



ALEXANDRA SECONDARY COLLEGE

Year 11 - 2024
Course Information

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Pathway Options

Two main educational pathways:

- VCE (Victorian Certificate of Education)
- VCE (Vocational Major).

- They are BOTH two-year certificates.



VCE Certificate

VCE

1. English 1,2
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.

VCE Vocational Major

1. Vocational Major 1,2
2. Literacy 1,2 or English 1,2
3. Foundation Maths 1,2 or General
4. A VET subject.
- 5.
- 6.



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Why Finish School?

- Completing Year 12 sets you up for lifelong learning.
- It helps you prepare for the opportunities of career changes throughout your life.
- Higher levels of education tend to lead to higher paying jobs.
- Minimum age of 17 to be approved to leave school.



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Education for Future Success

- Nearly 80% of students leaving Year 12 go on to further study at TAFE or university immediately from school.
- More will enrol to study in subsequent years.
- It is projected that more than 9 in 10 jobs will require post-school qualifications – university or TAFE.



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VCE - An overview

- **VCE = Victorian Certificate of Education**
- **Every unit studied is a semester unit (half year)**
- **Typically, Units 1 & 2 in Year 11, and Units 3 & 4 in Year 12**



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VCE - An overview

- **Some Year 11 students do one Unit 3, 4 study in Year 11.**
- **Undertaking VCE keeps every educational pathway open – University, TAFE, Apprenticeships, Traineeships and Employment**



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Passing VCE

Successfully complete 16 units of study which must include :

- 3 units of English
- 3 sequences of Units 3 & 4 subjects (Year 12 subjects)

On passing VCE, you will receive an ATAR score (Australian Tertiary Admissions Ranking).

Universities use the ATAR to help determine entry into their courses.

Other courses may require presentation of a folio, an interview, audition or a profile form.

VCE and VET Year 11 Subjects by Learning Area and Year 12 Accelerated Subjects



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ENGLISH	MATHEMATICS	PHYSICAL EDUCATION	SCIENCE	ARTS	TECHNOLOGY	HUMANITIES
English 1,2	Math Methods 1,2	Physical Education	Biology 1,2	Art Making Exhibiting 1,2	VET Hospitality	Business Manag. 1,2
Literature 1,2	General Maths 1,2	VET Sport & Rec 1,2	Chemistry 1,2	Visual Comm 1,2	VET Auto 1,2	Legal Studies 1,2
	Foundation Maths 1,2	Health and Hum Dev 1,2	Physics 1,2	Theatre Studies 1,2	VET Construction	Geography 1,2
			Psychology 1,2	Music 1,2		History 1,2
	General Maths 3,4	Health & Hum Dev 3,4	Biology 3,4	Art Making, Exhibiting 3,4	VET Hospitality	Business Studies 3,4
			Psychology 3,4	Visual Comm 3,4	VET Auto 3,4	Legal Studies 3,4
					VET Construction	

Year 12 Accelerated subjects – specific to your year level's acceleration in 2023



A Sample VCE Course

This student is looking to study Science or Engineering at University.

Year 11	English 1 & 2	Math Methods 1 & 2	Physics 1 & 2	Chemistry 1 & 2	Biology 3 & 4	Physical Education 1 & 2
Year 12	English 3 & 4	Math Methods 3 & 4	Physics 3 & 4	Chemistry 3 & 4		Physical Education 3 & 4



A Sample VCE Course

This student is looking to study Graphics at University or TAFE.

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Year 11	English 1 & 2	General Mathematics 1 & 2	Art Making and Exhibiting 1 & 2	Visual Communication 1 & 2	Health & Human Dev 3 & 4	Theatre Studies 1 & 2
Year 12	English 3 & 4	General Mathematics 3 & 4	Art Making and Exhibiting 3 & 4	Visual Communication 3 & 4		Theatre Studies 3 & 4



A Sample VCE Course

This student is looking to study Building and Construction at TAFE or get an apprenticeship

Year 11	English 1 & 2	General Mathematics 1 & 2	VET Auto Year 2	Business Management 1 & 2	VET Construction Year 1	Physical Education 12
Year 12	English 3 & 4	General Mathematics 3 & 4		Business Management 34	VET Construction Year 2	Physical Education 34



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VCE Vocational Major - an overview

- A two-year certificate.
- Can comprise of a mix of VET and VCE subjects.
- Compulsory subjects: Literacy, Mathematics, Vocational Major subject including Work-related skills and Personal development skills, and at least one VET subject.
- One day of work placement per week.
- Achieved through journals, projects, workplace reports, logbooks, certificates, assignments.
- No ATAR score.



- Opportunity to do a School-based apprenticeship. You must see Philip S before end of August.
- Works best for students who have an idea of an industry they would like to study.
- For your Workplace learning: start to develop of a list of potential employers. There is a maximum of 20 weeks with one employer (minimum of 4 over the 2 years).
- Gain credit from your Work Placement.



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Vocational Major - an overview

- Workplace skills unit: How to conduct yourself in the workplace, OHS, interviews, resumes, the employer's perspective.
- Personal Development skills unit: strengths, identifying areas for improvement, working with community groups and local employers e.g. Embassy of Ideas, composting project, local cafes.



A Sample Vocational Major Course

This student is looking at an apprenticeship as a mechanic.

Year 11	Vocational Literacy 1,2	Foundation Mathematics 1,2	Vocational Major	VET Auto Year 1	VET Construction Year 2	Business Studies 1,2
Year 12	Vocational Literacy 3,4	Foundation Mathematics 3,4	Vocational Major	VET Auto Year 2		Business Studies 3,4



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A Sample Vocational Major Course

Year 11	Vocational Literacy 1,2	General Mathematics 1,2	Vocational Major 1,2	VET Hospitality Year 1	VCE Psychology 1,2	VET Auto Year 2
Year 12	Vocational Literacy 3,4	General Mathematics 3,4	Vocational Major 3,4	VET Hospitality Year 2	VCE Psychology 3,4	



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Choosing your Senior School Course

What skills do each of the subjects on offer give you?

- Communication – written and verbal
- Working in a team
- Researching / Problem-solving / Analysing
- Writing skills – proposals/grants/ financial reports
- Organisational skills
- Negotiation
- Critical thinking
- Creativity



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- What are your strengths?
- What do you enjoy?
- Keep your options open.
- Select what suits you – not your friends.
- Do future courses have pre-requisites?
- Do you need a folio of work to present at an interview for a job/Uni?
- Be realistic about your skills.



Year 11 – 2024

I am interested in VCE

Brainstorm a 2-year plan. Write in at least 6 subjects you are interested in from your chats today for Year 11. If you are studying a Year 11 subject this year and will continue it next year, then write this in the end box on the right. E.g. Legal 34

Remember: Six subjects in Year 11 and five subjects in Year 12.

My VCE Pathway ideas:

Year 11 2024	English 1,2 Compulsory					
Year 12 2025	English 3,4 Compulsory					

I am interested in VCE Vocational Major

Fill in the table below – with at least one VET subject. If you are going to do the 2nd year of your current VET subject, then it is advised that you select another VET as well. Then pick another 2 subjects.

Year 11 2024 6 subjects	Vocational Major subject: Work skills and Personal development Compulsory	English: Vocational Literacy 1,2 Or VCE English 1,2	Maths: General 1,2 Or Foundation 1,2	A VET subject:	Elective:	Elective:
Year 12 2025 5 subjects	Vocational Major subject: Work skills and Personal development Compulsory	English: Vocational Literacy 1,2 Or VCE English 1,2	Maths: General 3,4 Or Foundation 3,4	VET:		

Notes: Subjects I still need to look into / teachers I need to speak to for advice...



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Completing your online Selection Form

You will receive a **web-code** in the next couple of weeks which you will use to do your selections online.

To prepare for submitting your course, use this sheet today and over our selection period to write down your ideas for your selections.

- Select your VCE pathway: Either VCE or VCE Vocational Major.

If VCE:

- In the drop-down box, select **English 1,2** (compulsory).

Now select 5 more subjects in order of preference (1 being your most preferred). If you have accelerated this year then make sure you put down your Unit 3,4 subject.

- In the **Reserve Preference drop down box** you must select two more subjects. These are just in case you have a clash of subjects, or a subject is not running.

If VCE Vocational Major:

- In the dropdown box select the subject **Vocational Major 1,2** (compulsory).
- Select your **English** (Literacy or VCE English).
- Select your **Mathematics** (General or Foundation)
- Select a **VET** subject.
- Select, in order of preference, **two more subjects** – these can be a VCE or VET subject.
- In the **Reserve** Preference drop down box, select ONE more preference. This is in case you have a clash of subjects, or a subject does not run.

You will submit your course preferences online by hitting the SUBMIT button. It will then give you the instruction to PRINT a copy and get your Parent/Guardian signature. You need to hand this form in to the Office.



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Where to From Here?

- Listen carefully and ask questions.
- Speak to teachers.
- Talk to employers.
- Check university / TAFE courses and their requirements.
- Speak with Philip Stevenson (Careers coord) about your pathway
- www.myfuture.edu.au to research wages, hours per week, employment opportunities, areas of growth.
- Attend Open Days at Universities/ TAFEs – from August.



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“If opportunity
doesn’t knock,
build a door.”

Milton Berle

