

- An **All About VET** webpage containing Vocational Education Training (VET) in Schools information. This information is extremely relevant if your child is considering completing a Certificate II or higher qualification whilst in Year 11 and 12. <http://wace1516.scsa.wa.edu.au/vet/all-about-vet>
- An **Endorsed Programs** overview document containing Information regarding additional learning that students can be recognised for in relation to WACE achievement. <http://wace1516.scsa.wa.edu.au/vet/endorsed-programs>

UNIVERSITY ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS:

- A **University Admissions Requirements 2022** overview of key WA University messages including website details of each of the four WA public universities can be found at: <http://www.tisc.edu.au/static/guide/admission-req-sleaver.tisc>

CAREERS AND EMPLOYMENT GUIDANCE:

- The Department of Training and Workforce Development **State Priority Occupation List** – a guide to ascertain where publicly funded training opportunities currently exist in Western Australia: <https://www2.dtwd.wa.gov.au/apps/spol/Pages/default.aspx>
- **Graduate Opportunities** – a reference point for employment outcomes for recent higher education graduates and the initial salaries of careers that students may be interested in pursuing: <http://www.graduatecareers.com.au/>
- **Australian Jobs** – a publication that presents an overview of the Australian labour market. A useful document when considering developing and declining career opportunities: <https://www.employment.gov.au/australian-jobs-publication>
- The **School to Work Transitions** website - various Australian Government initiatives that help support young people move from school to further education, training, or work <https://www.education.gov.au/school-work-transitions>