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To the Principal
All Secondary Schools

Dear Principal

UPDATE ABOUT ELIGIBILITY FOR FOUNDATION COURSES, BRIEFINGS FOR SECONDARY DEPUTY PRINCIPALS AND ATAR COURSE EXAMINATIONS

As we move towards the end of the 2017 school year, we would like to bring the following information to your attention.

Eligibility for Foundation courses

In response to feedback from Principals, the School Curriculum and Standards Authority (the Authority) Board has revised the eligibility rules for Foundation courses. From 2018, schools will be able to apply for individual students to be enrolled in Foundation courses where the student is yet to sit either NAPLAN or the Online Literacy and Numeracy Assessment (OLNA), or where it would be educationally beneficial for the student to remain enrolled in a Foundation course for 2018. The details of the change will be published in the *WACE Manual 2018* and *11to12Circular*. Principals must ensure they are familiar with the changes prior to enrolling any students in Foundation courses for 2018.

The Authority will audit enrolments in Foundation course units in conjunction with school grading reviews where evidence indicates the revised enrolment process is not being applied fairly by schools.

Briefings for Secondary Deputy Principals

We are pleased to announce that the Authority will be hosting a series of briefings for Secondary Deputy Principals in Term 4, 2017. The briefings will assist Deputy Principals and senior administrators in managing curriculum and assessment related activities at their school in Years 7 – 12. Matters to be discussed include implementation of the *Western Australian Curriculum and Assessment Outline*, senior school moderation activities for 2018, tools to assist schools, assessment policy and practices. The briefings will be held at venues throughout metropolitan and regional Western Australia. Further details and notification of online registration for the briefings will be released through the Authority's eCirculars.

Year 12 ATAR course examinations

We recently sent a communication to all schools regarding the requirement for all students enrolled in Year 12 ATAR courses to sit the Authority's examinations in those courses. Students who do not complete the examination, including practical examinations where those are part of the course, will not be considered to have completed the course. The course will not be counted for any element of the Western Australian Certificate of Education (WACE), nor will the pair of units for the Year 12 course appear on the student's Western Australian Statement of Student Achievement (WASSA).

Finally, we wish you, your staff and your students – particularly those in Year 12 – well with the end of the 2017 school year.

Yours sincerely

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