
VCE UNITS INFORMATION

VCE PSYCHOLOGY UNITS 3 AND 4 CONTINUED

OUTCOMES

Unit 3

- Students should be able to explain how the structure and function of the human nervous system enables a person to interact with the external world and analyse the different ways in which stress can affect nervous system functioning
- Students should be able to apply biological and psychological explanations for how new information can be learnt and stored in memory, and provide biological, psychological and social explanations of a person's inability to remember information

Unit 4

- Students should be able to explain consciousness as a continuum, compare theories about the purpose and nature of sleep, and elaborate on the effects of sleep disruption on a person's functioning
- Students should be able to explain the concepts of mental health and mental illness including influences of risk and protective factors, apply a biopsychological approach to explain the development and management of specific phobia, and explain the psychological basis of strategies that contribute to mental wellbeing
- Students should be able to design and undertake a practical investigation related to mental processes and psychological functioning, and present methodologies, findings and conclusions in a scientific poster

ASSESSMENT

- Unit 3 School Assessed Coursework comprises 16% of the study score
- Unit 4 School Assessed Coursework comprises 24% of the study score
- End of year examination comprises 60% of the study score