



### Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy, please contact the college via email ([Kyabram.P12@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:Kyabram.P12@education.vic.gov.au)) or phone (03 5851 2100).

## What is Fast-tracking a VCE or VET study for a Year 10 Student?

It is possible for students **identified as high achieving** to be given early access to a VCE study (Unit 1&2) or VET in Year 10. Students are able to choose from a range of VCE and VET studies, but priority will be given to Year 11 students when subjects reach capacity.

Students undertaking the Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) can include a maximum of six subjects in the calculation of their ATAR.

High achieving students who meet specific selection criteria can achieve this by studying a **VCE Unit 1 and 2 sequence or Year 1 of a VET study in Year 10** and then completing the Unit 3 and 4 sequence or Year 2 of that subject in Year 11. This is known as 'fast-tracking a study'.

### There are potential advantages by completing a VCE or VET study in Year 10:

- Early exposure to VCE and VET requirements - pace of work, academic writing, presentation and deadlines.
- A path of extension and challenge
- Experiencing School Assessed Coursework (SACs) and external examinations
- Potential to maximise your ATAR for future Tertiary study

### Some disadvantages of choosing a VCE or VET study in Year 10:

- Is not ready for the additional demands and pressure of a VCE or VET study workload
- Putting too much effort or focus on the VCE or VET study to the detriment of Year 10 subjects and outcomes
- The student may have insufficient maturity or organisation skills to manage the intellectual demands of a VCE or VET study

## Eligibility for Early Access

The College Pathways Counselling Team will take the following information into consideration:

- Attendance for all subjects at or above 90 %, at the discretion of the College Pathways Counselling Team
- Essential Assessment data (as relevant to the study) results will be carefully considered.
- Subject Teacher recommendation for relevant subject application/ s from a teacher that has taught the student either this year or last year.
- Evidence of a student's pathway/ further study goals, articulated with the College Pathways Counselling Team and parents/carers.
- A history of a reasonable level of organisation and maturity with their academic studies; for example, the student did not require Redemption classes to redo or resubmit work.

- A statement from a parent or carer that demonstrates support for the student's aspiration for an accelerated study, as found on the following page.

## Application Process for Early Access to VCE Studies

Acceptance into a VCE or VET Subject is based on student applications and meeting the requirements above.

This process is completed prior to Year 10 Subject Selection and may affect your choice of electives.

To apply for Fast-tracking to VCE or VET Studies, Year 9 2024 students need to complete the Year 10 Fast-tracking Program - VCE or VET Subject Application Form.

This form must be completed, signed by a parent/ carer, and returned to the Administration Office by July of the year before the intended course.

## POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Policy last reviewed	<i>New policy</i>	
Consultation	February 2024	Education Subcommittee
	February 2024	
Approved by	Principal	
Next scheduled review date	February 2024	Recommended cycle of 2 years

# Year 10 Fast-tracking Program - VCE or VET Subject Application Form

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Form: \_\_\_\_\_

Students wishing to undertake a VCE Unit 1 and 2 subject or Year 1 of VET whilst undertaking Year 10 should indicate their interest on this form. Eligibility is determined based on a combination of a student's academic analytics, teacher recommendations and professional judgement. Access to a VCE and/or VET subject in Year 10 is also dependent on availability of places after all Year 11 students have been accommodated. **Note: undertaking a VCE or VET subject in Year 10 will replace two semester electives.**

Please number **three VCE or VET subjects** you are interested in completing in priority order 1-3.

VCE Subject		VET Subject	
Visual Communication Design		Agriculture	
Health & Human Development		Automotive	
Physical Education		Building and Construction	
Business Management		Engineering	
Geography		Sports and Recreation	
Legal Studies			
Psychology			

## Teacher Support:

Please list **two teachers** who would be able to provide a recommendation for you to study an early-entry VCE subject:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_

## Parent Support:

I \_\_\_\_\_ have discussed the elective program with my son/daughter and support his/her application. I understand that an expression of interest for a VCE or VET study does not guarantee a place will be offered.

I believe this would be a good option for my son/daughter as:

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Parent signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Student signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Email this form to \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_.