

# **GLOSSARY –VCE TERMS**

## **VET**

Vocational Education and Training

## **VCE**

Victorian Certificate of Education

## **VCAL**

Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning.

## **VCAA**

Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority. This agency is responsible to the Minister of Education for the management of the VCE and VCAL

## **VTAC**

Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre. It is responsible for calculating and distributing the ATAR and for processing student applications for tertiary entrance into Universities or TAFEs

## **ATAR**

Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank - The overall ranking on a scale of 0.00 – 99.95 that you receive, based on your study scores. The ATAR is used by Universities and TAFE institutions to select students for their courses. This shows how your performance is compared with other Year 12's

## **STUDY SCORE**

A score that shows how well you have performed in a Unit 3 or 4 study compared to everyone else in Victoria that took that study. The maximum study score is 50

## **CAMPUS**

The location and grounds of an institutions

## **CSP**

Commonwealth Supported Place. It is a course that is subsidised by the government so it costs students less to study but they can defer costs and pay it back once in the workforce (HECS)

## **CY12**

Current Year 12 students

## **EXTRA REQUIREMENTS**

Something else that is required other than the ATAR score to get into a course. This may be an interview, a folio, an audition or a pre test

## **ADJUSTMENT FACTORS**

Additional factors considered for selection of courses – this can be SEAS, performance in an audition or interview or subject bonus (ie, the subjects you did in Year 12 that are not prerequisites to get into a course but would help you understand the course content if you already had some background knowledge – this makes you a better applicant for universities to choose !)

## **PREREQUISITES**

These are subjects that you must complete satisfactorily in your VCE in order to qualify for a course. These are outlined in several publications (individual Institution's websites or the VTAC website)

## **PRIMARY FOUR**

These are the four subjects that make up your score for the ATAR. It includes English and your three highest scoring subjects.

## **INCREMENTS**

This is the 10% of the study score of any fifth or sixth subject undertaken in the VCE. This is added to the primary four to complete your ATAR

## **RC**

Range of Criteria. This may be required in the selection process ie – interview, folio etc..

## **RTO**

Registered Training Organisation –An institution that has been approved to deliver specified training programs. This includes Universities, TAFE's and Private Providers

## **SATISFACTORY COMPLETION**

This means you have passed the subject and will get an "S" on your results. If you do not pass, you get an "N" (not satisfactory) "UG"- means it is ungraded

## **SEMESTER**

One half of the academic year (ie - two terms)

## **SEQUENCE**

The order in which you do your VCE Units (eg – a unit 3 and 4 sequence)

## **STATEMENT OF ATTAINMENT**

A record of recognised learning that may contribute towards a qualification in the VET sector

## **STATEMENT OF RESULTS**

Formal documents that state the results you achieved in VCE or VCAL and whether or not you have graduated.

## **STUDIES**

The subjects available in VCE

## **UNIT**

Usually one semesters work. Usually, it looks like this

Unit 1 is Year 11, Term 1 and 2

Unit 2 is Year 11, Term 3 and 4

Unit 3 is Year 12, Term 1 and 2

Unit 4 is Year 12, Term 3 and 4

Note that it is possible for Year 10's to complete Unit 1 and 2 in their Year 10 year (called doing a year 11 subject as part of their Year 10 course work) and Unit 3 and 4 can be undertaken by Year 11's during their Year 11 year (ie, doing a Year 12 subject as part of their Year 11 studies) This is called an accelerated subject