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Kurunjang Secondary College VCE, VET & VCAL Information

Term 3, 2021





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PURPOSE OF INFORMATION SESSION

- To outline the structure and requirements of the VCE and VCAL certificates.
- To inform you of the course counselling process that all students will be undertaking in the coming weeks.
- Provide you with the information as to who to direct any questions to.





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VICTORIAN CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION (VCE)

Miss Kelsey Ryan
Head of Snr School





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STRUCTURE OF THE VCE CERTIFICATE

- The Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) is generally completed over a two-year period. You may, however, complete it over an extended period for special circumstances.
- There are many studies to select from. Each study is made up of at least four semester or half year length units of study.
- Unit 1 and 2 are usually taken in year 11. Units 3 and 4 are usually taken in year 12.





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SATISFACTORY COMPLETION OF THE VCE

Minimum of 16 units

You must satisfactorily complete all outcomes in at least 16 units to be awarded the VCE. These include:

- 3 units of English studies – including a 3/4 sequence
- 3 final 3/4 sequences other than English





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VCE AT KSC

Year 11:

Students in year 11 will enrol in 6 subjects, including unit 1&2 English

Year 12:

Students in year 12 will enrol in 5 subjects, including unit 3&4 English and 1 study block.





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Example of VCE Selections

Year 11	Year 12
English (1&2) (Compulsory)	English (3/4)
Choice 1 (1&2)	Choice 1 (3/4)
Choice 2 (1&2)	Choice 2 (3/4)
Choice 3 (1&2)	Choice 3 (3/4)
Choice 4 (1&2)	Choice 4 (3/4)
Choice 5 (1&2)	Need to “drop” a subject





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VICTORIAN CERTIFICATE OF APPLIED LEARNING (VCAL)

Mrs Carmela Sant
VCAL & VET Leader





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WHAT IS VCAL?

- Senior secondary school qualification
- A **course** undertaken at Year 11 or Year 12 level (or both), which may include VCAL and VET units
- A *course* that develops and extends pathways for young people to:
 - Work, apprenticeships/traineeships
 - Training and further education





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WHY VCAL?

- VCAL opens up new and expanded pathways to work or further study, by allowing students to *combine work in the workplace, school study and industry specific study (VET)*
- VCAL utilises a hands-on approach which offers students the opportunity to immerse themselves in study that focus on their particular pathway.





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WHO IS VCAL FOR?

- Students seeking a vocational pathway on completion of school into an apprenticeship, job, or further training (Career orientated)
- Students who learn best when class activities are practical and “applied”
- Students that are responsible and are able to work independently when required
- Students who do not require an ATAR at the end of their schooling





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VCAL IN 2022

Students starting Year 11 VCAL in 2022 will choose a program using this model:

- Literacy
- Numeracy
- Personal Development Skills
- Work Related Skills

Plus:

- VET with an external RTO provider
- Work Placement that student will need to find





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WHAT IS VET?

- Vocational Education and Training
 - Selected courses at TAFE Certificate II or III level
 - Develop specific skills and competencies demanded by employers in various industries
 - Experience learning in the workplace
- Nationally accredited qualifications – TAFE level





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VET ARRANGEMENTS IN MELTON

- Offered across the Melton district.
- Generally of 2 years duration
- May need to travel to another school, or TAFE College, to undertake their course.
- Students belonging to the delivery school have first preference for places in that course
- A course will only run if there are sufficient students wishing to undertake it.





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VET SCHOOLS IN WEC

CAROLINE SPRINGS COLLEGE

CATHOLIC REGIONAL COLLEGE - MELTON

LAKEVIEW SENIOR COLLEGE

MELTON CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

MELTON SPECIALIST SCHOOL

MELTON SECONDARY COLLEGE

STAUGHTON COLLEGE

SPRINGSIDE WEST COLLEGE



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VCE or VCAL?





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VCE subject selection- a step by step guide





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Student example 1- VCE

A student has identified that want to become a paramedic. There is a course at Latrobe University

Paramedic Practice/Public Health Promotion

Prerequisites:

- Units 3 and 4: any English
- Two of Biology, Chemistry, Health And Human Development,
- Any Mathematics,
- Physical Education, Physics or Psychology.





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VTAC Guides

Please see - [prerequisites-2022.pdf \(vtac.edu.au\)](https://vtac.edu.au/prerequisites-2022.pdf)





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VCAL Selections

Year 11

Literacy

Numeracy

Personal Development Skills

Work Related Skills

Work placement- Organised by student and family.

VET (your choice) eg Building & Construction
(Held at Staughton College)





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KEY DATES FOR COURSE SELECTION

- **Term 2, Week 10**

Course counselling handbook available on compass

- **Term 3, Week 1**

Parent information PP available on compass

- **Term 3, Week 2-4:**

Student appointments with Counsellors

- **Term 3, Week 3-6:**

VET enrollment forms due front office

- **Term 4, week 1-2:**

Confirmation information to students





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COURSE COUNSELLORS

List of Course Counsellors:

Miss Kelsey Ryan

Mrs Carmela Sant

Ms Nicole Hardham

Mr Gavin Pohlen

Mr Tim Davey

Ms Maria Cutajar

Ms Lucy Taylor

Your appointed course counsellor will be based on your indications of either VCE or VCAL.





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WHERE TO FROM HERE?

- Read the VCE and VCAL subject selection handbook which is available online through Compass
- Start thinking about and discussing VCAL & VCE.
- Discuss your career goals and investigate the requirements, courses and prerequisite studies required to achieve that career goals.
- Include several 'Back Up' plans
- Plan your 2 year VCE or VCAL program with your course counsellor.
- Always keep your parents informed.





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Thank you

**Questions to be directed to
students allocated course
counsellor**

