



Year 10 Parent Information Session

THURSDAY 19TH JUNE 2025



Presentation Overview:

- 2026 Year 10 Subjects
- Subject Selection Interview Process
- Subject Domains
- Senior Secondary Certificates
- A chance to chat to Domain Leaders



2026 Year 10 Subjects

CAREERS & PATHWAYS LEADER – SARAH BLENKIRON

Year 10 Subject Structure

Compulsory Subjects
Whole Year
English
Maths
Health & PE
Semester based
Science
Work Related Skills
Elective Subjects
Semester based
Humanities
The Arts
Technology
Whole Year
VCE or VCE VET Subjects*

Year 10 Subjects 2026

Science	Humanities	Technology	The Arts	VCE/VCE VET*	Streamed	All students will do
Biology	History	Food Technology	Media	VCE Psychology	English	Health and PE
Chemistry	Geography	Product Design	Visual Arts	VCE Legal Studies	Maths	Work Related Skills
Physics	Economics & Business	Applied Computing	Music	VCE VET Laboratory Skills		
Environmental Science	Legal Studies & Politics	Digital Technology	Drama	VCE VET Sport & Recreation		
Psychology						



Year 10 Subject Rules

English & Maths

For English and Mathematics, students will be placed into streamed classes according to their current abilities and learning requirements.

* Placement decisions will be made by teachers, so students will not be selecting these classes themselves.

Health & PE

For Year 10 Health and Physical Education, only one PE subject will be offered to all students. This course will cover all key areas of the curriculum to ensure students are well prepared for VCE Health and PE subjects

Science

Students must complete one semester of Science. If they would like to complete a whole year of Science, they are able to select one more Science subject in place of an elective

Humanities, Technology & The Arts

Students can choose a maximum of two subjects per domain.

VCE/VCE VET Subjects

Students will need to apply. No late applications will be accepted.

VCE AND VCE VET SUBJECTS – APPLICATION DETAILS

To apply, students must meet the following:

- Attendance: 85% or higher in Year 9 and throughout Year 10 – 12
- Strong Results: Pass 3 out of 3 CATs in the subject area (e.g. Science for VCE Psychology)
- Career Goals: The subject must match their future career goals and Morrisby results
- Teacher Recommendation: Current subject teacher must recommend them for the subject

Students will be able to get the application form from Term 2, Week 8 - Friday 13th June

Applications close: Term 2, Week 10 - Friday 27th June at 3pm

No late applications will be permitted



Subject Selection Interviews

TUESDAY 22ND JULY 2025



Subject Selection Interviews

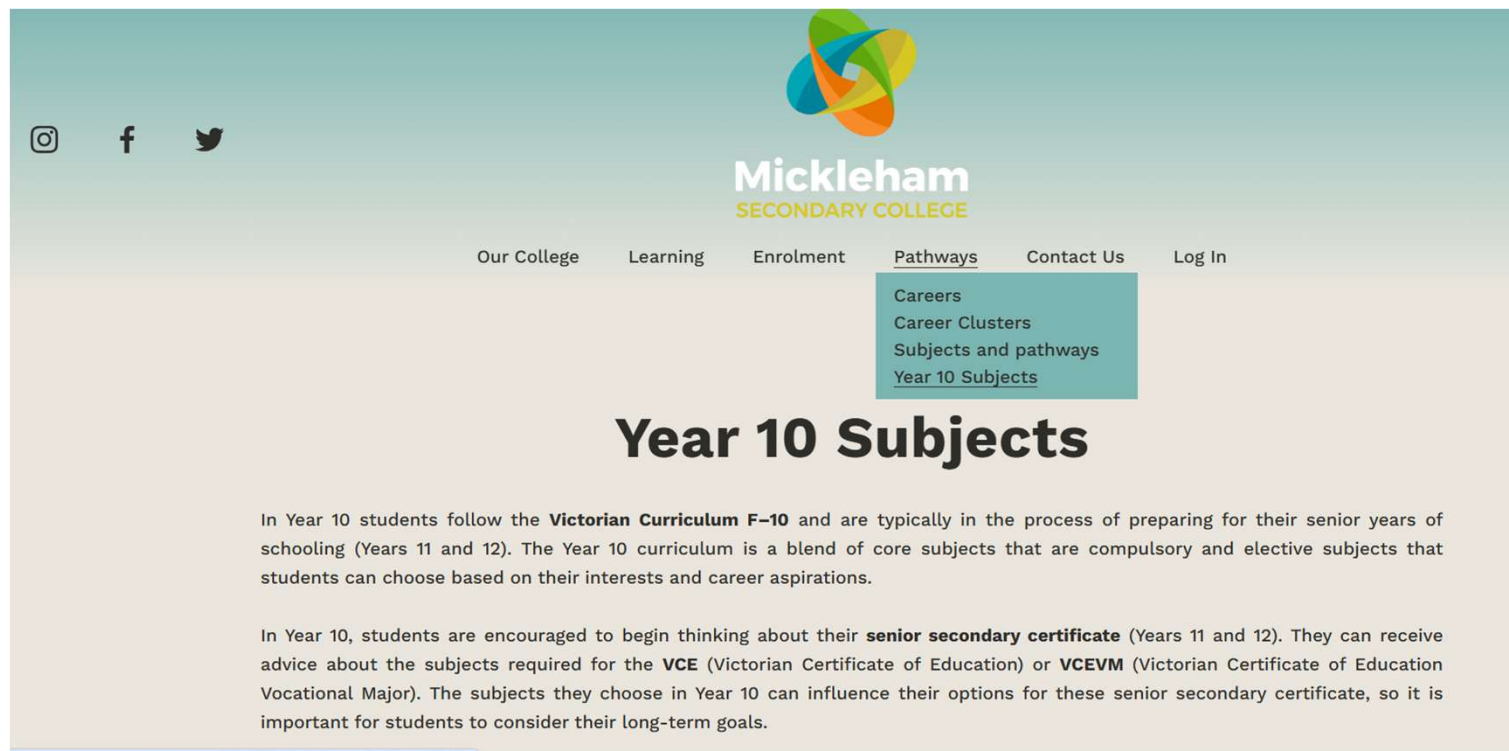
Term 3, Week 1

- Subject Selection interviews – Tuesday 22nd July 2025
- 9.00 – 3.15pm
- Interviews will run for 15 minutes
- Year 9 students only need to come to school for their interview with a parent/guardian
- Bookings can be made through Compass and will be open from Wednesday 2nd July

Subject Selection Tools

Using Subject Information Tools


➤ Mickleham Subject Website – www.micklehamsc.vic.edu.au



Subject Factsheets

Subject Flowchart

Domain Flowchart


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Year 10 Legal Studies and Politics

What is this subject all about?

Legal and Politics empowers students to understand how laws and governments shape society – and how individuals can influence change. In this thought-provoking Year 10 course, students explore the foundations of Australia's democratic system, comparing it with other governments across the Asia-Pacific region. They examine how laws are made, how policies are shaped and the roles political parties, interest groups and media play in public debate and decision-making.

Students investigate how Australia's legal system upholds justice and compare its features – like the principle of fairness, trial by jury and the absence of the death penalty – with other systems such as those in Vietnam or New Zealand. They also examine the influence of international law on Australian legislation, including key agreements that protect human rights and the environment. From global treaties to diplomatic action in the Asia-Pacific, students analyse Australia's international responsibilities and its role in tackling global challenges like climate change and conflict.

This course lays the groundwork for VCE Legal Studies and Australian and Global Politics. With direct links to Units 1 and 2, students build the knowledge and skills to investigate legal cases, engage in political analysis and understand how power, justice and citizenship operate in a connected world.

This is a great subject if you...

- ✓ Want to understand how laws and governments work
- ✓ Are interested in political change and influence
- ✓ Enjoy comparing democracies and legal systems
- ✓ Want to learn about justice and fairness in law

- ✓ Care about global issues like rights and climate change
- ✓ Want to explore how media shapes politics
- ✓ See yourself in legal or political careers
- ✓ Enjoy analysing real world issues and policies

What you will study

- Australia's democracy and other governments
- How laws are made and political parties' roles
- Australia's legal system
- Global issues like human rights and climate change

Possible Assessments

Essays
 Oral Presentations
 Mock Trials/Debates
 Media Analysis
 Case Study Evaluations


Careers

- Lawyer
- Human Rights Advocate
- Politician
- Political Journalist

Who to contact

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Senior Secondary Pathway Year 10 and above



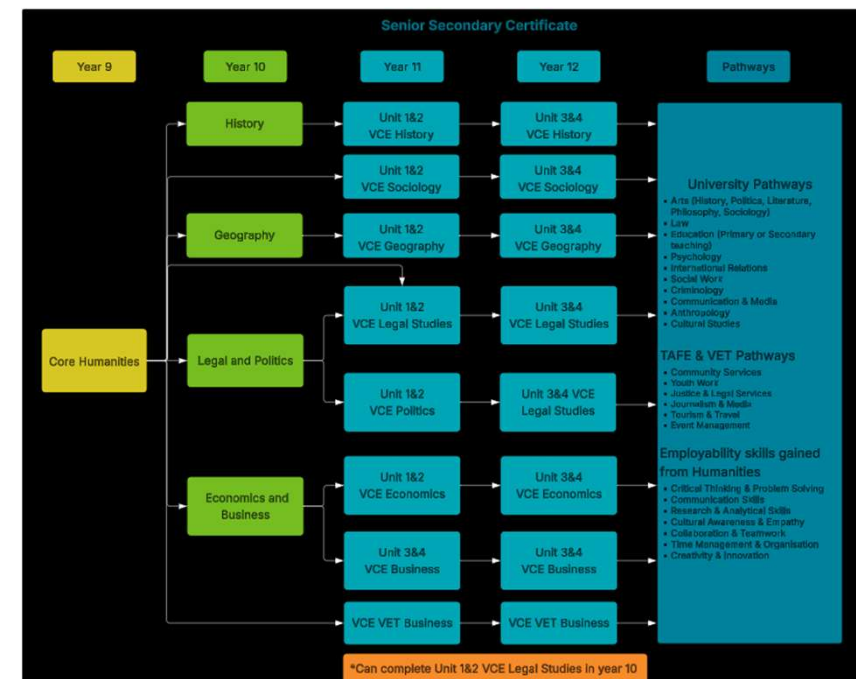
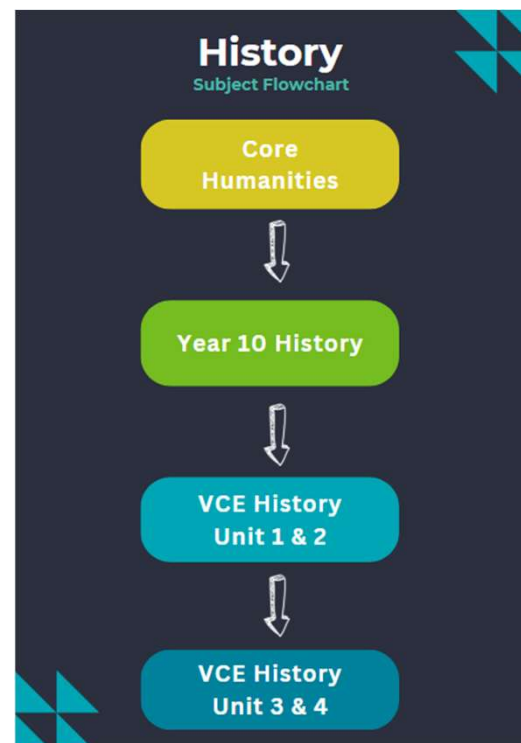
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UNIT 1 & 2
 VCE Legal Studies or VCE Politics

UNIT 3 & 4
 VCE Legal Studies or VCE Politics

UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE
 University Bachelor of Law or Arts
 with a Major in Law
 100% Graduate of the University of Melbourne





Student Support through Subject Selection



Student Support through Subject Selection

During Term 2, Students have been supported through the Subject Selection process in the following ways:

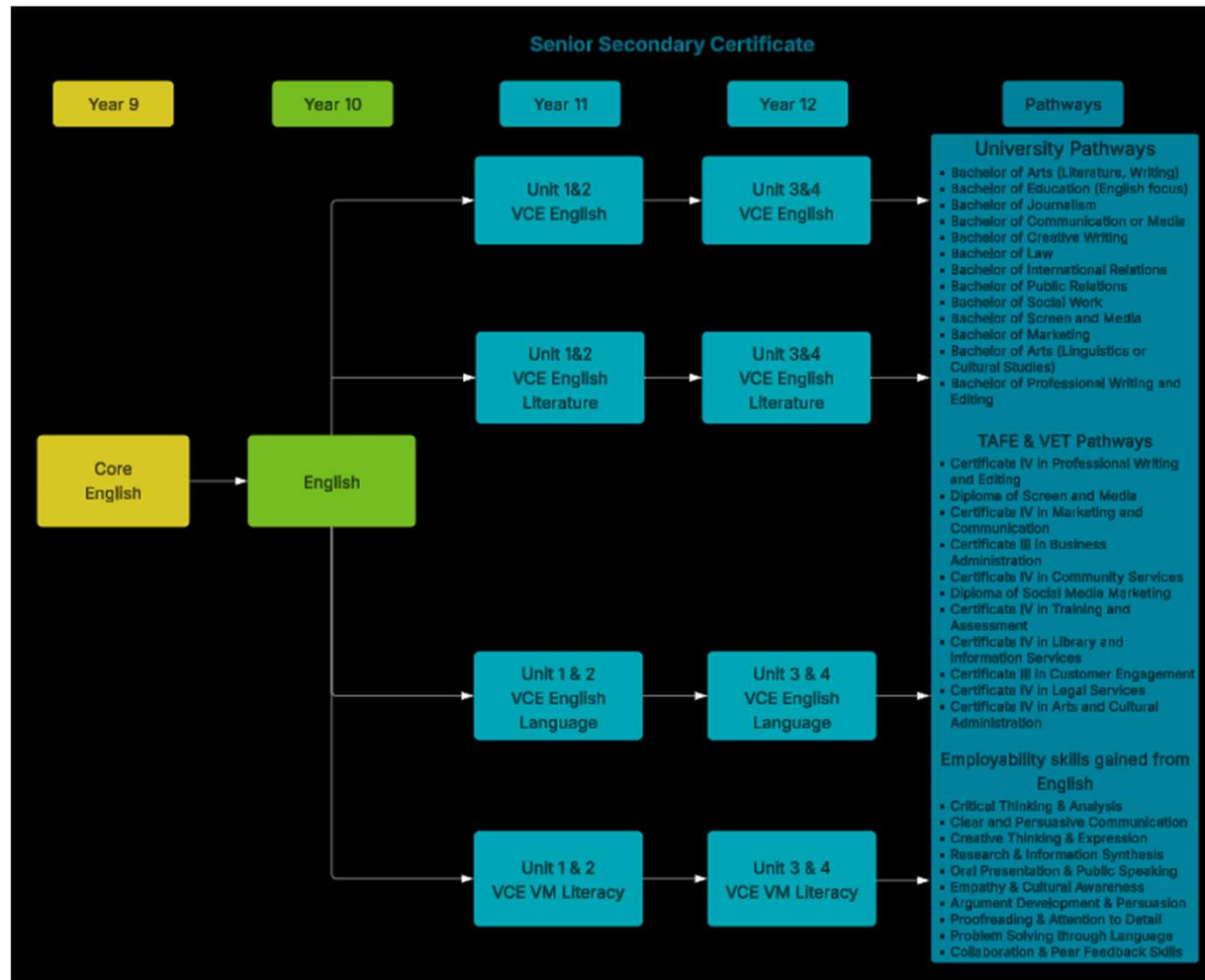
- Week 3 – Morrisby Profiling
- Week 4 – Subject and Pathway Presentation
- Week 4 to 6 – ARCH Career Lessons
- Week 8 – Subject Selection Process Presentation
- Week 9 – Ability to sign up for 1:1 meetings with Careers and Pathways Leader
- Week 10 – Morrisby Interviews
- Week 11 – Ability to sign up for 1:1 meetings with Careers and Pathways Leader



English

DOMAIN LEADER – ZEHRA ERGENE

Subject Domain Flowchart



Year 10 subjects and descriptions

Year 10 English

- Students are placed in English courses that suit their current achievement level, learning needs, and future goals, based on teacher assessment and data
- All courses develop essential reading, writing, speaking, and listening skills needed for success in VCE and beyond
- Some classes focus more on literature, analysis, and creative writing, while others emphasise real-world communication and practical language use
- Across all streams, students explore a wide range of texts and build critical thinking and effective communication skills for study, work, and life



Assessments could include:

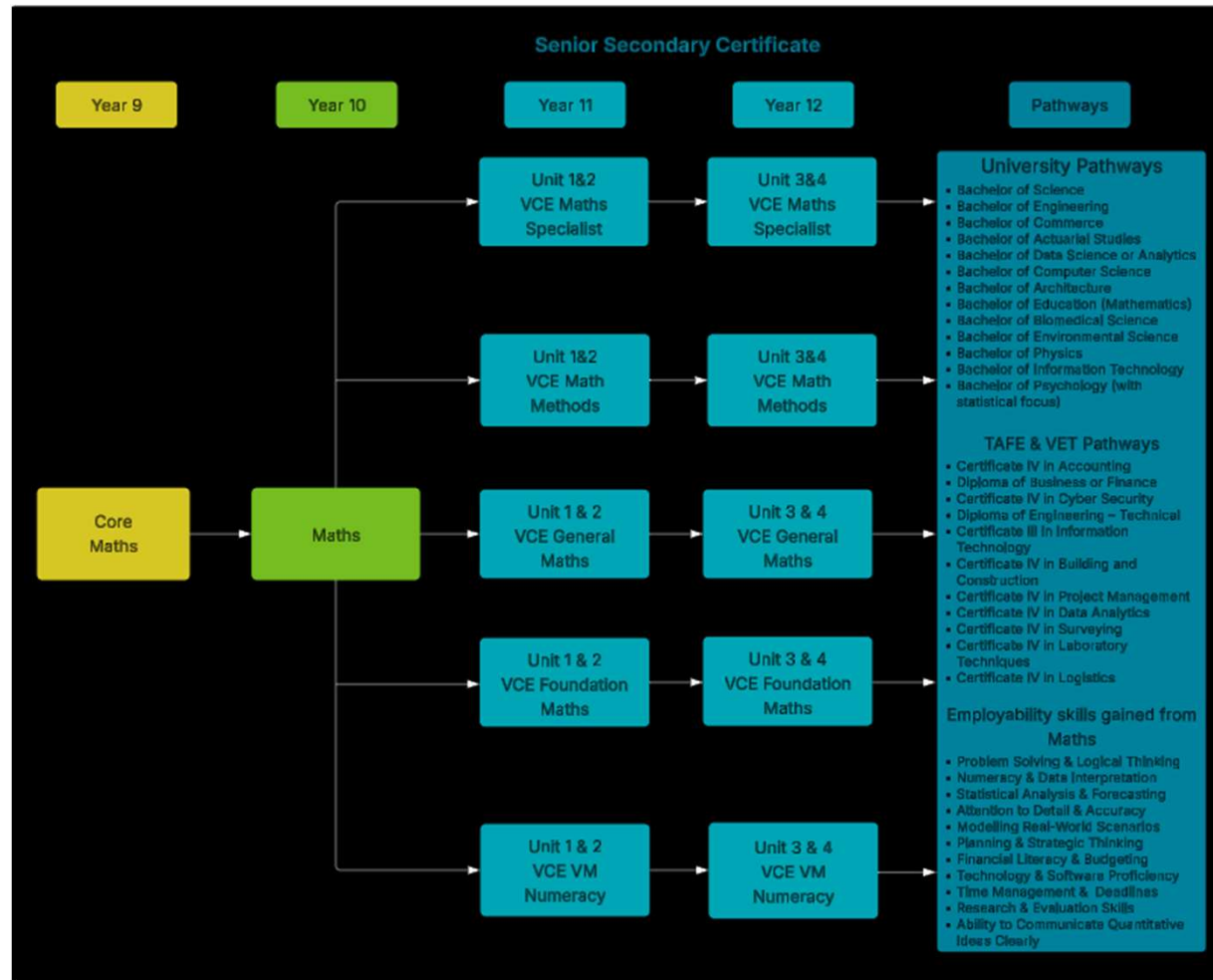
- Essays
- Oral Presentations
- Source Analysis
- Multimedia Presentations
- Case Study Evaluations



Maths

DOMAIN LEADER – MEDI DERVISH

Subject Domain Flowchart





Year 10 subjects and descriptions

Year 10 Maths

- Students are placed into Maths streams that best suit their achievement level, learning needs, and VCE goals using a range of data and assessments
- Each stream builds essential skills such as financial literacy, measurement, estimation, and data interpretation through real-world applications
- Advanced streams introduce students to higher-level concepts like matrices and network graphs for modelling complex problems
- Teachers manage the placement process to ensure students are supported and challenged, with structured preparation for VCE and tertiary pathways



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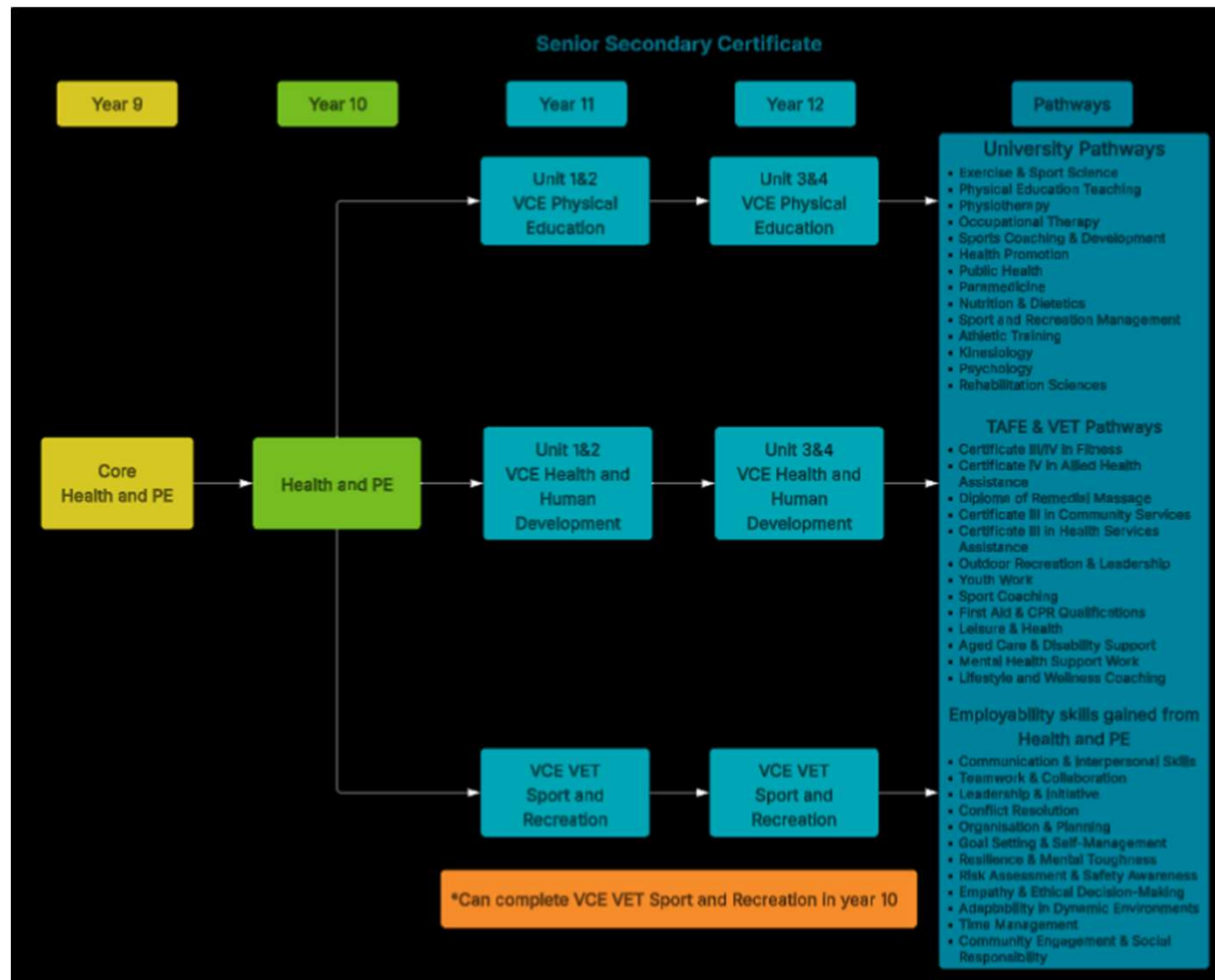
- Hands on Application Tasks
- Topic tests
- Enquiry cycles
- Simulation of VCE experience (including the use of digital technologies)



Health and Physical Education (PE)

DOMAIN LEADER – CASEY CESARIN

Subject Domain Flowchart



Year 10 subjects and descriptions

Health and PE

- Develop practical skills and knowledge in both Health and Physical Education through hands-on activities.
- Study key topics from Pre-VCE Health and Human Development and Physical Education.
- Build a strong foundation for success in VCE Health and Physical Education.

VCE VET Sport and Recreation

- Gain practical skills in coaching, officiating, conditioning, and communication in sports and recreation.
- Learn to lead sessions, manage safety, and design personalised fitness programs.
- Prepare for further study or careers in sports, aquatics, and recreation industries.



Assessments could include:

- Visual Presentations
- Data & Media Analysis
- Research Investigations
- Structured Questions and Responses
- Practical Laboratory Report

These are great subjects if you.....

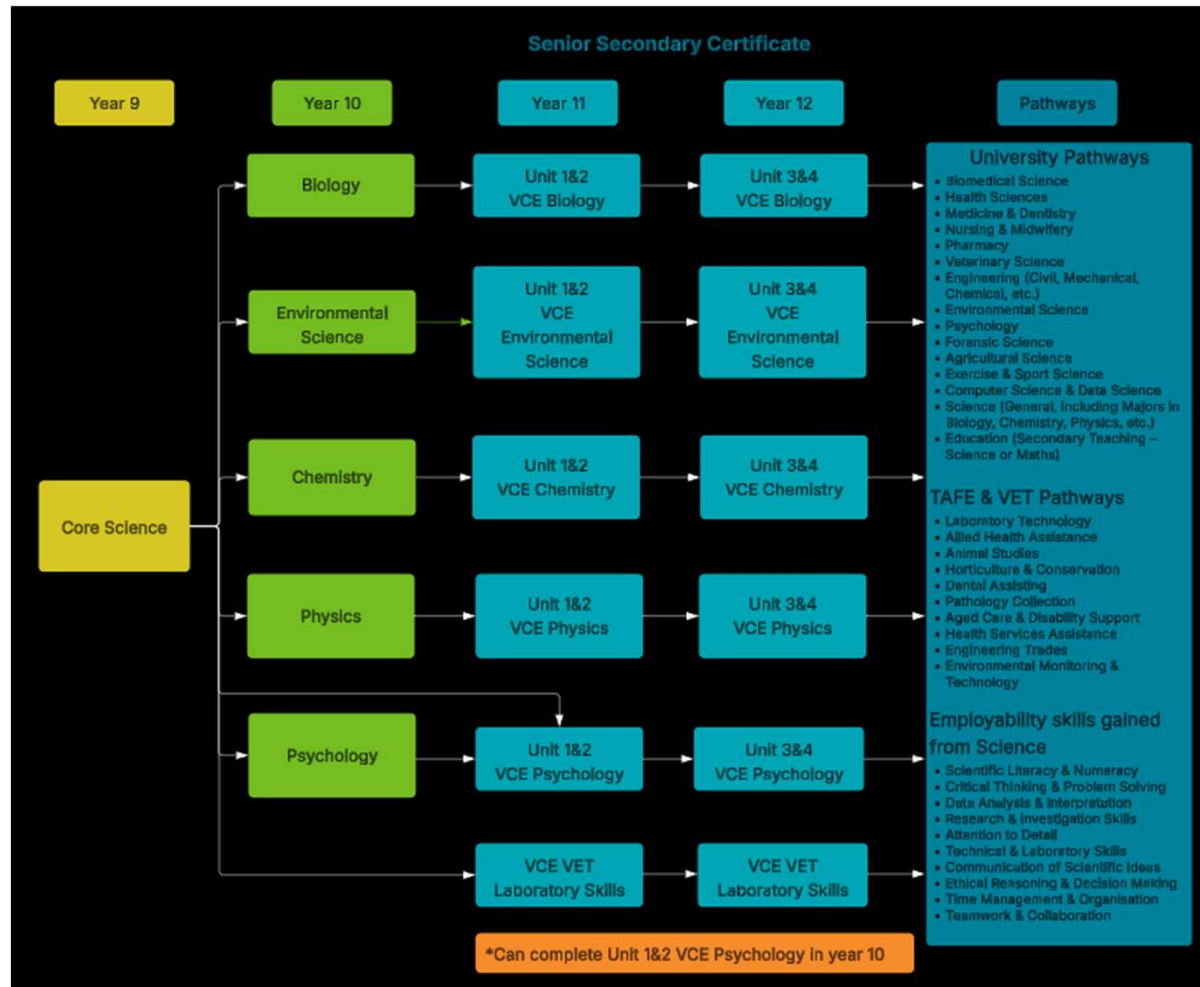
- ✓ enjoy being active and want to improve your fitness and physical skills
- ✓ are interested in learning about health, wellbeing and how the body works
- ✓ like practical, hands-on learning combined with theory to understand real-life health issues
- ✓ want to develop leadership, teamwork, and communication skills through sport and recreation
- ✓ plan to pursue careers or further study in health, sport, fitness, or community services



Science

DOMAIN LEADER – TARA CREEK

Subject Domain Flowchart





Year 10 subjects and descriptions

Biology

- Learn how traits are inherited through DNA, genes, chromosomes, and Mendelian principles.
- Explore evolution, natural selection, and adaptations, including those of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples.
- Leads to VCE Biology, Environmental Science, Psychology, and VET Laboratory Skills.

Chemistry

- Explore atomic structure, the periodic table, and chemical reactions through models and experiments.
- Investigate reaction types, energy changes, and factors that affect reaction rates.
- Leads to VCE Chemistry, Environmental Science, Biology, Psychology, and VET Laboratory Skills.

Environmental Science

- Investigate ecosystems, energy and matter cycles, and how science informs environmental management.
- Explore issues like climate change, pollution, and sustainability, including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander land practices.
- Leads to VCE Environmental Science, Biology, Psychology, and VET Laboratory Skills.

Physics

- Investigate motion, energy transfer, and efficiency in natural and human-made systems using real-world examples.
- Explore Newton's Laws, space science, the Big Bang theory, and challenges of space travel.
- Leads to VCE Physics, Psychology, and VET Laboratory Skills.

Psychology

- Explore human behaviour, thought, and emotion through topics like memory, personality, and mental health.
- Analyse psychological studies and apply critical thinking, scientific methods, and ethical evaluation.
- Leads to VCE Psychology.

Year 10 subjects and descriptions

VCE Psychology

- Study how heredity, environment, brain function, and development shape behaviour and mental processes, including emerging research like CTE.
- Explore social cognition, group behaviour, media influence, and how perception and sensory processing affect behaviour.
- Conduct student-led investigations using real psychological data and methods.

VCE VET Laboratory Skills

- Learn to record data, conduct lab and fieldwork, and maintain a safe lab environment in Units 1 and 2.
- Develop skills in quality control, contamination prevention, solution prep, and microscopy in Units 3 and 4.
- Leads to hands-on lab roles and supports further study in science-related fields.



Assessments could include:

- Practical lab experiments
- Lab reports
- Task Analysis
- Essays
- Case Studies

These are great subjects if you.....

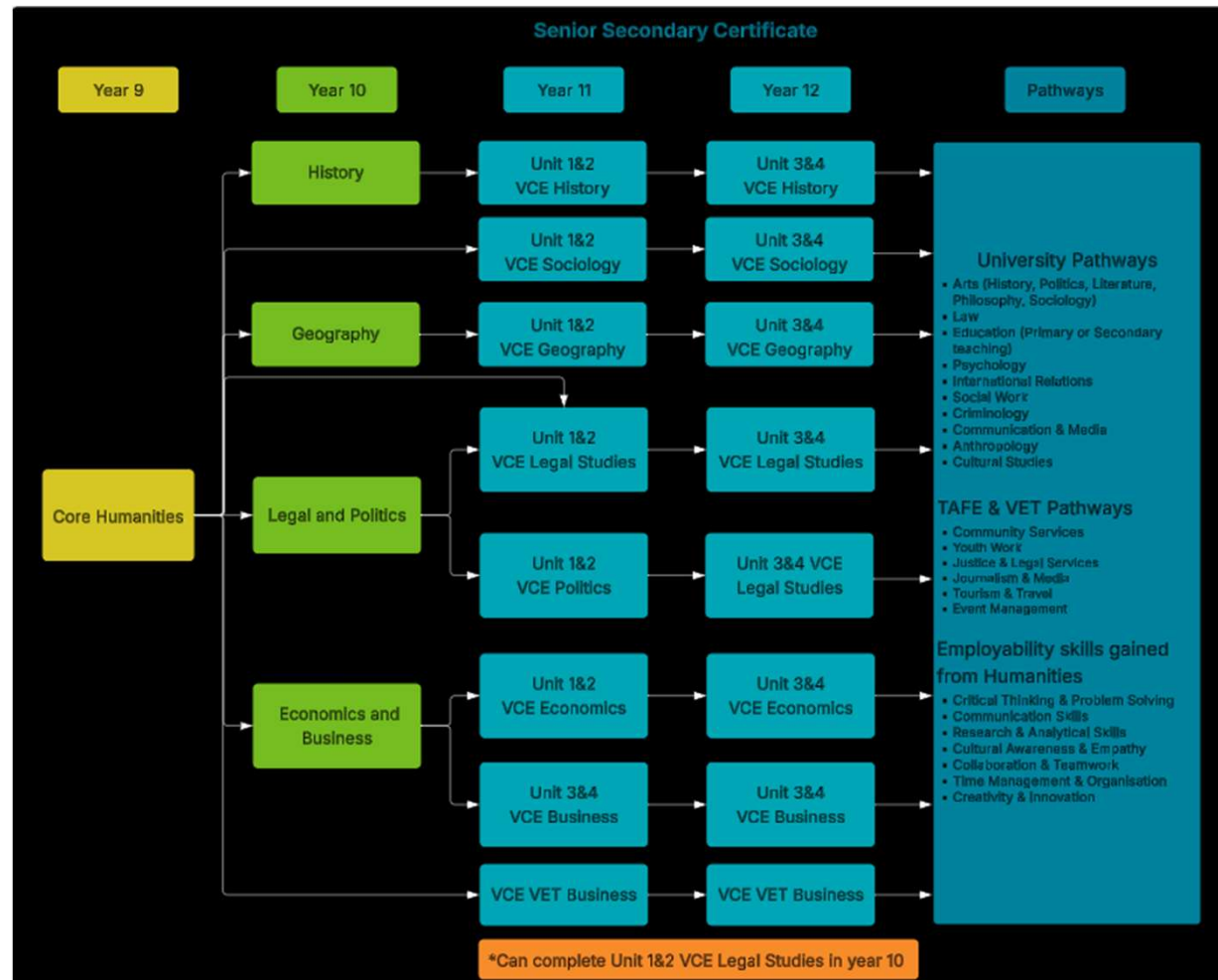
- ✓ are curious about how the natural world works, from microscopic cells to vast ecosystems
- ✓ enjoy hands-on experiments and practical investigations to explore scientific concepts
- ✓ want to develop strong problem-solving, analytical, and critical thinking skills
- ✓ are interested in real-world issues like health, environment, energy, and human behaviour
- ✓ plan to pursue further study or careers in science, health, technology, or research fields



Humanities

DOMAIN LEADER – SAM HYNDES

Subject Domain Flowchart





Year 10 subjects and descriptions

History

- Explore major social and political changes in Australia and Asia, including civil rights, women's rights and environmentalism.
- Investigate diverse perspectives on colonisation, human rights and reform in societies like Australia, China and Japan.
- Build critical thinking and historical skills that prepare students for success in VCE History.

Geography

- Investigate global and local environmental challenges and inequalities in human wellbeing through real-world case studies.
- Analyse environmental issues and responses using key geographical concepts like sustainability, interconnection and change.
- Develop critical thinking, data analysis, and communication skills to prepare for VCE Geography Units 1 and 2.

Legal Studies & Politics

- Learn how Australia's democracy works and how laws and policies are shaped.
- Compare legal systems and examine how international law influences Australian legislation.
- Build foundational skills for VCE Legal Studies and VCE Politics through analysis of legal cases, global issues, and political systems.



Year 10 subjects and descriptions

Economics & Business

- Understand how businesses grow, compete and how consumers make informed financial decisions.
- Explore business strategies, globalisation and financial topics like investment, superannuation and scams.
- Develop practical skills for VCE Business Management and VCE Accounting through real-world applications.

VCE Legal Studies

- In Unit 1, learn about criminal law, the presumption of innocence, and how courts determine guilt using real cases.
- In Unit 2, explore civil law, legal disputes, and how rights are protected and resolved through remedies.
- Analyse recent criminal and civil cases and investigate a contemporary human rights issue in detail.



Assessments could include:

- Essays
- Oral Presentations
- Source Analysis
- Multimedia Presentations
- Case Study Evaluations

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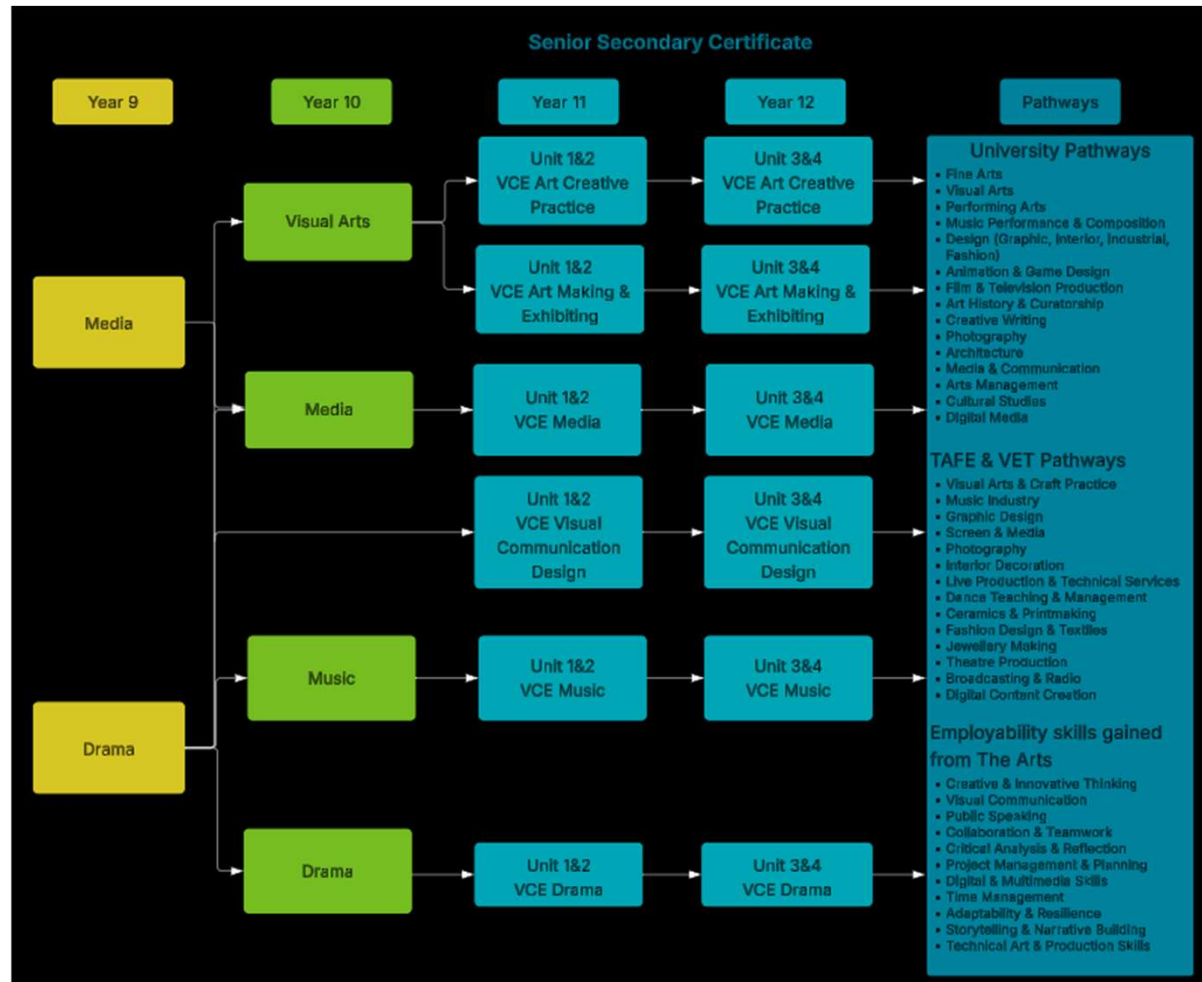
- ✓ enjoy debating real-world issues and understanding how laws shape society.
- ✓ are interested in crime stories, legal rights or how courts and trials work.
- ✓ want to explore human rights and how they're protected in Australia and around the world.
- ✓ see yourself in a future career in teaching, law, politics, criminology or social justice.
- ✓ like analysing real cases and applying logic to solve problems and form arguments.



The Arts

DOMAIN LEADER – LOUISE MERCER

Subject Domain Flowchart





Year 10 subjects and descriptions

Visual Arts

- Develop artistic skills and explore a variety of materials and techniques in traditional and contemporary art.
- Study diverse artists, including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples, and their cultural and social contexts.
- Build critical thinking, visual analysis, and personal expression through individual and collaborative projects.

Media

- Explore and create media artworks across film, photography, print, and digital formats.
- Develop critical understanding of how media shapes society, culture, and audiences.
- Build practical skills in media production while working independently and collaboratively

Music

- Develop skills in performing, creating, and responding to music across diverse styles and traditions.
- Refine technical abilities on instruments or voice while exploring music technology and composition.
- Build confidence and creativity through collaboration, analysis, and critical listening.

Drama

- Develop skills in performance, collaboration, and creative expression through a variety of dramatic styles.
- Engage in all aspects of drama production, including scripting, directing, and designing.
- Build confidence, teamwork, and critical thinking by reflecting on and analysing performances.



Assessments could include:

- Multimedia Presentation
- Performances
- Folios and process journals
- Case Study Evaluations
- Film Production

These are great subjects if you.....

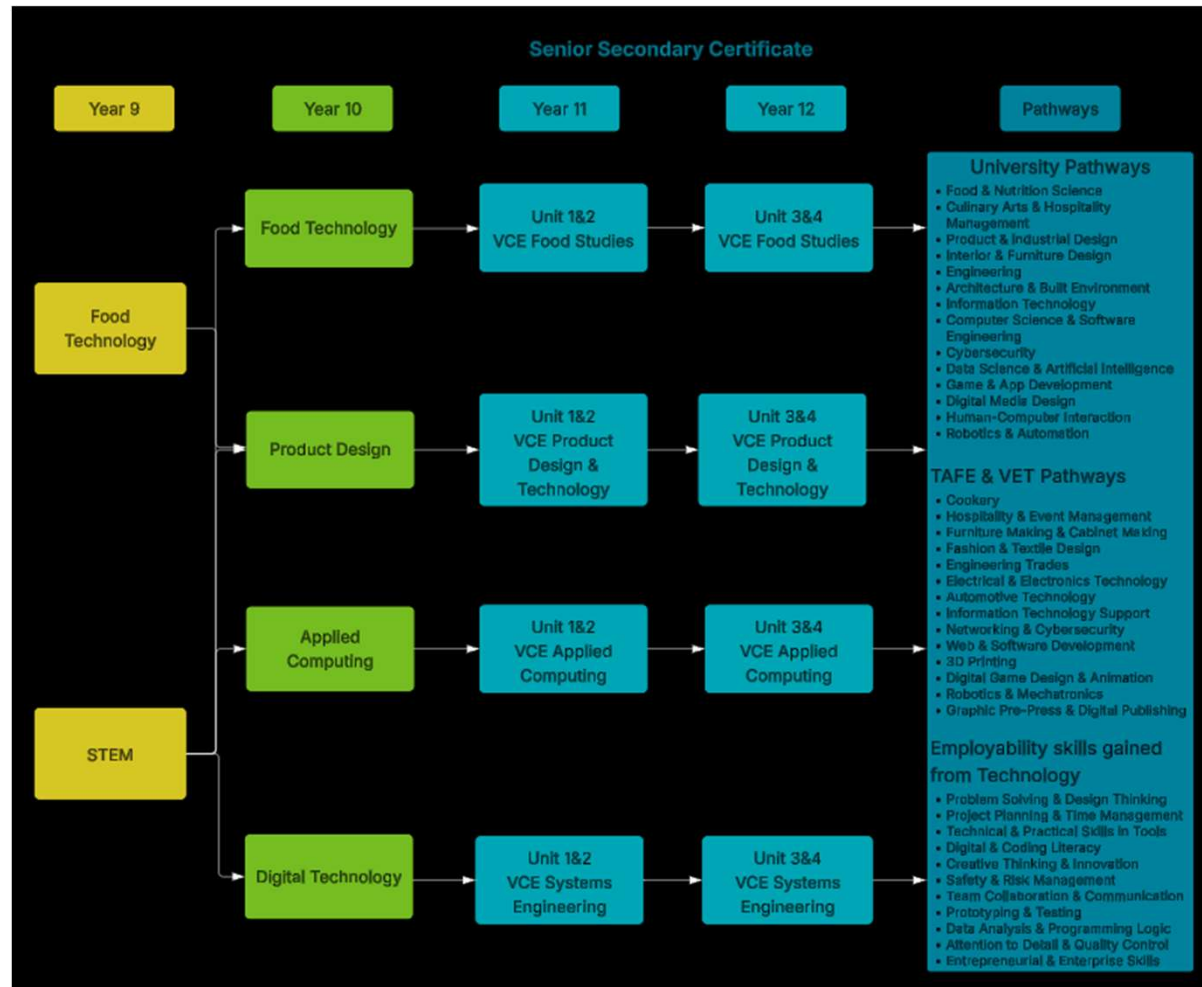
- ✓ enjoy expressing yourself creatively through performance, visual arts, music, or media
- ✓ are interested in exploring cultural, social, and historical ideas through art and storytelling
- ✓ like experimenting with different techniques, styles, and technologies to create original work
- ✓ want to develop skills in critical thinking, analysis, and creative problem-solving
- ✓ are considering further study or careers in creative industries, media, arts or performance



Technology

DOMAIN LEADER – DAMIEN EELES

Subject Domain Flowchart





Year 10 subjects and descriptions

Food Technology

- Develop knowledge in food science, nutrition, hygiene, and safety, preparing for VCE pathways like hospitality and cookery
- Create a unique food truck menu item and complete case studies that explore food's role in health and wellbeing
- Cook every two weeks, linking practical skills to theory in health, sport, nutrition, and food design

Product Design

- Use the design process to identify real-world needs and create practical solutions
- Design, make, and evaluate products with a focus on people, society, and the environment
- Develop creative thinking, problem-solving, and hands-on design skills

Applied Computing

- Create digital solutions to solve real-world problems using design and problem-solving strategies
- Learn key skills in data analytics, programming, emerging tech, and cyber security
- Understand legal and ethical responsibilities around data, privacy, and intellectual property

Digital Technology

- Explore the impact of networked systems on data access, security, and privacy
- Design digital solutions based on client needs and ongoing process evaluation
- Develop and test projects like database websites, AI engines, and simulations



Assessments could include:

- Case Study Evaluations
- Design Process Task
- Sensory Evaluations
- Multimedia Presentation

These are great subjects if you.....

- ✓ enjoy solving real-world problems using creativity, design, or technology
- ✓ are interested in food, nutrition, health or how ingredients work together
- ✓ like hands-on learning through cooking, coding, or building digital solutions
- ✓ want to explore pathways in hospitality, IT, cyber security, or product design
- ✓ like designing user-focused projects such as website or simulations



Work Related Skills



VCE Work Related Skills description

Unit 2

- Explore future career options and develop key workplace skills
- Understand the changing world of work and identify transferable skills
- Prepare for recruitment processes like resume writing and interviews
- Build confidence and plan pathways into further education, training, or employment

Work Experience

- Students will complete a week of Work Experience as part of their Year 10 curriculum
- Students will need to find their own work experience placement
- More details to come early next year

Micro Credentials

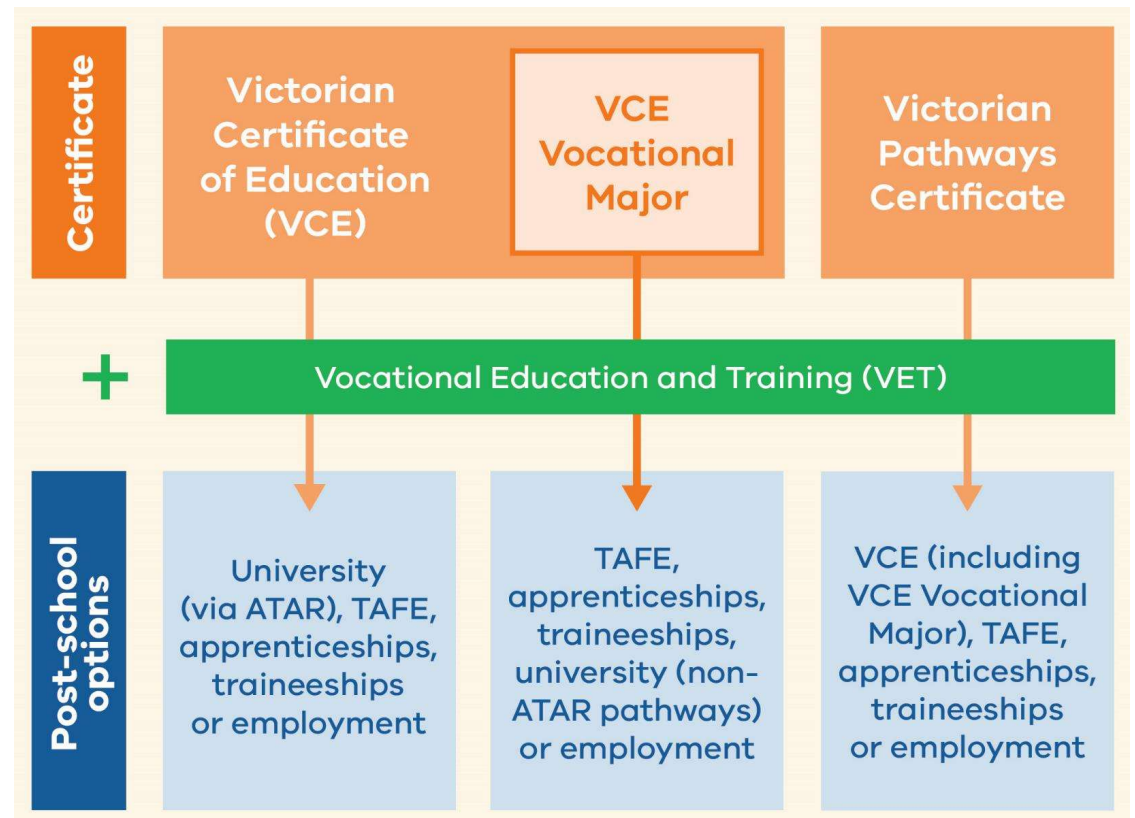
- As part of Work Related Skills, students will complete units of competency in First Aid, White Card and Safe Food Handling.
- This will support them in employability skills
- These units will also contribute towards their VCE under VCE VET hours



Senior Secondary Certificates

Student options

- Two certificates available: VCE and VPC
- VCE Vocational Major is a program within the VCE
- Any student can include VET
- Think about your interests and goals to make your choice



Quick comparison

Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE)		Victorian Pathways Certificate
VCE	VCE Vocational Major	By school recommendation only.
A great choice if you ...	A great choice if you...	A great choice if you...
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • prefer to learn in the classroom 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • prefer to learn in the real world and classroom 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • prefer to learn in the real world and classroom
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • need an ATAR for your goals 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • don't need an ATAR for your goals 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • don't need an ATAR for your goals
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • want to develop confidence in academic learning 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • want to develop confidence in the workplace 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • want to develop confidence in practical skills
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • want to pursue university immediately after Year 12, or pursue TAFE, an apprenticeship, a traineeship, or full-time work 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • want to pursue TAFE, an apprenticeship, a traineeship, or full-time work immediately after Year 12, or pursue university after time in training or work 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • want to complete the VCE, entry-level VET or start full-time work after Year 12
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • are ready to do the VCE 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • are ready to do the VCE 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • need flexibility to complete Year 11 and 12

Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE)



- Depending on availability, students can choose from more than 90 subjects (called studies) to suit their interests, talents and goals
- Can also include Vocational Education and Training (VET) in the VCE
- Each study has 4 units: Units 1 & 2 (Year 11) and Units 3 & 4 (Year 12). One unit = one semester
- Students study between 16 and 24 units over 2 years
- Assessment in school and final exams lead to a study score for each study
- Study scores lead to an ATAR for direct university entry

VCE Vocational Major (VCE VM)



- Program within the VCE
- Students study 16 to 20 units over 2 years
- Four core study areas:
 - VCE VM Literacy
 - VCE VM Numeracy
 - VCE VM Personal Development Skills
 - VCE VM Work Related Skills
- Can include other VCE studies
- Must include Vocational Education and Training (VET) in the program
- Assessment in school for each study (not exams)
- No study scores or ATAR from VCE VM studies

VCE Vocational Education and Training (VCE VET)



- Can be included in the VCE or VPC
- Nationally recognised qualifications
- Industry specific knowledge, practical skills and experience
- More than 40 certificate qualifications across 28 VCE VET programs
- Options include courses in health, engineering, digital media, building and construction, early childhood education, and many more
- Undertaken at a TAFE or other Registered Training Organisation (RTO), or in-school
- All VCE VET courses can contribute to your ATAR

Any Questions?

THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING