South Australian Certificate of Education (SACE)  Stage 2 Research Project- a compulsory subject within the SACE.

The Research Project is a 10 credit Stage 2 subject, and you will need to get a C grade or higher to gain your SACE. The research subject is unlike any other subject you’ve studied before. It starts with you and – with your interests, passions and ideas- and it gives you an opportunity to explore a question of interest. By choosing your own Research Project focus, you will drive your own learning. You will still be guided and supported by your teachers, but ultimately you’ll be responsible for the shape and content of your Research Project.

Students research an incredibly broad range of topics, ranging from speech pathology to architecture, from mining engineering to learning another language. But regardless of the topic, students develop skills to succeed in their learning, future careers and life.

Through the Research Project you will learn how to collect an evaluate information, identify what is relevant and important, and apply this knowledge to better navigate the wider world. You will learn how to plan, communicate and work independently. This will give you the confidence and ability to move more readily into further study or work.

An integral part of the Research Project are the 7 Capabilities and you will need to choose one or more of these capabilities to focus on and develop throughout your Research Project. Here are some examples:

1. **Literacy** – this can include exploring how language is used for different purposes and audiences.
   **Research Project:** How do you write a book which appeals to children?

2. **Numeracy** - this capability can include developing skills in interpreting information in numerical form and identifying patterns and relationships.
   **Research Project:** How is the Fibonacci sequence illustrated in nature?

3. **Information and Communication Technology**- this capability can include investigating how contemporary technologies influence communication.
   **Research Project:** How do males and females use Facebook differently?

4. **Critical and Creative Thinking** - this capability can include developing personal and social understanding and participating actively in community life.
   **Research Project:** How do you stage a successful music festival?

5. **Personal and Social** – this capability can include developing personal and social understanding and participating actively in community life.
   **Research Project:** What opportunities are there for young people to volunteer in the local community?

6. **Ethical Understanding** – the capability can include exploring an ethical question, or looking at ethical practices in the workplace or community.
   **Research Project:** How can more people be encouraged to become organ donors?
7. **Intercultural Understanding** - this capability can include exploring a cultural issue and building intercultural understanding.

**Research Project:** How has Australia’s ethnic diversity increased since 1945?

**Research Project A or B?**
The main difference is that Research Project B can count towards your Australian Tertiary Education Rank (ATAR) but Research Project A cannot.

If you study Research Project A you present a Review in written format (1500 words) or through a 10 minute presentation – such as a PowerPoint presentation, a website, a performance or a video. If you study Research Project B, you must present an Evaluation in written format (2000 words).

**Assessment:**
The Research Project is split into three sections, and each is worth a different percentage of your final grade. The percentages are as follows:

**Research Project A**
- Folio (30%)
- Research Outcome (40%)
- Review (30%)

**Research Project B**
- Folio (30%)
- Research Outcome (40%)
- Evaluation (30%)

For further information:

Research Project FAQs and other useful information can be found on the SACE website at: www.sace.sa.edu.au/subjects

Or talk to teachers who are involved in the Research Project - Ms Scotton, Mrs Corey, Mr Scholz.