

WACE Assessment Planner

How WACE assessment builds across the year, a term-by-term map of what typically happens when, and a blank grid to fill in with your own subjects and dates.

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How WACE assessment builds

WACE ATAR courses run Units 3 and 4 across Year 12, with the final course mark combining school assessment, moderated by SCSA, with the ATAR course examination in roughly equal measure. General courses are assessed differently and do not lead to an ATAR.

Before Year 12 assessment can count towards the WACE, students also need to meet the OLNA — the Online Literacy and Numeracy Assessment — usually attempted from Year 10 onwards. Meeting OLNA early removes one variable from a busy Year 12.

WACE year at a glance

TERM	WHAT'S TYPICALLY HAPPENING	WHAT TO PLAN FOR
Term 1	ATAR course Units 3 and 4 begin; school assessment tasks start accumulating.	Confirm whether OLNA still needs to be met, and book any remaining attempts early.
Term 2	School assessment continues across all ATAR courses.	Review the moderation process for each subject so task expectations are clear.
Term 3	Further school assessment tasks land; examination preparation intensifies.	Begin timed past-paper practice for every ATAR course examination.
Term 4	WACE and ATAR course examinations run in October and November.	Move to full past-paper practice under real timing for every examined course.

Dates shift between schools and years — this maps the typical rhythm, not a fixed calendar. Confirm exact dates with your school and the official authority for your state.

Assessment types explained

TYPE	WHAT IT INVOLVES	HOW IT COUNTS
School assessment	Tasks set by your own teachers, later moderated by SCSA against the state cohort.	Contributes roughly half of the final mark in most ATAR courses.
ATAR course examination	A written examination set by SCSA for each ATAR course.	Contributes roughly half of the final mark in most ATAR courses.
OLNA	The Online Literacy and Numeracy Assessment, a minimum standard separate from course results.	Must be met to be awarded the WACE — does not affect your ATAR course marks.

My planner

Fill this in with your own subjects, tasks and dates as your school confirms them.

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Notes and tutor hand-off

Bring this page to your next session so the tutor can start from what actually blocked you.

Which subject's task calendar is least clear to you right now?

One thing to confirm with your teacher this week:

The task you are most behind on:

What you want a tutor to focus on first:

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