



27 August 2025

Dear St Joseph's College families

Unit 3 & 4 Practice Exams

The college will hold practice exams for all subjects in preparation for the upcoming Unit 3 and 4 VCAA exams. The practice exams will take place during the Term 3 holidays from Monday September 22 to Wednesday September 24 in the Sacred Heart Hall.

It is an expectation of the college that students prioritise this fantastic opportunity. However, consideration for previously planned absence will be considered.

The college will employ official VCAA exam invigilators and all VCAA rules will apply. Completing practice exams in a similar environment to the end of year exams will allow students to become familiar with protocols, proceedings and environment.

The practice exams will provide an invaluable opportunity for our students to be exposed to conditions that will be experienced at the end of the year and will undoubtedly help students to alleviate concerns or anxiety associated with exams. We know that the more practice exams completed by students, the more likely they are to achieve better exam results.

Teachers will mark exams and provide timely feedback to assist students in their exam preparation. This will enable students to gauge their understanding of content taught over the duration of the year and receive valuable feedback heading into the VCAA exam period. The practice exams will highlight gaps in student understanding, enabling an improved focus for revision.

Students must be aware of the following:

- Students must be in full college uniform. Attendance will be recorded for each exam.
- Full exam conditions apply, and students must always adhere to these rules. External supervisors will be invigilating, and the expectation is that students understand exam procedures and requirements.
- Students can only take permitted items into the exam and are encouraged to become familiar with what these items and conditions are.
- Drink bottles must be completely clear (label must be removed), no pencil cases are allowed, no smartwatches/phones in the exam room and students must supply their own dictionary. Please check the advice on the VCAA website.
- The Canteen will not be operating during the holidays. Students will be required to bring their own food and drinks if staying onsite between exams.
- The practice exam timetable has been attached for your reference. Students have been emailed an individual electronic copy.

Please indicate your child's participation in the Unit 3 and 4 Practice Exams by consenting to attendance via the Parent Access Module (PAM) by Friday September 12, 2025.

Should you have any further queries, please contact Mr Mel Ficarra on 5018 8000 or email mficarra@sicmda.vic.edu.au.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mel Ficarra', written over a light blue grid background.

Mr Mel Ficarra
Head of Senior Pathways

ALL EXAMS WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE SACRED HEART HALL	Monday 22 September 2025	Tuesday 23 September 2025	Wednesday 24 September 2025
9.00am - 11.15am *English exam will conclude at 12.15pm	ENG33A (80) 9.00am - 12.15pm	BMG33A (28) LST33A (10) MAT93A (7) MED33A (1) SOC33A (8)	PYC33A (27) PED33B (2) SEN33A (6) VCN33A (2)
12.00pm - 2.15pm *Monday session altered due to English exam finish time	ACC33A (4) HHD33A (39) LIT33A (6) MAT83A (19) 1.00pm – 3.15pm	BIO33A (28) HIS33A (2) PHY33A (10) MAT33A (8)	ECO33A (9) GEO33A (2) ITL33A (1) PED33A (21) CHE33A (14) PHY33B (1) SOC33B (3)
3.00pm - 4.45pm		MAT73A (52)	ARCP3A (2) DAN33A (3) DTT3A (2) DTW33A (9) FTY33A (10) VSAR3A (5) MSS33A (2)

*Highlighted exams finish 30 minutes earlier than stated time.

**Psychology, Biology, Chemistry, Physics will need to modify to a 2 hour time slot.

***Classes in red are students moved time due to a clash.