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# YEAR 10 SUBJECT SELECTION

Subject selections for Year 10 are particularly meaningful as decisions can have significant consequences for future pathways options.

Choices and success in English are particularly important. To receive their VCE certificate all students must pass at least three units (including units 3 and 4) of one English study (English, EAL, English Language or Literature). Furthermore, an English area study score must be used in conjunction with a student's top three study scores.

If you are considering studying English Language or Literature in the VCE, you should undertake the relevant elective subject in Year 10.

As the selection of subjects at Year 9 for Year 10 can have an impact on future options, decisions are undertaken with the support of the Pathways team through subject counselling, completion of Individual Pathways Planning and ongoing support and advice.

The following tables assist in understanding the options in English, Maths and Science. If you have any concerns regarding these matters, please contact the Pathways Office or your Student Manager.

## Year 10 - Victorian Curriculum

### Core Subjects – Students must undertake:

- English or English as An Additional Language (EAL)

And

- Mathematics

# COMMERCE

COMMERCE
<p><b>DESCRIPTION</b></p> <p>Students will examine a variety of local and international issues to gain an understanding of why governments, businesses and individuals make decisions about how they will use their economic resources. Students examine Australian and global living standards and the factors influencing social and financial circumstances. This study will explore how the actions of individuals or groups in the law, business and even social media can help influence and shape outcomes on certain issues. Students will enhance their financial literacy by examining their future earning potential and the impacts taxation will have on their earnings, as well as the opportunity to invest a hypothetical \$50,000 in the Australian Stock Exchange.</p>
<p><b>ASSESSMENT TASKS:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Infographic</li><li>• Research task</li><li>• Topic tests</li><li>• Examination</li></ul>
<p><b>CURRICULUM LINK:</b></p> <p>Victorian Curriculum Civics and Citizenship &amp; Economics and Business</p>
<p><b>COSTS INVOLVED:</b></p> <p>Excursions and/or incursions and will be charged prior to the activity.</p>

POLITICS & ECONOMICS
<p><b>DESCRIPTION:</b></p> <p>This study provides students with a basic knowledge and understanding of politics and economics. Students examine political concepts and views, and broaden their outlook by examining how political decisions are made in Australia and globally, how power is distributed, and the importance of human agency. Students also develop knowledge and understanding of the structure of the Australian economy, the role of markets and government decision-making in the Australian economy. Students analyse current political and economic issues.</p>
<p><b>ASSESSMENT TASKS:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Topic tests</li><li>• Political inquiry tasks</li><li>• Issue analysis</li><li>• Examination</li></ul>
<p><b>CURRICULUM LINK:</b></p> <p>Victorian Curriculum Civics and Citizenship &amp; Economics and Business</p>
<p><b>COSTS INVOLVED:</b></p> <p>Excursions and/or incursions and will be charged prior to the activity.</p>

# COMPUTING

MULTIMEDIA	PROGRAMMING
<p><b>DESCRIPTION:</b> Multimedia plays a crucial role in the digital learning process. It uses a variety of mediums: video, audio, text, images and animations. Students will be introduced to different techniques of animations. Students will have the opportunity to develop a professional website for a micro business in our local community. Students also acquire a deep knowledge and understanding of digital systems, data and information and the processes associated with creating digital solutions.</p> <p><b>ASSESSMENT TASKS:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Data &amp; Information - Research poster</li><li>• Creating Digital Solutions -Website &amp; Animations projects</li><li>• Digital Systems: Quiz and semester exam</li></ul> <p><b>CURRICULUM LINK:</b> Victorian Curriculum Digital Technologies VCE VET Digital Media Units 1 - 4 VCE Computing: Applied Computing Units 1 &amp; 2</p> <p><b>COSTS INVOLVED:</b> Competition (optional), Excursions and/or Incursions will be charged prior to the activity.</p>	<p><b>DESCRIPTION:</b> Programming is designed for students to become confident and creative developers of digital solutions through structured computer programming and creating computer games. Students acquire a deep knowledge and understanding of digital systems, data and information and the processes associated with creating digital solutions.</p> <p><b>ASSESSMENT TASKS:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Digital Systems - online test</li><li>• Data &amp; Information - research poster</li><li>• Creating Digital Solutions - folios, tests, programming projects</li></ul> <p><b>CURRICULUM LINK:</b> Victorian Curriculum Digital Technologies VCE Computing: Applied Computing Units 1 &amp; 2 VCE Computing: Software Development Units 3 &amp; 4 VCE Computing: Data Analytics Unit 3 &amp; 4</p> <p><b>COSTS INVOLVED:</b> Competition (optional), Excursions and/or Incursions will be charged prior to the activity.</p>

# ENGLISH

## Year 10 - Victorian Curriculum

Core Subjects – Students must undertake: English or English as an Additional Language (EAL)

	Year 10 Semesters 1 & 2	Year 11 Semesters 1 & 2	Year 12 Semesters 1 & 2
<b>EAL*</b> (English as an Additional Language)	Year 10 EAL group* (EAL students only) or Year 10 English & EAL Elective	VCE EAL English Units 1 & 2 (EAL students only)	VCE EAL English Unit 3 & 4 (EAL students only)
<b>Mainstream English Pathways</b>  (no specialist VCE English studies)	Year 10 English	VCE English (Units 1 & 2)	VCE English (units 3 & 4)
	Year 10 English & Year 10 Advanced English Elective (1 semester)	VCE English Units 1 & 2	VCE English Units 3 & 4
	Year 10 English & Year 10 English Language Elective (1 semester)	VCE English Units 1 & 2	VCE English Units 3 & 4
	Year 10 English & Year 10 Literature Elective (1 semester)	VCE English Units 1 & 2	VCE English Units 3 & 4
<b>Specialist English Pathways</b>  (dropping mainstream English)	Year 10 English & Year 10 English Language Elective (1 semester)	VCE English Language Units 1 & 2	VCE English Language Units 3 & 4
	Year 10 English & Year 10 Literature Elective (1 semester)	VCE Literature Units 1 & 2	VCE Literature Units 3 & 4
<b>Dual VCE English Pathways</b>  (taking 2 VCE English studies)	Year 10 English & Year 10 English Language Elective (1 semester)	VCE English Units 1 & 2 & VCE English Language Units 1 & 2	VCE English Units 3 & 4 & VCE English Language Units 3 & 4
	Year 10 English & Year 10 Literature Elective (1 semester) & Year 10 English Language Elective (1 semester)	VCE Literature Units 1 & 2 & VCE English Language Units 1 & 2	VCE Literature Units 3 & 4 & VCE English Language Units 3 & 4
	Year 10 English & Year 10 Literature Elective (1 semester)	VCE English Units 1 & 2 & VCE Literature Units 1 & 2	VCE English Units 3 & 4 & VCE Literature Units 3 & 4

\* EAL: The English as an Additional Language (EAL) pathway is only available to students who have been informed that they qualify for this option. The “Year 10 EAL group” would be taken instead of “Year 10 English,” however this class will only run if there are sufficient numbers.

## Possible English Pathways – from Year 10 to Year 12

Of all the studies students undertake in their secondary schooling, English holds a position of unparalleled importance. In Year 10, a student’s English studies are of particular significance, serving as both a prerequisite consideration for the VCE, and by providing the opportunity to trial the two specialist English pathways – **English Language** and **Literature**. Although Pathways staff will look at a student’s overall progress (across their Year 10 year), it is largely their performance in their English study that will affect whether they are recommended for a full VCE year (the following year). As the only compulsory subject required for the VCE certificate, it is important that students are generally performing “at the expected level” (“C” level or above) in Year 10 English, to demonstrate their capacity to successfully undertake the significantly more difficult VCE English.

Furthermore, once a student undertakes their VCE, success in their VCE English study is crucial for students to both obtain their VCE Certificate and to achieve a competitive ATAR score (student ranking score used for tertiary applications). To receive the VCE certificate, students must pass at least three units from one of the VCE English studies: *English*, *EAL English*, *English Language* or *Literature*. To obtain an ATAR score students must pass both Units 3 and 4, in one of these three English studies. Furthermore, in Year 12 an English area study score must be used in conjunction with a student’s top three study scores, for the purpose of generating the ATAR score (see **table below**). This means that a low study score in English will significantly reduce a student’s pathway options. For all these reasons, it is crucial that students make strategic decisions about their choice of their English pathway, so that they can maximise their potential to score well in this influential core study.

Number of studies used to calculate ATAR:	1st study score used	2nd study score used	3rd study score used	4th study score used	5th study score used	6th study score used
Order of studies selected to calculate ATAR:	Compulsory English study	Highest scoring subject	2 <sup>nd</sup> highest scoring subject	3 <sup>rd</sup> highest scoring subject	4 <sup>th</sup> highest scoring subject	5 <sup>th</sup> highest scoring subject
Percentage of study score used for ATAR:	100%	100%	100%	100%	10% only	10% only
For example a, high performing, student’s scores would be used as follows:	English 31=31	Physics 49=49	Maths Methods 47=47	French 46=46	Chemistry 45=4.5	General Maths 41=4.1

For many Year 9 students (or parents/guardians of such) it may seem “premature” to be considering the future consequences of English performance in regard to the VCE, or Year 12. However, while competitive performance in many specialised VCE studies may not require students to possess prior study-specific proficiency (and specialist knowledge), this is not the case in English. In the Victorian education system, English is part of a developmental continuum running from the beginning of primary school until the end of secondary school. As such, ideally, an academically competitive English student is one who becomes increasingly sophisticated throughout their schooling, continuously building upon prior skills and knowledge (within this continuum), leading up to their final Year 12 assessments.

While many students, currently in Year 9, might feel their progress in their English studies (at this time) does not live up to this ideal, there is still sufficient time and opportunity ahead to make a significant difference. To maximise their potential to improve in their English studies, students should make their future English pathway choices carefully, allowing themselves to be guided by their teachers and the Pathways team. Although it is highly recommended that all students undertake a Year 10 elective study, it is important that such choices are made carefully, to suit both the individual’s learning style and their needs.

There are several pathways by which students may satisfy the compulsory English requirement for the satisfactory completion of the VCE. The coursework in **Mainstream VCE English** draws significantly upon content covered by previous English studies (Years 7 to 10). Therefore, most students continue following this pathway and undertake mainstream **VCE English** (Units 1 to 4). Alternatively, some students choose to specialise in either **VCE English Language** or **VCE Literature**, to fulfil the compulsory English requirement for the VCE. If a student was considering

specialising, as such, then they should undertake the equivalent Year 10 elective study, to ensure they are making an informed choice. Increasingly, many students are choosing to take on two VCE English studies, to maximise their potential to do well with this component of their ATAR score.



## Semester 1 - English Mainstream Options

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>COMEDY: Have you heard the one about...</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>CRIME: Is this a dagger which I see before me?</b></p>
<p><b>DESCRIPTION:</b> Students explore a range of comic texts, such as comic fiction, sit-coms, romantic comedy, and stand-up performance comedy. Students discuss trends in contemporary comedy, its power to include and exclude, and how changing social attitudes can lead to the ‘cancelling’ of texts and performers. Students develop their own commentaries on what makes a comedy comic, the extent to which humour relies on agreed values and assumptions, and what it might endorse or challenge.</p> <p><b>ASSESSMENT TASKS:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reading and Responding to Texts</li> <li>• Crafting Text</li> <li>• Researching and Presenting</li> <li>• Journal Responses</li> </ul> <p><b>CURRICULUM LINK:</b> Victorian Curriculum English Pathway to VCE English Units 1-4</p> <p><b>COSTS INVOLVED:</b> Competition (optional), Excursions and/or Incursions will be charged prior to the activity.</p>	<p><b>DESCRIPTION:</b> Students explore a range of contemporary and classic texts, including novels and films, that present ideas about criminality and justice. Students consider what motivates the committing of crime, how crime is investigated and what its consequences can be. Students also consider how this genre has developed over time and the ways in which the texts reflect the views, values, moods and attitudes of societies in which they are constructed.</p> <p><b>ASSESSMENT TASKS:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reading and Responding to Texts</li> <li>• Crafting text</li> <li>• Researching and Presenting</li> <li>• Journal Responses</li> </ul> <p><b>CURRICULUM LINK:</b> Victorian Curriculum English Pathway to VCE English Units 1-4</p> <p><b>COSTS INVOLVED:</b> Competition (optional), Excursions and/or Incursions will be charged prior to the activity.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>DYSTOPIA: What if....</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>MYTHS AND LEGENDS: Heroes in the Seaweed</b></p>
<p><b>DESCRIPTION:</b> Students explore a range of contemporary and classic texts, including novels and films, that present visions of imaginary worlds gone wrong. Students consider why we are drawn to texts that address fears for future societies and why utopian visions rarely capture an audience’s imagination. Students consider how futuristic and science fiction stories are used to reflect the values and anxieties of the eras and contexts in which they are produced.</p> <p><b>ASSESSMENT TASKS:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reading and Responding to Texts</li> <li>• Crafting text</li> <li>• Researching and Presenting</li> <li>• Journal Responses</li> </ul> <p><b>CURRICULUM LINK:</b> Victorian Curriculum English Pathway to VCE English Units</p> <p><b>COSTS INVOLVED:</b> Competition (optional), Excursions and/or Incursions will be charged prior to the activity.</p>	<p><b>DESCRIPTION:</b> Students explore multiple myths and legends from a variety of cultures and eras. Students analyse ancient and classical myths and legends, modern mythologising and contemporary depictions of classical heroes and superheroes. Students discuss the process of mythmaking, how myths are distinguished from legends, why they endure and how they change over time, and what they tell us about human nature and what society values.</p> <p><b>ASSESSMENT TASKS:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reading and Responding to Texts</li> <li>• Crafting Text</li> <li>• Researching and Presenting</li> <li>• Journal Responses</li> </ul> <p><b>CURRICULUM LINK:</b> Victorian Curriculum English Pathway to VCE English Units 1-4</p> <p><b>COSTS INVOLVED:</b> Competition (optional), Excursions and/or Incursions will be charged prior to the activity.</p>

## **SPORT: It's More Than a Game...**

### **DESCRIPTION:**

Students explore a range of print and non-print texts about sport and discuss the ways in which key figures and events raise questions about issues bigger than the sports themselves. Students reflect and write about what makes sports-based narratives engaging and popular to a wide audience. Students discuss how sports often showcase the values of a culture or a time, addressing wider social issues such as class, gender, and race, as well as being used to advance political and corporate interests.

### **ASSESSMENT TASKS:**

- Reading and responding to texts
- Creative Response
- Researching and Presenting
- Journal Responses

### **CURRICULUM LINK:**

Victorian Curriculum English  
Pathway to VCE English Units 1-4

### **COSTS INVOLVED:**

Competition (optional), Excursions and/or Incursions will be charged prior to the activity.

## Semester 2 - English Mainstream Options

ENGLISH	ENGLISH AS AN ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE (EAL)
<p><b>DESCRIPTION:</b> Students analyse how texts construct meaning, convey ideas and values, and are open to a range of interpretations. Students demonstrate their knowledge and understanding of a set text through analytical written responses and craft their own texts in ways that are informed by audience and purpose. Students analyse the use of language and argument in texts that present a point of view on an issue in the media and construct a sustained point of view on the issue. All students undertaking mainstream English Semester 1 options will automatically be enrolled in this subject in Semester 2.</p> <p><i>All students undertaking mainstream English Semester 1 options will automatically be enrolled in this subject in Semester 2.</i></p> <p><b>ASSESSMENT TASKS:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reading and Responding to Texts</li> <li>• Analysing Argument and Language</li> <li>• Crafting Text</li> </ul> <p><b>CURRICULUM LINK:</b> Victorian Curriculum English Pathway to VCE English Units 1 - 4</p> <p><b>COSTS INVOLVED:</b> Competition (optional), Excursions and/or Incursions will be charged prior to the activity.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>[CORE SUBJECT]</b></p>	<p><b>DESCRIPTION:</b> Eligible students with limited schooling in Australia and/or English speaking contexts. This subject is taken instead of English by eligible students for whom English is a second or further language to prepare for VCE EAL Units 1 - 4. Students continue to develop their personal learning strategies. Vocabulary acquisition, listening and communication skills are emphasised while students build their speaking confidence and writing competency in preparation for their VCE studies.</p> <p><b>ASSESSMENT TASKS:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Listening</li> <li>• Reading and Responding to Texts</li> <li>• Speaking and Presenting</li> <li>• Analysing Argument and Language</li> <li>• Crafting Text</li> </ul> <p><b>CURRICULUM LINK:</b> Victorian Curriculum English Pathway to VCE English Units 1 - 4</p> <p><b>COSTS INVOLVED:</b> Competition (optional), Excursions and/or Incursions will be charged prior to the activity.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>[CORE SUBJECT]</b></p>

## ADVANCED ENGLISH

### DESCRIPTION:

English Language is a specialist course designed for students who are interested in figuring out how English works in real life. English is used every day, not just in books and films, and this is the English that will be studied. This subject offers students a closer look at the subsystems of English, from sounds to syntax, from words to conversational strategies. They explore language issues, including but not limited to political correctness, swearing, and the 'decline' of language. Students will also gain a broader understanding of how language works in electronic spaces.

### ASSESSMENT TASKS:

- Short Answer Test
- Analytical Commentary
- Oral Presentation
- Research Assignment

### CURRICULUM LINK:

Victorian Curriculum English  
Pathway to VCE English Units 1 - 4

### COSTS INVOLVED:

Competition (optional), Excursions and/or Incursions will be charged prior to the activity.

## ENGLISH LANGUAGE

### DESCRIPTION:

English Language is a course designed for students who are interested in figuring out how English works in real life. English is used every day, not just in books and films and this is the English that will be studied. This subject offers students a closer look at the subsystems of English, from syllables to syntax, from words to conversational strategies. Topics include but are not limited to new ways to form words, how language reflects identity and how technology is affecting language structure and use. Students will gain a broader understanding of how language works and how English in particular has captured the world's interest.

### ASSESSMENT TASKS:

- Short Answer Test
- Analytical Commentary
- Essay
- Creative Piece
- Research Assignment
- Oral Presentation

### CURRICULUM LINK:

Victorian Curriculum English  
Pathway to VCE English Units 1 - 4

### COSTS INVOLVED:

Competition (optional), Excursions and/or Incursions will be charged prior to the activity.

## LITERATURE

### DESCRIPTION:

Year 10 Literature is a semester based specialist English elective. It is targeted at those students interested in reading, analysing and discussing a range of text types. This subject is only recommended for those students already performing at a high standard in their mainstream English studies, who possess enthusiasm for books, films, plays and poetry. The subject provides students with a solid basis to enhance their prospects at the VCE level. As all students undertaking VCE must undertake the compulsory English study component (see VCE handbook) Year 10 Literature provides the opportunity for students to trial one of the three VCE English pathways, prior to making the commitment at the VCE level.

### ASSESSMENT TASKS:

- Film Study
- Text Study
- Creative Response
- Oral Presentation
- Journal Entries
- Class Discussions

### CURRICULUM LINK:

Victorian Curriculum English  
Pathway to VCE Literature Units 1 - 4

### COSTS INVOLVED:

Competition (optional), Excursions and/or Incursions will be charged prior to the activity.

# HEALTH, PE and OUTDOOR EDUCATION

DUKE OF EDINBURGH	HEALTH
<p><b>DESCRIPTION:</b> Students complete their Bronze Certificate in The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award in partnership with VSC and Community Partners. Students set personal and collective goals and work towards earning their certificate over the semester, which culminates in an Adventurous Journey bushwalk. This subject gives young people a chance to plan projects, meet new people, build skills, and make a difference in their community based on their personal interests. Students will develop their understanding of outdoor environments, minimal impact, conservation strategies and other key knowledge and skills which form a grounding for VCE Outdoor Environmental Studies.</p> <p><b>ASSESSMENT TASKS:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mid Semester Test</li><li>• Case study analysis</li><li>• Preparation, Participation, and Reflection on the Adventurous Journey.</li></ul> <p><b>CURRICULUM LINK:</b> VCE Outdoor Environmental Studies Units 1-4 Victorian Curriculum Health and Physical Education</p> <p><b>COSTS INVOLVED:</b> In 2024, Year 10 Duke of Ed costs were charged pay as you go. It was \$175 for Duke of Ed signup + \$265 for the camp = \$440 in total. 2025 costs are still to be confirmed.</p>	<p><b>DESCRIPTION:</b> This subject gives students an understanding of concepts relating to Health and Wellbeing, Australia's population health including youth, Australia's healthcare system and Global health. The topics covered give students an insight into how and why Health and Wellbeing varies among population groups, both in Australia and Worldwide.</p> <p><b>ASSESSMENT TASKS:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Research assignments</li><li>• Class activities</li><li>• Tests</li><li>• End of semester Exam</li></ul> <p><b>CURRICULUM LINK:</b> VCE Health and Human Development Units 1 - 4 Victorian Curriculum Health and Physical Education</p> <p><b>COSTS INVOLVED:</b> Competition (optional), Excursions and/or Incursions will be charged prior to the activity.</p>

## LEISURE EDUCATION - ACTIVE FOR LIFE

### DESCRIPTION:

Leisure Education is a practical and theoretical insight into the role of leisure and recreational pursuits for a range of different groups within the community. It also provides students with the opportunity to gain practical knowledge in a wide variety of leisure based activities such as Martial Arts, Scuba Diving, Surfing, Golf, Rollerblading, Vision Impaired Sports, Yoga, Lawn Bowls, Archery and Rock Climbing.

### ASSESSMENT TASKS:

- Practical assessment
- Tests
- Presentations
- Research Assignments
- End of semester exam

### CURRICULUM LINK:

Victorian Curriculum Health and Physical Education  
VCE Physical Education Units 1 - 4  
VCE Outdoor Environmental Studies Units 1 – 4  
VCE Health and Human Development Units 1-4

### COSTS INVOLVED:

In 2024 Year 10 Leisure Education paid a once off fee at the beginning of the subject of \$395. 2025 costs are still to be confirmed.

## SKILL AND SPORT DEVELOPMENT

### DESCRIPTION:

Students will learn and implement skill development for a variety of sports, sport development across the decades including technology and skill advancements, historical aspects of a chosen sport (s), identify and discuss current issues and their impacts on athletes and sport, the importance of umpiring and fair play.

### ASSESSMENT TASKS:

- Presentations
- Reports
- Tests
- End of semester exam

### CURRICULUM LINK:

Victorian Curriculum Health and Physical Education  
VCE Physical Education Units 1 - 4

### COSTS INVOLVED:

Competition (optional), Excursions and/or Incursions will be charged prior to the activity.

## SPORT SCIENCE AND LEADERSHIP

### DESCRIPTION:

This subject is a practical and theoretical unit that is designed for students who are interested in the science behind how and why our body works during physical activity. Students will also be educated on leadership styles and qualities and have the opportunity to put this into practice.

### ASSESSMENT TASKS:

- Peer teaching presentation
- Tests
- End of semester exam

### CURRICULUM LINK:

Victorian Curriculum Health and Physical Education  
VCE Physical Education Units 1-4

### COSTS INVOLVED:

Competition (optional), Excursions and/or Incursions will be charged prior to the activity.

## TRAINING TO IMPROVE

### DESCRIPTION:

Students will gain a practical and theoretical understanding of what it takes to be a successful sports person. Students will design, implement, and evaluate personalised plans for improving or maintaining their own and others' physical activity and fitness levels including learning about Fitness components, Training methods, Training principles and Fitness testing.

### ASSESSMENT TASKS:

- Assignments
- Presentations
- Tests
- End of semester exam

### CURRICULUM LINK:

Victorian Curriculum Health and Physical Education  
VCE Physical Education Units 1 - 4

### COSTS INVOLVED:

Competition (optional), Excursions and/or Incursions will be charged prior to the activity.

# HUMANITIES

## GEOGRAPHY IN ACTION

### DESCRIPTION:

Students will study various environments that are important to supporting our lives and the challenges we face with sustainability in 'Geography in Action'. This will involve the study of coral reefs, coasts, and the management of coastal areas from human activities or climate change. Students will then investigate local areas, and look at how they are managed. During this subject, students will be required to participate in fieldwork along Port Phillip Bay and local fieldwork.

### ASSESSMENT TASKS:

- Ocean Issues Research Project
- Oceans, Coasts and Coral Reefs Topic Test
- Forests Presentation
- Semester examination

### CURRICULUM LINK:

Victorian Curriculum Geography  
Pathway to VCE Geography Units 1 - 4

### COSTS INVOLVED:

Competition (optional), Excursions and/or Incursions will be charged prior to the activity.

## GEOGRAPHY THE BIG PICTURE – GLOBAL ISSUES

### DESCRIPTION:

Students in The Big Picture will complete a series of short investigations, with a focus on global issues. Students will study population growth and the rising trend for people to move to the cities, creating megacities. Through studying inequality and wellbeing, students will investigate living conditions around the world, in particular poverty and how it can be overcome. Students will then research the ethics of zoos and aquariums, attending a fieldwork excursion to the Melbourne Aquarium.

### ASSESSMENT TASKS:

- Megacity Project and Test
- Girl Rising Multimedia Analysis
- Pacific Islands and Wellbeing Oral Presentation
- Animal Conservation Fieldwork
- Semester examination

### CURRICULUM LINK:

Victorian Curriculum Geography  
Pathway to VCE Geography Units 1 - 4

### COSTS INVOLVED:

Competition (optional), Excursions and/or Incursions will be charged prior to the activity.



<b>HISTORY</b> <b>ANCIENT HISTORY &amp; ARCHAEOLOGY</b>
<p><b>DESCRIPTION:</b> Students are exposed to a scientific approach to history by studying the methods used by archaeologists and anthropologists. Students explore key archaeological sites and discoveries throughout history, such as Egyptian tombs, Pompei in Italy, and others across Asia, the Americas and the Middle East. They also study the context of each location, including mythology in Ancient India and Greece, and the leaders of Ancient Empires like Qin Shi Huangdi, Hatshepsut, Xerxes I and Leonidas. The ethics of archaeology are evaluated through all case studies.</p> <p><b>ASSESSMENT TASKS:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Analysis of source material</li> <li>• Human remains case study</li> <li>• Inquiry essay</li> <li>• Examination</li> </ul> <p><b>CURRICULUM LINK:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pathway to VCE History Units 1-4</li> </ul> <p><b>COSTS INVOLVED:</b> Competition (optional), Excursions and/or Incursions will be charged prior to the activity.</p>

<b>HISTORY</b> <b>FIGHTING FOR FREEDOM</b>
<p><b>DESCRIPTION:</b> Students study the modern world of the 20th century moving through two world wars, evaluating the effects of violence and changing political ideologies around the world. Students then study the key contributing figures and events leading to human rights in America and Australia. Finally, students reflect on how pop culture, in particular music, film, fashion and art changed the global landscape</p> <p><b>ASSESSMENT TASKS:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inquiry essay</li> <li>• Analysis of source material</li> <li>• Extended response</li> <li>• Examination</li> </ul> <p><b>CURRICULUM LINK:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pathway to VCE History Units 1-4</li> </ul> <p><b>COSTS INVOLVED:</b> Competition (optional), Excursions and/or Incursions will be charged prior to the activity.</p>

<b>PHILOSOPHY</b>
<p><b>DESCRIPTION:</b> Thinking and thinking about thinking take centre stage in this introduction to Philosophy. Students study key philosophical eras including Antiquity, Medieval Europe, Renaissance, and throughout the development of the modern world. Philosophy will enable students to develop the ability to clarify concepts, analyse problems, consult primary sources, and construct arguments to tackle complex concepts and how these have changed over time. Finally, students will consider the development of philosophy in our world today, with critical inquiry into how societal values and historical contexts continue to influence and shape thinking.</p> <p><b>ASSESSMENT TASKS:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Primary Source analysis</li> <li>• Research project</li> <li>• Essay</li> </ul> <p><b>CURRICULUM LINK:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Victorian Curriculum History</li> <li>• Victorian Curriculum Intercultural Capability</li> <li>• Pathway to VCE History Units 1-4</li> </ul> <p><b>COSTS INVOLVED:</b> Competition (optional), Excursions and/or Incursions will be charged prior to the activity.</p>

# LANGUAGES

FRENCH	GERMAN
<p><b>DESCRIPTION:</b> Students investigate the language used by French teenagers to socialise and organise outings. They use chat rooms to converse with one another about their personal interests and daily routines, and to make social arrangements. They also study the language of health and practised scenarios such as going to the pharmacy or going to the doctors. In addition, students explore French cuisine, including its regional variations, and compare French food and eating habits with those of other cultures. They learn to order in restaurants and converse about food preferences. In the final term, students are introduced to VCE General Conversation.</p> <p><b>ASSESSMENT TASKS:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Listening</li><li>• Reading</li><li>• Writing</li><li>• Speaking</li><li>• Semester Examination</li></ul> <p><b>CURRICULUM LINK:</b> Victorian Curriculum Languages Pathway to VCE Units 1 - 4 French</p> <p><b>COSTS INVOLVED:</b> Competition (optional), Excursions and/or Incursions will be charged prior to the activity.</p>	<p><b>DESCRIPTION:</b> In Semester One, students consolidate skills learnt in the Junior School. Themes covered include 'me &amp; my world', 'free time' and 'holidays and travel'. Key grammar introduced include word order, modal verbs, the dative case, prepositions and the perfect tense.</p> <p>In Semester Two, students consolidate their understanding of topics covered last semester, with a particular focus on improving the range, accuracy and sophistication of language in preparation for VCE studies. New themes covered include the German school system, 'future plans', 'money &amp; jobs', 'work experience &amp; careers', and 'travel, tourism &amp; student exchange'. Key grammar introduced included the future and imperfect tenses, the conditional, reflexive verbs, conjunctions and adjectives.</p> <p><b>ASSESSMENT TASKS:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Listening</li><li>• Reading</li><li>• Writing</li><li>• Speaking</li><li>• Semester Examination</li></ul> <p><b>CURRICULUM LINK:</b> Victorian Curriculum Languages Pathway to VCE Units 1 - 4 German</p> <p><b>COSTS INVOLVED:</b> Competition (optional), Excursions and/or Incursions will be charged prior to the activity.</p>

# MATHEMATICS

Year 10 - Victorian Curriculum - Students must undertake Core Subjects

## Mathematics Pathways

(in order of increasing difficulty)

YEAR 10	YEAR 11	YEAR 12
Mathematics – Level 10 or 10A	Nil	Nil
Mathematics – Level 10 or 10A	Foundation Mathematics 1 & 2	Foundation Mathematics 3 & 4
Mathematics – Level 10 or 10A	General Mathematics 1 & 2	General Mathematics Units 3 & 4 <b>OR</b> Foundation Mathematics Units 3&4
Mathematics – Level 10A	Mathematical Methods Units 1 & 2	Mathematical Methods Units 3 & 4
Mathematics – Level 10A	General Mathematics Units 1 & 2 <b>AND</b> Mathematical Methods Units 1 & 2	General Mathematics Units 3 & 4 <b>AND / OR</b> Mathematical Methods Units 3 & 4
Mathematics – Level 10A	Mathematical Methods Units 1 & 2 <b>AND</b> Specialist Mathematics Units 1 & 2	Mathematical Methods Units 3 & 4
Mathematics – Level 10A	Mathematical Methods Units 1 & 2 <b>AND</b> Specialist Mathematics Units 1 & 2	Mathematical Methods Units 3 & 4 <b>AND</b> Specialist Mathematics Units 3 & 4
Mathematics – Level 10A	General Mathematics Units 1 & 2 <b>AND</b> Mathematical Methods Units 1 & 2 <b>AND</b> Specialist Mathematics Units 1 & 2	General Mathematics Units 3 & 4 <b>AND</b> Mathematical Methods Units 3 & 4 <b>AND</b> Specialist Mathematics Units 3 & 4

## VCE Mathematics

Mathematics is a compulsory subject in Year 10 but not in VCE. However, it is often a prerequisite for degree programs and students should complete their own research into their preferred tertiary pathway including checking the *VTAC Prerequisites* for their year of tertiary entry guide.

## Foundation Mathematics

Foundation Mathematics is offered as a Unit 1 and 2 course for year 11 students, and as a Unit 3 and 4 course for year 12 students.

Foundation Mathematics is suitable for students considering a future TAFE course, Apprenticeship or traineeship and those who want to build their knowledge of concepts taught in previous years.

Foundation Mathematics has a focus on providing students with the mathematical knowledge, skills, understanding and dispositions to solve problems in real contexts for a range of workplace, personal, further learning, community and global settings relevant to contemporary society.

## **General Mathematics**

General Mathematics Units 1-4 may be required for entry into some tertiary courses. The course is designed to be widely accessible and provide preparation for general employment, business or further study, in particular where data analysis, recursion and financial modelling, networks and matrices are important. Many new concepts are introduced that have not been studied in previous years.

Students transferring into this course after commencement of unit 1 will need to undertake supplementary study as material already covered will be assumed knowledge for future topics.

## **Mathematical Methods**

Mathematical Methods Units 1-4 provide for the study of simple elementary functions, transformations and combinations of these functions and their graphs, algebra, calculus, probability and statistics, and their applications in a variety of practical and theoretical contexts.

Mathematical Methods may be required for further study in university courses such as science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM), humanities, economics and medicine.

## **Specialist Mathematics**

Specialist Mathematics Units 1–4 provide for the study of various mathematical structures, reasoning and proof. The areas of study in Units 3 and 4 extend content from Mathematical Methods Units 3 and 4 to include rational and other quotient functions as well as other advanced mathematics topics such as graph theory and logic, complex numbers, vectors, differential equations, kinematics, and statistical inference.

Specialist Mathematics provides the background required for advanced studies in university courses in mathematics and other STEM fields.

Study of Specialist Mathematics Units 3 and 4 assumes concurrent study or previous completion of Mathematical Methods Units 3 and 4.

## MATHEMATICS - LEVEL 10

### DESCRIPTION:

Students develop useful mathematical skills applicable to numeracy across the curriculum, solve practical real-life problems, build up specialist knowledge that provides further study in the discipline, and strengthen their confidence in their personal knowledge of mathematics.

To best support students in their mathematical development, students will be grouped according to their demonstrated ability in each of the Victorian Curriculum content strands: Number, Algebra, Probability, Statistics, Measurement and Geometry.

All students will work toward reaching the Victorian Curriculum level 10 standard as part of the core group. This will provide a suitable pathway for VCE Foundation Mathematics.

Students placed in the advanced group will also cover some of the key skills and knowledge aimed at reaching the Victorian Curriculum level 10A standard for that strand. This will provide a suitable pathway for VCE Foundation Mathematics or General Mathematics.

Students placed in the extension group will cover some of the key skills and knowledge aimed at reaching the Victorian Curriculum level 10A and beyond standard for that strand. This will provide a suitable pathway for VCE General Mathematics, Mathematical Methods and Specialist Mathematics.

### ASSESSMENT TASKS:

- Topic tests
- Application tasks
- Assignments
- Semester Examination

### CURRICULUM LINK:

Victorian Curriculum Mathematics Version 2.0

### COSTS INVOLVED:

Competition (optional), Excursions and/or Incursions will be charged prior to the activity.

# PERFORMING ARTS

## DRAMA

### DESCRIPTION:

The course deals with the development of students' dramatic skills through examining prescribed performance styles and conventions. The course includes; establishing character, using the space, interpreting dramatic stimulus, creating and exploring elements of eclectic theatre. Students undertake solo and ensemble performances, which require character transformation as well as transformation of place, time and space. They also work on the development of an actor-audience relationship.

### ASSESSMENT TASKS:

- Workshop/Practical Tasks
- Performance Analysis Task
- Ensemble Performance
- Examination - Solo Performance

### CURRICULUM LINK:

Victorian Curriculum Drama  
Pathway to VCE Drama Units 1 - 4

### COSTS INVOLVED:

Competition (optional), Excursions and/or Incursions will be charged prior to the activity.

## MUSIC

### DESCRIPTION:

This music course is designed to encourage students to explore new and extended music techniques such as musicianship, music performance techniques in solo/group/ensemble. Students develop their musical imagination and creativity by composing and/or arranging musical works. This subject is a pathway to VCE music performance.

### ASSESSMENT TASKS:

- Musicianship tasks
- Performance solo/group/ensemble
- Music composing and/or arranging
- Music styles
- Music analysis using the elements of music

### CURRICULUM LINK:

Victoria Curriculum Music  
Pathway to VCE Music Performance Units 1 - 4  
Pathway to VET Music courses

### COSTS INVOLVED:

Competition (optional), Excursions and/or Incursions will be charged prior to the activity.

## MUSIC - DISCOVERY AND ENHANCEMENT

### DESCRIPTION:

This music course is designed to encourage students to explore new and extended music techniques such as musicianship, music performance techniques in solo/group/ensemble. Students develop their musical imagination and creativity by composing and/or arranging musical works. This subject is strongly focused on performance either as a digital performance piece or in front of live audience. This subject is a pathway to VCE music performance.

### ASSESSMENT TASKS:

- Musicianship tasks Performance solo/group/ensemble
- Music composing and/or arranging
- Music styles
- Music analysis using the elements of music

### CURRICULUM LINK:

Victoria Curriculum Music  
Pathway to VCE Music Performance Units 1 - 4  
Pathway to VET Music courses

### COSTS INVOLVED:

Competition (optional), Excursions and/or Incursions will be charged prior to the activity

# SCIENCE

## Possible Pathways for Science

	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12
<b>Biology to Year 12</b>	Year 10 Biology <b>OR</b> Chemistry <b>Recommended:</b> Both above units	Unit 1 & 2 Biology	Unit 3 & 4 Biology
<b>Advanced placement in Biology</b>	Unit 1 & 2 Biology <b>&amp;</b> Recommended: 10 Chemistry	Unit 3 & 4 Biology  Unit 1&2 Chemistry	Unit 3 & 4 Chemistry
<b>Chemistry to Year 12</b>	Chemistry <b>Recommended:</b> Math – Level 10	Unit 1 & 2 Chemistry  <b>Recommended</b> Unit 1 & 2 Math Methods	Unit 3 & 4 Chemistry
<b>Physics to Year 12</b>	Year 10 Physics <b>Recommended:</b> Math – Level 10	Unit 1 & 2 Physics  <b>Recommended</b> Unit 1&2 Math Methods	Unit 3 & 4 Physics
<b>Advanced placement in Physics</b>	Unit 1 & 2 Physics <b>Recommended:</b> 10 Chemistry & Math - Level 10	Unit 3 & 4 Physics  <b>Recommended:</b> Unit 1 & 2 Math Methods <b>and / or</b> Unit 1 & 2 Specialist Math  <b>Optional</b> Unit 1 & 2 Chemistry	Unit 3 & 4 Chemistry
<b>Psychology to Year 12</b>	Year 10 Introduction to Psychology <b>Recommended:</b> 10 Biology <b>or</b> 10 Environmental Science	Unit 1 & 2 Psychology	Unit 3 & 4 Psychology
<b>Advanced placement in Psychology</b>	Unit 1 & 2 Psychology <b>Recommended:</b> 10 Biology or 10 Environmental Science	Unit 3 & 4 Psychology  <b>Optional:</b> Unit 1&2 Biology	<b>Optional:</b> Unit 3 & 4 Biology
<b>Environmental Science</b> (Currently no pathway to VCE)	10 Environmental Science	Currently not offered	Currently not offered

## BIOLOGY

### DESCRIPTION:

This course focuses on preparing students for the successful study of VCE Biology. Students will explore the cell model by studying the organic molecules that lead to life. They will focus on DNA and its role in genetics, where they will study the impact of environment and genes on organisms. The process of natural selection as a mechanism for evolution is learnt and students explore the various types of evidence of evolution. Students will also undertake a series of scientific experiments and simulations to support their learning and undertake a self-design investigation. Students will engage in Scientific Investigations, scrutinise weak and strong scientific design.

### ASSESSMENT TASKS:

- Practical work
- Assignments
- Tests
- Exams

### CURRICULUM LINK:

Victorian Curriculum Science  
Pathway to VCE Biology Units 1 - 4

### COSTS INVOLVED:

Competition (optional), Excursions and/or Incursions will be charged prior to the activity.

## ENVIRONMENTAL: SCIENCE

### DESCRIPTION:

This course aims to develop and strengthen students understanding of the Earth as a system and to explore a systems approach to changes that are impacting the Earth. The concepts taught will reflect the strands of Biology through the study of Ecosystems and Global Systems, Chemistry via Climate data and Nutrient cycles and Physics through the exploration of the Greenhouse effect and Global Warming. Students will engage in Scientific Investigations, analyse climate change data, and critically review sustainability approaches. Students will explore the Ethical implications the Scientists and Society must address when addressing issues of the environment.

### ASSESSMENT TASKS:

- Practical work
- Assignments
- Tests
- Exams

### CURRICULUM LINK:

Victorian Curriculum Science

### COSTS INVOLVED:

Competition (optional), Excursions and/or Incursions will be charged prior to the activity.

## CHEMISTRY

### DESCRIPTION:

This course focuses on preparing students for the successful study of VCE Chemistry. In this unit, students will study the structure of atoms and their chemical properties. They will use the periodic table as a tool to explore trends in chemical properties and explore the ionic and covalent bonding model. They will study a range of chemical reactions and learn to write balanced chemical equations to represent them. Students will also undertake a series of scientific experiments and simulations to support their learning and undertake a self-design investigation. Students will engage in Scientific Investigations, scrutinise weak and strong scientific design.

### ASSESSMENT TASKS:

- Practical work
- Assignments
- Tests
- Exams

### CURRICULUM LINK:

Victorian Curriculum Science  
Pathway to VCE Chemistry Units 1 - 4

### COSTS INVOLVED:

Competition (optional), Excursions and/or Incursions will be charged prior to the activity.



## PHYSICS

### DESCRIPTION:

This course focuses on preparing students for the successful study of VCE Physics. Students will explore Sound and other waves. They achieve understanding of Newton's Laws of Motion and describe motion in vector and scalar quantities such as velocity and speed. Students explore the effects of Conservation of Energy and how Electricity and Magnetism interact and are utilised. The Origin and Evolution of the Universe is also studied. Students will also undertake a series of scientific experiments and simulations to support their learning and undertake a self-design investigation.

### ASSESSMENT TASKS:

- Practical work
- Assignments
- Tests
- Exams

### CURRICULUM LINK:

Victorian Curriculum Science  
Pathway to VCE Physics Units 1 - 4

### COSTS INVOLVED:

Competition (optional), Excursions and/or Incursions will be charged prior to the activity.

## PSYCHOLOGY

### DESCRIPTION:

This course focuses on preparing students for the successful study of VCE Psychology. In this subject, students will explore Psychology as the study of the mind and behaviour. Students will focus on four major areas of study. Firstly, the introduction to Psychology including how thoughts, feelings and behaviours are measured to gain insight into common experiences. Next, students will learn about basic anatomy and functionality of the brain. Then, students explore Mental Health, Wellbeing and Illness. Finally, students will investigate theories of Forensic Psychology.

### ASSESSMENT TASKS:

- Scientific reports
- Assignments
- Tests
- Exam

### CURRICULUM LINK:

Victorian Curriculum Science  
Pathway to VCE Psychology Units 1 - 4

### COSTS INVOLVED:

Competition (optional), Excursions and/or Incursions will be charged prior to the activity.

# TECHNOLOGIES

## DESIGN & TECHNOLOGIES MATERIALS

### DESCRIPTION:

Students work with a range of resistant materials - metal, plastics, and glass, investigating the properties and characteristics of the materials used. Students choose the most appropriate material to solve a design problem. Students use the Factors That Influence Product Design, Design Briefs and Design Folios to design, produce and evaluate designed solutions. Students use design thinking skills to generate ideas and evaluate their work.

### ASSESSMENT TASKS:

- Technologies Contexts Investigation
- Food Server
- Welded Stand
- Clock and Folio
- Exam

### CURRICULUM LINK:

Victorian Curriculum Design and Technologies  
Pathway to VCE Product Design & Technologies - Units 1 - 4

### COSTS INVOLVED:

Costs may be applied if students request materials that are over and above the standard curriculum.  
Competition (optional), Excursions and/or Incursions will be charged prior to the activity.

## FOOD AND HOSPITALITY

### DESCRIPTION:

Students are introduced to the basics of the hospitality industry, from food handling and hygiene practises to event catering. They design and prepare new foods and investigate a variety of food preparation and presentation techniques. Students create a business plan for a restaurant and develop an understanding of the variety of food establishments and menu types. They develop skills in costing and menu development. This will help prepare students for VCE and VET food pathways.

### ASSESSMENT TASKS:

- Foundation practical activities.
- Topic Tests
- Design Challenge- My Restaurant.
- Practical activities.
- Exam

### CURRICULUM LINK:

Pathway to VCE Food Studies Units 1 - 4  
Pathways to VET

### COSTS INVOLVED:

Excursions and/or Incursions and will be charged prior to the activity.  
The Food Handling and Barista course will cost up to \$150. Other costs may be applied if students request materials that are over and above the standard curriculum.

## DESIGN & TECHNOLOGIES WOOD

### DESCRIPTION:

Students specialise in timber and related materials. Students use the Product Design Factors and Process to learn to make ethical and sustainable decisions about designed solutions. They use an extending range of equipment, techniques, and production processes to realise their chosen designs. Students use design thinking tools to generate ideas and evaluate their work.

### ASSESSMENT TASKS:

- Product Design Factors Task
- Historical Context Investigation
- Lamp
- Small Table and Folio
- Lathe Turned Bowl
- Exam

### CURRICULUM LINK:

Victorian Curriculum Design and Technologies  
Pathway to VCE Product Design & Technologies - Units 1 - 4

### COSTS INVOLVED:

Costs may be applied if students request materials that are over and above the standard curriculum.  
Competition (optional), Excursions and/or Incursions will be charged prior to the activity.

## FOOD STUDIES

### DESCRIPTION:

Food Studies is a course designed for students interested in all aspects of food production. This subject aims to develop a love of cooking as well as build students' food preparation skills and knowledge through exciting recipes. Students will learn about the properties of foods, food trends, foods for specific dietary conditions and product innovation through designing and making a celebratory food item.

### ASSESSMENT TASKS:

- Practical activities
- Investigation report
- Product innovation design brief
- Topic tests
- Exam

### CURRICULUM LINK:

Victorian Curriculum Design and Technologies: Food specialisations  
Pathway to VCE Food Studies Units 1 - 4  
Pathway to VET

### COSTS INVOLVED:

Costs may be applied if students request materials that are over and above the standard curriculum.

# VISUAL ARTS

## VISUAL ARTS - DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY

### DESCRIPTION:

Focussing on developing digital photographic skills and processes, this subject explores how artists use photography as an art form and method of generating ideas. Integral to this study, students work with DSLR's, studio equipment and the Adobe suite as a tool to further explore and enhance their imagery. Students develop personal explorations and explore potential directions before resolving completed artworks. Students learn how to compare and contrast how different artists working in similar themes may have developed unique visual language and style.

### ASSESSMENT TASKS:

- Capturing the World Around Us
- Manipulation of Image
- Studio Portraiture
- Painting with Light
- Art Analysis Journal
- Exam

### CURRICULUM LINK:

Victorian Curriculum Visual Arts  
Pathway to VCE Art Creative Practice Units 1 - 4

### COSTS INVOLVED:

Costs may be applied if students request materials that are over and above the standard curriculum.  
Competition (optional), Excursions and/or Incursions will be charged prior to the activity.

## VISUAL ARTS MATERIALS & PROCESSES

### DESCRIPTION:

Focussing on developing a range of art making skills and processes in a variety of 2D and 3D artforms, this subject explores how artists use these skills and develop concepts in their creative practice. Students develop personal explorations and explore materials and processes in painting, printmaking and sculpture before resolving completed artworks. Studies in this area include opportunities to also explore some photography and working with the Adobe suite. Students learn how to compare and contrast how different artists working in similar themes may have developed unique visual language and style to communicate meaning.

### ASSESSMENT TASKS:

- Observations of Daily Life
- Sculptural Form
- Eye in the Sky
- Art Analysis Journal
- Exam

### CURRICULUM LINK:

Victorian Curriculum - Visual Arts  
Pathway to VCE Art Creative Practice Units 1 – 4

### COSTS INVOLVED:

Costs may be applied if students request materials that are over and above the standard curriculum.  
Competition (optional), Excursions and/or Incursions will be charged prior to the activity.

## VISUAL COMMUNICATION DESIGN

### DESCRIPTION:

Students focus on Environment Design. Document drawing skills related to Environment Design are extended and model making is introduced. Students are introduced to additional digital drawing methods and work with programs from the Adobe suite such as Illustrator as well as Sketchup. Students look at the design of other cultures and use design thinking skills to broaden their knowledge and understanding of environment design from different cultures and contexts.

### ASSESSMENT TASKS:

- Drawing Folio
- Architecture in Focus
- Container Home Folio
- Model and Design Presentation
- Exam

### CURRICULUM LINK:

Victorian Curriculum Visual Communication Design Pathway to VCE Visual Communication Design: Units 1 - 4

### COSTS INVOLVED:

Costs may be applied if students request materials that are over and above the standard curriculum.

Competition (optional), Excursions and/or Incursions will be charged prior to the activity.

## MEDIA ARTS

### DESCRIPTION:

The study of Media is essential in the 21st century especially given the all-encompassing nature of media platforms. Media products, by the manner in which they are created, tend to both reflect and challenge social values held at the time of production. In Year 10 Media Arts, students recap, extend and refine the principles and conventions of media products. In addition, students will examine the role and function of Media in society and analyse media products for meaning, accuracy and purpose. Students will undertake tasks in the design, execution and distribution of media products for a purpose, will investigate, analyse and interpret media products across different timeframes, and will begin to develop their capacity for ongoing discourse around how Media drives change and challenges social values in preparation for VCE Media Studies.

### ASSESSMENT TASKS:

- Analysis of Media Artworks
- Pre-Production Exercises (script and storyboard)
- Creation of Media Products in negotiated formats.
- Exam

### CURRICULUM LINK:

Victorian Curriculum Digital Technologies  
VCE – Media Studies

### COSTS INVOLVED:

Excursions and/or Incursions and will be charged prior to the activity.

Costs may be applied if students request materials that are over and above the standard curriculum.

# VSC EXTERNAL STUDIES – LANGUAGE COURSES & VCE STUDIED 2024

## Can I study external VCE units?

**Yes, provided the subject is NOT offered at Vermont Secondary College.**

Please keep in mind that if a subject is offered at VSC, you are expected to take that subject onsite at school. Students gain credit for any VCE studies that are satisfactorily completed at an approved VCE Provider.

Many of our students have already undertaken the study of a VCE Language at weekend language school any will continue with that study next year. A small number of students have taken other VCE Units that are not offered at this school (for example: Dance, Drama). Students who choose to include their external study within their program must study at an approved VCE provider. Include the details of this subject during the VSC Web preference subject selection period online. You will also need to obtain a copy of the 'Assessing School Enrolment Notification' form from Pathways to take to your external study provider to have signed. This form must be returned at the start of the school year in order for your enrolment to be confirmed. If you think this may apply to you, please see Pathways.

Students entering Year 7 - 12 who wish to study an external subject (Language or Virtual Schools Victoria) program must apply each year in addition to selecting this option on Web Preferences.

**Note: There are 5 External Second Languages requiring VCAA approval to be eligible to study Units 3 & 4. These require an additional VCAA application and further evidence to support application ie. Passport, birth certificate & reports prior to enrolment.**

- Chinese Second Language / Second Language Advanced
  - Indonesian Second Language
  - Japanese Second Language
  - Korean Second Language
  - Vietnamese Second Language
1. Complete a separate VSC External Program application & VCAA form (if required)
  2. Collect an Assessing School Enrolment Notification form to submit to your Language school
  3. Select External Language Study or External VCE subject on Web Preferences Receipt
  4. Return completed VSC External Program form & VCAA form before mid-October

## The Victorian School of Languages (VSL)

The Victorian School of Languages (VSL) is a government school with a strong history of commitment to the provision of language programs for students in Years 1 to 12 who do not have access to the study of those languages in their mainstream schools. The school's language program is delivered through face-to-face teaching in language centres across the state and through Distance Education mode. Currently the VSL offers over 40 languages around Victoria to 13,000 students in face-to-face classes and 1400 students in distance education. The VSL is a DET Safe School.

For more information, please see the DET Child Safe Policy

[www.vsl.vic.edu.au](http://www.vsl.vic.edu.au)

CRICOS Provider Code: 00861K

Training Organisation Identifier (TOID): 21269

# VCE VET PROGRAM UNITS 1 - 4

## VET (Vocational Education & Training delivered to Secondary Students)

- VET combines senior school studies and accredited vocational education and training
- It enables students to complete a nationally recognised vocational qualification AND a senior school certificate (VCE/ VCAL) at the same time
- It allows a student to go directly into employment or receive credit towards further vocational training through TAFE
- It develops students' employability and industry-specific skills
- It is a vocationally oriented school program designed to meet the needs of industry

### How does VET work?

A VET program is usually made up of Units of Competency and Structured Workplace Learning.

#### Unit of Competency

Delivered by a Registered Training Organisation (RTO), at their venue, the students' school, or another school or TAFE Institution close by.

Structured Workplace Learning (SWL) SWL involves an employer accepting a student on a one day a week basis or a week block basis, enabling the student to demonstrate acquired skills and knowledge in an industry setting. During the work placement, a student will have specific tasks to undertake in order to demonstrate competence. They will be regularly monitored and may be assessed on the job.

### VET contribution to the VCE

With the exception of English, there is no limit on the VET programs that may contribute to a satisfactory completion of the VCE.

VET may be fully incorporated into the VCE as VCE VET or Block Credit Program.

#### VCE VET Programs

- Are fully recognized within the Units 1 – 4 structure of the VCE
- Have equal status with other VCE studies
- May offer scored assessment and provide a study score (selected programs only)

Furthermore, all three sequences other than English can be approved VCE VET Units 3 & 4 sequences, with study scores. Scored VCE VET programs contribute directly to the ATAR in the primary four or as a 5th or 6th study increment.

#### Block Credit VET Programs

Students who undertake VET programs not included in the suite of approved VCE VET programs may be eligible for credit towards their VCE. VTAC may award students who receive a Units 3 & 4 sequence through Block Credit recognition 10% of the lowest study score of the primary four towards their ATAR. Please note VCE and VCE VET results will take precedence over Block Credit results. Block Credit can still be used in the calculation of the ATAR. However, it can only be used in the calculation of an ATAR if there are fewer than six VCE or VCE VET studies available. If there are six or more VCE or VCE VET studies available, a Block Credit result cannot be used.

## VET increases Student's Learning Potential

VET programs broaden VCE and VCE VM options and develops students' capacity to make decisions and solve problems. It helps students to gain confidence and improve communication and interpersonal skills, through learning in an adult environment. VET also fosters positive feedback by enabling students to demonstrate specific skills and competency and matches student interests and career directions through the provision of strong pathways.

## VET gives National Qualifications and Skills

Upon successful completion of the program, students are awarded a nationally accredited vocational training Certificate or Statement of Attainment. VET qualifications may articulate directly into further education and training at TAFE or with private RTOs. VET also provides access to a range of different technologies related to industry and place work.

## VET prepares Students for the Workforce

Participating in a VET program provides students with the opportunity to trial a potential career and multiplies their post-school options and employment prospects. VET programs help students to explore possible areas of interest, which promote further study and work choices and allows students to develop strong links with industry and local employers. Students will also gain knowledge of employers' expectations, real working conditions, and develop their capacity for cooperation, team work and leadership skills development

Students undertaking a VCE VET program have an opportunity to receive both a senior secondary certificate (VCE or VCE VM) and a nationally portable VET qualification. The following link provides a summary of the VCE VET programs available for enrolment on VASS.

<https://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/Documents/vet/GetVET/resources/VCE-VET-program-chart.pdf>

Students entering Year 10 - 12 who wish to apply and be considered for a study in a VET (VET Delivered in Secondary Schools) program, must apply each year in addition to their submission on Web Preferences.

1. Include VET Year 1 or VET Year 2 on their **Web Preferences Application**
2. **New VET** students must attend the **VET Information evening in July**
3. The VET EOI - Expression of Interest forms will be available on the night
4. 2nd Year VET students must collect & complete the VET Expression of Interest form
5. All VET applications must have Pathways approval
6. Pathways will apply for courses on the student's behalf. Students may not apply directly
7. Consider the cost of VET programs. Families are responsible for some Materials Levy ie. PPE, additional equipment, tools or kits which the student retains
8. **Return the VET Expression of Interest Form to Pathways asap**

The following table provides a summary of the VET programs available for enrolment. Some of these programs offer a study score contributing to the Primary Four subjects in creating the ATAR as indicated below. Others may contribute 10% to the ATAR via block credit.

VCE VET PROGRAM	VET CERTIFICATE TITLE	Units 1 & 2	Units 3 & 4	STUDY SCORE AVAILABLE
Agriculture, Horticulture, Conservation & Ecosystem Management	Certificate II in Agriculture	✓	✓	✗
	Certificate II in Horticulture	✓	✓	✗
	Certificate II in Conservation and Ecosystem Management	✓	✓	✗
Animal Care	Certificate II in Animal Care	✓	✓	✗
Applied Fashion Design & Technology	Certificate II in Applied Fashion Design and Technology	✓	✓	✗
Applied Language	Certificate II in Applied Language	✓		
	Certificate III in Applied Language		✓	✗
Automotive	Certificate II in Automotive Vocational Preparation	✓	✓	✗
Building & Construction	Certificate II in Building & Construction Pre-apprenticeship	✓	✓	✗
	Certificate in Construction Pathways	✓	✓	
Business	Certificate II in Workplace Skills	✓		
	Certificate III in Business	✓	✓	✗ ✓
Cisco	CISCO CCNA v7		✓	✗
Civil Infrastructure	Certificate II in Civil Infrastructure	✓	✓	✗
Community Services	Certificate II in Active Volunteering	✓		
	Certificate II in Community Services	✓		
	Certificate III in Community Services	✓	✓	✗ ✓
	Certificate III in Early Childhood Education & Care	✓	✓	✗
Creative & Digital Media	Certificate II in Creative Industries	✓		
	Certificate III in Screen and Media	✓	✓	✗ ✓
Dance	Certificate II in Dance	✓		
	Certificate III in Dance		✓	✗ ✓
Electrical Industry	Certificate II in Electrotechnology studies (Pre-vocational)	✓	✓	✗
	Certificate II in Electrotechnology (Career Start)	✓	✓	✗
Engineering Studies	Certificate II in Engineering Studies	✓	✓	✓
Equine Studies	Certificate II in Equine Studies	✓	✓	✓
Furnishing	Certificate II in Furniture Making	✓	✓	✓
Hair & Beauty	Certificate II in Retail Cosmetics	✓		
	Certificate II in Salon Assistant	✓		
	Certificate III in Beauty Services	✓	✓	✗
	Certificate III in Make-Up	✓	✓	✗
Health	Certificate II in Health Support Services	✓		✗
	Certificate III in Allied Health Assistance	✓	✓	✗ ✓
	Certificate III in Health Services Assistance	✓	✓	✗ ✓
Hospitality	Certificate II in Hospitality	✓	✓	✓
	Certificate II in Kitchen Operations	✓	✓	✓
Information & Communications Technologies	Certificate II in Applied Digital Technologies	✓		
	Certificate III in Information Technology	✓	✓	✗ ✓
Integrated Technologies	Certificate II in Integrated Technologies	✓	✓	✓
Laboratory Skills	Certificate III in Laboratory Skills	✓	✓	✓
Music	Certificate II in Music	✓		
	Certificate III in Music	✓	✓	✗ ✓
Plumbing	Certificate II in Plumbing (Pre-apprenticeship)	✓	✓	✗
Small Business	Certificate II in Small Business (Operations/Innovation)	✓	✓	✗
Sport & Recreation	Certificate II in Outdoor Recreation	✓		
	Certificate II in Sport and Recreation	✓		
	Certificate III in Sport and Recreation	✓	✓	✓
Visual Arts	Certificate II in Visual Arts	✓		
	Certificate III in Visual Arts	✓	✓	✗

✓ = Study Score    ✗ = 10% of the lowest study score of the primary four or units towards the VCE at Unit 1 & 2 level