Research Project

Level: Stage 2
Course length: 1 Semester
Credit value: 10 Credit points

Advice to students
The Research Project gives students the opportunity to study an area of interest in depth. It allows students to use their creativity and initiative, while developing the research and presentation skills they will need in further study or work.

The Research Project is a compulsory subject of the South Australian Certificate of Education (SACE). Students must complete the 10 credit Research Project at Stage 2 of SACE with a C grade or better.

Course overview
Students will:
• choose a topic of interest – it may be linked to a SACE subject or course, or to a workplace or community context
• learn and apply research processes and the knowledge and skills specific to their research topic
• record their research and evaluate what they have learnt.

The term ‘research’ is used broadly and may include practical or technical investigations, formal research or exploratory enquiries.

Assessment
Students demonstrate evidence of their learning through the following assessment types.

School-based assessment
• Folio 40%
  Research proposal, research development and discussion
• Research Outcome 30%

External assessment
• Evaluation (Type A or B) 30%
  including written summary
  – Research Project A:
    a choice of written, oral and/or multimodal external assessment which does not contribute to the Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR)
  – Research Project B:
    a common, written external assessment of 1500 words maximum external assessment which does contribute to the Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR)

Pathways
The Research Project may be useful to pursue career pathways, investigate study alternatives, further develop a passion or hobby, become involved in community projects or investigate a new area of interest.

Further information
The Research Project can be a group project for students to carry out their research collaboratively around a common theme.