

YEAR 10 ACADEMIC STANDARDS AND BEHAVIOUR GUIDELINES

The academic success of all students is a priority of teaching and learning at Kinross College. All Year 10 learning programs focus on the successful attainment of academic and behavioural goals. As such, all Year 10 students will be provided with the opportunity to develop the knowledge, skills and attributes to achieve success and be best placed to make a meaningful transition to a senior secondary destination of their choice. For the vast majority of students, this will be to Mindarie Senior College.

To successfully transition from Year 10 at Kinross College, by the end of Semester 2 in Year 10 all students must achieve a **minimum** standard of a 'C' grade in English and at least four other 'C' grades and must also adhere to the College's behavioural expectations.

Please note that students who have a diagnosed learning disability are not bound by the academic aspects of this policy.

1. Academic Requirements

ATAR Pathway: To be eligible to choose an ATAR pathway at Mindarie Senior College (to be considered for University entry) students need to achieve the minimum entrance requirements in their Year 10 course in order to choose the ATAR course in Year 11 (this is usually a 'B' grade in a related course). Students must be enrolled in English (or English Literature) and at least three other courses to be considered an ATAR candidate in Year 11. However, most students would normally choose five ATAR courses at the commencement of Year 11.

Students will be notified at the end of Semester 1 if they are deemed 'at risk' of not being on-track to choose an ATAR pathway in Year 11.

In liaison with Mindarie Senior College, students who fail to achieve the minimum academic standard for an ATAR pathway at the end of Semester 1 will sit their enrolment interview and be enrolled into a General pathway with an ATAR pathway deemed '*provisional*' until Semester 2 results are known. Students *may* be able to gain entry into an ATAR pathway if grades improve sufficiently, whereby Mindarie Senior College will re-counsel any applicable students. It is therefore imperative that students achieve their personal best and strive for academic excellence in Semester 2 to keep the direct University pathway open.

General Pathway: Any student who has not achieved the minimum entrance requirements of a 'C' grade in English and at least four other 'C' grades will be enrolled in this pathway at Mindarie Senior College or, after consultation with parents/carers, be offered the options as listed below:

1. Repeat Year 10 at Kinross College
2. Seek employment
3. Seek entry into TAFE or further education via alternative courses
4. Find an alternative school for Year 11

2. Behavioural Expectations

Kinross College students who consistently display negative behaviours during the year, or a lack of commitment to their academic performance have shown, in effect, they are not ready for transition to the senior years of education. These last two years are vital and their grades will determine their future training, employment and career opportunities.

Our focus at Kinross College is to ensure the most appropriate course selections for all students entering Year 11 and that *academic effort, engagement and positive behaviour is maintained over the duration of Year 10.*

Staff at both Kinross College and Mindarie Senior College reserve the right to consider all cases on their merit.