

Year 11 into 12 Step Up Program 2023- VCE & VCE VM

Purpose

The purpose of Step up is to help maximise the learning opportunities and delivery of the Unit 3 VCE / VM Curriculum Program. Teachers will have the opportunity to start teaching Unit 3 and provide students with targeted holiday homework. This is to ensure students at the commencement of the following academic year have a solid foundation of required key knowledge and key skills to build upon for the rest of Unit 3. Starting teaching Unit 3 in the previous year, will mean more learning time can be spent on exam preparation and exam revision the following year, as well as increase time devoted to SACs and SAC preparation.

Structure of the program

The Step-Up program for **Year 11 VCE students** (year 12 students in 2023) is a 7-day program starting on Tuesday 22nd November and will conclude with a Year 11 Academic Review Conference on Thursday 1st December.

Year 11 VCAL students will undertake a 5 day Step Up program, starting on Monday 21st November and conclude on Friday 25th November, inclusive of work placement on Thursday 24th November.

It is compulsory for all year 11 VCE and VCAL students, including Early Start students, to attend the Step-Up Program, as well as the Academic Review Conferences (VCE students only).

What the Year 12 VCE Step Up program will look like:

- Students begin the Step-Up program the day following their Year 11 exams (Tuesday 22nd November) and will finish on Wednesday 30th November.
- Students will attend 4-5 x 75 mins periods for each of their 2023 subjects over the 7-day period. The teacher will be from the subject Learning Area but may not be the 2023 teacher.
- Students will be able to view their Step Up classes on their Compass schedule in the coming weeks.
- Students will be required to take laptop and writing materials to each of the subjects.
- Teacher will deliver a series of lessons to start the delivery of the Unit 3 Curriculum Program.
- Students will be provided a developmental rubric that clearly outlines what knowledge and skills students are required to learn before commencing the 2023 academic year. This will allow students to self-monitor and assess their progress over the holiday period.
- Students, including Year 10 Early Start students will also collect their Holiday homework during Explore on Wednesday 30th November, in addition receive their exams.
- Year 10 early start students are required to attend Step Up and must attend year 10 classes adjacent to their Step-Up classes.

Holiday Preparation expectations

- All subject teachers will be providing resources and activities that will assist students to develop the required and set knowledge and skills from the Developmental rubric for Unit 3- Outcome 1.
- Students can reasonably be expected to have up to 5 hours / 5 periods of work to do over the holiday break for each subject.
- Holiday homework **must** be completed and submitted on the first class for each subject upon students return to school in 2023. Failure to complete holiday homework will result in attending a learning recovery session after school.

Year 11 Academic Review Conferences- Thursday 1st December



Purpose

A student-led conference is a meeting with a student, their family and teacher during which the student reflects on their learning and achievement. They will identify goals they will work toward achieving in the future. The student facilitates the meeting from start to finish. Student led conferences give students more ownership and responsibility for their learning and encourages self-reflection, goal setting and leadership skills. For students to become invested in their learning, they need to be involved in conversations about it. Student-led conferences promote a school culture of student engagement in learning and encourage student agency.

All Year 11 students are required to attend a 15-minute student led conference with their Explore teacher on Thursday 1st December in F3 and F4. The purpose of this conference is for students to critically reflect and review their exam preparation and performance, as well as the overall academic school year. In addition, students will set learning growth goals for Term 1 2023 based on areas of improvement and discussions during the conference. Parents are encouraged to attend these conferences.

These conferences are compulsory for all VCE students, and any student who does not attend may be required to attend the review meeting in week 9.

Logistics

- Parents / guardian and students can book their Academic Review Conference on Compass from Week 7. Any student who does not have a conference time by Tuesday 29th November will be allocated a time.
- There are no scheduled classes the day of conferences. Students only need to attend their 15mins conference.
- Parents are encouraged to attend these conferences.
- All students will receive their marked exams, with feedback provided, as well as their holiday homework during Explore on Wednesday 30th November. **Attendance at this conference is critical.**

Year 11 Academic Review Conferences Summary

Who: All year 11 VCE students, including parents / guardian.

When: Thursday 1st December (conferences will run from 8:45am – 3:05pm). Parents / guardian, in consultation with students, to make booking via Compass by Tuesday 29th November.

Where: All interviews will take place in the Senior Centre in F3 and F4.

Process:

- Conferences are student led but Explore teachers will be prompting students to reflect through a series of guided questions.
- Students will be required to complete several reflection tasks prior to their conference and bring these to their conference. These tasks will be communicated to students in the coming weeks. Students will have some time to complete these tasks during Explore in Week 8 (Wednesday 30th November).
- To conclude the conference, students will outline their learning growth goal for Term 1 2023, including strategies and evidence. This will be documented online by Explore teachers and passed on to students 2023 Explore teacher.

Other:

- No year 11 classes will be running that day.
- School uniform required for students (PE or Formal).
- Students to complete required reflection tasks and prepare for their conference.
- Each conference will be 15 minutes in duration.
- Students must arrive 10mins prior to their conference time.