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Dear Team Members,

Southern Cross Educational Enterprises (SCEE) is pleased to announce the new SCEE A.C.E. Graduation Certificates. Many of you will already know about how this will work, as it has been a hot topic at our Educators' Conferences throughout the region this year. We understand that each country may have individualised needs, and would like to hear feedback in regard to any country specific requirements. The Certificate's new look is more contemporary and the credit value of subjects has been changed to align with international standards. There is no change to the number of subjects that students are required to complete for a Certificate. The new Certificates and credit system will begin on Friday 1st July, 2016.

New Look

The A.C.E. Certificates issued by SCEE now have an updated contemporary look and feel.

New Cost

Full Certificate in Folder: \$60AU incl. G.S.T.

Full Certificate papers only: \$50AU incl. G.S.T.

NOTE: these costs DO NOT include freight. A quote for freight can be obtained from the Orders Department, or Certificates can be included with a PACE order upon request.



Handbook of Procedures

A handbook of the procedures, requirements, and additional information is being produced, and will be available upon request soon.

New Certificate Application Forms

The new Certificate Application forms and Application for Additional Elective will be available from Friday, 1st July 2016 at www.scee.edu.au/ssd/certificates/

Credits

A credit is now equivalent to one (1) semester's workload. To align with this credit system, courses previously worth 1 credit will now be worth 2, and courses previously worth 0.5 credits will now be worth 1 credit. The Certificate requirements have been amended to comply with this credit system.

Grade Point Average

A Grade Point Average will be indicated on the transcript. The Grade Point Average is based on a 4.0 scale, as used by The College Board.

(www.collegeboard.com)

Letter Grade	Percent Grade	4.0 Scale
A+	97.0 - 100	4.0
A	93.0 - 96.9	4.0
A-	90.0 - 92.9	3.7
B+	87.0 - 89.9	3.3
B	83.0 - 86.9	3.0
B-	80.0 - 82.9	2.7
C+	77.0 - 79.9	2.3
C	73.0 - 76.9	2.0
C-	70.0 - 72.9	1.7
D+	67.0 - 69.9	1.3
D	65.0 - 66.9	1.0
E/F	Below 65	0.0

Year 10 Certificates

Year 10 General and Year 10 Academic Certificates will no longer be offered. Instead, there will be a single Year 10 Certificate.

International/Local Certificates



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Some countries require specific criteria for University entrance. Therefore, we will be offering a generic 'International' A.C.E. Certificate (based on Australian Requirements), as well as nationalized Certificates, developed in conjunction with local Academic Councils. All regions will have access to all nationalized Certificates, providing they meet the appropriate requirements. Not every nation in our region will have its own requirements, but on request, we can re-label the Certificate for your nation.

Registration of Graduates

As of Friday 1st July, 2016, all students starting on a pathway to Certificates must be registered with SCEE or SCEE's National Administration office. More information regarding these requirements will be sent out.

Requirement changes

There are some changes to the requirements for the Certificate Applications – you will need to study the new Application forms very carefully when planning a student's pathway. Students may be disadvantaged by submitting incorrect Applications. Many changes may appear to be relatively minor, but will improve the academic standing of our Certificates, in particular the Year 12 Academic Certificate.

Non-A.C.E. Courses

These courses will now be called 'Additional Elective Courses'. All previous course approvals will expire as of **31/12/16**, and all courses will need to be re-applied for, except for approved Music Exams. SCEE has a list of approved music schools, which will be available on the SCEE website. Please check if the one your student is using is on that list. Schools/Homeschool Organizations who are using music schools not on the list must apply using the Application for an Additional Elective Course Form.

Courses that replace those offered by SCEE will not be considered, excepting Recognized Prior Learning (RPLs). All core credits on A.C.E. Certificates MUST be A.C.E. courses.

Keyboard Skills

In order to have Keyboard skills results accurately reflected in the G.P.A., we have introduced Word Per Minute (WPM) brackets. The minimum standard will still be 35 WPM at 98% accuracy.

35-39	C
40-44	B
45+	A

Rosetta Stone

Rosetta Stone will not be counted towards A.C.E. credits. They will be included in the 'Additional Elective Course' section, and do not need to be applied for as Additional Elective Courses.

Transitional Period

The new Certificate requirements will be for students graduating in 2017 onwards. However, the new format and look of the Certificate will start on Friday 1st July, 2016. Students who have already started their pathway to graduation will be accepted on their current pathway, but you will need to contact SCEE as some of the subjects may require more information in the new system.

It would be preferable to have students work with the new requirements as soon as possible; however, we understand that when PACEs have already been purchased, this may not be viable.

Our desire with these changes is to improve our offering to our team members in our region. We believe that improving the standard of our Graduation Certificates will improve students' chances of university entrance and career pathway success.

If you have any queries about these changes, please feel free to contact SCEE at certificates@scee.edu.au

Yours sincerely,



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