Parent Information

for VCE 2015
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Possible Pathways after Year 10

- Year 10 → VCE
- Year 10 → VCAL
- Year 10 → TAFE, Apprenticeship or Employment
Possible Pathways after Year 11

- Year 11 VCE → Year 12 VCE
- Year 11 VCE → Year 12 VCAL
- Year 11 VCAL → Year 12 VCAL
- Year 11 VCE or VCAL → TAFE, Apprenticeship or Employment
Where to Now?
Possible Pathways after Year 12

- Year 12 VCE → University, TAFE, Apprenticeship or Employment

- Year 12 VCAL → TAFE, Apprenticeship or Employment
VCAL INFORMATION SESSION

- This session occurred 29\textsuperscript{th} July.
- If you still require information about VCAL then contact Ms Brown (VCAL Coordinator) at the school.
- If you want to give VCE a go but are unsure then it is worth choosing subjects that will give you credit if you change into VCAL.
- Eg. VET subject, Maths, English, Foods, Materials.
VCE

- VCE is a 2 year course
- Most students study Unit 1 & 2 subjects in Year 11 and Unit 3 & 4 subjects in Year 12
- Capable Year 10 students may enrol in one Unit 1 & 2 subject
- Capable Year 11 students and may enrol in one Unit 3 & 4 subject
- SEAL students may enrol in more than 1 subject at the following year level
• The choice to do subjects above the Year level needs to be carefully considered.
• It is expected that students who do this are achieving excellent results.
Year 11 VCE

- Students enroll in twelve Units in Year 11 (6 subjects)
- Check VCE Planner Year 10 Guide to ensure you have prerequisites for your desired Uni or TAFE course
- Language studied outside of school is an extra subject
- It is possible for a student to change a Unit 1 / 2 subject midyear
# Year 11 VCE

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Units 1 & 2 Assessment

- Assessment in subjects is school based
- Students receive grades for each assessment task
- Overall S (Satisfactory) or N (Not satisfactory) for the unit.
Year 12 VCE

- Students enrol in 10 Units of 3 /4 subjects
- Unit 3 & 4 subjects are taken as a sequence
- A student cannot change a 3 /4 subject midyear
## Year 12 VCE

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Warning on SAT (folio) subjects

- Absolutely do not choose more than two SAT subjects
- Preparation of folios takes a huge amount of time
Year 12 Assessment

- Assessment is both school based and external
- School assessed coursework (SACs)
- School assessed tasks (SATs)
- External exams, set by VCAA
Year 12 VCE Assessment  cont

- Year 12 marks from the school are processed into study scores by VCAA. These marks will change due to moderation.
- All grades come from VCAA at the end of the year, these result from the marks for SACs, SATs and external exams.
- There is a study score for each subject /50
- Overall S (Satisfactory) or N (Not satisfactory) for the unit.
# Year 12 Results

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Scaling

What is scaling?

• VTAC increases or decreases Year 12 study scores according to their “difficulty” when creating the ATAR for Tertiary entrance

• This is also explained in Choice 2017

Scaling of subjects should not be a consideration when choosing a subject
See examples included
VCE Certificate

● 16 Units minimum
● Students must satisfactorily complete-
  – three units of English/Literature/EAL
  – three 3/4 unit sequences other than English over years 11 and 12
● Students must satisfactorily complete English or English Literature Units 3/4 if they are to get an ATAR score.
VCE Attendance

- No more than 10% unapproved absence
- Attendance including approved absences must not be less than 80%
- Family holidays will NOT be approved absences and should not be planned for term time
What to expect from Year 10 → Year 11

- INCREASED WORKLOAD:
  - Class work & Homework
- School Assessed Coursework (SACs) (SATs) assessed A+ to UG (Ungraded)
- Authentication - students must be able to demonstrate that the work is entirely their own
- Unit Result Satisfactory (S)/Not Satisfactory (N)
- Exams
What Year 10 students should do

- Read the VCE/VCAL Handbook on-line
- Speak to the Career Coordinators
- Think about their possible future career
- Choose subjects they enjoy and are good at
- Ensure the subject choices allow them to enter the higher education courses or careers that they wish to follow
- Check the VICTER 2017 for VCE Prerequisite subjects
Consider your academic ability

- Be realistic
What Not To Do

- Students should **not** choose subjects based on:
  - What their friends are choosing
  - Who the teacher might be
  - Easy subjects (there are no “easy” VCE subjects)
Year 11 VCE Selection timeline

• Students choose their subjects for both Year 11 and 12 to meet VCE requirements
• Year 11 Subject Selection must be completed on-line by Monday 18th August
• Year 11 Subject confirmation 28th November
• Year 11 Orientation 1st Dec – 4th Dec
Year 12 Subject Selection

- Most students have selected most of their subjects, based on their Year 11 course.
- In order to continue with a subject in Year 12 it is expected a student will have achieved a C average or better in the subject during Year 11.
- Students who have not achieved this on their midyear report:
  - will need to work very hard this semester to improve their grades;
  - may need to reconsider if VCE the best option for them.
How Many Year 12 Subjects

- Students must enrol in five 3/4 Units at school.
- If students choose to do a language outside of school then most still enrol in five 3/4 Units at school.
- A sixth 3/4 Unit adds 10% to an ATAR score however a seventh does not count.
- If a student has achieved a study score of over 40 then they may seek permission to do 4 subjects in Year 12, (assuming they will have 6 subjects in total)
Will I get all subjects I choose?

Some students will not get all of their first preferences because:

- Timetable clashes with other subjects
- Some subjects may not run due to insufficient students selecting the subject
- Staffing

Students should choose second preferences carefully

Students get most of their preferences most of the time
Year 12 VCE Selection timeline

- Students choose their subjects for Year 12
- Year 12 Subject Selection must be completed on-line by Monday 18th August
- Year 12 Subject confirmation 28th November
- Year 12 Orientation Week is 1st - 5th December
Year 11/12 Orientation Week

- Provides a week long head start for students in Year 12
- Compulsory for all Year 11 & 12 students
- Year 11 will attend for a single and a double period for each subject and for all 5 periods of any year 12 subject they are doing
- Year 12’s attend for 5 full days
University Entrance is based on ATAR

- ATAR is explained in the Choice booklet published by VTAC
- VCE Planner Year 10 Guide covers advice and for choosing subjects and prerequisites for 2017 courses
Some things to note

- Grades → Scores → ATAR

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What we will do

- Offer a 2 Year program in Study skills
- Identify and encourage high achievers
- Offer after school, lunchtime and holiday classes
- Offer general and subject specific exam skills training and formal trial exam week in October
- Prepare students for the GAT
Commitment

- Students must ensure there is a balance between sport, work and schoolwork.
- Parents must support the school with regard to attendance requirements.
- As students have returned to school there is an assumption that the VCE is their priority.
If you wish to apply to VCAA for special examination arrangements on the basis of a long term condition, you must begin the application process in 2014.

Applications to VCAA are finalised in February of your Year 12 year, so you should speak to us now!
Careers - Jos Kurrle

- Integrated Year 11 program
- Integrated Year 12 program
- Program which fully supports students through the processes for University, TAFE and Workplace entry
- Career Centre where students can just drop in
- Parents are also welcome to make appointments
Mathematics Pathways
Year 10
- Foundation Maths
- Year 10 Further

Year 11
- Foundation Maths
- General Maths Further

Year 12
- Foundation Maths does NOT lead into Year 12 Maths
- Further Maths
- Maths Methods
- Maths Methods and Specialist Maths
General Mathematics Further Units 1 & 2

- Leads to Further Mathematics Units 3 & 4
- Statistics a major component for this subject
- Subject is appropriate for some University course (please refer to the careers centre)
General Maths Specialist and Mathematical Methods

- Lead to all year 12 Maths pathway
- Algebra is a large component of these subjects
- Generally taken as a package
- Focus is to prepare students to undertake Mathematical Methods Units 3 & 4 and Specialist Mathematics Units 3 & 4 in Year 12
- Subjects are appropriate for any university course that requires Mathematics – refer to the careers