



VCE Strategies - How to survive and thrive during VCE

Agenda

- Welcome – Joanne Wegener, Head of Secondary Years
- A Student's Perspective – Jasmine Mackey, Class of 2023
- Strategies to Support Students – Jennica Kelada, Counselling Coordinator
- VCE Expectations and Requirements – Geetha Nair, VCE Coordinator
- Pathways Planning – Naomi Nolan, Pathways Coordinator
- Q&A – Tracy Williams, Head of Learning



Student story

Jasmine Mackey - how to survive and thrive in VCE



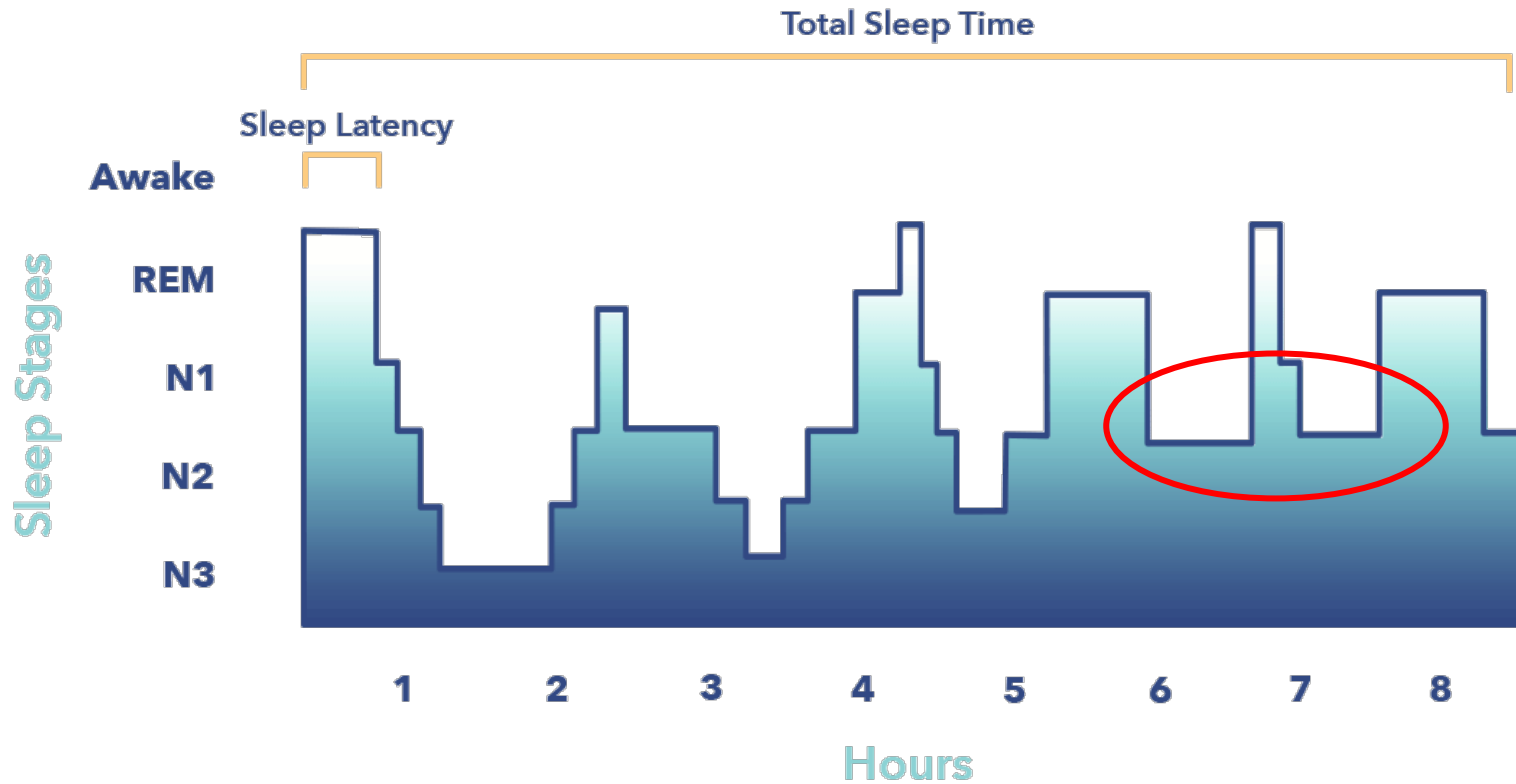
Strategies for supporting students – Jennica Kelada

1. A study-friendly home

- Take a whole family approach
- Minimise Distractions
- Encourage an effective, organised study routine
- Clutter-free study space
- Minimise change and disruptions



2. Sleep



Sleep Hygiene



- 30 minutes in advance
- Consistent bedtime
- Turn off devices
- Dark room
- Relaxing activity



- Doom scrolling on social media
- Limit caffeine intake
- Limit large heavy meals before bed

3. Maintain Balance

- Scheduled break times from study
- Continue with hobbies, interests and extra-curricular activities
- Physical activity
- Connection with friends & family



4. Stress vs. Distress

Signs of Distress:

- Marked difference in mood
- Significant changes in appetite
- Withdrawing from friends and family
- Loss of interest in previously enjoyed activities
- Loss of sleep
- Physical complaints- stomachache, headache, nausea
- Feelings of panic and hopelessness



5. Fostering open communication

- Actively check-in with them
- Remind them of past success
- Identify tools or techniques that have helped in the past
 - eg. Going for a walk, playing with a pet, talking to a friend, etc
- Perspective taking
- Remind them that there is life after Year 12
- Encourage help-seeking





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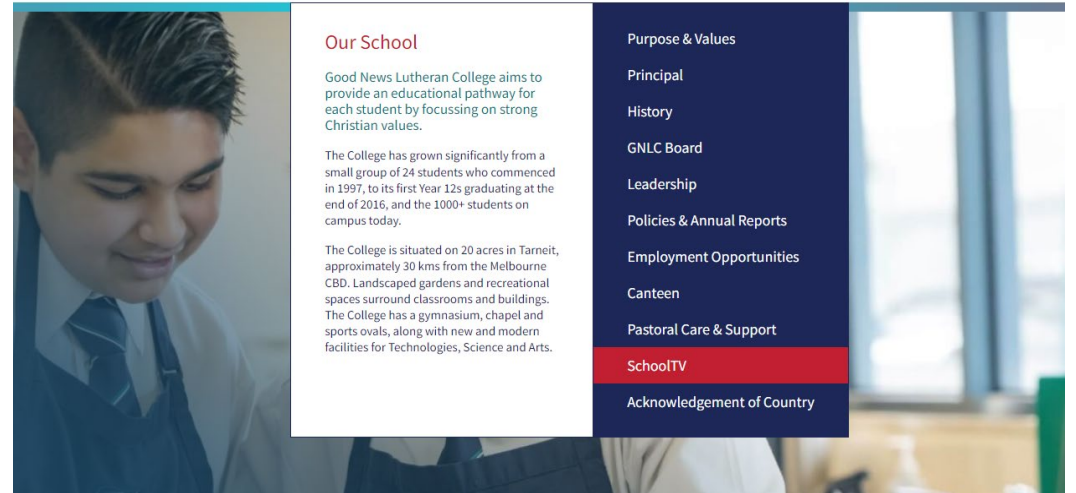
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Our School

Good News Lutheran College aims to provide an educational pathway for each student by focussing on strong Christian values.

The College has grown significantly from a small group of 24 students who commenced in 1997, to its first Year 12s graduating at the end of 2016, and the 1000+ students on campus today.

The College is situated on 20 acres in Tarnet, approximately 30 kms from the Melbourne CBD. Landscaped gardens and recreational spaces surround classrooms and buildings. The College has a gymnasium, chapel and sports ovals, along with new and modern facilities for Technologies, Science and Arts.

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VCE Information - Geetha Nair

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Victorian Certificate of Education

- Technically, you can get your VCE with 16 units – 8 at Unit 1/2 and 8 at Unit 3/4 (2 must be English).
- At GNLC we require students to do six subjects in Year 11 and five subjects in Year 12.
- Some students who meet the requirement (average MYP score of 6 or above) are able to do a Unit 1/2 subject while in Year 10

Year 10 - 11 Early Access VCE subjects

- The student must have achieved an average score of 70% or an average MYP score of 6 (0-8 scale) in English criteria in the previous year of study.
- The student must have achieved a 70% average in all subjects or an average MYP score of 6 (0-8 scale).

VSV/VSL - Distance Education

- Please let Mrs Nair know in advance if you are interested in undertaking a subject at VSL (language) or VSV (external VCE subject).
- As VSL/VSV requires significant independent work, there are entry requirements for this course.
- **NOTE: THE SCHOOL INITIATES THE APPLICATION**

VCE Baccalaureate Certificate

- Students choosing VSL- language other than English
- Students who achieve a score 30 and above in English
- Students who achieve 33 or above in EAL

We are proud to have had one student in 2023 achieve this prestigious honour.

CHOOSING SUBJECTS

Rumours and myths about scaling.

Some people think they can get a good ATAR by choosing subjects that 'scale up'. **THIS DOES NOT WORK!**

The best way to get a good ATAR is to do subjects that you like, that you are passionate about and you are good at.

We have seen many cases of students achieving outstanding ATAR results doing only subjects that 'scale down'.

SAC - School assessed Coursework

- In VCE some SACs may happen after school
- If you miss a SAC, you must submit a medical certificate.
- If you need to leave school sick on the day of a SAC, you must see the Head of Years, VCE Coordinator or Assistant Head first.

SAC – Calendar

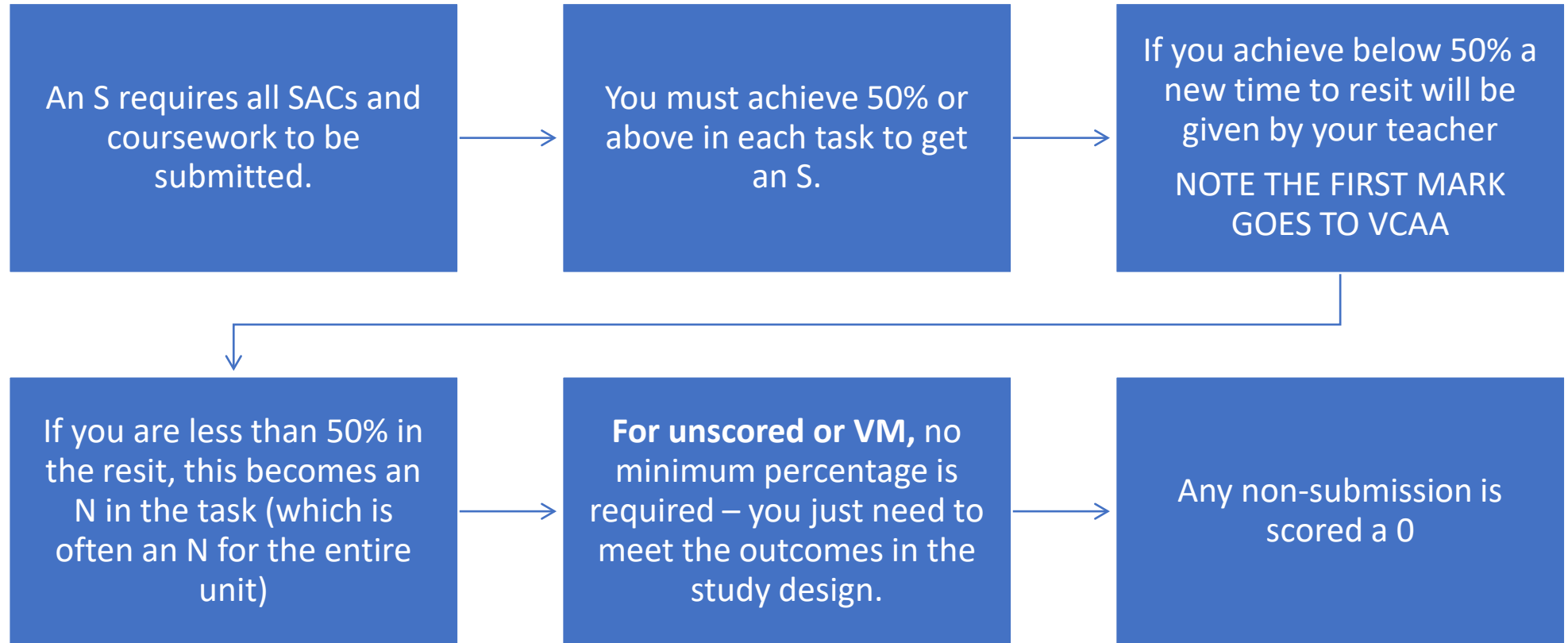
	Unit 3 Eng. Lang. SAC 1 27/3 L1	Unit 3 Business Mgt 29/3 after school
TERM 2		
T2W1		Unit 3-4 General Maths SAC1 – 18/04
T2W2 22/4	3-4 Media SAC 24/4 L1-2	Unit 3-4 General Maths SAC1 – 24/04
T2W3 29/4	3-4 English/EAL SAC 2a 3-4 Physics 29/4 - 3/5(Sac2)	
T2W4 (6/5		
T2W5 13/5	3-4 Legal Studies 14/5 L6-7	3-4 English/EAL SAC 2b 3-4 Health and Human Development – SAC 3 (14 May)
T2W6 20/5		
T2W7 27/5	3-4 Physics (Sac3) 27/5 - 31/5 3-4 Unit 3 Eng. Lang. SAC 2 31/5 L4-L5	Business Mgt. 30/5 After school

A scored VCE includes examinations and results in an ATAR. Satisfactory or S for Year 10 - 12 is a score above 50%. Non-Satisfactory or N is below 50%. Grade bands for Year 10 – 12 are as follows:

A+	90 – 100%
A	80 – 89%
B+	75 – 79%
B	70 – 74%
C+	65 – 69%
C	60 – 64%
D+	55 – 59%
D	50 – 54%
E+	45 – 49%
E	40 – 44%
UG	<40%

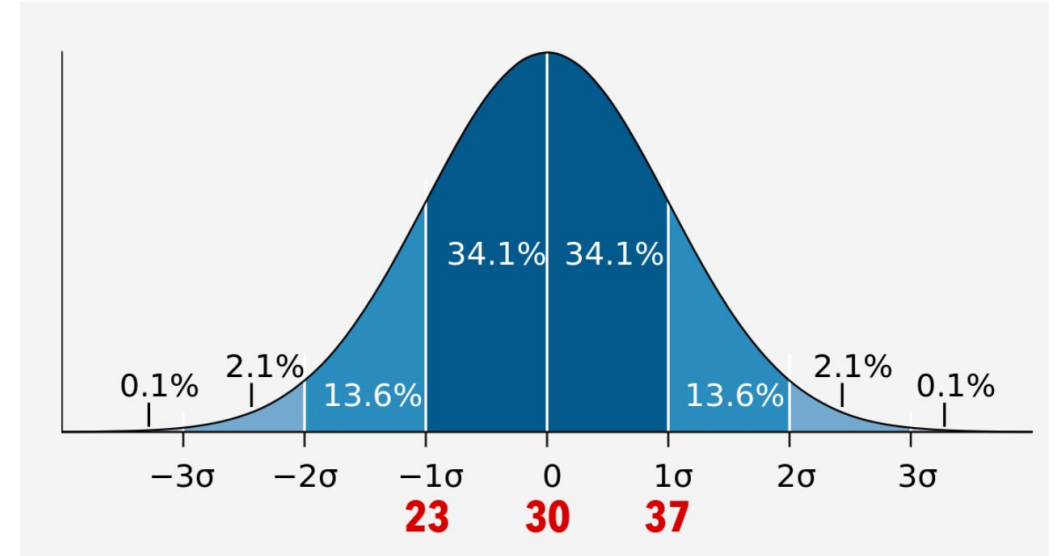
Unscored VCE and Vocational Major do not include the end of year examinations and do not require numerical grades. VCE VM and Unscored VCE do not result in an ATAR.

SAC requirements for VCE



Study scores

For each Unit 3 and 4 subject, you get a study score. Your study score is calculated using your SACs and your final exam (usually 50-50 weighting but some subjects have different weightings)



Study Score	20+	25+	30+	35+	40+	45+
Students	93%	78%	53%	26%	9%	2%

Sample study scores with SAC grades

Grade 1 Result (Unit 3)	Grade 2 Result (Unit 4)	Grade 3 Result (Exam)	Study Score
C+	C+	C	26
A	A	B	34
A+	A+	B+	39
A	B+	B+	33
A	A	A	36
B+	B	B	31
C+	C+	C+	26
A	A	A	37
A+	A+	A+	45
C+	B	C+	28
B	B	B	30

ATAR - Australian Tertiary Admissions Ranking

The ATAR is a ranking used for university entrance.

It is calculated using the study scores you achieve in your Unit 3 and 4 subjects.

You get the full marks for English and then your top three other subjects which are called your 'primary four.' Then you get 10% of the score for your next subjects.

Sample study scores with ATARs

Subject	Study score	Score towards aggregate
English	15	15
Subject 2	30	30
Subject 3	30	30
Subject 4	30	30
Subject 5	30	3
		108 raw score
	ATAR score	54.55

Subject	Study score	Score towards aggregate
English	30	30
Subject 2	30	30
Subject 3	30	30
Subject 4	30	30
Subject 5	30	3
		123 raw score
	ATAR score	66.75

Non-scored Pathway

This is an increasingly common and valid pathway option. Last year 16% of our cohort completed an unscored VCE.

Someone might consider a non-scored pathway if:

- They don't plan to go to university
- They are undertaking the VCE Vocational Major
- They are happy to take other paths to university e.g. through TAFE
- Their university course or post-school pathway does not require an ATAR
- They have mental health or physical health conditions
- They don't work best in test conditions

Authentication

There is a long section in the VCE Handbook (page 16) referring to this From (VCE Handbook) In considering whether a student's work is genuinely their own, teachers should consider whether the work:

- Is not typical of other work produced by the student
- Is inconsistent with the teacher's knowledge of the student's ability
- Contains unacknowledged material
- Has not been sighted and monitored by the teacher during its development
- Students should be asked to provide evidence that the work submitted is their own and/or was completed in accordance with VCAA requirements. Students may be asked to:
 - Provide evidence of the development of the work
 - Discuss the content of the work with the teacher and answer questions to demonstrate their knowledge and understanding of the work
 - Provide samples of other work
 - Complete, under supervision, a supplementary assessment task related to the original task
 - Attend a hearing or complete a test to demonstrate understanding of the work

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Attendance Requirements

If students miss an assessment task or SAC, they must submit a medical certificate.

- VCAA has a minimum attendance requirement to pass
- GNLC's attendance requirement is stricter at 90% (page 7 of the VCE handbook)
- NOTE that any planned absences during school term for any student requires an application in writing to the principal to ask for permission to be absent from school. Note that extended absences for students doing VCE is not advised and may not be granted permission.
 - No scheduled absences (overseas trips etc) during school term for any student doing a Unit 3/4 subject unless there are unique mitigating circumstances.

KEY DATES for Unit 3-4 Subjects

- 28th FEB, Wednesday- VCE Parent Information Night.
- GAT- Tuesday- 18th June 2024
- Trial Exams- Monday 30th Sept to Friday, 4th Oct 2024
(Term 3 school holidays)
- VCE Exams Begin- 29th October 2024
- Results released- 12th December 2024



Pathways & Planning – Naomi Nolan

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Pathway Success

Real-life stories – names withheld

Goal: Bachelor of Information Technology at RMIT

ATAR required: 80

ATAR received: 65

Pathway: Associate Degree of IT (2 years) 45 ATAR

Plus work as an IT support rover for students while studying the Associate Degree in IT as this pathway provides more hands-on experience, combined with theory to prepare for the Bachelor Degree.

Bachelor of Information Technology (1 year) – entered into 3rd Year performed well in the Bachelor Degree due to learned theory already having been applied within the Associate Degree.

Graduate: Offered a role with IBM Australia 2 weeks after graduating

Total Study Time = 3 years
(same outcome) with added
benefits of working while
completing Bachelor Degree

VTAC (Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre)

2025 Application cycle:

Monday 29th July (9 am)

Applications Open (Tertiary, SEAS, Scholarships)

Monday 30th September (5 pm)

Applications Close (tertiary places)

Friday 11th October (5 pm)

Applications Close (SEAS & Scholarships)

Thursday 12th December (7 am)

ATARs released

Monday 23rd December (10 am)

December Offers released

Friday 10th January, 2025 (2 pm)

January Offers (round 1) released

Tertiary Offers

Step 1: rank raw data

Bachelor of Applied Computer Science

Applicant	ATAR
Matthew	92
Nishan	90
Ryan	90
Aaron	88
Sebastian	87
Lochlan	87
James	82
Monica	78
Thea	75
<u>Elisa</u>	<u>72</u>
Jessica	70
Joshua	67
Aliana	65
Elena	64

Step 2: apply bonuses

Applicant	ATAR	Bonus Points	Re-Rank
Matthew	92		92
Nishan	90		90
Ryan	90		90
Aaron	88	10	98
Sebastian	87		87
Lochlan	87		87
James	82		82
Monica	78		78
Thea	75		75
Elisa	72	9	81
Jessica	70	10	80
Joshua	67	12	79
Aliana	65	5	70
Elena	64		64

Step 3: re-rank applicants

Applicant	Re-Rank
Aaron	98
Matthew	92
Nishan	90
Ryan	90
Sebastian	87
Lochlan	87
James	82
Elisa	81
<u>Jessica</u>	<u>80</u>
<u>Joshua</u>	<u>79</u>
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Pathways Planning

Tertiary Guest Speakers – VCE Admin (terms 1 and 2)

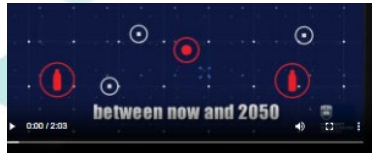
Tertiary Open Days (July & August)

All Australian Universities (40 off) were researched and ranked across the following areas:

- student satisfaction
- research performance
- global reputation
- career impact
- equity and access

Overall Rank	University
1	University of Queensland
2	University of New South Wales
3	Australian National University
4	Monash University
5	University of Adelaide
6	Edith Cowan University
7 =	Deakin University
7=	University of Melbourne
15	Swinburne University
22	Australian Catholic University
33 =	Federation University
33=	La Trobe University
36	RMIT University
39	Victoria University
40	Torrens University

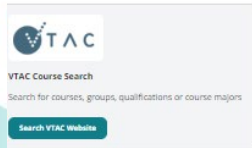
Support Tools & Assistance



Our aim is to provide you with all the latest information that will help you make decisions about your future career and your life beyond school.

You can use this site to locate University, TAFE and any other type of course across Australia, get information about the VCE, search for job vacancies and much more.

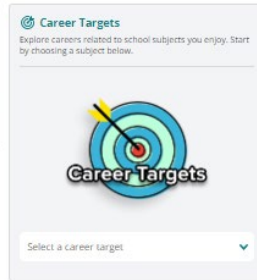
Feel free to drop into the Careers Hub if you have any questions.



VTAC Course Search

Search for courses, groups, qualifications or course majors

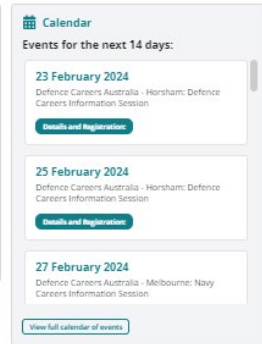
Search VTAC Website



Career Targets

Explore careers related to school subjects you enjoy. Start by choosing a subject below.

Select a career target



Calendar

Events for the next 14 days:

- 23 February 2024
Defence Careers Australia - Horsham: Defence Careers Information Session
Details and Registration
- 25 February 2024
Defence Careers Australia - Horsham: Defence Careers Information Session
Details and Registration
- 27 February 2024
Defence Careers Australia - Melbourne: Navy Careers Information Session
View full calendar of events

Key dates from applying to offers

Deadlines for students and post-school applicants applying for mid-year or 2025 courses.

KEY DATES



Key dates



Welcome to VTAC

Are you planning to apply for tertiary study this year? Get started with our guides and resources before you apply.



CourseSearch

Explore course options. Find what you need to do to get into a course. Make a list of your favourite courses.



Course offers

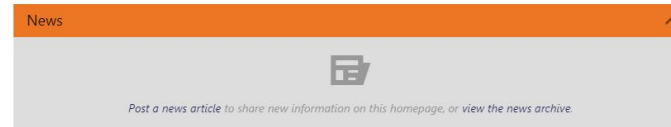
Login to your account to access course offers. February supplementary offer rounds commence soon. Check dates for all



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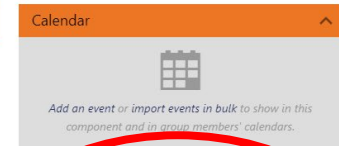
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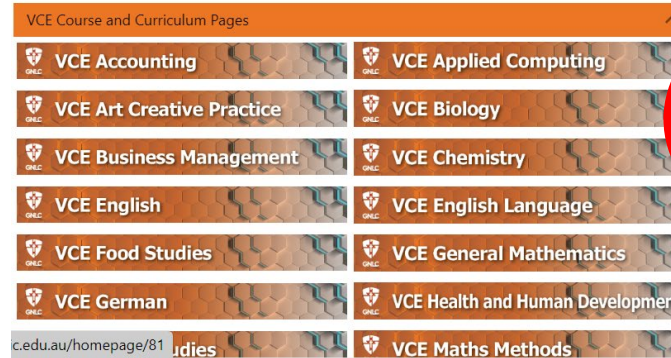
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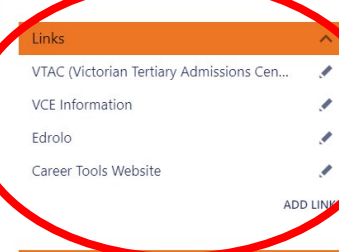
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Add an event or import events in bulk to show in this component and in group members' calendars.



VCE Course and Curriculum Pages

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- VCE Applied Computing
- VCE Art Creative Practice
- VCE Biology
- VCE Business Management
- VCE Chemistry
- VCE English
- VCE English Language
- VCE Food Studies
- VCE General Mathematics
- VCE German
- VCE Health and Human Development
- VCE Maths Methods



Links

- VTAC (Victorian Tertiary Admissions Cen...)
- VCE Information
- Edrolo
- Career Tools Website

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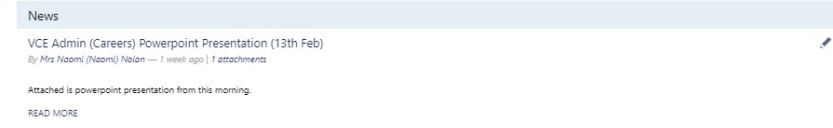
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Careers Year 12

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GNLC Careers Year 12



News

VCE Admin (Careers) Powerpoint Presentation (13th Feb)
By Mrs Naomi (Naomi) Nolan — 1 week ago | 1 attachments

Attached is powerpoint presentation from this morning.

READ MORE





Save the date - Subject and Pathways Expo

Thursday 20th June

Universities and TAFE representatives
Plus information about subjects and courses



Questions?

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