# What is VCE?

From Year 10 handbook

Victorian Certificate of Education

About the VCE Pathway

What is the VCE?

The VCE is the certificate most students in Victoria receive on satisfactory completion of their secondary education. It is an outstanding qualification that is recognised around the world. The VCE provides diverse pathways to further study or training at university or TAFE, and to employment.

When can you start your VCE?

The VCE is usually done in Year 11 and 12 but can be started in Year 10. About half of Victorian Year 10 students take some VCE units.

What studies can you choose?

## There are over 90 VCE studies, or subjects, and over 30 VCE/VET programs to choose from. In Year 10 at St Bede’s there are a restricted number of subjects available for accelerated studies. You will find complete lists of VCE studies on the VCAA website. To be awarded the VCE students must satisfactorily complete a minimum of 16 Units. Each Unit equals a Semester length study.

# Acceleration Requirements

Students ***may apply*** to take one Unit 1-2 sequence, **in place of** two elective subjects.

In order to be eligible to undertake a Unit 1-2 sequence in a subject in Year 10, students must meet the following criteria:

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| **1.** | * 80% or above in English * 80% or above in two other core subjects * The exception to this Enrichment Mathematics where 70% is the requirement. |
| **2.** | A letter of support from a parent/guardian |
| **3.** | Completion of the appropriate application form (BLUE) ***(Available outside Ms. Haggett’s Office)***, including parent/guardian letter of support. |
| **4.** | All applications due to Ms Haggett or Mr Green by **5pm, Wednesday** **August 1** |
| **5.** | You will be notified as to whether your acceleration application has been approved by email on **August 6.**  You may only complete your subject selection online after you have received your acceptance email. |

**NOTE**

* Not all VCE subjects are available for acceleration.
* Places for acceleration are limited due to the demand for subjects.
* Applications not meeting the above criteria will not be considered, unless there are extenuating circumstances. In this case, the application will be considered ‘pending’ and the student will be advised during Term 4, pending availability of a place.
* Even if approval has been granted to undertake an accelerated course of study, students should be aware that priority for places in subjects is given to Year 11 students and that they may be refused on the grounds of class size.

# Acceleration: Unit 3 & 4

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Students who have completed Units 1-2 in Year 10

Students who have completed the Unit 1-2 sequence of a subject in Year 10 will be given preference to complete the Unit 3-4 sequence in that subject in Year 11.

However, this should not be assumed. Where satisfactory results have not been maintained due to a lack of application, students will not be permitted to proceed.

Students who have NOT completed Units 1-2 in Year 10

Students ***may apply*** to take one Unit 3-4 sequence in place of one of the Unit 1-2 studies.

In order to be eligible to undertake a Unit 3-4 sequence in a subject for which they have NOT completed the Unit 1-2 sequence, students must meet the following criteria:

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| **1.** | * 80% or above in English * 80% or above in two other core subjects. |
| **2.** | * A letter of support from a parent/guardian |
| **3.** | * Completion of the appropriate application form (PINK), including provision of Year 10 report. ***(Available outside Ms Haggett’s Office, or from St James Year 10 Co-ordinator)*** |
| **4.** | * St Bede’s students – ***go to this*** [***booking site***](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfymPX-iwjKh8Yf18zJC8UJztnDGPLEpAtzftbRgsdd3DgeaQ/viewform) ***to book an interview time with Mr Reidy.*** NOTE: To access the booking site from a hard copy handbook type the following URL [***https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfymPX-iwjKh8Yf18zJC8UJztnDGPLEpAtzftbRgsdd3DgeaQ/viewform***](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfymPX-iwjKh8Yf18zJC8UJztnDGPLEpAtzftbRgsdd3DgeaQ/viewform) * St James students ***- this interview will take place on July 26 at St James College*** |

Only the following subjects can be taken in Year 12 without having completed the Unit 1-2 sequence:

*Biology*

*Business Management*

*Environmental Science*

*Geography*

*Health and Human Development*

*Legal Studies*

*Physical Education*

*Psychology*

*Religion and Society*

*Texts and Traditions*

Please note that **Year 12 student choices will take preference**. Students are strongly encouraged to discuss this option with their Year 10 subject teacher and the appropriate Learning Area Leader.

No student who undertakes a Unit 3/4 in Year 11 will be permitted to take a lighter load in Year 12 unless medical and/or other evidence is produced that demonstrates that the student would be otherwise unable to successfully complete the VCE.

**Please note that applications without the required evidence will not be considered.**