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# Victorian Certificate of Education

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The Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) was designed as a two-year program of study to be undertaken by students in Years 11 and 12. In many schools in Victoria, Year 10 students have the option of completing some VCE studies.

Each school year is divided into two semesters and students are required to study semester based units of work. Therefore, two units are equivalent to one year long subject.

VCE units have been designed by the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority (VCAA). All VCE units taken at Years 10, 11 and 12 are recorded on the VCE Certificate. The units offered at the Year 10 and Year 11 levels will generally be Units 1 and 2 in each subject. In Year 12 students will study Units 3 and 4 of their chosen subjects. Only Units 3 and 4 are used in the calculation of the Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank or ATAR.

Students should refer to the Course Code section of this book for a complete list of the College's VCE program offerings, and note the following:

- It may not be possible for the College to run a class that is listed as offered if student numbers are too low.
- Courses are reviewed regularly by the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority, and details may change from time to time. Information contained in this booklet is correct at the time of publication.

## YEAR 11

In Year 11 all students are expected to undertake six studies (12 units) and a Religious study.

Students must choose a minimum of one from the following three English courses:

- English Language Units 1 and 2
- Literature Units 1 and 2
- English Units 1 and 2

Students who have undertaken English Language or Literature at either Units 1 or 2 level whilst in Year 10 may wish to pursue these studies at Units 3 and 4 level whilst in Year 11 (if they meet the requirements for this).

Religion and Society Unit 1 or Unit 2 or Texts and Traditions Unit 1 will be undertaken by all Year 11 students as part of the College's Religious Studies requirement.

## YEAR 12

In Year 12, students are expected to undertake five studies (10 units). Some students may choose to do six Units 3 and 4 studies. Five studies would be undertaken in Year 12, and one in Year 11. Thus, it is important to plan at least a two year program. Students who select a Unit 3 and 4 study at Year 11 will also be required to complete five studies in Year 12. It is expected that a similar range of subjects will be offered each year, although the College is unable to guarantee that a subject will continue if student numbers drop to an unviable level.

## SATISFACTORY COMPLETION OF THE VCE

In order to satisfactorily complete the VCE a student must satisfactorily complete the equivalent of sixteen units. These sixteen units must include:

- At least three in English, and
- Three sequences of Units 3 and 4 studies other than English

The three units of English may be selected from VCE English/English as an Additional Language Units 1 to 4; English Language Units 3 and 4; or Literature Units 3 and 4.

The sixteen units may include an unlimited number of units of Vocational Education and Training (VET).