

Community service

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Following feedback from school principals earlier this year, a review of the Community Service program was undertaken by a group of recently retired principals and deputy-principals. Their report was considered at the November Council meeting at which Council strongly endorsed the continuation of the program as a compulsory requirement of the new WACE.

A copy of the report, which includes strategies, approaches and models of approaches to community service, is available on the Council website at

http://www.curriculum.wa.edu.au/internet/Senior_Secondary/Community_Service.

The community service requirement can be undertaken any time during years 10, 11 and 12.

Council has agreed that for 2009 and 2010, the first two years of implementation of the community service requirement, schools may submit a request to the Special Provisions Committee to exempt students from the requirement if special circumstances have resulted in a student, or small group of students, not completing the requirements in these transition years.