# ATAR Health Studies

## Structure

Health Studies is an ATAR course useful for those who have interest to go into medical fields or health promotion.

The Health Studies ATAR focuses on the study of health as a dynamic quality of human life. Students undertaking this course develop the knowledge, understanding and skills necessary to promote an understanding of the importance of personal and community action in promoting health. The influence of social, environmental, economic and biomedical determinants of health is a key focus of the course.

Other course content includes the influence of beliefs, attitudes and values on health behaviour, and the importance of self-management and interpersonal skills in making healthy decisions.

## Assessment Weighting

100% Theory

## Prerequisites

Recommended to achieve in Year 10:
- C or better in English or HASS

## Assessment Load

For the year:
- Inquiry investigation (20%)
- Project (30%)
- Response tasks (20%)
- Examination (30%)

## WACE External Examinations in Year 12

- An external examination

## Performance History

RSHS has consistently been recognised as a top school in this subject. We have also received top student awards and Certificates of Distinction. Many students who do this course use HES as one of their highest ranked subject.

## Recommendations

- To be successful at an ATAR course, it is recommended that students be at least level 8 NAPLAN in writing.