

Year 9 Transition Program

“Frequently Asked Questions”

- **Explanation of VCE, VET & VCAL Programs?**

VCE-Victorian Certificate of Education

The Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) is a certificate that recognises the successful completion of secondary education in Victoria. It is an outstanding qualification that is recognised around the world. VCE provides pathways to further study at university, Technical and Further Education (TAFE) and to the world of work. It is even possible to undertake a school-based apprenticeship or traineeship within your VCE.

The VCAA develop courses that enable VCE students to acquire skills and knowledge in a wide range of studies. We are also responsible for ensuring the quality of the school-assessed component of VCE, the external examinations and the delivery of all VCE results to students across the State every year.

A 'study' is broken up into four units. Each VCE study unit is numbered 1, 2, 3 or 4. Student programs may include some Units 1 and 2 in the second or final year and/or some Units 3 and 4 in the first year. The VCE Studies and Resources page is an alphabetical index to each study. Each study page provides past and sample exams (containing some answers), Study Designs, assessment advice and other teacher support materials relating to that study.

VET-VOCATIONAL EDUCATION & TRAINING

Vocational Education and Training (VET) in the VCE program combines general VCE studies with vocational training and experience in the workplace. Schools are able to offer senior secondary students programs selected from the range of industry areas approved by the VCAA. Also included is a list of these VCE / VET Programs and information about credit towards the VCE.

Nationally recognised VET qualifications developed into full programs of study within VCE and contributing to satisfactory completion of VCE under the same recognition arrangements as for VCE studies. Details of the recognition including VCE / VET unit entitlement, duplication rules and ENTER contribution are published in the each industry program.

VCAL- VICTORIAN CERTIFICATE OF APPLIED LEARNING

The Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning (VCAL) is a hands-on option for students in Years 11 and 12. VCAL gives you practical work-related experience, as well as literacy and numeracy skills and the opportunity to build personal skills that are important for life and work. Like the Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE), VCAL is an accredited secondary certificate. Like VCE, VCAL is a recognised senior qualification. Unlike VCE, which is widely used by students as a pathway to university, VCAL focuses on 'hands on learning'. Students who do VCAL are more likely to be interested in going on to training at TAFE, doing an apprenticeship, or getting a job after completing Year 12.

- **. What is an Enter score?**

An ENTER score is the numerical score ranking for tertiary entrance. Each student receives a score that is determined by the Victorian Tertiary Admission Centre. This Group is also responsible for the external exam process and tertiary admissions following the completion of secondary studies.

- **Outline of Transition Process that will occur:**

The school is committed to providing the greatest care towards transition into a senior school of YOUR CHOICE. Each child/family will be assisted and guided through a process that begins at the Introductory Parent Evening and continues throughout the year with events including an Expo at school that invites local senior schools to showcase their facility. Please highlight the transition dates on your Calendar and ensure you and your child attends.

- **The ability to choose equally from school's elective programs:**

We have been assured by all our senior school providers that there will be NO disadvantage to any of our students with elective subject choices or any other school based requirements.

- **Concern about assimilation with students above ours in age?**

A key aspect of the Year 9 Program is to develop our students in the following areas critical to senior school success:

1. Resilience and good decision making
2. Self Belief and confidence
3. Organisational ability including meeting timelines
4. Teamwork
5. An inquiry based approach to learning
6. The ability to use technology effectively

For further information please go to the official website:

<http://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/vcaa/vce/publications/wheretow>

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