

Pattern of study for the Higher School Certificate

ACE 8005

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To qualify for the Higher School Certificate students must satisfactorily complete a Year 11 pattern of study comprising at least 12 units and a Year 12 pattern of study comprising at least 10 units. Both patterns must include:

- at least six units from Board Developed Courses;
- at least two units of a Board Developed Course in English;
- at least three courses of two units value or greater (either Board Developed or Board Endorsed Courses); and
- at least four subjects.

To satisfy pattern of study requirements for the Higher School Certificate, a student may count up to six units of Science in Year 11 and seven units of Science in Year 12.

Pattern of study for Higher School Certificate Science

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Science courses	Pattern of study requirement
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biology • Chemistry • Earth and Environmental Science • Investigating Science • Physics 	<p>A student may count up to six units of Science in Year 11 and seven units of Science in Year 12.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Science Extension 	<p>Any one of, or combination of, Year 11 Science courses are a prerequisite for entry into Science Extension in Year 12. Students must continue studying at least one Science course in Year 12 while studying Science Extension.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chemical World Science Life Skills • Earth and Space Science Life Skills • Investigating Science Life Skills • Living World Science Life Skills • Physical World Science Life Skills 	<p>Each Science Life Skills course contributes two units of study in Year 11 and Year 12. Students can complete one of, or any combination of, Science Life Skills courses to contribute up to six units of study towards their Year 11 or Year 12 pattern of study. Science Life Skills courses will not provide entry into the new Science Extension (Year 12) course.</p>