

VCE Pathways

(Years 10-12)



INFORMATION SHEET

The Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) is a two-year qualification that is typically taken over the two final years of secondary education.

The VCE offers a diverse range of subjects across various disciplines, providing flexibility and opportunities for students to pursue their interests and strengths.

Students receive study scores for each subject, which then contributes to their overall VCE ATAR (Australian Tertiary Admission Rank). The VCE certificate is designed to prepare students for further tertiary study.

VCE Structure

- The VCE certificate, requires students to satisfactorily complete at least sixteen (16) of the units which they have studied.
- At least three (3) of these units must be either English or Literature, including a Unit 3-4 sequence and at least three (3) additional Unit 3-4 sequences.
- VCE VET Units may be included in the VCE Certificate providing the student has met the minimum of sixteen (16) units.
- Students may apply to undertake one (1) VCE subject in Year 10. This is subject to the student demonstrating the required maturity and academic rigour across their studies in Year 9.
- Units 3 and 4 of all studies must be undertaken as a sequence in the academic year. A student may not enrol in Unit 4 only.
- All students doing a Unit 3-4 sequence are required to sit the GAT (General Achievement Test).
- VCE students may also have the option of completing a VET course as part of their VCE Certificate.

Selecting a VCE Program

Students are advised to select studies that they:

- enjoy, as these are generally the areas where the most success is met.
- achieve well in, as success is generally a positive motivating factor.
- require, as prerequisites for entry into future study.
- maintain and develop their special skills and talents.

Many Universities and TAFEs require students to complete specific VCE subjects as a prerequisite, so the decisions regarding subject selection are made in consultation with the Careers Coordinator.

Students at Year 11 undertake six (6) VCE subjects (Units 1 and 2). Alternatively they commence five (5) subjects and continue to complete their Year 10 Unit 1/2 subject at Unit 3/4 level if they choose to accelerate in Year 10.

Year 12 students then complete five (5) consecutive Unit 3/4 subjects. Although one of these subjects can include a Unit 3/4 undertaken at Year 11, students are encouraged to complete a sixth subject in Year 12 to increase the likelihood of a higher ATAR. This is not compulsory though.

VCE subject list offered:

- Art Making and Exhibiting
- Biology
- Business Management
- Chemistry
- English
- Health and Human Development
- History
- Legal Studies
- Literature
- Mathematics: Maths Methods
- Mathematics: Specialist Maths
- Mathematics: General Maths
- Media
- Outdoor and Environmental Studies
- Physical Education
- Physics
- Product Design Technology
- Psychology
- Visual Communication Design
- VET - Agriculture Year
- VET - Kitchen Operations

Although Bayside Christian College offers a diverse range of subjects, there may be occasions when a subject is not available. Students may apply to study alternate VCE Subjects via Distance Education.

Curriculum

All subjects are taught from a Biblical perspective, which helps students to discern, evaluate and confront issues within each study using God-given principles derived from Scripture.

Bayside utilises internal and external support programs for academic, emotional and spiritual development including:

- Daily Home Group
- Community Group
- Lunchtime homework club
- The THRIVE program each Monday after school
- Elevate Education with guest speakers
- Edrolo, an online tutoring and exam practice program
- External exam lecture programs
- Internal subject study days during Term 3 holidays
- Formal practice exams during Term 3 holidays
- Mentoring program between staff and Year 11-12 students

Academic ability and aptitude are not the sole keys to success in Secondary studies. Success will be gained through commitment to complete all set outcomes aided by application to home study.

Students are encouraged to consider their extra-curricular activities during Secondary school, such as work and sport, to ensure this is well balanced with study time.

Interschool Sport

Interschool sport is offered through Southern Independent Schools (SIS) to all Year 11 and 12 students. Tournaments involve a variety of seasonal sports, as well as interschool competitions in swimming, cross country and athletics. All students have the opportunity to try out for teams, with the majority of students competing in interschool sport in some capacity throughout the year. Tournament competitions are held on Thursday afternoon's during study periods for Year 11 and 12 students.

Camps & Excursions

Bayside students take part in Year level camps and subject excursions to enhance their learning. As camp activities contribute to the student's overall development and are an integral part of the school curriculum, attendance is compulsory for all students.

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