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ATAR Modern History

What is ATAR Modern History?

This course delves into the significant events, people, and ideologies that have shaped the world from the late 19th century to the present day. It explores the political, social, economic, and cultural transformations that have influenced our modern society. By studying this course, you will gain a deeper understanding of the past and its impact on the present.

What will we cover?

- Capitalism – The American Experience (1901 to 1941)
- Nazism in Germany (1918 to 1946)

You will examine the causes, consequences, and complexities of these historical periods, analysing the driving influences of capitalism and studying the rise of one of the most influential totalitarian regimes in history. Through in-depth analysis and engaging discussions, you will develop critical thinking and research skills.

What does a typical week look like?

A typical week offers an engaging mix of activities, discussions, and research:

- Attend informative lectures
- Participate in lively class discussions
- Work on individual and group projects
- Analyse primary and secondary sources, evaluate different perspectives
- Develop your research and writing skills through assignments and essay

Complementary Courses

- ATAR English
- ATAR/General Geography
- ATAR Politics & Law
- General Ancient History (Year 11)

What can it lead to?

Year 11 ATAR Modern History can lead to further study in History, International Relations, Political Science, or related fields at university. The critical thinking, research, and analytical skills developed through studying Modern History are highly transferable and sought after by employers in fields such as journalism, law, government, research, and cultural heritage. Additionally, studying Modern History fosters empathy, understanding, and global awareness, preparing you to be an informed and engaged citizen in our interconnected world.
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Are there any Prerequisites?

- B grade in Year 10 English

General Ancient History

What is General Ancient History?

This course allows you to travel back in time and unravel the mysteries of civilizations that shaped our world. It delves into the stories, achievements, and legacies of ancient societies, providing a window into the past and an understanding of our present. In Year 12 students will enrol in General Modern History.

What will we cover?

- **Troy:** Uncover the legendary city of Troy, the epic Trojan War, and the archaeology that unravelled its existence and significance.
- **Ancient Greece:** Immerse yourself in the birthplace of democracy, mythology, and philosophy, studying the rise and fall of city-states like Athens and Sparta.
- **Vikings:** Sail alongside the seafaring warriors of the North, investigating their culture, exploration, and influence on Europe during the Viking Age.
- **Xerxes:** Dive into the vast Persian Empire under the reign of Xerxes, examining its conquests, governance, and conflicts with ancient Greece.
- **Alexander the Great:** Follow in the footsteps of one of history's greatest conquerors, exploring Alexander's campaigns, empire-building, and cultural diffusion.
- **Hatshepsut:** Discover the remarkable reign of Hatshepsut, Egypt's influential female pharaoh, and delve into the splendour of the New Kingdom.

What does a typical week look like?

You can expect an engaging mix of activities, discussions, and research:

- Interactive lectures and multimedia presentations
- Group discussions and debates
- Hands-on activities, such as creating artefacts or re-enacting historical events
- Independent research tasks
- Document analysis and interpretation
- Regular assessments, including quizzes, essays, and projects

Complementary Courses

- ATAR/General Geography
- ATAR Literature
- ATAR/General Visual Art
  ATAR Modern History (Year 11)

What can it lead to?

Employment in the arts & tourism. Research & academia. Archaeology. Heritage management & conservation. You will develop critical thinking, analytical skills, research abilities, and a deep understanding of human societies and cultures. These skills are highly transferable and sought-after in various fields, enabling you to pursue diverse career options and make meaningful contribution to the world.
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There are no prerequisites for this course

ATAR Geography

What is ATAR Geography?

This course explores the dynamic relationships between people, places, and environments in our rapidly changing world. It provides a comprehensive understanding of the social, economic, and environmental issues that shape our planet. By studying this course, you will gain valuable insights into global challenges, sustainability, and the interconnectedness of our world.

What will we cover?

- **Ecological Hazards such as COVID-19:** Analyse the global pandemic's impacts on society, economy, and environment, examining the responses, challenges, and lessons learned from this unprecedented event.
- **Natural Hazards such as Bushfires**: Investigate causes, impacts, and management strategies. Explore the physical processes that shape our planet's landscapes.
- **Globalisation:** Explore the interconnectedness of the world; studying impacts on cultures, economies, and the environment.
- **Tourism:** Uncover the complexities of the tourism industry, examining its economic, social, and environmental impacts on destinations and local communities.
- **Music/Sport/Fashion:** Explore the cultural significance of these in different regions, investigating their role in shaping identities, communities, and cultural landscapes.
- **Mapping** – learn to read maps, graphs and diagrams without a GPS.

What does a typical week look like?

You can expect a diverse range of activities that foster active learning and critical thinking.

- Interactive lectures and multimedia presentations introducing new concepts, case studies, and real-world examples.
- Class discussions/debates to encourage critical analysis, interpretation, and evaluation of geographical issues.
- Group projects/presentations, promoting collaboration and teamwork while exploring topics or case studies.
- Practical fieldwork activities, both in the local community and through virtual experiences, to enhance your skills in data collection, analysis, and interpretation.
- Independent research tasks, to delve into areas of interest, and develop arguments and perspectives.
- Formative assessments (quizzes, written responses, and practical tasks) to assess your understanding and progress.
- We also visit the Swan Valley for an excursion focusing on Tourism

Complementary Courses

- ATAR Biology
- ATAR Economics
- ATAR Politics & Law

What can it lead to?

Employment in:

- Environmental Science & Management
- International Relations & Diplomacy
- Geographic Information Systems (GIS) & Cartography
- Urban Planning & Development
- Environmental Education & Advocacy.
- Sustainability & Conservation.

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Are there any Prerequisites?

- B grade in Year 10 English & HASS

General Geography

What is General Geography?

This course explores many aspects of the world we live in. It enables students to develop a deeper understanding of the interactions between people, places, and environments. By studying this course, students gain valuable insights into global issues, cultural diversity, and sustainable development.

What will we cover?

The Great Barrier Reef: Dive into the wonders of Australia's iconic reef ecosystem, studying its ecological importance, threats, and conservation strategies.
Coasts: Uncover the dynamic processes shaping coastal landscapes and the impact of human activities on these fragile environments.

Perth: Explore the city we call home, investigating urban growth, planning, sustainability, and the diverse cultural landscapes of Western Australia's capital.
New York City: Immerse yourself in the bustling metropolis of New York, examining urbanization, economic development, social inequality, and the impacts of globalization.

What does a typical week look like?

You can expect a balanced blend of engaging activities, discussions, and research.

- Interactive lectures and multimedia presentations to introduce new concepts and case studies.
- Engaging class discussions and debates to encourage critical thinking and analysis of geographical issues.
- Group activities and projects, allowing you to collaborate with your peers and develop teamwork skills.
- Practical fieldwork experiences, both within your local community and through virtual explorations.
- Independent research tasks to deepen your knowledge and understanding of specific topics.
- Formative assessments and feedback to track your progress and enhance your learning experience.
- Excursions! Embrace the opportunity to apply the geographical theory learned in the classroom in the real world. In Semester 2, we travel to around Perth's urban heart to discover how all those systems of urban development evolved into the city we know and love.

Complementary Courses

- General Science in Practice
- ATAR/General History
- General Outdoor Education

What can it lead to?

Employment in:

- Environmental Science & Management
- International Relations & Diplomacy
- Geographic Information Systems (GIS) & Cartography
- Environmental Education & Advocacy
- Urban Planning & Development
- Tourism & Hospitality
- Sustainability & Conservation.

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Are there any Prerequisites?

There are no prerequisites for this course.

ATAR Economics

What is ATAR Economics?

This course explores the world of economics and its impact on individuals, societies, and the global community. By studying this course, you will gain valuable insights into the forces that drive economic decision-making, the allocation of resources, and the dynamics of supply and demand.

What will we cover?

- **Microeconomics:** Investigate the behaviour of individual economic agents, such as consumers, producers, and markets. Study topics like supply and demand, elasticity, market structures, and factors influencing production and consumption.
- **Macroeconomics:** Analyse the overall performance and behaviour of the economy, focusing on key indicators such as GDP, inflation, unemployment, fiscal policy, monetary policy, and economic growth.

What does a typical week look like?

You can expect a diverse range of activities that foster active learning and critical thinking.

- Interactive lectures and multimedia presentations
- Group discussions and debates on economic issues
- Data analysis and interpretation exercises, where you'll analyse economic data, graphs, and statistics to understand trends and patterns.
- Case studies and simulations, allowing you to apply economic principles to real-life scenarios
- Independent research tasks
- Formative assessments, (quizzes, essays, and practical exercises) to assess your understanding and progress

Complementary Courses

- ATAR Mathematics
- ATAR/General Geography
- General Business Management & Enterprise
- ATAR Politics & Law
- ATAR/General Accounting & Finance

What can it lead to?

This course provides a foundation for higher education in economics, finance, business, or public policy. It promotes economic literacy, enabling you to understand and engage in discussions on economic matters. Studying ATAR Economics expands career prospects in finance, banking, consulting, policymaking.

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Are there any Prerequisites?

- B grade in Year 10 English & HASS

ATAR Politics & Law

What is ATAR Politics & Law?

This course explores the intricate workings of political systems and the foundations of our legal frameworks. By studying this course, you will gain a deeper understanding of how societies govern themselves, the rule of law, and the impact of political decisions on individuals and communities.

What will we cover?

- **Democratic and Non-Democratic Systems:** Explore the principles and characteristics of democratic systems, compare them with non-democratic systems, and analyse their strengths and weaknesses.
- **Law Making in Australia:** Investigate the processes involved in creating legislation in Australia, including the role of parliament, the executive, and the judiciary in shaping our legal system.
- **Adversarial Processes:** Examine the foundations of our legal system, focusing on adversarial processes, the role of lawyers, and the rights and responsibilities of individuals in legal proceedings.
- **Voting in Australia and the USA:** Study the electoral systems and processes in Australia and the United States, analysing voting patterns, political parties, and the impact of elections on governance.

What does a typical week look like?

You can expect a diverse range of engaging activities, discussions, and research.

- Interactive lectures and class discussions to introduce new concepts, theories, and case studies.
- Debates and simulations, allowing you to actively participate and develop critical thinking and persuasive communication skills.
- Case studies and analysis of real-world political and legal issues to enhance your understanding of their implications and complexities.
- Group projects and presentations, fostering teamwork and collaboration while exploring specific topics or current events.
- Independent research tasks, encouraging you to explore areas of interest and develop your own arguments and perspectives.
- Formative assessments (quizzes, short answer responses, source analysis and essays) to assess your understanding and progress.

Complementary Courses

- ATAR History
- ATAR Economics

What can it lead to?

Law and Legal Professions. Politics and Public Service. International Relations and Diplomacy. Policy Development and Analysis. Advocacy and Activism. Journalism and Media. Research and Academia. Public Relations and Communications. Business and Corporate Governance

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Are there any Prerequisites?

- B grade in Year 10 English & Hass

ATAR English

What is ATAR English?

This course is an engaging and comprehensive course designed to enhance your skills in critical thinking, communication, and literary analysis. It explores the power of language and literature, allowing you to develop a deep understanding of various text types and genres. Through the study of texts, both fiction and non-fiction, you will sharpen your ability to express ideas, examine different perspectives, and construct convincing arguments.

What will we cover?

- Short Stories: Experience the rich diversity of short stories, analysing themes, narrative techniques, and character development.
- Novels: Explore the depth and complexity of novels, discovering how authors construct compelling narratives and explore significant ideas.
- Drama: Immerse yourself in the world of plays, examining theatrical techniques and the ways in which dramatic texts convey meaning.
- Feature Film: Analyse the artistry and impact of feature films, studying the techniques used in cinematography, editing, and storytelling
- Documentary: Investigate thought-provoking documentaries, examining their purpose, persuasive techniques, and portrayal of real-world issues.
- Expository Texts: Learn to critically evaluate and respond to expository texts, including essays, articles, and speeches

What does a typical week look like?

- Interactive Discussions: Engage in lively discussions, giving you the opportunity to share your ideas, listen to your peers, and develop your ability to articulate thoughts effectively.
- Text Analysis: Analyse and interpret a variety of texts, focusing on themes, literary techniques, character development, and contextual influences.
- Writing Workshops: Enhance your writing skills through engaging writing workshops, which provide guidance on crafting effective essays, narratives, and persuasive pieces.
- Visual Media Analysis: Explore the world of visual media, examining feature films and documentaries to develop visual literacy skills and media analysis techniques.
- Independent Reading: Students are expected to complete reading/re-reading of class texts at home

Complementary Courses

- ATAR Literature
- ATAR/General Media Production & Analysis
- ATAR Modern History
- ATAR/General Drama

What can it lead to?

Successful completion of this course opens a world of opportunities for you. It serves as a foundation for further study in English, literature, journalism, media, communication, and related fields.
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Are there any Prerequisites?

- B grade in Year 10 English is recommended. Students selecting an ATAR pathway and eligible for other ATAR courses may be exempt

ATAR Literature

What is ATAR Literature?

This course explores the intricate workings of political systems and the foundations of our legal frameworks. By studying this course, you will gain a deeper understanding of how societies govern themselves, the rule of law, and the impact of political decisions on individuals and communities.

What will we cover?

Students study a wide range of texts, including novels, short stories, poetry, plays, and other literary forms. These texts are selected from various cultural contexts and are valued for their form, style, and artistic value.

- Analysing the language, ideas, and structures of texts (poetry, prose, drama)
- Exploring the connections between texts
- Examining the relationships between texts, genres, authors, readers, audiences, and contexts
- Creating analytical and creative responses

What does a typical week look like?

The course consists of four lessons composed of two singles lessons and one double lesson. Students engage in various activities to enhance their understanding of literary texts. They participate in class discussions, analysing and interpreting texts, exploring different literary conventions, and discussing the relationships between language, text, and context. They also work on creating analytical and imaginative responses to the texts, experimenting with different styles and forms. In addition to classroom activities, students will have reading assignments and should engage in independent study time to deepen their knowledge and appreciation of literature.

Students are expected to read their studied texts and supplementary texts outside of school time.

Complementary Courses

- ATAR English
- ATAR/General Psychology
- ATAR Politics & Law
- ATAR Modern History
- ATAR/General Drama
- ATAR/General Media

What can it lead to?

Students can find opportunities in education as teachers or lectures of English or literature. Additionally, literature graduates often excel in fields such as advertising, marketing, public relations, and cultural organisations where their ability to analyse and interpret texts, as well as their strong communication skills, are highly valued. Employment opportunities in publishing, editing, journalism, writing, and literary criticism.

Are there any Prerequisites?

- A grade in Year 10 English & HASS

General English

What is General English?

So, we know English is compulsory – but we do our very best to make it as interesting as possible. We obviously cover reading, writing, speaking, listening, and viewing, but what else?

What will we cover?

Students will start this course by studying a current and relevant documentary AND we try to help you even more by preparing some Externally Set Task responses ready for Year 12.

We examine the intricacies of Artificial Intelligence and how it can be a help, but also a hindrance. Having your own device (laptop) really helps you with all of this. By the end of Semester One, you will have settled in and be comfortable in your class and ready to interview a class member, to write their biographical memoir.

We read a novel in class. We have a variety of activities to cover while studying the novel. We will watch some episodes from Reality TV series and discuss their features and why they aren't really reality.

You will learn to persuade an audience and get involved in issues. There will be group work, individual work, presentations, and opportunities for you to build on your written and verbal communication skills. We even watch music videos.

What does a typical week look like?

Each unit takes between three and six weeks and does have an assessment. We usually have lessons of active teaching, where you will learn what to do and how to do it, followed by time in class to complete the work. Some assessments are done in class in a set time, others involve extended work over several classes. Some assessments get printed, some are handwritten, and some are submitted electronically through Moodle.

Complementary Courses

- General Georgraphy
- General Photography
- General Media Production & Analysis
- General Ancient History
- General Drama

What can it lead to?

English is necessary for whatever you intend doing in your future. Make the most of it!

There are no prerequisites for this course

Foundation English

What is Foundation English?

Literacy skills are needed in everyday life, not only during your school years, but most importantly, in adulthood. Foundation English aims to build those skills so that you are ready to participate in the life you want to lead after finishing school. Classes are small, allowing for a higher level of teacher support than is usually possible. The classroom environment is safe and inclusive, and you're encouraged to support your learning colleagues, as they are encouraged to support you. Lessons are interactive and utilise a variety of teaching and learning methods to engage students such as, groupwork challenges, practical activities, independent research and strategic use of technologies like audio books and Immersive Reader.

What will we cover?

In Foundation English, you'll have opportunities to explore and share your outside interests whilst developing essential skills in reading, writing, viewing, speaking and listening. You'll learn about current, youth-focused issues in Australia, and you'll be challenged to explore and develop your own values, opinions and ideas. High-interest texts and sources are used, including documentaries and television programs, a short novel, magazine articles, TED Talks, pop culture artifacts such as 'memes' and workplace documents (resumes and cover letters). You will learn to use AI responsibly and ethically, as a tool to enhance your own work.

What does a typical week look like?

Each topic usually runs for between 3 – 5 weeks, with a Reading, Writing, or Speaking assessment at the conclusion of the learning process. Assessments are designed to be completed in class and if your attendance is regular and you make good use of class time, there will never be any homework! Lessons are structured to enhance your engagement, with lots of varied learning activities.

Complementary Courses

- General Georgraphy
- General Photography
- General Media Production & Analysis
- General Ancient History
- General Drama

What can it lead to?

Foundation English Year 11 leads into English General in Year 12.

Are there any Prerequisites?

Students are only eligible to enrol in Foundation English in Year 11 if their OLNA Category is 1 (One) in Reading and/or Writing at the end of Round Two Year 10.

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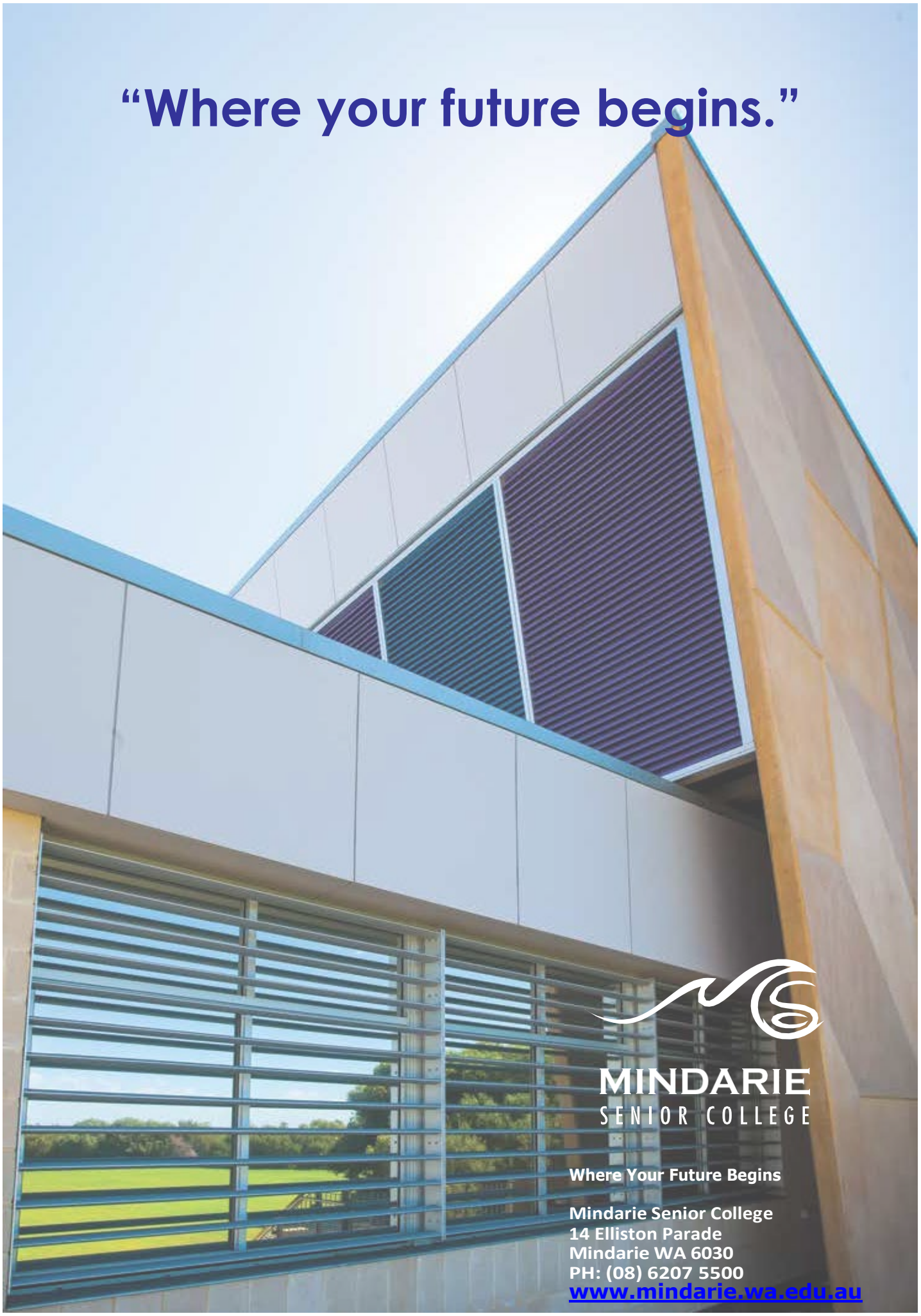

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