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**VCE SUBJECT SELECTION**  
| 2020 - 2021

# VCE AT PENINSULA GRAMMAR



I am incredibly proud of our VCE program and the success of our students in their final years of school at Peninsula Grammar. Expert knowledge of our students' learning requirements combined with a solid understanding of career pathways has informed the design of each course. Each year we see outstanding academic results from our VCE students and we celebrate their achievement.

At the same time, we are careful not to let the VCE become oppressive and all-consuming for our Year 11 and 12 students. We remain strongly committed to a rich student learning experience and provide substantial support and pastoral care to guide our students through this journey. We provide a wealth of sporting, cultural, social service and leadership opportunities to contribute to an enhanced experience for our Senior students.

We have an exceptional Senior Years Leadership Team and Careers Department who have a keen eye on your future. They are here to provide you with the advice, support and guidance to ensure a smooth journey through your last years at Peninsula Grammar. I encourage you to take full advantage of the resources available to you and to make the most of what I'm sure will be one of the most influential and memorable times of your life.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Stuart Johnston". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end of the last name.

**Stuart Johnston**  
Principal

# WELCOME TO VCE AT PENINSULA GRAMMAR



We have spent considerable time and energy in designing our VCE program and are pleased to be able to offer a comprehensive list of 33 VCE subjects. Our VCE structures are designed to achieve maximum flexibility to offer the best options for our students. Vertical time-tabling often allows mixed classes of Years 11 and 12 students facilitating wider patterns of course selection than most other schools can manage.

Our expert and committed staff members are very well organised for the VCE. You will also receive excellent course documentation to help you monitor your own deadlines and progress. Feedback on your progress will be given often, either online or personally in the friendly way that characterises the close student-staff relationships in the Senior Years.

The State-wide growth in the area of Vocational Educational and Training courses has been reflected in the subject selection of our VCE students over the last few years. Our Careers Department has full details of the courses that are available at TAFE and elsewhere for those interested in VET programs. We are committed to providing pathways for students seeking apprenticeships or traineeship positions recognising the needs of those able students who are not focused on university entrance. As the importance of employability skills continues to increase, vocational education allows all students to develop valuable skills and apply them in the workplace.

Similarly, a great deal of preparation goes into references for students seeking work or tertiary placement. This kind of help continues after the VCE for as long as needed.

Study the following pages carefully and design your two-year course. The Careers team will assist you with your course structure and design, especially in helping you with tertiary entrance or future training requirements. The actual selection procedures will be coordinated by myself and Mrs Melissa Wolsley-Findlay, Director of VCE Studies.

I wish you well in your selections and studies.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading 'Sharyn'.

**Sharyn Curtis**  
Head of Senior Years

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# VCE AT PENINSULA GRAMMAR

The VCE Course Selection Handbook is produced for students of Peninsula Grammar who are entering Year 11 in 2019, Year 12 in 2020, and their parents. The handbook provides a complete listing of the VCE studies to be offered by the School and from which students are invited to build their program of study. The handbook is distributed in Term 2 to coincide with the VCE and Careers Expo.

The handbook draws on information published by the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority (VCAA). This includes information provided through specific subject study designs, the VCE Administrative Handbook.

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## THE VICTORIAN CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION

The Victorian Certificate of Education is, under normal circumstances, a two-year (four semester) program of study; the equivalent time frame of Years 11 and 12. Year 11 subjects are designated as Units 1 and 2 studies, whilst Year 12 subjects are designated as Units 3 and 4. At Peninsula Grammar, some students elect to undertake a Units 1 and 2 study in Year 10 and many students undertake a Units 3 and 4 study in Year 11.

Each VCE unit lasts for one semester or half-year, and represents approximately 100 hours of work, of which 50-60 hours is class time. 100 hours should be seen as a guide only and students seeking to achieve at a high level will need to commit further time.

To meet the graduation requirements of the VCE each continuing student must satisfactorily complete a total of no fewer than 16 units. There is no upper limit to the number of units a student can complete or the number of years a student may take to complete their VCE; most students will complete between 22-25 units of VCE study throughout their time in Years 10-12 at Peninsula Grammar. Credit can be sought for equivalent interstate and overseas studies.

Units 1 and 2 are designed to be taken by Year 11 students but they can be taken by students at either year level. They may be taken separately or in sequence.

Units 3 and 4 are designed to be taken by Year 12 students but they also can be taken by students at either year level. Units 3 and 4 must be taken as a sequence.



To complete the Victorian Certificate of Education students must satisfactorily complete a minimum of 16 units of study which include:

- a minimum of three units from the English group, with at
- least one unit at the Units 3 and 4 level.

At Peninsula Grammar students are required to undertake the following:

- Year 11: English 1 and 2 or Literature Unit 1 and 2 or English as an Additional Language 1 and 2
- Year 12: English 3 and 4, English as an Additional Language 3 and 4, or Literature 3 and 4:
- at least three other sequences of Units 3 and 4 studies that may include both English and Literature 3 and 4.

## NOTE

The Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC) advises that for the calculation of a student's Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank (ATAR), satisfactory completion of both Units 3 and 4 of an English sequence is required.

## THE VICTORIAN BACCALAUREATE

The Victorian Baccalaureate is an additional award recognising students who have undertaken a broad study plan. To be eligible for the award of the VCE (Baccalaureate), students must satisfactorily complete 16 units of VCE study and meet the following requirements:

- complete a Units 3 and 4 sequence from English or Literature or English Language with a minimum study score of 30 or English as an Additional Language (EAL) with a minimum study score of 33
- complete a Units 3 and 4 sequence in either Mathematics Methods or Specialist Mathematics
- complete a Units 3 and 4 sequence in a VCE Language.

Students meeting the requirements of the Victorian Baccalaureate will have this recorded on their senior secondary certificate indicating they have successfully completed the VCE and met the requirements of the Victorian Baccalaureate. There is no application process.

## INDUSTRY PATHWAY

The Industry Pathway is available within a VCE program of study. To meet the requirements of the Industry Pathway students must complete the Industry Pathway program and the VCE.

Students must complete studies from each of the following four groups:

- Vocational Education and Training
- Mathematics
- English
- Core Studies.

Industry Pathways are available in the following industries:

- Building and Construction
- Community Services and Health
- Manufacturing and Engineering
- Sport and Recreation.

Students meeting the requirements of the Industry Pathway will have this recorded on their senior secondary certificate indicating they have successfully completed the VCE and met the requirements of the Industry Pathway program.

Further information on Industry Pathways can be obtained from the Careers Department.

## SELECTING A VCE STUDY PROGRAM

Students will be asked to nominate a two-year VCE study program during Term 3 of their Year 10 studies. Prior to this, students will have had time to study the contents of this handbook and to have attended the VCE and Careers Expo and have completed their Morrisby Profile. A good deal of course explanation and consultation will also have taken place with the Careers Counsellor and others.

In selecting a study program for Years 11 and 12 at Peninsula Grammar students should:

- select studies in which they are interested and in which they have achieved well in the past
- consider whether they will undertake a Units 3 and 4 study at Year 11; many students continue the Units 1 and 2 study that they undertook in Year 10 by completing its corresponding Units 3 and 4 subject
- be aware that the VCE is a two-year study program and hence plan ahead for 2021
- be aware of any requirements for tertiary courses or careers in which the student is interested
- consider any limitations that might apply to prospective subject combinations (eg, studying three subjects from the Mathematics group)
- consider the recommendations of the School, the Careers' Counsellor, their parents and their teachers.

Whilst it is expected that these two-year study programs will be completed as accurately as possible, some students may need further advice regarding their courses, especially their choice of Units 3 and 4, at a later date. There is opportunity for students to alter their selected course in Term 4 and even at the commencement of 2020 provided that the changes can be accommodated in the timetable and there remains available places within the subject.

Trial grids are provided at the end of this handbook for students to begin to plan their VCE study program.

A common study program would consist of:

- Year 11: Five Unit 1 and 2 studies; one Unit 3 and 4 study; or Year 11: Six Units 1 and 2.
- Year 12: Five Unit 3 and 4 studies.

Students may undertake a Vocational Education and Training (VET) as part of their VCE program.

Six studies in Year 12 is a very heavy study program and is very rarely advised. Similarly, the undertaking of two Unit 3 and 4 studies in Year 11 is not advised as the workload, together with the student's four other subjects, can compromise a student's achievement.

Restrictions may be applicable to a student's desired study plan due to:

- timetable clashes
- timetable restrictions (particularly for students who request a change to their study program at the commencement of the new year)
- necessary class size limitations in some Units 3 and 4 subjects
- subject may not run due to insufficient numbers.

## ENTRY TO SUBJECTS

A student wishing to enrol in a VCE Units 1 and 2 subject at Year 10 at Peninsula Grammar is required to have achieved a minimum standard of a **B average** across their subjects in Year 9. Students that have not done so may make a formal application in writing should they wish to undertake a VCE Unit 1 and 2 study. This form is available from the Director of VCE Studies.

Entry to some Unit 3 and 4 subjects may be predicated upon the completion of the Units 1 and 2 study the year prior.

## TERTIARY SELECTION

VTAC (Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre) is the organisation which administers a joint selection system for undergraduate courses on behalf of the Victorian universities, TAFE colleges and some private colleges. VTAC does not select tertiary students; this is conducted by the tertiary institutions themselves. VTAC produces and distributes application materials including the annual Tertiary Entrance Requirements (VicTER) booklet which prescribes tertiary selection requirements two years in advance of the current year. This booklet summarises all institutional entrance requirements.

## AUSTRALIAN TERTIARY ADMISSION RANKING (ATAR)

The ATAR is developed for the purposes of tertiary selection. It is not a reflection of performance in individual studies, but of overall performance in all studies compared with all other VCE students. Approximately 50% of tertiary courses use the ATAR as the sole method of selection; the remaining courses use one or more criteria including interviews, folio, and additional forms.

The ATAR is calculated using:

- a student's study scores in their Units 3 and 4 subjects
- the scaling of these study scores to reflect the relative difficulty of students' differing study programs

- adding together the scaled study scores for each student to create their 'primary four'. An English study must be included in this primary four
- Ten percent of a student's fifth subject will then be added
- Ten percent of a student's sixth subject will also be added
- Total scores are then ranked across the state with the highest possible ATAR 99.95 indicating that the student achieved a tertiary score that placed them in the top 0.05% of the state.

## PREREQUISITE STUDIES

These are studies which must be satisfactorily completed before students can be considered for a particular tertiary course. Usually these studies must be completed at the Units 3 and 4 level, but sometimes they are required at the Units 1 and 2 level. Prerequisites can be listed as specific studies or as a range of studies from which students can choose. Some courses require a particular level of achievement in a prerequisite subject.

## SUBJECT RESTRICTIONS

Only one of English or English as an Additional Language (EAL) Units 3 and 4 may be used in the calculation of a student's ATAR. Similarly, only one of Chinese (First Language), Chinese (Second Language), or Chinese (Second Language Advanced) Units 3 and 4 may be used.

In each of the VTAC study areas:

- at most two subjects can contribute to a student's primary four subjects
- at most three results can contribute to the ATAR, be they VCE results, Higher Education study results, or VET results.

All questions regarding tertiary study, VTAC and the ATAR should be directed to the Careers Department.

## VTAC STUDY AREAS

### MATHEMATICS STUDIES

- Further Mathematics
- Mathematical Methods (CAS)
- Specialist Mathematics
- any Mathematics Higher Education study.

### ENGLISH STUDIES

- English
- English (EAL)
- Literature
- any English Higher Education study.

## VCE SUBJECTS 2020-2021

### PLEASE NOTE

**All subjects are offered subject to sufficient interest.**

### COMMON STUDY

English Units 1-4

Literature Units 1-4

English as an Additional Language (EAL) Units 1-4

Bridging English as an Additional Language Units 1-2 (to be taken together with EAL Units 1 and 2)

### VCE SUBJECTS

Accounting Units 1-4

Biology Units 1-4

Business Management Units 1-4

Chemistry Units 1-4

Computing Units 1-2

Computing: Informatics Units 3-4

Computing: Software Development Units 3-4

Drama Units 1-4

Economics Units 1-4

Food Studies 1-4

Geography Units 1-4

Health and Human Development Units 3-4

History: Twentieth Century History Units 1-2

History: Revolutions Units 3-4

Languages: Chinese First Language Units 1-4

Languages: Chinese (Second Language) Units 1-4 (*offered externally*)

Languages: Chinese (Second Language Advanced) Units 1-4 (*offered externally*)

Languages: French Units 1-4

Legal Studies Units 1-4

Mathematics: General Mathematics Units 1-2

Mathematics: Further Mathematics Units 3-4

Mathematics: Mathematical Methods Units 1-4

Mathematics: Specialist Mathematics Units 1-4

Media Units 3-4

Music Performance 1-4

Physical Education Units 1-4

Physics Units 1-4

Product Design and Technology Units 1-4

Psychology Units 1-4

Politics Units 1 & 2

Religion and Society Units 3-4

Studio Arts Units 1-4

Theatre Studies Units 1-4

Visual Communication and Design Units 1-4.

### VET SUBJECTS

See page 11.



# VCE - COMMON STUDY

## ENGLISH

At Peninsula Grammar the study of English branches at Years 11 and 12 into two subjects: English and Literature. The study of English or Literature is a compulsory component of a student's VCE program. Students thus are presented with three possible pathways:

### PATHWAYS OF STUDY FOR ENGLISH

Year 11		Year 12
English Units 1 and 2	➡	English Units 3 and 4
Literature Units 1 and 2	➡	English Units 3 and 4* or Literature Units 3 and 4
Literature Units 1 and 2	➡	English Units 3 and 4* and Literature Units 3 and 4
English and Literature	➡	English and / or Literature

*\* For this combination of units students will need to undertake some supplementary study with respect to assumed knowledge and skills for Area of Study 2, Analysing and Presenting Argument from Units 1 and 2.*

# MATHEMATICS

## RECOMMENDED PATHWAYS THROUGH VCE MATHEMATICS

The following flow chart represents the most popular combinations of units in VCE Mathematics offered at Peninsula Grammar:

Year 10		Year 11		Year 12
VCE Foundation Mathematics (1-2)				
Core Mathematics (Further)	➡	General Mathematics (1-2)	➡	Further Mathematics (3-4)*
Core Mathematics (Methods)	➡	Mathematics Methods (1-2)	➡	Mathematical Methods (3-4) and / or Further Mathematics (3-4)*
Core Mathematics (Methods)	➡	Mathematics Methods (1-2) and Specialist Mathematics (1-2)	➡	Mathematics Methods (3-4) and Specialist Mathematics (3-4) or Mathematical Methods (3-4) and / or Further Mathematics (3-4)* or Mathematical Methods (3-4)
Core Mathematics (Advanced)	➡	Mathematics Methods (1-2)	➡	Mathematical Methods (3-4) and / or Further Mathematics (3-4)*
Core Mathematics (Advanced)	➡	Mathematics Methods (1-2) and Specialist Mathematics (1-2)	➡	Mathematical Methods (3-4) and Specialist Mathematics (3-4) or Mathematical Methods (3-4) and / or Further Mathematics (3-4)* or Mathematical Methods (3-4)
Core Mathematics (Advanced)	➡	Mathematics Methods (1-2) and Further Mathematics (3-4)**	➡	Mathematical Methods (3-4)

Before students choose their Year 11 and 12 Mathematics subjects they should refer to The VTAC Guide which lists Mathematics pre-requisites for all tertiary courses offered.

Courses including combinations of mathematics subjects not listed above will need to be approved by the Head of Mathematics and Director of VCE Studies.

**\* For this combination of units students will need to undertake some supplementary study with respect to assumed knowledge and skills for Area of Study 1 for Further Mathematics Units 3 and 4.**

**\*\* By invitation only.**

# VCE STUDY DESIGNS 2020 - 2021

## BY DEPARTMENT AREA

### COMMERCE

The Commerce Department offers four subjects at VCE level, and these subjects are Business Management, Accounting, Economics and Legal Studies.

Accounting and Economics should be taken as a sequence of Units 1 to 4. While neither are prerequisites for entry to a tertiary course, it will prove beneficial to any student wishing to undertake a Commerce or Business qualification.

Business Management and Legal Studies can be undertaken as an accelerated study. It is not necessary to complete Units 1 and 2 to then complete Units 3 and 4.

#### ACCOUNTING

[http://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/Documents/vce/account/AccountingSD\\_2019.pdf](http://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/Documents/vce/account/AccountingSD_2019.pdf)

#### BUSINESS MANAGEMENT

<http://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/Documents/vce/busmngmnt/BusinessManagementSD-2017.pdf>

#### ECONOMICS

<http://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/Documents/vce/economics/EconomicsSD-2017.pdf>

#### LEGAL STUDIES

[http://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/Documents/vce/legalstudies/LegalSD\\_2018.pdf](http://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/Documents/vce/legalstudies/LegalSD_2018.pdf)

### SCIENCE

The Science Department offers four subjects at VCE Level. All of these subjects should be taken in sequence.

Biology or Psychology can be taken as an accelerated subject. It is not necessary to complete Units 1 and 2 to then complete Units 3 and 4.

Chemistry and/or Physics will often be prerequisites for tertiary courses such as Medicine and Engineering.

#### BIOLOGY

<http://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/Documents/vce/biology/BiologySD-2016.pdf>

#### CHEMISTRY

<http://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/Documents/vce/chemistry/ChemistrySD-2016.pdf>

#### PHYSICS

<http://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/Documents/vce/physics/PhysicsSD-2016.pdf>

#### PSYCHOLOGY

<http://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/Documents/vce/psychology/PsychologySD-2016.pdf>

## MATHEMATICS

There are a total of three Mathematics subjects offered at VCE level. Many tertiary courses require a level of Mathematics as a prerequisite. This may be Further Mathematics or Mathematical Methods. University course guides should be consulted when selecting a Mathematics course.

### ALL MATHEMATICS

<http://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/Documents/vce/mathematics/MathematicsSD-2016.pdf>

## DRAMA

The Drama Department offers three subjects at VCE level. Each of these is quite unique. Drama and Theatre Studies require both a written and performance examination. Media sees students produce a media product and complete a written examination.

### DRAMA

[http://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/Documents/vce/drama/DramaSD\\_2019.pdf](http://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/Documents/vce/drama/DramaSD_2019.pdf)

### MEDIA

[http://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/Documents/vce/media/MediaSD\\_2018.pdf](http://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/Documents/vce/media/MediaSD_2018.pdf)

### THEATRE STUDIES

[http://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/Documents/vce/theatre/TheatreStudiesSD\\_2019.pdf](http://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/Documents/vce/theatre/TheatreStudiesSD_2019.pdf)

## ART, DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGIES

The Art, Design and Technology Department offer four subjects at VCE level. Each of these subjects requires the completion of a folio to demonstrate the design process, a product to be made/produced and a written examination. Students wishing to pursue the visual arts at a tertiary level should complete at least one of these studies.

### PRODUCT DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY

[http://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/Documents/vce/technology/ProductDesignTechnology\\_SD\\_2018.pdf](http://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/Documents/vce/technology/ProductDesignTechnology_SD_2018.pdf)

### STUDIO ART

<http://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/Documents/vce/studioarts/StudioArtsSD-2017.pdf>

### VISUAL COMMUNICATION AND DESIGN

<http://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/Pages/vce/studies/visualcomm/vcommindex.aspx>

### FOOD STUDIES

[https://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/Documents/vce/foodstudies/FoodStudiesSD\\_2017.pdf](https://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/Documents/vce/foodstudies/FoodStudiesSD_2017.pdf)

## ENGLISH

English is the only compulsory study that all students are required to complete at VCE level.

Students may choose to complete English or Literature, or both.

International students will complete English as an Additional Language.

### ENGLISH/EAL

<http://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/Documents/vce/english/EnglishEAL-SD-2016.pdf>

### LITERATURE

<http://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/Documents/vce/literature/LiteratureSD-2016.pdf>

### BRIDGING EAL

<http://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/Documents/vce/BridgingEAL/BridgingEAL-SD-2016.pdf>

## HUMANITIES

Humanities offers three subjects at VCE level including Geography, History and Politics.

Geography can be accelerated.

It is not recommended that students accelerate in History or Politics due to the complexity of the studies in these subjects.

### GEOGRAPHY

[http://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/Documents/vce/geography/GeographySD\\_2016.pdf](http://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/Documents/vce/geography/GeographySD_2016.pdf)

### TWENTIETH CENTURY HISTORY UNIT 1 AND 2

<http://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/Documents/vce/history/HistorySD-2016.pdf>

### HISTORY: REVOLUTIONS UNIT 3 AND 4

<http://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/Documents/vce/history/HistorySD-2016.pdf>

### POLITICS UNIT 1 AND 2

[https://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/Documents/vce/politics/AustGlobalPoliticsSD\\_2018.pdf](https://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/Documents/vce/politics/AustGlobalPoliticsSD_2018.pdf)

## LANGUAGES

Chinese and French are offered as language studies at the VCE level. There are strict criteria for the entry to Chinese at VCE and applications need to be completed.

French should be completed in sequence with students having completed studies through the last 4 to 5 years.

### CHINESE - FIRST LANGUAGE

<http://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/Documents/vce/chinese1st/ChineseFLSD.pdf>

### CHINESE - SECOND LANGUAGE

[http://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/Documents/vce/chinese2nd/ChineseSLA\\_SD\\_2019.pdf](http://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/Documents/vce/chinese2nd/ChineseSLA_SD_2019.pdf)

### CHINESE - SECOND LANGUAGE ADVANCED

[http://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/Documents/vce/chinese2nd/ChineseSLA\\_SD\\_2019.pdf](http://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/Documents/vce/chinese2nd/ChineseSLA_SD_2019.pdf)

### FRENCH

[http://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/Documents/vce/french/FrenchSD\\_2019.pdf](http://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/Documents/vce/french/FrenchSD_2019.pdf)

## PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Physical Education offers two studies in Physical Education and Health and Human Development. Health and Human Development is only offered as a Unit 3 and 4 Study and can be accelerated.

Physical Education can be accelerated.

### HEALTH AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

<http://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/Documents/vce/hhd/HealthHumDevSD-2018.pdf>

### PHYSICAL EDUCATION

[http://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/Documents/vce/physicaledu/PhysicalEducationSD\\_2017.pdf](http://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/Documents/vce/physicaledu/PhysicalEducationSD_2017.pdf)

## COMPUTING

The Information Technology Department offers both Informatics and Software Development - Computing.

It is recommended that these subjects are completed independently to allow students to maximise their outcomes.

### INFORMATICS AND SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT

<https://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/curriculum/vce/vce-study-designs/computing/Pages/Index.aspx>

## MUSIC

Music Performance should only be undertaken by students who are proficient in an instrument, including voice and are undertaking lessons.

Students will be required to complete both a written and performance examination.

### MUSIC PERFORMANCE

<http://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/Documents/vce/music/MusicSD-2017.pdf>

# VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING (VET)

Starting VET at school can give you a head start on joining the workforce with a qualification directly linked to an employment.

90% of new jobs will require post-school education.

VET students are ready for the changes in technology and globalisation as industry and Government work together to provide the skills and knowledge that employers need now and in the future.

VCE Vocational Education and Training (VET) programs are designed to broaden the range of options available to the growing and increasingly diverse senior secondary school population.

The provision of VCE VET programs enables students to undertake the nationally recognised and accredited senior secondary program (VCE).

VCE VET programs enable students to complete approved VET studies as part of the VCE and some courses can contribute to the award of VCE programs.

These programs are designed to:

- create pathways to over 500 careers
- provide a nationally-recognised qualification
- motivate and engage applied learners
- expand opportunities and pathways for senior secondary students
- link students to industry and training providers
- students become more employer-ready to meet industry needs
- VET can strengthen your education by giving you the opportunity to gain practical skills and knowledge that complement your VCE studies.

## WHO SHOULD CONSIDER A VCE VET COURSE?

Students who have a strong interest or a clear pathway in one of the many areas covered by a VET study.

## VET STUDIES

The range of VET Studies is constantly expanding. Those currently available include:

- |                                                               |                                              |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| - Agriculture, Horticulture, Conservation and Land Management | - Electrical Industry                        |
| - Animal Studies                                              | - Engineering*                               |
| - Applied Fashion Design and Technology                       | - Equine Studies*                            |
| - Applied Language                                            | - Furnishing*                                |
| - Automotive                                                  | - Hair and Beauty                            |
| - Building and Construction                                   | - Health*                                    |
| - Business*                                                   | - Hospitality*                               |
| - Cisco                                                       | - Information, Digital Media and Technology* |
| - Civil Infrastructure                                        | - Integrated Technologies*                   |
| - Community Services*                                         | - Laboratory Skills*                         |
| - Creative and Digital Media*                                 | - Music Industry*                            |
| - Dance*                                                      | - Plumbing                                   |
|                                                               | - Small Business                             |
|                                                               | - Sport and Recreation*.                     |

### List subject to change

Those studies marked with an asterisk receive a scored assessment i.e. there is an examination and a study score as for any other VCE subject which contributes to ATAR.

Other studies receive an increment and will count as a fifth or sixth subject in the calculation of the ATAR. This is calculated as 10% of the average score of the primary four subjects used in calculating the ATAR.

# VCE SUBJECT SELECTION

## 2020 - 2021

YEAR 11	YEAR 12
<b>SCIENCE</b>	
Unit 3 and 4 Biology Unit 3 and 4 Psychology Unit 1 and 2 Biology Unit 1 and 2 Psychology Unit 1 and 2 Chemistry Unit 1 and 2 Physics	Unit 3 and 4 Biology Unit 3 and 4 Psychology Unit 3 and 4 Chemistry Unit 3 and 4 Physics
<b>ART, DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY</b>	
Unit 1 and 2 Product, Design and Technology Unit 1 and 2 Studio Arts Unit 1 and 2 Visual Communication and Design Unit 1 and 2 Food Studies	Unit 3 and 4 Product, Design and Technology Unit 3 and 4 Studio Arts Unit 3 and 4 Visual Communication and Design Unit 3 and 4 Food Studies
<b>ENGLISH</b>	
Unit 1 and 2 English Unit 1 and 2 English as an Additional Language Unit 1 and 2 Bridging English as an Additional Language Unit 1 and 2 Literature	Unit 3 and 4 English Unit 3 and 4 English as an Additional Language  Unit 3 and 4 Literature
<b>MATHEMATICS</b>	
Unit 1 and 2 General Mathematics Unit 1 and 2 Mathematics Methods Unit 1 and 2 Specialist Mathematics Unit 3 and 4 Further Mathematics ( <i>selected students</i> )	Unit 3 and 4 Further Mathematics Unit 3 and 4 Mathematics Methods Unit 3 and 4 Specialist Mathematics
<b>COMMERCE</b>	
Unit 3 and 4 Business Management Unit 3 and 4 Legal Studies Unit 1 and 2 Accounting Unit 1 and 2 Business Management Unit 1 and 2 Economics Unit 1 and 2 Legal Studies	Unit 3 and 4 Accounting Unit 3 and 4 Business Management Unit 3 and 4 Economics Unit 3 and 4 Legal Studies
<b>COMPUTING</b>	
Unit 1 and 2 Computing Unit 3 and 4 Informatics	Unit 3 and 4 Software Development Unit 3 and 4 Informatics



YEAR 11	YEAR 12
<b>HEALTH AND PE</b>	
Unit 3 and 4 Health and Human Development Unit 1 and 2 Physical Education	Unit 3 and 4 Health and Human Development Unit 3 and 4 Physical Education
<b>HUMANITIES</b>	
Unit 1 and 2 Geography Unit 1 and 2 Twentieth Century History Unit 3 and 4 Geography Unit 1 and 2 Politics	Unit 3 and 4 Geography Unit 3 and 4 History (Revolutions)
<b>MUSIC</b>	
Unit 1 and 2 Music Performance	Unit 3 and 4 Music Performance
<b>DRAMA</b>	
Unit 1 and 2 Drama Unit 1 and 2 Theatre Studies Unit 3 and 4 Media	Unit 3 and 4 Drama Unit 3 and 4 Theatre Studies Unit 3 and 4 Media
<b>LANGUAGES</b>	
Unit 1 and 2 French Unit 1 and 2 Chinese - First Language Unit 1 and 2 Chinese - Second Language *	Unit 3 and 4 French Unit 3 and 4 Chinese - First Language Unit 3 and 4 Chinese - Second Language * Unit 3 and 4 Chinese - Second Language Advanced *

\* Offered externally through VSL

# PRACTICE GRIDS FOR COURSE SELECTION

These tables can be used to plan a study program for Years 11 and 12. To begin, enter the Mathematics, Science and elective subjects studied in Year 10.

## VCE TRIAL GRID 1

YEAR 10 STUDY PROGRAM			YEAR 11 STUDY PROGRAM		YEAR 12 STUDY PROGRAM	
1	English	1		1		
2	History / Geography	2		2		
3	Mathematics	3		3		
4	Science	4		4		
5	Physical Education	5		5		
6	Ethics	6				
7	Inspiring Me					
8	Elective 1 / Elective 2					

## VCE TRIAL GRID 2

YEAR 10 STUDY PROGRAM			YEAR 11 STUDY PROGRAM		YEAR 12 STUDY PROGRAM	
1	English	1		1		
2	History / Geography	2		2		
3	Mathematics	3		3		
4	Science:	4		4		
5	Physical Education	5		5		
6	Ethics	6				
7	Elective 1					
8	Elective 2					

## VCE TRIAL GRID 3

YEAR 10 STUDY PROGRAM			YEAR 11 STUDY PROGRAM		YEAR 12 STUDY PROGRAM	
1	English	1		1		
2	History / Geography	2		2		
3	Mathematics	3		3		
4	Science:	4		4		
5	Physical Education	5		5		
6	Ethics	6				
7	Elective 1					
8	Elective 2					

# A GLOSSARY OF VCE TERMS

The following glossary, listed alphabetically, is provided to assist in an understanding of the VCE. At the beginning of Year 11, students will be provided with a VCE Handbook, explaining important rules and other VCE arrangements.

## AUSTRALIAN TERTIARY ADMISSIONS RANKING (ATAR)

The ATAR is an overall percentile ranking reflecting the comparative performance of a student against all students in the given year. The highest rank therefore is 99.95%, and will be expressed to two decimal points. An ATAR will be issued to students who have accumulated a minimum of four normalised global scores, including a score for English or EAL, and who are completing at least one VCE study in the current year. Students will receive an advice letter containing their ATAR from VTAC at the same time that they receive their Study Scores from the VCAA.

## COURSEWORK ASSESSMENT

This assesses how you have performed in the nominated assessment tasks specified in the Study Design. These tasks must be done mainly in class time.

## GENERAL ACHIEVEMENT TEST (GAT)

Tests which measure the level of general achievement students have accomplished across three broad areas:

- Written Communication
- Mathematics, Science, Technology
- Humanities, Arts, Studies of Society and the Environment.

The GAT forms part of the assessment process for VCE School-assessed Tasks in Units 3 and 4 studies. The GAT is held in mid-June.

## LEARNING OUTCOMES

Descriptions of the knowledge and skills you should have by the time you have completed a unit.

## SCHOOL-ASSESSED TASKS

These type of tasks will be the same for every school. However, the exact content of the tasks will be decided by the school to match what has been taught.

## SEMESTER

Equivalent to half a school year.

## SEQUENCE OF UNITS

Most Studies have been designed as a sequence of four units, to be taken in each semester over two years.

## STATEMENT OF RESULTS

A cumulative statement of results will be issued by the VCAA at the end of each year to all students enrolled in the VCE.

Results of Units 1 and 2 Studies will be reported on the statement as S (satisfactory) or N (not satisfactory). Peninsula Grammar will use a ten point scale to report on levels of achievement in these units.

Results of Units 3 and 4 Studies will also be reported as S (satisfactory) or N (not satisfactory) and, in addition, grades (A+ - E) will be reported for each Graded Assessment Task undertaken. These grades will be based on definitions of levels of performance.

## STUDENT PROGRAMS

A Student Program is the overall program of studies undertaken by a student during the two-year VCE. The program for full-time continuing students at Peninsula Grammar will normally include 22 units taken over four semesters.

## STUDENT RECORD

A school-generated summary record of prizes, positions of responsibility and cocurricular involvements in the senior years.

## STUDY

A sequence of half-year units in a particular curriculum area, for example English, Mathematics, Chinese.

## STUDY DESIGN

The Study Design describes the units available within the Study and prescribes the objectives, areas of study, work requirements and assessment tasks.

## UNIT

A semester-length component of a Study, representing about 100 hours of work, of which about 50-60 hours are class time.

## UNITS 1 AND 2 STUDIES

Units within a VCE Study designed to approximate the Year 11 level of difficulty.

## UNITS 3 AND 4 STUDIES

Units within a VCE Study designed to approximate the Year 12 level of difficulty.

## VCAA

The Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority - responsible for curriculum, assessment and certification at Year 11 and 12 levels in Victoria.

## VCE

The Victorian Certificate of Education Study Areas are developed by eight Key Learning Area Committees: the Arts, English, Health and Physical Education, Languages other than English, Mathematics, Science, Studies of Society and the Environment, Technology.

## VTAC

The Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre - the body which administers a joint selection system on behalf of Victorian institutes of higher education.



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