



English Conversational Classes

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### Day Care (Child Care) (Family, Occasional, Out of school hours care/OSHC, In-home)

- **Family day care** - Offers flexible education and care for children in private homes of registered carers.
- **Occasional care** - Provides education and care on a casual basis or for short periods.
- **Out of school hours care** - Provides an opportunity for children to relax and play in a supervised environment, before/after school, pupil-free day or during school holidays.
- **In-home care** – Focuses on early childhood education and care and provided by qualified educators for families with special needs, for example if the child or parent has an illness or disability.

### Pre-school (Kindergarten)

- Children who will be starting school within the next year (3-4 years old) can attend.
- Kindergartens may be a stand-alone kindergarten centre, co-located with a school or co-located with another childcare service.
- They may be run by government, private or community providers.

### Primary Schools

- Pre Primary  
(It is compulsory for students to attend the first year of schooling  
Children must be enrolled if they are five or turning five by June 30 of that year)
- Primary school start from Years 1-6.
- High School Years 7-12



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#### Secondary/High Schools

- In WA, secondary or high school is the final period of compulsory education.
- Students are educated from Year 7 – 12.
- In their final 2 years, students complete the West Australia Certificate of Education (WACE) as a General High School certificate or students can choose to study ATAR subjects in their final 2 years of schooling – this is usually for those planning on going into further study at University.

#### Western Australia Certificate of Education (WACE)

- In their final 2 years (Year 11 and 12), students complete the WACE Australian Certificate of Education (WACE) which is a general certificate.
- Students can choose one of two pathways to complete: Western Australian Certificate of Education (WACE) or ATAR for entry into University
- The WACE is a two-stage certificate with most students studying Stage 1 in Year 11 and Stage 2 in Year 12.

#### Australian school-based apprenticeships (ASBAs)

- ASBAs allow students to start working on an apprenticeship or traineeship from year 10.
- Students interested in ASBAs should talk to their school's career advisor.
- Students undertaking ASBAs can:
  - Continue going to school and study for WACE
  - Count study and placements related to vocational education training (VET) toward their WACE
  - Work towards a nationally recognised VET qualification through a registered training organisation (RTO)
  - Undertake paid part-time work
  - Continue their apprenticeship or traineeship after they have left school, either part-time or full-time



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#### Intensive English Centres (IECs)

- IEC is a specialised support in selected schools for students from migrant or refugee backgrounds to support them in settling into a new school and culture – 12 to 24 months program.
- To be eligible, students must arrive in Australia within 12 months or 18 months for children beginning school in pre-primary or year 1.
- IECs support students by providing:
  - intensive English language support from specialist teachers
  - a modified curriculum for school aged children
  - a variety of activities within the school and local community, including excursions and social events
  - bilingual classroom support

#### State, Independent & Catholic Schools

- **State schools** are funded by the WA Government. They provide **free** tuition for children. Parents are still asked to pay some fees for school materials or activities, such as textbooks, uniforms, and excursions.
- **Independent and Catholic schools** are partly funded by the Commonwealth and State Governments, and usually **charge school fees** to attend.