



Government of **Western Australia**
Department of **Education**

VETiS Corro 32

Your ref :
Our ref : D17/0439557
Enquiries :

Dr Sarah Palmer
Principal Research Officer
Education and Health Standing Committee

Email: laehsc@parliament.wa.gov.au

Dear Dr Palmer

I refer to the transcript of the 13 September 2017 hearing of the Education and Health Standing Committee inquiry into the delivery of Vocational Education and Training (VET) in Schools. I would like to provide clarification of my testimony regarding the Western Australian Certificate of Education (WACE) requirements.

In my testimony on pages 7 and 8 of the transcript, I refer to the requirements as including the need for students to obtain either a minimum ATAR of 55 or a Certificate II or higher VET qualification. The WACE requirement is actually for students to either complete four or more ATAR courses or a Certificate II or higher VET qualification. There is no minimum standard for an ATAR for the WACE. The Department of Education has an internal measure of school and student performance that has this minimum standard, but it is not the general WACE requirement.

I look forward to learning of the outcomes of this inquiry.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sharyn O'Neill'.

SHARYN O'NEILL
DIRECTOR GENERAL

19 OCT 2017