

CATHOLIC COLLEGE SALE



Curriculum
HANDBOOK
2022

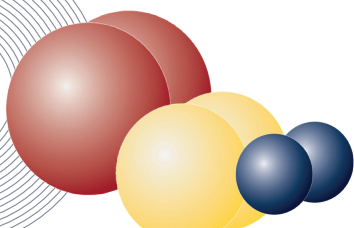


VISION STATEMENT

"I am strong of mind, gentle of heart and loved by God. Inspired by the life and message of Jesus and the example of Mary, I live with courage, simplicity and hope. I belong to a faith and learning community where I am known, cared for and valued.

I will live this by welcoming and accepting the diversity in others, building relationships and making a difference in a complex and changing world. I will be open to learning opportunities that will enrich and enhance my personal journey. I will value and care for the environment, serve the marginalised and positively contribute to my community.

I will strive to be genuine, honest and will embrace the challenge of achieving my full potential."





WELCOME

Welcome to the Catholic College Sale Curriculum Handbook for 2022.

Our College theme is 'Every Student, Every Day'. How do we interact with each other to ensure the opportunity to grow and develop within our spiritual life, academic life and social interaction?

The Curriculum Handbook has been designed to assist students, with the support of their families, to select a pathway and subjects that will support them to achieve success and assist them in their transition from school to future growth.

When making course selections evidence suggests that students should choose subjects that:

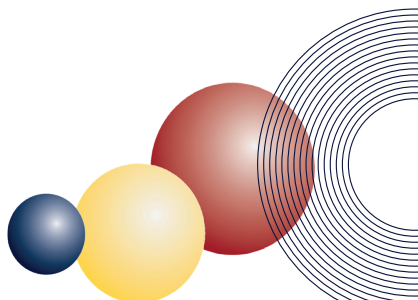
- Enable them to work to their strengths;
- Are challenging;
- They enjoy studying;
- Provide the qualifications or background knowledge they need for the future;
- Offer a range that is manageable e.g. a balance between theoretical and practical.

It takes quite a deal of self-awareness and honest self-evaluation to choose subjects that support success. Research however, indicates that students are more likely to choose subjects because of peer pressure or parental pressure rather than knowledge of their own strengths and goals. It is therefore important for students to seek advice and support from a variety of sources. The Pathways Expo in Term 3 will give students an excellent opportunity to gain knowledge about our multiple pathways and talk to individual subject teachers, post-secondary course providers and potential employers. However, the support does not begin or end at the Pathways Expo. Assistance and advice can be sought at any time by contacting the College directly.

The combination of a supportive, faith-filled environment and a challenging and varied curriculum builds the foundations for students to appreciate and value learning as a lifelong process. We are committed to each individual student.

Chris Randell
Principal

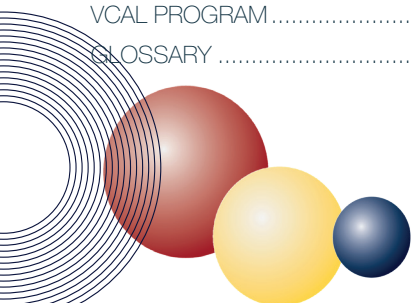
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CURRICULUM

Catholic College Sale strives for the growth of knowledge and skills for all students. Our curriculum is designed to offer a personalised learning journey to support any chosen destination. There are a broad range of subjects and certificates available to enhance options. The curriculum at Years 7 to 9 lays the foundation of learning and exposes students to new experiences. This is intended to help students identify specific areas of interest whilst nurturing talents. Our senior school curriculum starts at Year 10 where students are given the option to complete VCE Units 1 and 2 or Year 1 of VETiS courses. This extends to Year 11 where students can complete VCE Units 3 and 4 or the second year of VETiS courses. Students who are more hands on learners may choose to embark on our Applied Learning Pathway, which can lead straight into the workforce, to apprenticeships or to further TAFE study. VCE students wishing to go on to university will be endeavouring to maximise their study score to increase post secondary course options.



THE VICTORIAN CURRICULUM

The Victorian Curriculum sets out the core knowledge, understanding, skills and general capabilities important for all students as a foundation for their future learning and to become active and informed citizens. It incorporates the Australian Curriculum and reflects Victorian priorities and standards. The Victorian Curriculum sets out a single, coherent and comprehensive set of content descriptions and associated achievement standards to enable teachers to plan, monitor, assess and report on the learning achievement of every student.



HOMEWORK/STUDY

Homework and study are integral parts of a student's education. Through regular homework and study, a student is able to develop study habits and skills that are essential for intellectual growth and academic achievement.

Remember, homework is set for the purposes of PRACTICE, PREPARATION and/or EXTENSION. Homework can include:

- Daily revision of lessons, which can be done by writing three key points about concepts learnt in classes each day into a revision notebook;
- Ongoing revision and study for assessments such as tests and SACs;
- Work set by teachers to be done overnight or by a set date;
- Assignments.

Sustained Silent Study is available for Year 12 students once a week in the Ratisbonne Centre from 3.45pm to 7.00pm (15 minute break included). This supervised study is strongly recommended for all Year 12 students to assist in developing concentration and in preparation for exam conditions.

The Ratisbonne Centre is open as a supervised study space for senior students Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 8.30am to 6.00pm and Friday 8.30am to 4.30pm

The Notre Dame de Sion (Library) hosts Homework Help during the following times - Monday to Friday 3.15pm to 4.30pm.

Further study opportunities will be advertised throughout the year.

HOMework RECOMMENDATIONS

YEAR LEVEL	SUGGESTED TIMES PER NIGHT	SUGGESTED TIMES PER WEEK
Year 7	1 hour	2 - 6 hours
Year 8	1.5 hours	3 - 7 hours
Year 9	2 hours	5 - 9 hours
Year 10	2 hours	5 - 12 hours
Victorian Certificate of Education (Units 1/2)	3 hours	Minimum of 1 - 3 hours per weeknight, up to 6 hours on weekends with this time to be increased as exams approach.
Victorian Certificate of Education (Units 3/4)	4 hours	Minimum of 3 - 4 hours per weeknight, up to 6 hours on weekends with this time to be increased as exams approach.
Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning		Due to the applied nature of this qualification, homework is task and student specific.



CATCH-UP

Catch-up consists of daily sessions for students who have not submitted work by the due date, or who have not submitted work to the required standard. Catch-up is compulsory and the scheduled sessions will be confirmed at the beginning of the year. Please see below for a breakdown of the Catch-up process. Students have a two week cycle to complete the required work. If students receive a high percentage of Ns in subjects, an Academic Review Meeting will be called.

CATCH-UP PROCESS

Normal classroom protocols for failure to submit an assessment task are followed by the classroom teacher, including contact made with home.

Student is advised and placed on Catch-up.
Letter emailed home to parents via PAM.

Student attends Catch-up and completes work

FAILURE TO ATTEND CATCH-UP AND COMPLETE TASK

Student fails to attend Catch-up.

SMS sent to parents/guardians.

If the task is not completed at the end of the Catch-up sessions, the student receives an N for the assessment task.

REPORTING

Students in all Victorian schools must have a written report twice a year. Comprehensive written reports are available to parents/guardians at the end of each semester. Continual reporting is available through the Parent Access Module (PAM), enabling both students and parents to engage in frequent feedback regarding assessment. We strongly encourage parents and students to check PAM regularly to monitor student progress.

PARENT STUDENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

All parents are encouraged to make a Parent Student Teacher interview time via PAM. Interview dates and times will be advertised at the beginning of each semester.

Parents/Guardians should not hesitate to contact the College at any time to seek feedback regarding student's progress. This can be done through the Parent Access Module (PAM) or by calling reception on (03) 5143 9700.

CURRICULUM HANDBOOK

The 2022 Curriculum Handbook has been prepared to inform students and parents about the broad range of subjects offered at Catholic College Sale and to enable them to plan a personalised learning program tailored to each student's needs.

The Handbook outlines the curriculum from Years 7 through to 12 and is divided up into:

- Learning Areas
- Core Subjects
- Elective Subjects

Catholic College Sale offers a broad curriculum with a range of subjects offered to cater for the diverse needs of students. The overview of each of the eight Learning Areas details the pathways that exist in specific areas of study in the curriculum. The flow charts attached to Learning Areas are quick reference guides to start the journey.

Although this Handbook is designed to be a comprehensive guide, still the best course of action is to attend the Pathways Expo. This is held at the beginning of Term 3 each year.

SUBJECT AVAILABILITY

Every effort will be made to place students into the subjects of their choice. However, the availability of subjects offered in this Handbook will be dependent on the number of students selecting the subject and staff availability. Students will be supported in selecting an alternative subject if needed.

GRADUATE CRITERIA

Students wishing to apply to study any of the following are required to submit an application through the normal subject selection process –

- Unit 1/2 when they are in Year 10
- Unit 3/4 when they are in Year 11
- Year 1 or Year 2 VET in Year 10 or 11

They must meet the following criteria to be guaranteed access to enhancement opportunities:

- Perform at a consistently high level in all subjects.
- Students need to achieve above average results across all subjects.
- Demonstrate good organisation and motivation to succeed.
- For a VCE subject, demonstrate strengths in the subject area of the proposed Unit 1/2 or Unit 3/4.
- Receive a recommendation from a teacher in the relevant learning area (i.e. if you wish to study Unit 1/2 Biology, you must have a recommendation from a science teacher), or in the case of VET study, a current teacher.
- Display a consistently acceptable level of attendance (above 90%).
- Demonstrate adherence to the behaviour standards that are expected at the College.

[For a full list of Graduate Criteria please click here.](#)

ONLINE COURSE SELECTION

From Years 9 to 12 students use Web Preferences for online subject selection. In Term 3 students will be given access to this enabling them to make those selections. The following steps outline how to enter subject preferences online:



ICT AND SIMON

A 'Bring Your Own Specified Device' (BYOSD) program is in place to assist students in their learning. Students in Years 7 and 8 are required to bring a Chromebook, which allows full access to the Google ecosystem of applications. Students in Years 9 to 12 may bring their own device. Bring your own device specification and minimal system requirements are shown on the following page. Please note that devices that do not meet these requirements will not be able to be connected to the College network.

The College provides a wireless network with access to the Internet. The network includes a filtering system to block inappropriate sites and students are encouraged to use their device responsibly. Students are also taught about cybersafety as part of our Pastoral Program.

Students and teachers have 24/7 access to the SIMON Learning Management System. This system gives students the ability to access classwork and assessment tasks, send emails to their teachers and receive feedback and grades for their assignments. Parents also have access to all this information through the Parent Access Module (PAM).

We utilise Google Apps for Education (GAFE) which is a suite of apps that allows students to create documents, presentations and to collaborate together on projects online. All work that is stored on Google Drive can be accessed from any computer with an internet connection.

Teachers have access to monitoring software called Hapara, which allows them to see in real time what a student is working on. Students complete their work in Google Docs and teachers can automatically see their progress through Hapara, without the need of emails.

To maintain the system the College employs qualified technicians led by an experienced ICT Manager. Staff and students are also supported in the classroom by the e-Learning Coach.

PARENT ACCESS MODULE (PAM)

When a teacher marks an assessment task, they enter the marks onto the SIMON system. These marks are then automatically transferred to the semester report, which is available at the end of each semester. With PAM, parents can access the assessment task marks as soon as they are entered on the system without having to wait until the end of the semester. All teachers provide a short three sentence comment about the student's assessment task, so parents and students are aware of what was completed well, or where improvements could be made. These short comments then form the basis of the student's end of semester report. Homework tasks may also be uploaded to PAM.

PAM also allows access to the school calendar as well as each student's school profile which includes timetable, attendance data, commendations and historical reports. Correspondence from the College is also accessible via PAM, including most letters and excursion permissions. When new correspondence is generated, an email notification is sent to alert parents/guardians.

Parents are also required to maintain their child's medical reports via the Parent Access Module.

● BRING YOUR OWN SPECIFIED DEVICE (BYOSD)

BYOSD DEVICE SPECIFICATIONS AND MINIMUM SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS

Years 7 and 8 provide their own Chromebooks and Years 9 to 12 bring their own device. All devices brought to the College must adhere to the minimum specifications listed below:

Device type	Windows Laptop	Apple Mac Laptop	Google Chromebook
Operating System	Windows 10	OSX 10.15 or higher	Google Chrome
Wireless Network *(Wi-Fi)	5Ghz 802.11n	5Ghz 802.11n	5Ghz 802.11n
Screen Size	11 inch	11 inch	11 inch
Storage Capacity	128 Gb Hard disk drive	128 Gb Hard disk drive	16 Gb Flash Storage
RAM (Memory)	4 Gb	4 Gb	2 Gb
Battery Capacity	6 hours minimum	6 hours minimum	6 hours minimum
Anti-Virus & Anti-Malware Protection	Microsoft Security Essentials	ClamXav 2/3 Sentry	N/A
Accessories	Protective case/sleeve	Protective case/sleeve	Protective case/sleeve

* The wireless network installed at Catholic College Sale only operates on the 802.11n 5GHz Wireless Standard. Devices that only support the 802.11n 2.4GHz Wireless Standard will NOT be able to connect to the internet or network at the College. Please ensure that any device you purchase or wish to use at the College conforms to the 802.11n 5GHz Wireless Standard.

PATHWAYS

We offer a variety of study options to ensure all individual needs are catered for. Over the final three years, students can complete a pathway to further study or employment. They may choose to do this through studying for the following certificates:

- VCE (Victorian Certificate of Education)
- VCAL (Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning)

VCE can include VETiS pathways, however VCAL must include a VETiS pathway. By using the flexibility that exists in the later year's curriculum, it is possible for students to tailor a course that best meets the needs of their personalised learning pathway.

VICTORIAN CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION

The Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) is the certificate most students in Victoria receive on satisfactory completion of their secondary education. It is an outstanding qualification that is recognised around the world. The VCE provides diverse pathways to further study or training at university or TAFE and to employment.

VCE studies consist of units of study over one semester. The minimum requirement for the satisfactory completion of the VCE is the completion of 16 units of study, which must include:

- Three units of study from the English group including a Unit 3/4 sequence.
- At least three sequences of Units 3 and 4 studies other than English.

Please note that satisfactory completion of Units 3 and 4 of an English sequence is also required to obtain an ATAR (Australian Tertiary Admission Rank).

The VCE is usually undertaken in Year 11 and 12 but it can be started in earlier. More than half of Victorian Year 10 students undertake some VCE or VETiS units. Units 1 and 2 are normally completed in Year 11 and Units 3 and 4 in Year 12. A significant number of Year 11 students complete a Unit 3 and 4 sequence. There is a criteria that must be met for students to be able to enrol in these studies (see page 7 for further details).

VICTORIAN CERTIFICATE OF APPLIED LEARNING

The VCAL is an accredited senior secondary school qualification undertaken in Years 11 and/or 12. It is based on hands-on learning, which is also known as applied learning. If you choose to do the VCAL instead of the VCE, you will gain practical experience and employability skills, as well as the skills you will need to go on to further training in the workplace or at a TAFE. Some VCAL students then advance from TAFE to a degree course at university, with recognition being given for their previous study and experience.

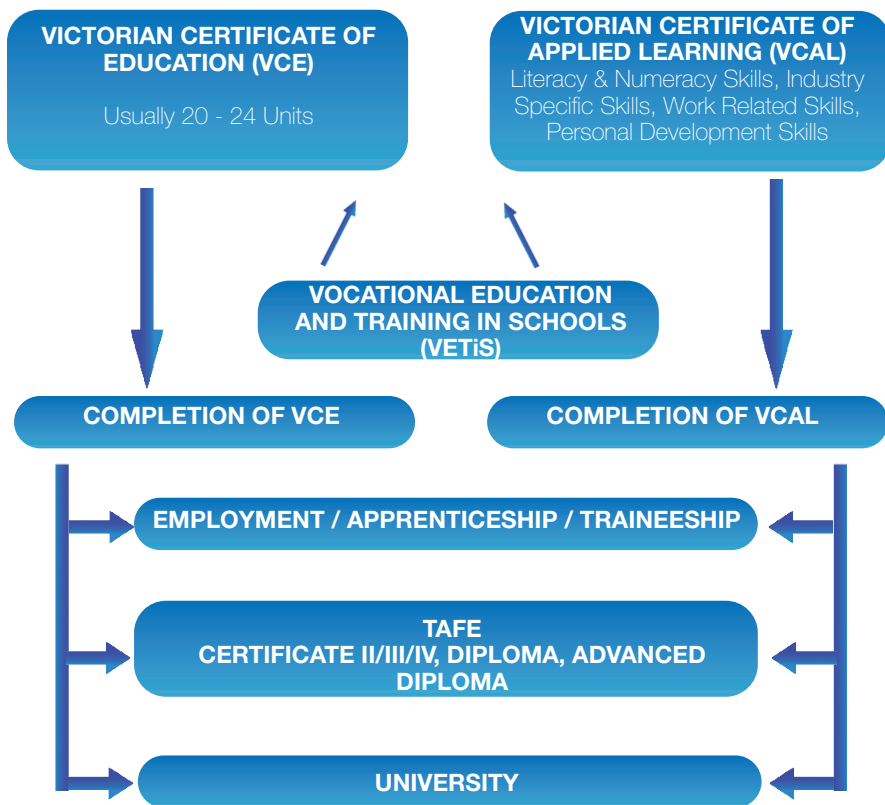
Students would normally access the VCAL Program from Year 11, but they may apply to enter it from the VCE Program in Year 12, depending on available places. If a student successfully completes the learning program they will receive a VCAL Certificate.

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Vocational Educational Training in Schools (VETiS) courses are offered both on and off campus and units completed contribute to the VCE in the same way as do VCE studies. Some VETiS courses have an examination at the end of Year 12 and the score from the examination contributes to the ATAR score in the same manner as any other VCE study. Some VETiS courses provide a 10% increment in a student's ATAR score. This increment is 10% of the average of their top four VCE study scores.

NOTE: Students undertaking a VCAL must do a VETiS subject.

PATHWAYS FLOWCHART SUMMARY



PATHWAYS PROGRAM

The Pathways Program in our College focuses on giving students support in preparation for the world beyond secondary school.

In Year 10 students are asked to focus on pathways planning such as subjects and courses they would like to take in future years. Students look at preparing for the workplace with resume writing, producing a cover letter and interview techniques. They are also encouraged to undertake work experience during the year and complete some Work, Health and Safety certificates. This is followed by subject selection and pathways choices. The course finishes with looking at the future of work in our world.

At Year 12 a Semester Pathways Program is published at the beginning of each Semester. This Program will be scheduled during students study periods. The Pathways Program offers students an insight into further study or the workforce. Preparing preference applications for the Victorian Tertiary Application Centre are discussed and students requiring assistance are encouraged to ask our Pathways Coordinator.

Students and parents can meet with the Pathways Coordinator at any time. Further Pathways and Careers information can be accessed via the [Catholic College Sale website](#).



LEARNING ADJUSTMENT TEAM

The Learning Adjustment Team is dedicated to providing support for the physical, cognitive and emotional needs of students with learning difficulties and learning differences. We aim to provide inclusive practices within the Catholic College Sale community; thus enabling the diverse range of learners to successfully access the curriculum and participate in the life of the College. The Learning Adjustment Team acts in a consultative and collaborative capacity in addressing the learning needs of all students. Initially, at the enrolment stage, the educational needs of individual students are identified and support processes for accessing learning are implemented where appropriate.

Learning Adjustment can be provided through: in-class support; small group and individual withdrawal; consultancy and liaison with parents, teachers, counsellors and other professionals and referral to outside agencies.

IN-CLASS SUPPORT

The in-class support is provided by Learning Support Officers (LSOs). The role of the LSOs is one of mentoring and supporting students to achieve success by empowering them with strategies to become increasingly independent. LSOs proactively support learning by modelling and prompting the use of strategies, monitoring and clarifying student understanding of instructions, assisting students to begin tasks, scaffolding tasks as much as possible and prompting students to transfer these skills across the curriculum.

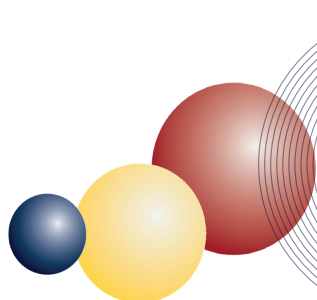
LEARNING ENRICHMENT

Students that are identified with specific challenges through testing will be offered a place in Learning Enrichment. Learning Enrichment gives students an opportunity to develop literacy life skills. Emphasis will be placed on:

- understanding and managing their learning
- interpreting, analysing and evaluating texts
- understanding texts in context
- creating texts

LEARNING ENHANCEMENT

Enhancement contributes to the learner's cognitive development. Specific details of different enhancement opportunities will be available throughout the year. At Years 7 and 8 Enhancement Programs are delivered via withdrawal from other subjects on a rotating timetable for a set number of weeks. Lunchtime activities will also be advertised and participation will be voluntary. At Years 9 and 10, students have the opportunity to participate in the Enhancement classes through the elective blocks.



MUSIC PROGRAM

Learning a musical instrument directly and indirectly enhances the academic achievement of students and their employment opportunities. This is in addition to the enjoyment experienced by being able to play an instrument both as a soloist and as a member of a group.

We offer the following musical opportunities for students:

- Individual and group instrumental tuition on all instruments.
- A highly experienced, enthusiastic and committed instrumental staff.
- An innovative Rock Band Program.
- A String Program.
- A Concert Band Program.
- Choirs - junior and senior, a Guitar Ensemble and other Ensembles as required.

MUSICAL PRODUCTIONS

Each year students have the opportunity to participate in our Senior and Junior productions. This is an excellent opportunity for students to showcase their performance and theatrical skills. Auditions are advertised on SIMON prior to rehearsals beginning.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM

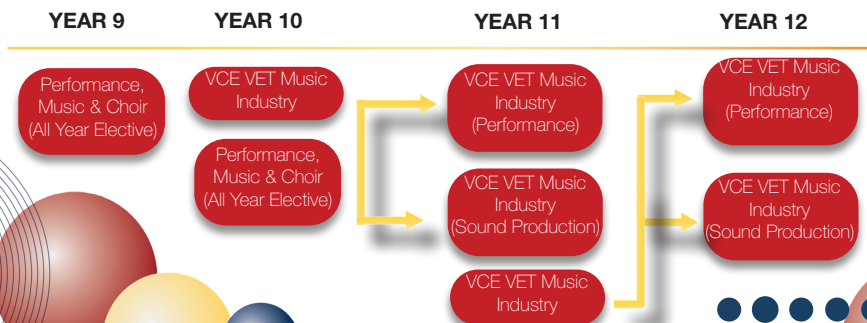
The Instrumental Music Program involves students in individual or small group lessons with specialists, on instruments of their own choice. All instrumental students are required to also participate in one or more ensembles appropriate to their instrument. Students wishing to learn string instruments have the opportunity to join the Sion Strings or the Senior Strings. Students studying Concert Band instruments can join the Sion Concert Band.

Singers can participate in the Sion Singers, MVC (Male Vocal Crew) and Show Choir. We also provide a Guitar Ensemble and other ensembles such as Jazz Ensembles or String Quartets are formed from time to time according to interest.

Music making is part of our community. It has an important part in our Masses and liturgies as well as our assemblies, Performing Arts days and major events. There are frequent concerts to provide performance practice and our soloists and ensembles participate in the Sale, Yarram and Latrobe Valley Eisteddfods. Our musicians are often to be heard sharing their talents with the wider community at a wide variety of events.

ROCK BAND PROGRAM

The Rock Band Program is an innovative program that operates in the junior years. It is an introductory program for students who have been playing their instrument for a relatively short period of time. It provides an ideal pathway to the VETIS music industry courses offered in the senior years. The program is designed to teach the art of rock performance. Students learn songs and study arrangement, improvisation, and stagecraft. They also learn the basics of music industry requirements including business and promotion skills.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION LEARNING AREA

Religious Education is an essential aspect of any Catholic school where the work of the Church is carried out through education in faith and tradition. Religious Education is a compulsory study for students in Years 7 to 12 and the courses offer the opportunity to study Scripture, the Sacraments, Church teachings, Ethics and Morality, Prayer and Liturgy, Youth Ministry and Church history.

From Years 7 to 10, students study a range of units beginning with 'How Do We Belong?' which assists our new students to understand their place in the life of the College and come to an understanding of the charisms of the College and the Catholic Faith.

In Years 10 and 11 students have the opportunity to engage in faith and ministry through the Religious Education Service in Action (RESA) unit. All students in Year 11 VCE will undertake VCE units in 'Religion and Society' and 'Texts and Traditions' These subjects can be progressed into Year 12 and contribute to a student's university entrance score (ATAR). They provide a sound understanding of scripture, Church teaching and the role of the Church in society. VCAL students in Year 11 will study Applied Learning Religious Education - a community based Religious Education course based on the Catholic Social Teaching of 'the common good', this will contribute to completion of VCE Unit 2 in Religion and Society. Any student at Year 12 who does not undertake a VCE Unit 3&4 Religious Education course will participate in the compulsory Religious Education Seminar Program. This includes VCAL students. This Seminar program allows students to ask questions regarding the world and religion and these questions form the basis of the program throughout the year.

As well as the focus on the academic nature of Religious Education, the staff also provides positive experiences of prayer, and an involvement in activities such as Retreats, Reflection Days and school Masses and liturgies to nurture the development of faith in each student.

YEAR 9	YEAR 10	YEAR 11	YEAR 12
Religious Education	Religious Education	Texts & Traditions Unit 1	Texts & Traditions Units 3 & 4
	OR	AND	OR
	RESA *By Application Only	Religion & Society Unit 2	Religion & Society Units 3 & 4
		OR	OR
	At Year 11, students can choose any RE Unit 3/4 sequence and a Year 12 sequence will then be optional only.	RESA *By Application Only	RE Seminar
		VCAL Applied Learning RE	

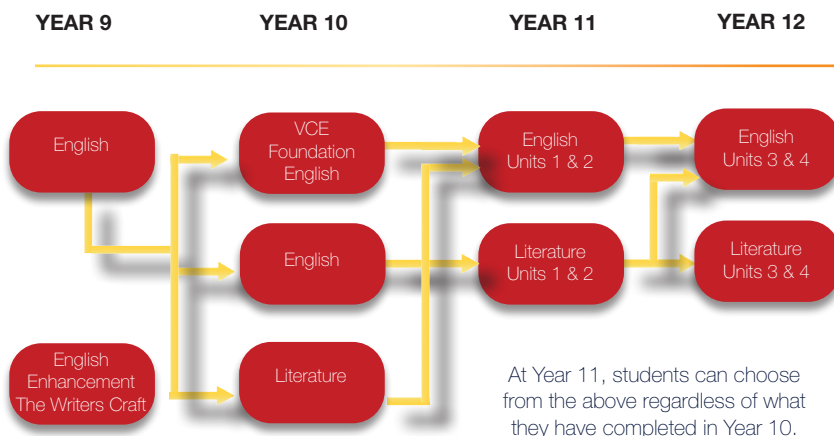
ENGLISH LEARNING AREA

The English Learning Area has within it English, Literature and English Enrichment.

The theme of UNESCO's International Literacy Day for 2019 was 'Literacy and Skills Development.' As educators, we are very aware of the immensely important link between literacy and the development of a variety of skills needed by our students to live within our world in a productive and creative way. We are acutely aware that this is not just the responsibility of the English Learning Area, but is a partnership with and between all members of our school community, most importantly our parents. It is also incumbent on society as a whole to foster strong literacy skills.

These studies are central to the learning and development of all our students. They help create confident communicators, imaginative thinkers and informed citizens. Students learn to analyse, understand, communicate and build relationships with others and with the world around them.

The learning and teaching of these subjects goes far beyond studying a novel or learning how to structure an essay. These subjects support our students in developing the knowledge and skills needed for education, training and the workplace, working alongside the employability skills identified by business. They help our students to become ethical, thoughtful, informed and active members of society.



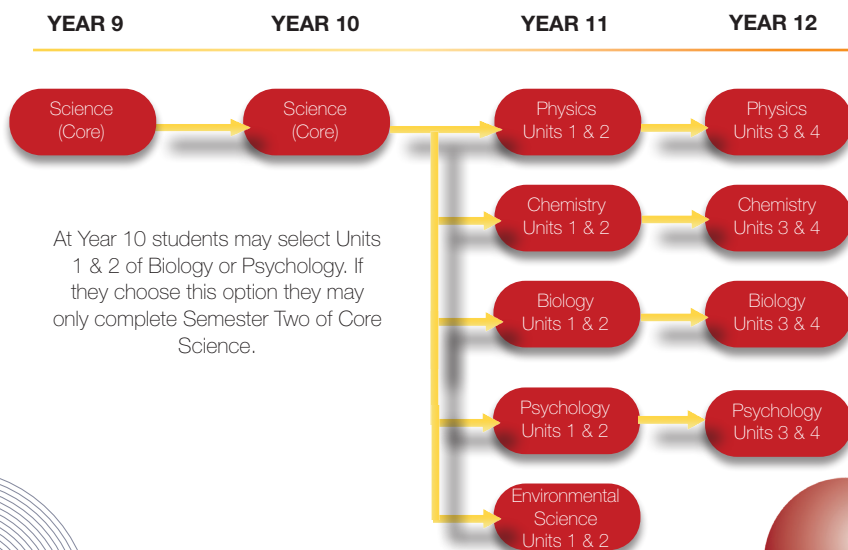
SCIENCE LEARNING AREA

Science provides ways of answering questions about the biological, physical and technological world. Students can explore the unknown, investigate universal mysteries, make predictions and solve problems. Science is dynamic, with theories being revised and renewed as new evidence becomes available via new technology and research. We want our students to be a part of this.

Our Science curriculum aims to ensure that students develop an interest in Science as a means of expanding their curiosity and willingness to explore, ask questions about and speculate on the changing world in which they live. We provide a solid foundation of knowledge of the Biological, Chemical, Physical, Earth and Space Sciences. We also incorporate an understanding of historical and cultural contributions to Science as well as contemporary Science issues and activities.

Through Science, students develop an ability to make informed, evidence-based decisions about current and future applications of Science whilst taking into account ethical and social implications of decisions. The development of these skills enables students to contribute to culture and society and careers of the future, particularly in the area of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics).

From Years 7 to 10, our Science course is general in nature, including Chemistry, Biology, Physics and Environmental Sciences. The duration is year-long, developing concepts to progressively build knowledge. At Year 11, it is possible to select one or more of the specialty areas of Science. Students may opt to commence Units 1 and 2 Biology, or Units 1 and 2 Psychology at Year 10. They would then complete these VCE studies in Year 11. This would be appropriate for students who are capable and organised.



HUMANITIES LEARNING AREA

Humanities subjects allow students to explore the issues that challenge human societies and extend their understanding of the world around them. They offer a breadth of study to create a rounded person with an enquiring mind and can be used to develop students' understanding of our rapidly changing world.

There is a significant range of subjects within the Humanities Learning Area. In 2021 all students will receive a solid grounding in Humanities through the study of Geography, History, Civics and Economics from Years 7 to 10.

All of the Humanities subjects endeavour to offer a wide range of excursions. These include: visits to the Shrine of Remembrance, Melbourne Museum, the Immigration Museum, Melbourne Holocaust Centre, Walhalla, Lakes Entrance, Marysville, Melbourne Sporting Precinct, Phillip Island, the Magistrates and the County Courts

At Year 10, History is a compulsory core subject and a range of History electives are also offered. An Environmental Management/Geography pathway is available and a Business pathway can start at Year 9 with Civics and Citizenship followed by Commerce in Year 10.

From here, the VCE options are many. During Years 11 and 12 many students choose to complete Units 1 to 4 in a specific Humanities stream. All subjects, however, can be picked up at the Unit 3 and 4 level as there are no prerequisites for any study. Students intending to pick up any of the Humanities studies should seek information regarding the subject so they can make informed choices.

VIETNAM CULTURAL TOUR 2023

In 2023 the Humanities Learning Area will offer students of VCE Twentieth Century History, Global Politics and Geography the opportunity to visit Vietnam. The Vietnam Tour is designed to complement the study of Unit 2 History and Geography and is for students who are seeking diverse and meaningful educational opportunities. The tour offers the opportunity to deepen their understanding and to engage with one of our neighbouring Asian cultures.

YEAR 9

History
1 semester (Core)

Geography
1 semester (Core)

History - Decline
of Empires
(Elective)

Civics and
Citizenship
(Elective)

YEAR 10

History
1 semester (Core)

Geography
(Elective)

History - World
Domination
(Elective)

Commerce
(Elective)

At Year 10 if students select Units 1 & 2 of History, they will not be enrolled in Core History.

YEAR 11

Modern History -
Unit 2
Global Politics -
Unit 2

Geography
Units 1 & 2

Business
Management
Units 1 & 2

Legal Studies
Units 1 & 2

YEAR 12

History
Units 3 & 4

Global Politics
Units 3 & 4

Geography
Units 3 & 4

Business
Management
Units 3 & 4

Legal Studies
Units 3 & 4



MATHEMATICS LEARNING AREA

Our ongoing aim in the Mathematics Learning Area is to ensure that we are preparing our students for the increasing demands of our highly technological age and the changing nature of work that they will face. We hope that through effective learning and teaching and working with our students they will be ready for a challenging and rewarding future. We hope to achieve this by encouraging students to see learning not as a means to an end, but as a lifelong pursuit that will enable them to continuously meet the needs of their changing world and ensure that they can master the necessary skills to succeed not just now, but well into the future.

We continue to embed the Maths Pathways Program into our Years 7 - 9 classes, ending in Year 9 to allow for a more focussed approach at Year 10 so that those who hope to study more advanced Mathematics can obtain the necessary skills and understanding. The program revolves around students taking responsibility for their own learning and progress. They control the pace at which they learn, enabling them to work through modules they find easier at some speed, while taking more time to master skills that are more challenging. Obviously, staff within the learning area assess the quality of the learning taking place and are always there to support those struggling with understanding a difficult concept. In addition to this, teaching strategies such as peer-to-peer teaching and group studies are used, so that students become used to a variety of learning styles. Whilst all students in Years 7 to 10 cover the three main Victorian Curriculum strands of 'Number and Algebra,' 'Measurement and Geometry' and 'Statistics and Probability,' the style of teaching and speed of delivery will vary depending on the students themselves and their individual needs. Certainly, students currently involved in the program are very enthusiastic!

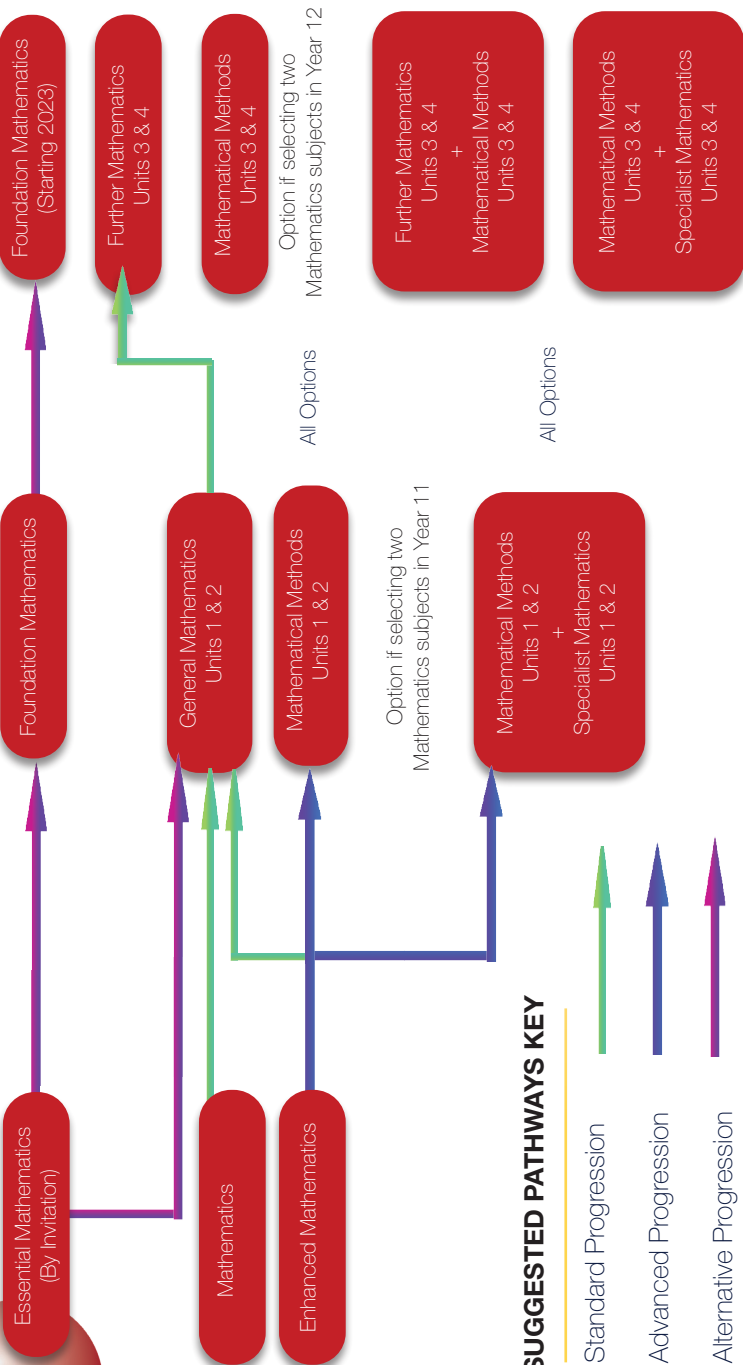
Continuing on from Maths Pathways, our curriculum becomes more concentrated on the individual goals of each student. In both Years 9 and 10 parents will receive communication from the College outlining which Mathematics pathway we believe would best suit their child. (This recommendation is based on results and teacher evaluation). The final decision, however, will be made by parents and students and in considering this, students should think about their future career plans in addition to their progress to date. For those students who hope to study Mathematical Methods at VCE, we offer an advanced elective in Year 10 that will introduce them to the topics that they will be studying and give them a greater understanding of this more advanced course. This is something we advise for those requiring an additional challenge and for those students hoping to excel in areas such as Engineering, Medicine and some areas of Science. We feel it is important that students are encouraged to take this opportunity to further their potential and face challenges, as this can really help them to achieve their goals.

We currently offer students four possible Mathematics pathways for studying VCE Mathematics, and these vary based on the ability, inclination and future career hopes of each student. Given the variety on offer, it is very important that students consult with staff regarding which pathway they intend to take, so that we can ensure that this is the most suitable option for them. In some cases, such as VCE Specialist Mathematics, study begins in Year 11, as students who do not study Units 1 and 2 alongside the Mathematical Methods course will be unable to study Specialist Mathematics Units 3 and 4 in Year 12. Regardless of the pathway chosen, our main purpose is to provide each student with both the understanding and the skills to succeed both in their future careers, and in other areas of their life. By working closely with parents, students and colleagues we hope to provide a stimulating and encouraging environment that fosters success and promotes resilience and confidence.

YEAR 10

YEAR 11

YEAR 12



HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION LEARNING AREA

Health and Physical Education (HPE) is an important part of our curriculum. Students participate in HPE lessons every week from Years 7 to 10 and can continue their studies through VCE with Units 1-4 in Health and Human Development, Physical Education, Outdoor and Environmental Studies, and VCE VET Sport and Recreation. Students may opt to commence two of these units at Year 10.

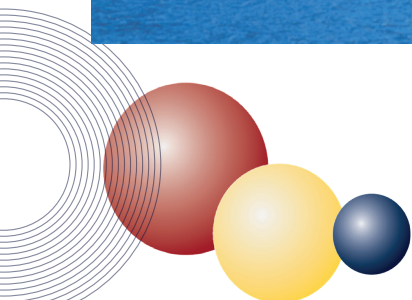
In Years 7 to 10 students cover an extensive range of health-related issues, including relationships, bullying, nutrition, safety, mental health and drug and alcohol topics. In practical classes, students are encouraged to increase their participation in a wide range of activities. At Years 7 and 8 our students participate in a four week swimming program designed to improve their skills and safety awareness. It is also important to ensure students have the required level of competency required to participate in water activities at future College camps and excursions. Traditional and non-traditional sports are also covered at all levels, giving students opportunities to develop their skills in readiness for inter-school competitions and House events. Apart from fostering a positive attitude towards physical activity and participation, we aim to provide opportunities for leadership and cooperation.

At Years 9 and 10 students are able to expand their participation in HPE through the elective program. Students who are already achieving at a high level in a chosen sport may choose Sports Academy as an elective. This subject looks at training principles, skill development and extending the students' physical and mental capabilities in their sport.

Outdoor Education is also a popular and important part of our curriculum. In 2021, students will again be able to select Outdoor Education as an elective at Year 9. In Year 10, students have the option of selecting a single unit and it not counting as their VCE subject. Alternatively, they can select both Units 1 and 2 in Year 10 to start their VCE journey. This subject is about preparation, safety, environmental education, and having a sound theoretical knowledge of the concepts underpinning outdoor activities.

Our qualified and motivated staff take great pride in encouraging students of all skill levels to try their best and approach all activities with a positive attitude. Both our practical and theoretical subjects have something for everyone. Outdoor Education attracts an additional fee to cover the costs of extra camps.

YEAR 9	YEAR 10	YEAR 11	YEAR 12
HPE (Core)	HPE (Core)	Physical Education Units 1 & 2	Physical Education Units 3 & 4
Sports Academy (Elective)	Sports Academy (Elective)	HHD Units 1 & 2	HHD Units 3 & 4
		VCE VET Sport & Rec Year 1	VCE VET Sport & Rec Year 2
Outdoor Education (Elective)	Outdoor Education can be selected in Year 10 as a single unit or as a VCE option Unit 1 & 2.	Outdoor & Environmental Studies Units 1 & 2	Outdoor & Environmental Studies Units 3 & 4



THE ARTS LEARNING AREA

The Arts not only assist students in their pursuit of a career in the creative sector but also builds vital skills such as self-confidence, public speaking, creative and critical thinking, and teamwork. Many students who don't plan on pursuing an Arts career will benefit from selecting an Arts subject as we aim to teach students to think openly and to have confidence in their opinions on life and the world around them. Our Arts curriculum promotes a culture of questioners, rather than a culture of responders, and our students learn that there is often more than one solution to a problem. In Drama and Music students explore the Performing Arts whilst in Media, Visual Arts and Visual Communication Design, students explore the world of visual representation and expression.

Media and Visual Communication Design are great examples of classes that explore how designers and marketers apply persuasive advertising techniques and how filmmakers and advertisers try to engage an audience, providing curriculum connects with subjects like Business and English.

With similarities to Literature and History, Art permits students to develop techniques on how to critique, analyse and understand the significance of historical context and the importance of how art and artists bring to light political, social and environmental issues. Studying Drama and Music allows students to develop their creativity whilst cultivating their skills and confidence in communicating their ideas, opinions and emotions. Learning how to speak and perform publicly has huge implications on a student's confidence and success in many other subject areas.

More than half a million Australians now work in the creative sector, making it one of the fastest-growing, most dynamic segments of our national economy. Opportunities are continuing to develop in the contemporary Australian workforce for creative individuals. The Arts Learning Area prides itself on enabling students to build their creativity for further education but also giving them the chance to build on their own personal beliefs and skills to set them up for life outside of school.

YEAR 9	YEAR 10	YEAR 11	YEAR 12
Visual Arts	Visual Arts	Studio Arts Units 1 & 2	Studio Arts Units 3 & 4
Performing Arts - Drama	Performing Arts - Drama	Drama Units 1 & 2	Drama Units 3 & 4
Please see page 15 for Music options in Year 10 and beyond			
Visual Communication Design	Visual Communication Design	Visual Communication Design Units 1 & 2	Visual Communication Design Units 3 & 4
Visual Media	Visual Media	Media Units 1 & 2	Media Units 3 & 4

TECHNOLOGY LEARNING AREA

In the Technology Learning Area we nurture students to be able to independently and collaboratively develop innovative solutions to complex problems and contribute to sustainable patterns of living. This occurs by drawing together two distinct but related curriculum areas of Digital Technologies and Design Technologies.

In Digital Technologies students use data, information, processes and digital resources, such as Tablets, Notebooks, cameras, phones and data probes that allow data and information to be manipulated, stored and communicated.

In Design Technologies students apply the practical skills gained to generate, create and communicate innovative and ethical design ideas and solutions using a range of materials and processes from areas such as Woodwork, Metalwork and Food Technology.

We are in a unique position of being able to adapt our senior school courses to suit individual students and their intended career pathways. A large portion of the assessment tasks within the Technology Learning Area involve the development of design folios allowing each student to study, design and build/create using materials that interest them.

The practical skills covered are easily transferable to many industries and we endeavour, where possible, to expose the students to industry standard machinery, equipment, software and practices. For those students wishing to continue study at a tertiary level, the Technology Learning Area enables them to improve their practical skills and to develop a folio that showcases their designs, ideas, skills and creativity.

For those students who are transitioning into trades we are fortunate enough to have excellent facilities that enhance student's learning. The Marian Trade Skills Centre allows students to work in a physical environment that replicates a working environment including a Hospitality kitchen and an Engineering and Automotive workshop.

YEAR 9	YEAR 10	YEAR 11	YEAR 12
Wood Technology	Product Design - Wood/Metal	Product Design Technology (Wood/Metal) Units 1 & 2	Product Design Technology (Wood/Metal) Units 3 & 4
Metal Technology			
Food Technology	Food Technology: A Taste of Hospitality	Food Studies Units 1 & 2	Food Studies Units 3 & 4
Automotive Technology	Automotive Systems Engineering		
Digital Technology	VCE VET Interactive Digital Media	VCE VET Interactive Digital Media	VCE VET Interactive Digital Media

YEARS SEVEN AND EIGHT CURRICULUM

The curriculum in both Years 7 and 8 is designed to bridge the transition from primary to secondary education. All subjects are compulsory, thereby providing a balance between traditional subject areas and hands-on learning. Years 7 and 8 consists of a Core Program and a Rotational Program.

CORE PROGRAM

All students complete the following core subjects:

● **RELIGIOUS
EDUCATION**

● **SCIENCE**

● **LANGUAGES**

● **ENGLISH**

● **HUMANITIES**

● **MATHEMATICS**

● **HEALTH AND
PHYSICAL EDUCATION**

ROTATION PROGRAM

Over the course of Years 7 and 8, students will complete four year long subjects which have as their purpose the expansion of a hands-on educational experience. All of these subjects have an optional pathway into Year 9. Students will study two of these subjects each year, completing the entire rotation throughout Years 7 and 8.

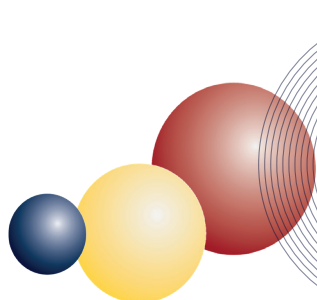
In 2022 the following rotations are available to Year 7 and Year 8 students:

● **FOOD AND NUTRITION**

● **PERFORMANCE**

● **ARTS**

● **TECHNOLOGY**



LANGUAGES

At Catholic College Sale our chosen second language is French, in line with the traditions of the founders.

The learning of a second language in addition to English is well documented to support students in a variety of forms. Established evidence points to the many cognitive benefits of developing an understanding of a second language, both in increasing general cognitive function and supporting learning across other areas. Multiple studies have shown that learning a second language improves overall academic performance as well as improving memory, concentration and creativity. Language learning often results in increased confidence and employment opportunities for students. Learning additional languages also gives students far greater confidence in their ability to express themselves in their first language, and introduces them to a new culture and appreciation of the world around them.

LEARNING ENRICHMENT

Students that are identified with specific challenges through testing will be offered a place in Learning Enrichment. This will replace French. Learning Enrichment gives students an opportunity to develop literacy life skills. Emphasis will be placed on:

- understanding and managing their learning
- interpreting, analysing and evaluating texts
- understanding texts in context
- creating texts

LEARNING ENHANCEMENT

Students may wish to take part in either Mathematics or English Enhancement. Participation is by invitation, however it is voluntary. Students will usually complete Enhancement for a set period of time. It will take place via withdrawal from other subjects on a rotation timetable.

YEAR 7 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

In Religious Education across the Diocese of Sale units are offered to each year level under the four central strands of 'Life and Mission of Jesus', 'The Triune God', 'Christian Life and Catholic Social Teaching' and 'The Sacramental Church'. Each of these areas will be studied using 'Scripture', 'Tradition', 'Religion and Society' and 'Prayer and Liturgy' as key elements in a student's learning.

Students will be introduced to the Catholic Church and the traditions of the Marist Brothers and Sion Sisters. They will explore the person and influence of Jesus, explore what it means to live a Christian life and develop an understanding of the sacraments in the life of the Catholic Church.

YEAR 7 ENGLISH

Students communicate in a range of face-to-face and online/virtual environments. They experience learning in contexts that relate to the school curriculum, local community, regional and global contexts. Students engage with a variety of texts for enjoyment. They listen to, read, view, interpret, evaluate and perform a range of spoken, written and multimodal texts in which the primary purpose is aesthetic, as well as texts designed to inform and persuade. Students develop their understanding of how texts are influenced. They create a range of imaginative, informative and persuasive types of texts and are beginning to create literary analyses and transformations of texts.

YEAR 7 HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Health and Physical Education combines practical and theoretical work in which students investigate the importance of developing and maintaining positive habits. Students participate in activities such as swimming, dance, volleyball, soccer and basketball.

In theory lessons, students are given the skills needed to evaluate aspects of their own health, including physical, social, emotional and spiritual health. Issues such as friendships, resilience, and nutrition are amongst those covered, as students develop the necessary strategies to enhance their own lifestyle and wellbeing.

YEAR 7 SCIENCE

Students use the scientific method in identifying and investigating mixtures and solutions, as well as applying separation techniques. They experiment and model to provide an understanding of seasons, daily cycles and lunar phases.

Students develop strategies to classify the diversity of living things and understand the benefits of this diversity. They learn about interactions between organisms and describe them in terms of food chains and food webs. Consideration is given to human impact on these systems. Students also study motion, with particular focus on the result of balanced and unbalanced forces. They consider the effects of gravity.

Light is experimented with, in order to discover the spectrum, and the impact of lenses and mirrors.

YEAR 7 HUMANITIES

Students describe the effects of change and continuity on societies and individuals in the Ancient World. Through historical inquiry, they examine the Paleolithic (Stone) Age and the transition to ancient civilisations; their government, laws, cities, society and culture. Students explain change and continuity over the Ancient Egyptian period. They research and present their findings and compare and select a range of sources to answer questions and explain opinions.

Students focus on water as a renewable resource in 'Water in the World'. They examine the uses of water, its value, and its varying availability both in Australia and overseas. Students investigate where Australians live and why, in 'Place and Liveability'. They compare the characteristics of different types of settlement; urban, regional, rural and remote and they explore the range of lifestyles offered in these places.

Students will examine the workings of democracy and explore Australia's parliamentary system.

YEAR 7 MATHEMATICS

Mathematics in Year 7 is using an online tool, Maths Pathway. This program provides all students with access to all 10 levels of Mathematics across the three Victorian Curriculum Strands, Number and Algebra, Measurement and Geometry, and Statistics and Probability. This has replaced previous textbooks and uses integrated diagnostic tools to ensure each student's learning is best tailored to their individual needs. Each student's Mathematics work is continuously adapted to their specific needs, allowing the assessment, teaching and homework to be tailored to ensure success in their learning.

YEAR 7 FRENCH

Students become familiar with the sounds of French and recognise similarities with many English words, noting differences in pronunciation. They develop speaking skills and confidence to communicate with the teacher and each other. Students understand and apply elements of French grammar. They are given opportunities to listen to, speak, read and write French in a range of interactions. Occasionally, they improve their listening skills by viewing and listening to dialogue and songs in entertaining animations and video clips. As students adjust language use to suit different purposes, contexts and situations, they notice how culture shapes language. Students gradually build a vocabulary and grammatical base that allows them to comprehend, compose and present different kinds of simple texts.

YEAR 8 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

In Religious Education across the Diocese of Sale units are offered to each year level under the four central strands of 'Life and Mission of Jesus', 'The Triune God', 'Christian Life and Catholic Social Teaching' and 'The Sacramental Church'. Each of these areas will be studied using 'Scripture', 'Tradition', 'Religion and Society' and 'Prayer and Liturgy' as key elements in a student's learning.

Students will explore the beginnings of the Christian Church and then study the beginnings of the monotheistic tradition through the scriptural tradition of the Hebrew people. In the second semester students will study what it means to live a life of justice communally and develop an understanding of the concept of individual justice and responsibility.

YEAR 8 ENGLISH

Students communicate in a range of face-to-face and online/virtual environments. They experience learning in contexts that relate to the school curriculum, local community, regional and global contexts. Students engage with a variety of texts for enjoyment. They listen to, read, view, interpret, evaluate and perform a range of spoken, written and multimodal texts in which the primary purpose is aesthetic, as well as texts designed to inform and persuade. Students develop their understanding of how texts are influenced. They create a range of imaginative, informative and persuasive types of texts and are beginning to create literary analyses and transformations of texts.

YEAR 8 HEALTH & PHYSICAL EDUCATION

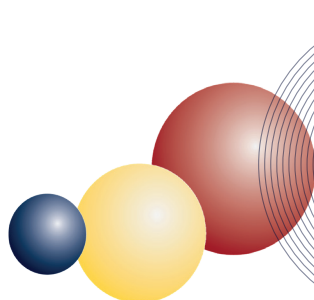
Health and Physical Education in Year 8 further develops the knowledge and skills gained in Year 7. In practical classes, students build upon their motor skills and game sense through participation in a number of sports such as Hockey, Netball, and European Handball. Students are also encouraged to take a more active role in other aspects of sports participation such as coaching, umpiring and planning.

In theory classes, students investigate and evaluate health issues within the local and global community. They examine outcomes of risk taking behaviours, evaluate harm minimisation strategies and identify health concerns of young people.

YEAR 8 SCIENCE

Students revise and expand laboratory skills. They use microscopes to study plant and animal cells and examine the need for, and structure of, systems of the body. Students identify energy forms and energy transformations, and are introduced to sound energy in the form of waves.

The students describe and examine physical changes of matter, developing an understanding of how the states of matter can be explained by particle movement. They will define and detect chemical changes as they investigate reactions. Basic rock types are identified along with their formation through forces and processes of the earth. The use and effect of natural resources in rocks is considered.



YEAR 8 HUMANITIES

In Civics and Citizenship, students explore the rights and responsibilities of citizens, the role of the Government and political parties, as well as the voting process.

In History, students learn to recognise and explain patterns of change over time and the cause and effects of events and developments. They will use historical terms and concepts, through the exploration of aspects of daily life in a medieval setting including an examination of culture, political structure, mythology, the role of men and women, key individuals and their legacies. They will also explore the Renaissance Period and how this contributed to early European Exploration and Expansion into The New World.

In Geography, students will examine the processes that shape individual landforms, how they can be managed and the hazards associated with them. Students describe differences in culture, living conditions and outlook, including attitudes to environmental issues, in these regions. They demonstrate understanding of environmental issues based on inquiry and propose ways of ensuring the sustainability of resources. Geospatial skills will be developed throughout this unit.

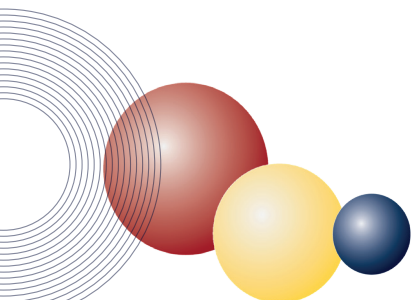
Students will examine the rights and responsibilities of consumers and businesses and look at the characteristics of businesses.

YEAR 8 MATHEMATICS

Mathematics in Year 8 is using an online tool, Maths Pathway. This program provides all students with access to all 10 levels of Mathematics across the three Victorian Curriculum Strands, Number and Algebra, Measurement and Geometry, and Statistics and Probability. This has replaced previous textbooks and uses integrated diagnostic tools to ensure each student's learning is best tailored to their individual needs. Each student's Mathematics work is continuously adapted to their specific needs, allowing the assessment, teaching and homework to be tailored to ensure success in their learning.

YEAR 8 FRENCH

Students become familiar with the sounds of French and recognise similarities with many English words, noting differences in pronunciation. They approximate the pronunciation and phrasing of single words and short phrases. They understand and apply elements of French grammar. Students are encouraged to listen to, speak, read and write French in a range of interactions. As they adjust language use to suit different purposes, contexts and situations, they notice how culture shapes language. They gradually build a vocabulary and grammatical base that allows them to compose and present different kinds of simple texts.



YEAR 7/8 FOOD/NUTRITION

In Food Technology and Nutrition, students investigate and select from a range of equipment and ingredients. The course offers students the opportunity to explore food in an exciting and practical way. Students study food as an essential need for the function of the human body and its relationship with good health. Students also learn about the importance of safety and hygiene in the kitchen environment and preparing food. Students learn through developing their practical skills and being exposed to a range of food ingredients and preparation techniques.

In practical classes, students prepare a variety of recipes using a number of different cooking methods and begin to develop skills in the kitchen which will become an invaluable tool for the rest of their life. They consider the ways characteristics and properties of food can be combined to create designed solutions to problems for individuals and the community, considering culture and ethics, economic, environmental and sustainability factors. They explore the current tools we have to promote healthy eating in Australia and analyse their own diet according to these.

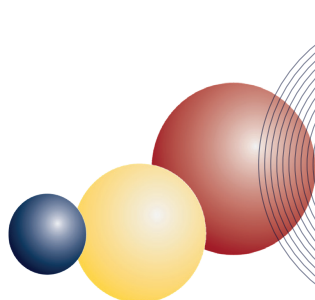
Students identify the sequences and steps involved in design tasks. They develop plans to manage design tasks, including researching ingredients and recipes, planning to meet design specifications and managing safe and responsible use of materials and tools to successfully complete design tasks. Students evaluate the advantages and disadvantages of design ideas and technologies and evaluate design processes used and designed solutions.

YEAR 7/8 PERFORMANCE

The Performing Arts course provides the students with the opportunity to study both Music and Drama in an innovative and creative way. Students will be encouraged to develop skills in presenting and performing. This course also has a large focus on developing the self-confidence of all our students.

In Music, students listen to, compose and perform music in a wide range of styles from diverse cultures, times and locations. Listening underpins all music learning. Students compose and perform music using the voice, body, instruments, found sound sources, and digital technologies.

Learning in Drama involves students making, performing, analysing and responding to drama. As they learn, students draw on human experience as a source of ideas. Students engage with the knowledge of drama, developing skills, applying techniques and processes and using materials and technologies to explore a range of forms, styles and contexts.



YEAR 7/8 ARTS

This course offers our students the opportunity to learn to reflect critically on their own experiences and the artworks and design that they are constantly exposed to. Students are provided with the chance to study the Visual Arts, Media Arts and Visual Communication Design.

Within the Visual Arts students respond to the work of artists, craftspeople and designers and to develop their own arts' knowledge. They learn, with growing sophistication, to express and communicate experiences through and about Visual Arts.

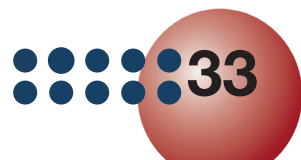
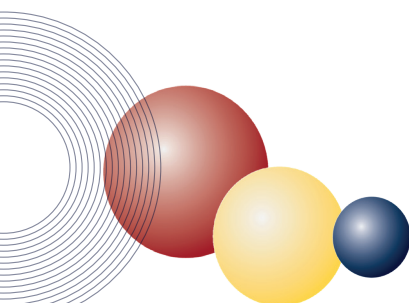
In the Media Arts students explore, view, analyse and participate in media culture from a range of viewpoints and in a variety of contexts. They acquire the knowledge and skills to work in a range of media forms and styles.

Visual Communication Design practice includes the use of design thinking skills and design as a process. Drawing conventions and the use of design elements and principles are the primary components of the visual language that students use to represent concepts, in relation to a specific purpose and audience.

YEAR 7/8 TECHNOLOGY

In this course, students create quality, designed solutions across a range of technologies contexts. Students consider the economic, environmental and social impacts of technological change and how the choice and use of technologies may contribute to a sustainable future. Students also take into account the ethical, legal, aesthetic and functional factors that inform the design processes.

Students will have the opportunity to design creative solutions, to provide design briefs and produce their designs in a range of different materials. This course will enable students to develop skills in traditional techniques as well as new and emerging production techniques and processes including laser cutting and 3D printing.



YEAR 9 CURRICULUM

At Year 9 students are required to complete core studies in the following subject areas:

- **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**
- **ENGLISH**
- **MATHEMATICS (By CCS Allocation)**
- **HISTORY/ GEOGRAPHY**
- **SCIENCE**
- **HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION**
- **COMMUNITY PROJECT**

In addition to the core subjects, students in Year 9 are encouraged to explore and extend their talents and interests by selecting a course of elective study from a variety of alternatives provided. None of which effect later years choices.

Students have a range of choices and should think about what they enjoy, what they are good at and what they work well at. They need to keep in mind their preferred learning style, areas of strength and career goals when making these choices.

Student experiences at Year 9 will help guide the choices they make as they move into the senior years.

Students must choose four electives over the course of the year. When choosing electives, students can only select a maximum of two subjects from any of the four groups. Please note the French language elective runs for a full year and equates to two elective choices.

GROUP ONE

- **METAL TECHNOLOGY**
- **AUTOMOTIVE TECHNOLOGY**
- **WOOD TECHNOLOGY**
- **DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY**
- **FOOD TECHNOLOGY**

GROUP TWO

- **VISUAL ARTS**
- **VISUAL MEDIA**
- **PERFORMANCE, MUSIC & CHOIR**
- **PERFORMING ARTS - DRAMA**
- **VISUAL COMMUNICATION DESIGN**

GROUP THREE

- **FRENCH (all year - two electives)**
- **MATHEMATICAL MINDS**
- **CIVICS AND CITIZENSHIP**
- **HISTORY - DECLINE OF EMPIRES**
- **ENGLISH: THE WRITER'S CRAFT**

GROUP FOUR

- **OUTDOOR EDUCATION**
- **SPORTS ACADEMY - BASKETBALL**
- **SPORTS ACADEMY - NETBALL**
- **SPORTS ACADEMY - FOOTBALL**
- **SPORTS ACADEMY - CRICKET**

YEAR 9 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



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Students will be given an overview of the history of the Christian Church and its development in Australia. They will then explore the relevance of the Christian story to an understanding of death and the rituals associated with the celebration of a person's life. In the second semester students will study the lives of some of the great inspirational prophets, saints and martyrs and will complete the year with a unit on the sacraments with a focus on the Eucharist.

YEAR 9 ENGLISH



Students interact in a range of face-to-face and online/virtual environments. They experience learning in familiar and unfamiliar contexts, including local community, vocational and global contexts. Students engage with a variety of texts for enjoyment. They interpret, create, evaluate, discuss and perform a wide range of literary texts in which the primary purpose is aesthetic, as well as texts designed to inform and persuade. They develop a critical understanding of the contemporary media, and the differences between media texts. Students create a range of imaginative, informative and persuasive types of texts.

YEAR 9 MATHEMATICS



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A few exceptional students who have reached the appropriate level at the end of Year 8 will be offered the opportunity of acceleration instead of standard Year 9 Mathematics.

YEAR 9 SCIENCE

Students discuss and examine examples of homeostasis. They explore ways in which the human body and living systems detect and respond. Students develop their knowledge of disease and complete further practical work in the wetlands, discovering ecology. The students study and experiment with electric circuits, explaining their operation, and examining how magnets can be used to generate electricity. Modelling assists the understanding of the structure of the atom. Through chemical reactions, students come to learn how new substances are formed. They use appropriate terms to describe reactions and begin writing word equations. Metals and non-metals, and acids and bases are identified. The concept of conservation of mass is demonstrated.

YEAR 9 HISTORY/GEOGRAPHY

The curriculum provides a study of the history of the 'Making of the Modern World' from 1750 to 1918. Students study the industrialisation and rapid change in the way people lived, worked and thought. They examine nationalism, imperialism, and the colonisation of Australia. They investigate the Gold Rush and World War I (1914-1918), 'the war to end all wars'.

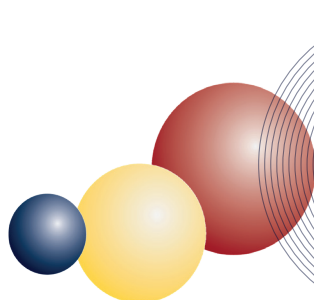
Geography's focus is sustainability and geospatial skill development. Students examine biomes of the world and their significance to agriculture. We consider the challenges of expanding future food production and the issue of food security at home and abroad. They also investigate the interconnections between people and places through consumption and the effect this production has on the people and places where they are made.

YEAR 9 HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Students investigate different components of fitness, complete comprehensive fitness testing and develop an individual fitness program. They engage in, and develop skills in a variety of recreational and outdoor activities, including dance. Students discuss personal identity, values and relationships, and how relationships vary between people. They also investigate drugs and mental health and develop an understanding of the many terms that are used in connection with drugs and mental health whilst considering the effects of a variety of legal drugs on the body. Students investigate mental health issues relevant to young people. Positive and negative outcomes of health behaviours and services that support health needs of young people are also identified.

YEAR 9 COMMUNITY PROJECT

Year 9 Community Project builds awareness for students of the importance of becoming active learners and citizens through personal involvement within our wider community. It involves students working with a group of peers to reach out and help in different areas of our local community. The projects are completely student driven. They gain experience in communicating with various organisations and project/event coordination.



YEAR 9 METAL TECHNOLOGY

This subject aims to introduce students to the design process and procedures for metalwork construction techniques. Students will develop an understanding that designing is a way of thinking of solutions to problems. They will then apply this knowledge in the creation of a design solution of their own. Students will also research and define the properties of materials and the parameters of their design problem. Students gain knowledge of the importance of Occupational Health and Safety (OH&S) and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) within the classroom.

YEAR 9 WOOD TECHNOLOGY

This subject aims to introduce students to the design process and procedures for woodwork construction techniques. Students will develop an understanding that designing is a way of thinking about solutions to problems. They will then apply this knowledge in the creation of a design solution of their own. Design ideas will incorporate a range of communication methods and an indication of the expected standard and quality of finish that should be evident in the finished product. Students will gain an understanding of woodworking tools and equipment and woodworking techniques and methods. They will gain knowledge of the importance of Occupational Health and Safety (OH&S) and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) within the classroom.

YEAR 9 AUTOMOTIVE TECHNOLOGY

In this subject students will learn the basic functions of automotive systems and components, and have the opportunity to learn how two and four stroke engines function. They will be required to disassemble and section an automotive component to be displayed on a fabricated stand, followed by working on a small four stroke engine to recognise all the major components. Students will also gain knowledge of the importance of Occupational Health and Safety (OH&S) and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) within the classroom and within industry.

YEAR 9 FOOD TECHNOLOGY

The study of Food Technology provides students with a broad knowledge and understanding of the relationship between food properties, processing and preparation. It addresses the importance of hygiene and safe working practices in the production of food. Students will develop food-specific skills, which can then be applied in a range of contexts enabling them to produce quality food products. The goal is for students to develop an interest in food by increasing their understanding of preparation techniques, cooking processes and the properties of food. They will also develop an understanding of the food necessary for every day needs and general good health. Students develop an appreciation for the great range of different properties of food and how different food preparation techniques influence these properties.

YEAR 9 DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY

Students are actively engaged in the processes of analysing problems and opportunities, designing, developing and evaluating digital solutions, and creating and sharing information that meets a range of current and future needs. Students learn to safely and ethically exploit the capacity of information systems to create digital solutions. These solutions and information are created through the application of computational, design and systems thinking, and technical skills. The students will gain an insight into how digital technologies shape our world and develop skills in the use of coding for the creation of websites, games and other digital assets.

YEAR 9 VISUAL ARTS

This subject enables students to explore a range of different materials, medium, artists and art styles. Combining 2D and 3D art forms, students will complete tasks that build on their individual style and let them critically reflect on the contribution of visual art practitioners. Students will extend their knowledge of safe art practices and develop skills for interpreting and evaluating artworks. Studio process including ideas and images used for inspiration and process exploration used for a final product are documented in a Visual Journal.

YEAR 9 PERFORMING ARTS - DRAMA

Students will be encouraged to express their individuality and creativeness through dramatic performance. An emphasis is placed on developing self confidence and a clear understanding of the key skills associated with the study of drama. The course aims at developing students' acting and analytical skills through the application of improvised and scripted drama. Both components require students to work independently and collaboratively to develop various performances.

YEAR 9 PERFORMANCE, MUSIC & CHOIR

Students will explore music as an art form through listening, composing and performing. They will investigate basic music technology and build on their understanding and use of the elements of music. As they experience and create music, students will draw on music from a range of cultures, times and locations and explore how musicians influence and challenge ideas and contribute to cultural expression in their local communities and at national and international levels.

Specifically students will also be learning how to arrange and sing a repertoire of songs and gain an understanding of vocal techniques and musical theory with a focus on music in the liturgy.

YEAR 9 VISUAL COMMUNICATION DESIGN

Visual Communication Design allows students to investigate the world through the practices of designers. They build an understanding of the important role of visual communication design in contemporary society and apply this knowledge in their own visual communications.

Students will have an opportunity to gain knowledge and skills in manual design and digital design including the use of design software including Adobe Creative Cloud (including Photoshop and Illustrator) and fusion 360. Students will learn how they can apply the skills and knowledge learnt to develop a number of original designs and prototypes.

YEAR 9 VISUAL MEDIA

Students will complete tasks that allow them to practise and explore the basics of photography, film making and video games. They will also produce their own music video, film and TV advertisement.

If students think they may have an interest in the media industry, taking photographs and making their own movies, then this elective is designed to allow them to explore that interest and develop their practical skills in the area of production.

YEAR 9 ENGLISH - WRITER'S CRAFT

At the heart of all good writing is a beautiful, powerful or interesting idea, but obviously a lot more is required. Some authors suggest that good writing involves the unhinging of the soul to release our inner novel, while for others it is a construction only brought about by hours of writing, rewriting and more rewriting. Ultimately, it is both; this is the writer's craft. In this elective we will be exploring the secrets that writers use to captivate their audiences. You will learn to write in different styles, although the focus is on narrative/imaginative writing. Students will also become familiar with the pitfalls of the publishing industry. This course is aimed to be strongly student driven in order to 'surgically' (or poetically) remove the novel that is trapped inside their soul.

YEAR 9 MATHEMATICAL MINDS

Mathematical Minds has been designed to facilitate students to pursue their keen interest in, and passion for, Mathematics, thereby better equipping them for VCE Mathematics and beyond.

This subject is made up of the following components: problem solving, physical Maths, competition Maths and Mathematical investigations and assignments. Each component will be assessed using a variety of assessment methods.

YEAR 9 CIVICS AND CITIZENSHIP

This subject aims to introduce students to the Australian political and legal systems. Students will have the opportunity to examine the ways political parties, interest groups, media and individuals influence the government and decision making processes. Throughout the semester, students will organise and participate in a mock election. The mock election provides students with an opportunity to demonstrate their knowledge and understanding of the Australian political system. Students will learn about the operations of the Australian legal system and how it works to protect the rights of people within the community. They will also investigate the different divisions of the court system. Students will develop communication skills through interactive activities such as class debates, discussions and role playing.

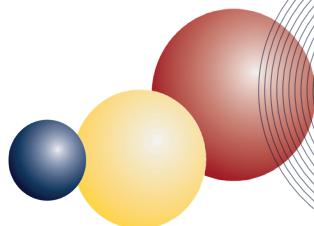
YEAR 9 HISTORY - DECLINE OF EMPIRES

Did Nero burn Rome? What was so mysterious about the disappearance of the Mayan civilization? Did Genghis Khan's grandchildren really fight over the inheritance? Why did seven major empires collapse in the 20th Century? These are all questions to be explored in Decline of Empires, an elective designed to examine the rise and fall of the great civilizations throughout history.

In this subject, students will pursue self-directed learning opportunities to make links and draw contrasts between the major civilizations which have existed throughout the ages. These could include the Roman Empire, the Mongols, the British Empire and the civilizations of the Americas.

YEAR 9 FRENCH

Students' vocabulary and grammar usage is increased and experimentation occurs with different forms of communication. Students use French to communicate and interact with each other and with online resources, to access and exchange information, to express feelings and opinions, to participate in imaginative and creative experiences, and to design, interpret and analyse a range of texts and experiences. They use words with more complex syllable combinations and become more fluent and accurate in both spoken and written language production. They develop strategies for self-correction by referencing their developing understanding of grammar and context. Students learn to construct more extended texts and continue to expand language for interaction, initiating and maintaining conversations, seeking clarification and repetition, and contributing to structured discussions in French.



YEAR 9 SPORTS ACADEMY

Catholic College Sale Sports Academy is designed to provide students with the opportunity to further develop their sporting skills in Australian Rules football, netball, basketball or cricket, whilst building confidence and leadership skills. Catholic College Sale has outstanding sport facilities with a history of success in the variety of sports offered. To complement this skill development, all students in Year 9 will continue to develop essential skills in physically preparing them for elite level sport. They will be introduced to the concepts surrounding fitness testing, strength and conditioning, recovery techniques, and skill and game analysis, whilst benefiting from the extensive experience of the PE staff in their respective sports.

The course is designed to assist those students who already display a high level of aptitude for Australian Rules football, netball, basketball or cricket. As a prerequisite for this program, students must be playing the chosen sport in a domestic or community competition. Students must also show a willingness to strive for growth in the chosen sport, and be open to participation in extracurricular activities.

YEAR 9 OUTDOOR EDUCATION

Outdoor Education has been designed to give students a safe introduction to outdoor adventure activities in an environment that fosters teamwork, but values individual achievement. Students will be expected to participate to the best of their ability in the Outdoor Education camp and other sessions outside of the classroom. However, this subject is not all practical work and students will be expected to apply themselves equally well during theory work within the classroom. Students in this elective will learn how to evaluate risk and demonstrate the organisational ability to enjoy and preserve natural environments.

This course of study will incur an extra cost of \$155.

YEAR 10 CURRICULUM

At Year 10 students are required to complete one subject from each of the following Learning Areas:

● RELIGIOUS EDUCATION	● RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
	● RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SERVICE IN ACTION (RESA)
● ENGLISH	● ENGLISH
	● ESSENTIAL ENGLISH (By CCS Allocation)
	● LITERATURE
● MATHEMATICS	● MATHEMATICS
	● ESSENTIAL MATHEMATICS (By CCS Allocation)
	● ENHANCED MATHEMATICS
● SCIENCE	● GENERAL SCIENCE
● HISTORY	● AUSTRALIA IN THE 20TH CENTURY
● HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION	● HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION
● CAREERS	● CAREERS

YEAR 10 PATHWAYS

At Year 10 students are encouraged to explore and extend their talents and interests by selecting a course of study from the variety of alternatives provided. Students' experiences at Year 10 will help guide the choices they make as they move into the senior years. When selecting Year 10 core subjects, it is important that students be guided by recommendations from their current teachers. There are three different ways that students can complete Year 10.

YEAR 10 MAINSTREAM PATHWAYS

In a mainstream Year 10 pathway students will complete two semesters of Religious Education, English and Mathematics. (Allocation to Mathematics and Foundation English classes will be based on previous assessments and teacher judgement). Students must complete units in Humanities (History), Science and Health and Physical Education.

They will then have a minimum of three 'free choice' electives in which they can pursue their own interests or goals. For breadth of curriculum, students may not choose more than two of the three 'free choice' electives from the same Learning Area.

YEAR 10 VETiS PATHWAY

In this Pathway students can apply to complete a Year 1 VETiS study in an area of special interest. Students may be interested in pursuing work in this area in the future. For further information about VETiS please refer to page 80. Choosing a VETiS subject will replace two 'free choice' electives.

YEAR 10 VCE PATHWAY

In this Pathway students can apply to complete a Unit 1 and 2 VCE subject at Year 10 in an area of special interest and in which they have demonstrated sound skills and achievement. To enhance learning and complete a VCE study in Year 10, students will need to make an application. Forms can be collected from the Curriculum Administration Officer. Students are only permitted to undertake one VCE subject except in special circumstances and with CCS approval. Choosing a VCE subject will replace two 'free choice' electives. However, some of these electives can be taken as an alternative to Year 10 Units allowing more free choice. This alternative option must be selected by the student and is only possible for particular Year 10 units.

YEAR 10 ELECTIVES

When choosing electives students are not permitted to select more than two from any given Learning Area. If choosing VCE or VETiS options the remaining elective should be from a different Learning Area.

● TECHNOLOGY

- **FOOD TECHNOLOGY: A TASTE OF HOSPITALITY**
- **PRODUCT DESIGN: WOOD/METAL**
- **AUTOMOTIVE SYSTEMS ENGINEERING**

● THE ARTS

- **PERFORMING ARTS - DRAMA**
- **VISUAL ARTS**
- **VISUAL MEDIA**
- **VISUAL COMMUNICATION DESIGN**
- **PERFORMANCE, MUSIC & CHOIR**

● HUMANITIES

- **GEOGRAPHY**
- **COMMERCE**
- **HISTORY - WORLD DOMINATION!**

● HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION

- **SPORTS ACADEMY - NETBALL**
- **SPORTS ACADEMY - FOOTBALL**
- **SPORTS ACADEMY- BASKETBALL**
- **SPORTS ACADEMY- CRICKET**

YEAR 10 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

In Religious Education across the Diocese of Sale units are offered to each year level under the four central strands of 'Life and Mission of Jesus', 'The Triune God', 'Christian Life and Catholic Social Teaching' and 'The Sacramental Church'. Each of these areas will be studied using 'Scripture', 'Tradition', 'Religion and Society' and 'Prayer and Liturgy' as key elements in a student's learning.

Units in the Year 10 Core are "Diversity in the World – World Religions", "Stewardship – God the Creator," "Christian Moral Decision Making" and "An Introduction to the Bible." These last two units feed into the VCE units offered in Year 11.

YEAR 10 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SERVICE IN ACTION (RESA)

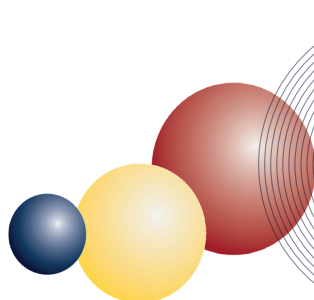
The chosen Year 10 students examine the foundations of Catholic faith and investigate the relevance of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus for young people today. They develop an understanding of the core principles of youth ministry and participate in youth ministry experiences. All students are involved in planning and participating in a variety of youth ministry experiences.

These units are then expanded on in Year 11 with many practical applications. The Year 11 RESA unit has a specific focus on Leadership and planning within a Youth Ministry setting.

All students who wish to participate in the RESA unit must fill in an application form and commit to attending some activities outside of normal class time. Entry will be limited and chosen from all applications.

YEAR 10 ENGLISH

Students interact in a range of face-to-face and online/virtual environments. They experience learning in familiar and unfamiliar contexts, including local community, vocational and global contexts. Students engage with a variety of texts for enjoyment. They interpret, create, evaluate, discuss and perform a wide range of literary texts in which the primary purpose is aesthetic, as well as texts designed to inform and persuade. They develop a critical understanding of the contemporary media, and the differences between media texts. Students create a range of imaginative, informative and persuasive types of texts.



YEAR 10 ESSENTIAL ENGLISH

Essential English in Year 10 is designed for students who may require a more vocationally oriented approach to English or who may be aiming to directly enter the workforce upon completing their secondary studies. It may also be suited to students who need additional time and assistance to strengthen and refine their literacy skills to support their study in VCE English. It integrates speaking, listening, reading, viewing and writing across all areas of study to enhance students' knowledge about the structures and functions of written and oral language. It allows students to improve their skills in comprehending and responding to a variety of texts and to enhance their communication skills. Students will be nominated for this subject and parents/guardians will be consulted to determine if this is an appropriate pathway.

YEAR 10 LITERATURE

This course is designed to give students a basic introduction to the skill and knowledge requirements for VCE Literature. Students will engage with the course through the study of key movements in Literature, and the influential authors of each period. In this study students will focus on the historical context of texts and the views and values implicit through an author's use of language. On completion of this course students will be familiar with the requirements of each of Literature and core English.

YEAR 10 MATHEMATICS

This course is designed to cater for students of all abilities. It involves the study of financial mathematics, measurement, linear relationships, statistics, trigonometry, algebra, and probability. Students are required to apply mathematical knowledge and skills to solve problems in both standard and unfamiliar situations, learn and practice mathematical algorithms, routines and techniques, and use them to find solutions to standard problems. The use of technology is encouraged.

For students who find Mathematics challenging there is the option of Essential Mathematics. Students will be nominated for this subject and parents/guardians will be consulted to determine if this is an appropriate pathway.

YEAR 10 ENHANCED MATHEMATICS

This subject caters for motivated Mathematics students. It is intended as preparation for VCE Mathematical Methods. Students could extend work in number and algebra, trigonometry, non-linear relationships and polynomials. They are required to apply mathematical knowledge and skills to solve problems in a variety of situations, learn and practise mathematical algorithms, routines and techniques and use them to find solutions to standard problems. The use of technology is encouraged. This subject will be automatically available for selection by all clearly capable students.

Prerequisite for Unit 1 Mathematical Methods – students wishing to pursue this prerequisite for future career purposes may need to justify their access to this subject.

YEAR 10 ESSENTIAL MATHEMATICS

This subject is designed with vocational numeracy improvement as its main aim. In conjunction with a range of other numeracy practice and exploration we will be using various online tools, depending on student needs. This program provides all students with access to all 10 levels of Mathematics across the three Victorian Curriculum Strands, Number and Algebra, Measurement and Geometry, and Statistics and Probability. This has replaced previous text books and uses integrated diagnostic tools to ensure each student's learning is best tailored to their individual needs. Each student's Mathematics work is continuously adapted to their specific needs, allowing the assessment, teaching and homework to be tailored to ensure success in learning.

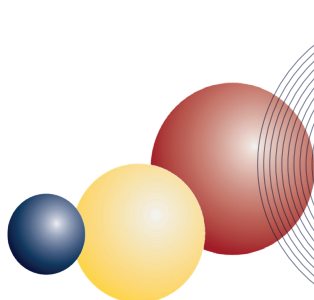
Students will be nominated for this subject and parents/guardians will be consulted to determine if this is an appropriate pathway.

YEAR 10 HISTORY - AUSTRALIA IN THE 20TH CENTURY

This subject is designed to enable students to consider Australia's place in the modern world, how conflict has changed our society and the consequences of World War II. Students investigate Australia's involvement in World War II, its aftermath and the causes and nature of The Cold War. Changes in Australian society and the struggle for rights and freedoms for Indigenous Australians is also explored. Students will investigate an aspect of the Globalising World, and how it has helped to shape Australian society. Students will learn how to research effectively, analyse a range of visual and written sources, and synthesise their work in essay format.

YEAR 10 SCIENCE

Students explore the biology of heritable characteristics and develop some understanding of the mechanisms of inheritance such as DNA, genes, mutations and dominant and recessive modes of transmission. Evidence is examined which supports the theory of evolution by natural selection. The origin and development of the Universe is investigated, with a focus on galaxies and the birth and death of stars. Through experimentation, an understanding is developed of the arrangement of elements in the Periodic Table and students predict the products of several types of chemical reactions. Students learn about ion formation and how this can be used to predict ionic compounds. They write chemical equations and develop an understanding of naming conventions of chemical compounds. The Physics Units have students learn about Newton's Laws of Motion and how these can be used in describing examples in our everyday lives. Students then describe and explore energy conservation and transfer between objects and types of potential and kinetic energy. Students use terminology to qualitatively describe motion and perform calculations to quantitatively describe motion.



YEAR 10 HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Health and Physical Education combines both practical and theoretical components of study. Students focus on 'moving' and maintaining lifelong physical activity, in a variety of physical activities, including kofball, croquet and lawn bowls. They explore and analyse aspects of a healthy community. They visit and analyse the different government and non-government health facilities in the local community. They learn about nutrition and are empowered to make good food choices. Students analyse the relationship between nutrition, exercise and lifestyle disease and have the opportunity to bring their knowledge into the kitchen.

Students examine mental health issues relevant to young people and consider the importance of family, friends and exercise in supporting their mental health and emotional health needs. Students examine perceptions of challenge, risk and safety when driving and discuss ways to minimise risks on the road.

YEAR 10 CAREERS

The initial learning outcome is 'Building a Career Pathway'. In this area of study students are introduced to important career pathways concepts, especially career development and lifelong learning. Students begin to lay the foundations for the development of work-related skills by actively exploring their own individual career goals and pathways. They will develop techniques that assist them to source suitable work opportunities. Students also investigate the nature of work by analysing industry and employment trends as well as current and future work options.



YEAR 10 FOOD TECHNOLOGY: A TASTE OF HOSPITALITY

This is a fabulous subject where students get to learn about food, cook and eat it. It is a design and technology subject that runs for a semester and utilises the hospitality kitchen. Students develop designed food solutions to a range of design briefs. This involves researching, designing, producing and evaluating products. All of these processes will require planning, consideration and also collaboration with others to bring about the successful end result.

The range of design briefs leads students to understanding of nutrition, sustainability and preservation, cultural considerations and contemporary issues of food into the future. Through trialling and producing food solutions, skills in safety and techniques for cooking and presentation are developed. They learn to use commercial equipment common to a hospitality setting. Students will justify the preferred pathway to meeting the design brief and evaluate whether success criteria have been met.

YEAR 10 PRODUCT DESIGN - METAL/ WOOD

Students will design, plan, cost, and construct their design ideas incorporating a range of skills to produce finished wooden and metalwork projects to an expected standard and quality of finish. A detailed theoretical and practical knowledge of woodworking and metalwork tools and equipment will be gained, allowing the student to bring their ideas and designs to fruition. Students gain knowledge of the importance of Occupational Health and Safety (OH&S) and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) within the classroom and within industry.

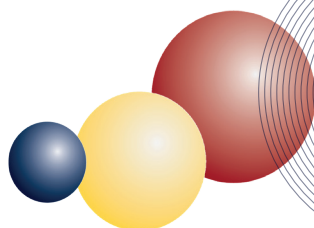
YEAR 10 AUTOMOTIVE SYSTEMS ENGINEERING

This subject is designed to enable students to learn about the many types of systems used in today's technologies, such as electrical, mechanical and hydraulic. Students will have a balance of theory and practical tasks to investigate, build and evaluate small mechanical and electrical projects focusing on, but not limited to, automotive systems. They will learn skills such as soldering, manufacturing, and gear systems whilst gaining a greater understanding of how everyday things work.

YEAR 10 PERFORMING ARTS - DRAMA

Students will have the opportunity to develop acting skills and apply them to both improvised and scripted drama. They explore ways of creating characters with depth and credibility, and how to interact with other characters in scenes and plays. An opportunity to design and construct sets, costumes and props, and develop knowledge of stagecraft will be offered.

Students will develop their knowledge of dramatic elements, theatre history, theatrical conventions and stagecraft in preparation for VCE studies. The rehearsal and refinement of work for particular audiences will culminate in the performance of a scripted piece.



YEAR 10 VISUAL ARTS

This subject involves the study of a range of different art methods including drawing, painting, photography, printmaking and mixed media. Students explore and comment on their own ideas and concepts through their studio practice and engage in discussion, analysis and interpretation of other artists. Students are introduced to both traditional and contemporary media through the study of artists from a wide range of historical and cultural contexts. Studio process including annotated ideas and images used for inspiration and photographs of the processes used for a final product are documented in a Visual Journal. Visual Arts is designed to prepare students for art in senior years and links with Studio Arts, Media and Visual Communication Design.

YEAR 10 VISUAL MEDIA

Students who have an interest in photography and making short films are encouraged to take Visual Media. This subject also teaches a critical awareness of how the media works. It includes film study, creation of a music video, a photography assignment, and an advertisement assignment. Students also examine the positive and negative effects of social media, and learn how to analyse the different product elements.

YEAR 10 VISUAL COMMUNICATION DESIGN

In this subject students use visual communication design knowledge, understanding and skills to communicate ideas and information with a specific purpose. They use visual communication practices and technologies to generate ideas, and develop and refine visual communications. Students develop an appreciation of the means by which others visually communicate ideas and information.

Students will learn about the three design fields of Communication, Environmental and Industrial Design and how to create and develop designs by hand and on the computer. They will use software including Illustrator, Photoshop, InDesign and Fusion 360. Students will learn how they can apply the skills and knowledge learnt in the development of a number of original designs and prototypes.

YEAR 10 PERFORMANCE, MUSIC & CHOIR

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Specifically students will also be learning how to arrange and sing a repertoire of songs and gain an understanding of vocal techniques and musical theory with a focus on music in the liturgy. All students who would like to be a part of the College Choir are strongly encouraged to select this all year elective.



YEAR 10 GEOGRAPHY

This subject explores the environmental, economic and technological factors that influence environmental change in our world and how we manage it. We examine a range of different environments both local and global.

We will also focus on human wellbeing. Students will compare and contrast different places around the world and investigate the variations that exist in the living conditions. We use Geographic Information Systems (GIS) to examine the different ways of mapping human wellbeing and explore development issues affecting these places. We examine how to improve human wellbeing in Australia and other countries.



YEAR 10 COMMERCE

Students develop a general understanding of business in a rapidly changing business and economic environment. This subject aims to equip students with the knowledge, understanding and practical skills that can be transferred into everyday life. They will learn essential skills such as managing their own personal finances, creating a budget and basic accounting. Students will investigate the concept of business from the ground up. They will look at everything from the operations and structure of business, to business ventures. This course provides students with an opportunity to demonstrate their knowledge and understanding of business through a variety of practical and theoretical learning experiences.



YEAR 10 HISTORY - WORLD DOMINATION!

This subject examines ideologies and the ways in which different groups attempt to dominate the political, social and economic features of society through the promotion of their particular ideology. Communism, Neoliberalism, Marxism, Capitalism, Fascism, Imperialism, Feminism, Cosmopolitanism, Utilitarianism and Secularism are all "isms" which have dominated the modern landscape. This elective encourages students to explore ideas, beliefs and frameworks that can empower or, conversely, suppress the human spirit.

YEAR 10 SPORTS ACADEMY

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The course is designed to assist those students who already display a high level of aptitude for Australian Rules football, netball, basketball or cricket. As a prerequisite for this program, students must be playing the chosen sport in a domestic or community competition. Students must also show a willingness to strive for growth in the chosen sport, and be open to participation in extracurricular activities.



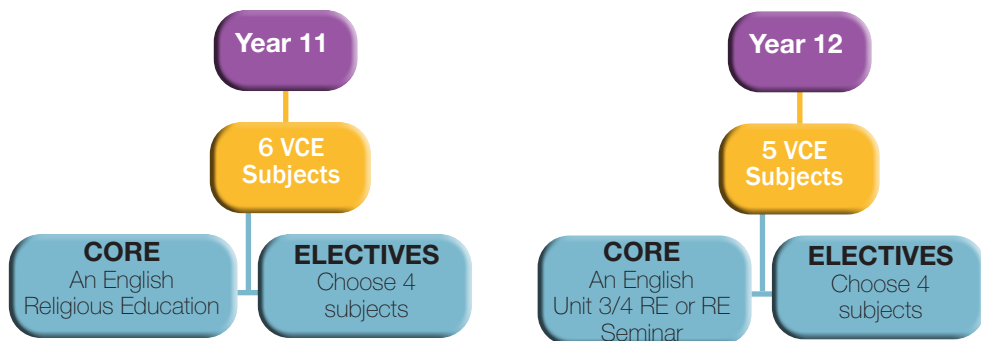
SENIOR SCHOOL CURRICULUM

Most students starting Year 11 have already begun their choice of pathway at Year 10. For some however, they might still be unsure. For more information about senior secondary certificates the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority (VCAA) has produced an excellent guide for students and parents which is called 'Where to Now? Guide to the VCE, VCAL and Apprenticeships and Traineeships' which is available [here](#).

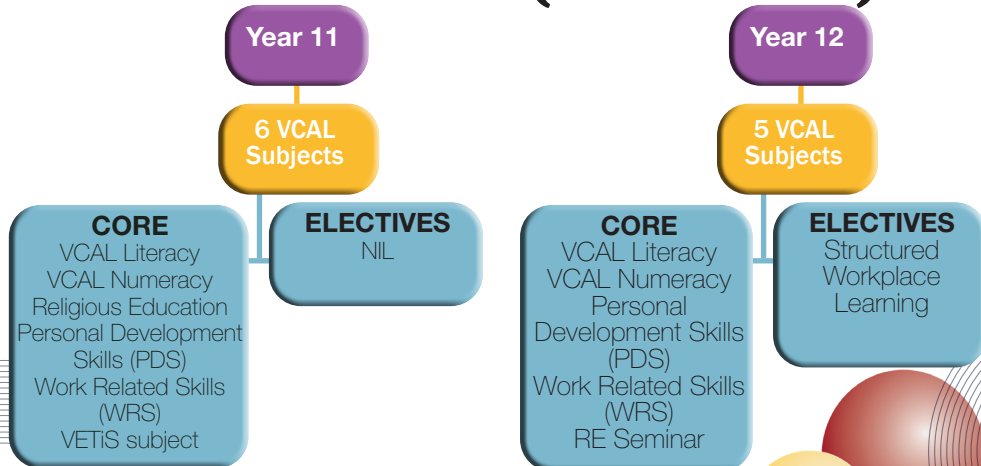
We offer a wide range of subjects and make every effort to tailor a senior secondary program to match students' interests and career aspirations. Students have a number of options available to them.

VCE PATHWAY - ATAR

A traditional VCE Pathway will give students an ATAR for direct entry into university. Students must complete five Unit 3/4 sequences in Year 12. This does not include any Unit 3/4 sequence they may have completed in Year 11. There is also the option for students to complete one Unit 1/2 sequence in Year 10 and one Unit 3/4 sequence in Year 11. Some VETiS subjects are scored in the same way as VCE subjects.



VCAL PATHWAY - (NON - ATAR)



LIST OF VCE AND VETIS SUBJECTS

Listed below are available options for the VCE and VCE VET studies on campus at Catholic College Sale in 2021 (subject to class size limits and sufficient student numbers).

There are no prerequisites for any VCE Unit 3 and 4 study. They can be completed without completing Units 1 and 2. However, it is not recommended that some studies be completed at Units 3 and 4 without completing Units 1 and 2. This should be discussed with the Pathways Coordinator.

Some VETIS off campus are also available.

- **BIOLOGY**
- **BUSINESS MANAGEMENT**
- **CHEMISTRY**
- **DRAMA**
- **ENGLISH**
- **ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE**
- **EXTENDED INVESTIGATION**
*(Units 3/4)
- **FOOD STUDIES**
- **FOUNDATION ENGLISH**
- **GEOGRAPHY**
- **HEALTH AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT**
- **HISTORY & GLOBAL POLITICS**
- **LEGAL STUDIES**
- **LITERATURE ***
- **GENERAL MATHEMATICS**
(Units 1/2)
- **SPECIALIST MATHEMATICS**
- **MATHEMATICAL METHODS**
- **FURTHER MATHEMATICS** (Units 3/4)
- **MEDIA**
- **OUTDOOR AND ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION**
- **PHYSICAL EDUCATION**
- **PHYSICS**
- **PRODUCT DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY**
- **PSYCHOLOGY**
- **RELIGION AND SOCIETY**
- **STUDIO ARTS**
- **TEXTS AND TRADITIONS**
- **VISUAL COMMUNICATION DESIGN**
- **VCE VET AUTOMOTIVE**
- **VCE VET BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION**
- **VCE VET ENGINEERING**
- **VCE VET INFORMATION, DIGITAL MEDIA AND TECHNOLOGY**
- **VCE VET HEALTH**
- **VCE VET HOSPITALITY**
- **VCE VET MUSIC INDUSTRY**
- **VCE VET SPORT AND RECREATION**

* Subjects NOT available to Year 10 students.

UNITS 1 & 2 BIOLOGY

UNIT 1 - HOW DO ORGANISMS REGULATE THEIR FUNCTIONS?

Students examine the cell as the structural and functional unit of life, from the single celled to the multicellular organism, including the requirements for sustaining cellular processes. Students focus on cell growth, replacement and death and the role of stem cells in differentiation, specialisation and renewal of cells. They explore how systems function through cell specialisation in vascular plants and animals, and consider the role homeostatic mechanisms play in maintaining an animal's internal environment.

UNIT 2 - HOW DOES INHERITANCE IMPACT ON DIVERSITY?

Students explore reproduction and the transmission of biological information from generation to generation and the impact this has on species diversity. They apply their understanding of chromosomes to explain the process of meiosis. Students consider how the relationship between genes, and the environment and epigenetic factors influence phenotypic expression. They explain the inheritance of characteristics, analyse patterns of inheritance, interpret pedigree charts and predict outcomes of genetic crosses.

UNITS 1 & 2 BUSINESS MANAGEMENT

UNIT 1 - PLANNING A BUSINESS

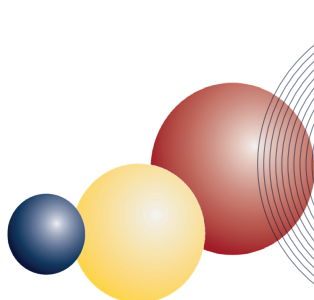
Businesses of all sizes are major contributors to the economic and social wellbeing of a nation. Therefore how businesses are formed and the fostering of conditions under which new business ideas can emerge are vital for a nation's wellbeing. Taking a business idea and planning how to make it a reality are the cornerstones of economic

and social development. In this unit students explore the factors affecting business ideas and the internal and external environments within which businesses operate, and the effect of these on planning a business.

They will also have the opportunity to create their own business plan.

UNIT 2 - ESTABLISHING A BUSINESS

This unit focuses on the establishment phase of a business's life. Establishing a business involves complying with legal requirements as well as making decisions about how best to establish a system of financial record keeping, staff the business and establish a customer base. In this unit students examine the legal requirements that must be satisfied to establish a business. They investigate the essential features of effective marketing and consider the best way to meet the needs of the business in terms of staffing and financial record keeping. Students analyse various management practices in this area by applying this knowledge to contemporary business case studies from the past four years.



UNITS 1 & 2 CHEMISTRY

UNIT 1 - HOW CAN THE DIVERSITY OF MATERIALS BE EXPLAINED?

Using prior knowledge of elements and atomic structure, students explore and explain the relationships between properties, structure and bonding forces within and between particles that vary in size from the visible, through nanoparticles, to molecules and atoms.

Students examine the modification of metals, assess the factors that affect the formation of ionic crystals and investigate a range of non-metallic substances from molecules to polymers and giant lattices and relate their structures to specific applications.

Students are introduced to quantitative concepts in chemistry including the mole concept. They apply their knowledge to determine the relative masses of elements and the composition of substances. Throughout the unit, students use chemistry terminology including symbols, formulas, chemical nomenclature and equations to represent and explain observations and data from experiments, and to discuss chemical phenomena.

UNIT 2 - WHAT MAKES WATER SUCH A UNIQUE CHEMICAL?

Water is the most widely used solvent on Earth. In this unit students explore the physical and chemical properties of water, the reactions that occur in water and various methods of water analysis.

Students examine the polar nature of a water molecule and the intermolecular forces between water molecules. They explore the relationship between these bonding forces and the physical and chemical properties of water. In this context, students investigate solubility, concentration, pH and reactions in water including precipitation, acid-base and redox.

Students are introduced to stoichiometry and to analytical techniques and instrumental procedures, and apply these to determine concentrations of different species in water samples, including chemical contaminants. They use chemistry terminology including symbols, units, formulas and equations to represent and explain observations and data from experiments, and to discuss chemical phenomena. Students explore the solvent properties of water in a variety of contexts and analyse selected issues associated with substances dissolved in water.



UNITS 1 & 2 DRAMA

UNIT 1 - INTRODUCING PERFORMANCE STYLES

Students study three or more performance styles from a range of social, historical and cultural contexts. This unit focuses on creating, presenting and analysing a devised solo and/or ensemble performance that includes real or imagined characters and is based on stimulus material that reflects personal, cultural and/or community experiences and stories. This unit also involves analysis of a student's own performance work and a work by professional drama performers.

Students apply play-making techniques to shape and give meaning to their performance. They manipulate expressive and performance skills in the creation and presentation of characters, and develop awareness and understanding of how characters are portrayed in a range of performance styles. They document the processes they use as they explore a range of stimulus material, and experiment with production areas, dramatic elements, conventions and performance styles.

UNIT 2 - AUSTRALIAN IDENTITY

Students study aspects of Australian identity evident in contemporary drama practice. This may also involve exploring the work of selected drama practitioners and associated performance styles. This unit focuses on the use and documentation of the processes involved in constructing a devised solo or ensemble performance. Students create, present and analyse a performance based on a person, an event, an issue, a place, an artwork, a text and/or an icon from a contemporary or historical Australian context.

In creating the performance, students use stimulus material that allows them to explore an aspect or aspects of Australian identity. They examine selected performance styles and explore the associated conventions.



UNITS 1 & 2 ENGLISH

UNIT 1

Students read and respond to texts analytically and creatively. They analyse arguments and the use of persuasive language in texts and create their own texts intended to position audiences. Students develop their skills in creating written, spoken and multimodal texts.

UNIT 2

Students compare the presentation of ideas, issues and themes in texts. They analyse arguments presented and the use of persuasive language in texts and create their own texts intended to position audiences. Students develop their skills in creating written, spoken and multimodal texts.

UNITS 1 & 2 ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE

Environmental science is an interdisciplinary, investigative science that explores the interactions and interconnectedness between humans and their environments, and analyses the functions of both living and non-living elements that sustain Earth systems.

UNIT 1 – HOW ARE EARTH'S DYNAMIC SYSTEMS INTERCONNECTED TO SUPPORT LIFE?

In this unit students examine the processes and interactions occurring within and between Earth's four interrelated systems – the atmosphere, biosphere, hydrosphere and lithosphere. They focus on how ecosystem functioning can influence many local, regional and global environmental conditions such as plant productivity, soil fertility, water quality and air quality. Students explore how changes that have taken place throughout geological and recent history are fundamental to predicting the likely impact of future changes. They consider a variety of influencing factors in achieving a solutions-focused approach to responsible management of challenges related to natural and human-induced environmental change.

UNIT 2 – WHAT AFFECTS EARTH'S CAPACITY TO SUSTAIN LIFE?

In this unit students consider pollution as well as food and water security as complex and systemic environmental challenges facing current and future generations. They examine the characteristics, impacts, assessment and management of a range of pollutants that are emitted or discharged into Earth's air, soil, water and biological systems, and explore factors that limit and enable the sustainable supply of adequate and affordable food and water.

UNITS 1 & 2 FOOD STUDIES

UNIT 1 - FOOD ORIGINS

This unit focuses on food from historical and cultural perspectives. Students investigate the origins and roles of food through time and across the world. They explore how humanity has historically sourced its food, examining the general progression from hunter-gatherer to rural-based agriculture, to today's urban living and global trade in food. Students consider the origins and significance of food through inquiry into particular food-producing regions of the world.

Students look at Australian indigenous food prior to European settlement and how food patterns have changed since, particularly through the influence of food production, processing and manufacturing industries and immigration. Students investigate cuisines that are part of Australia's culinary identity today and reflect on the concept of an Australian cuisine.

UNIT 2 - FOOD MAKERS

In this unit students investigate food systems in contemporary Australia. They gain insight into the significance of food industries to the Australian economy and investigate the capacity of industry to provide safe, high-quality food that meets the needs of consumers.

Students use practical skills and knowledge to produce foods and consider a range of evaluation measures to compare their foods to commercial products. They consider the effective provision and preparation of food in the home, and analyse the benefits and challenges of developing and using practical food skills in daily life. In demonstrating their practical skills, students design new food products and adapt recipes to suit particular needs and circumstances. They consider the possible extension of their role as small scale food producers by exploring

UNITS 1 & 2 GEOGRAPHY

UNIT 1 - HAZARDS AND DISASTERS

This unit investigates how people have responded to specific types of hazards and disasters. Hazards represent the potential to cause harm to people and or the environment, whereas disasters are defined as serious disruptions of the functionality of a community at any scale, involving human, material, economic or environmental losses and impacts. Hazards include a wide range of situations including those within local areas, such as fast-moving traffic or the likelihood of coastal erosion, to regional and global hazards such as drought and infectious disease.

Students undertake an overview of hazards before investigating two contrasting types of hazards and the responses to them.

UNIT 2 - TOURISM: ISSUES AND CHALLENGES

In this unit students investigate the characteristics of tourism, where it has developed, its various forms, how it has changed and continues to change and its impacts on people, and where they live. Tourism is studied at the local, regional and global scales and we emphasise the interconnection within and between places. We look at the rapid growth of tourism and how it can be managed to ensure environmentally sustainable and economically viable communities. Students undertake a field trip to Melbourne.

UNITS 1 & 2 HEALTH AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

UNIT 1 - UNDERSTANDING HEALTH AND WELLBEING

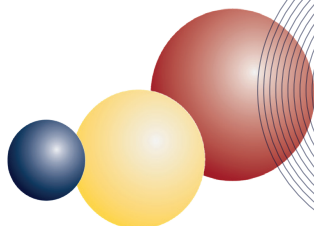
This unit looks at health and wellbeing as a concept with varied and evolving perspectives and definitions. It takes the view that health and wellbeing are subject to a wide range of contexts and interpretations, with different meanings for different people. Wellbeing is a complex combination of all dimensions of health, characterised by an equilibrium in which the individual feels happy, healthy, capable and engaged.

In this unit students identify personal perspectives and priorities relating to health and wellbeing, and enquire into factors that influence health attitudes, beliefs and practices, including among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders. With a focus on youth, students consider their own health as individuals and as a cohort. They build health literacy through interpreting and using data, through investigating the role of food, and through extended inquiry into one youth health focus area.

UNIT 2 -MANAGING HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENT

This unit investigates transitions in health and wellbeing, and development, from lifespan and societal perspectives. Students look at changes and expectations that are part of the progression from youth to adulthood.

Students enquire into the Australian healthcare system and extend their capacity to access and analyse health information. They investigate the challenges and opportunities presented by digital media and health technologies, and consider issues surrounding the use of health data and access to quality health care.



UNIT 2 HISTORY/UNIT 2 AUSTRALIAN AND GLOBAL POLITICS

UNIT 2 -MODERN HISTORY (SEMESTER ONE)

In Unit 2 students explore the nature and impact of the Cold War and challenges and changes to existing political, economic and social arrangements in the second half of the twentieth century. The establishment of the United Nations in 1945 was intended to take an internationalist approach to avoiding warfare, resolving political tensions and addressing threats to human life and safety. Despite internationalist moves, the second half of the twentieth century was dominated by the competing ideologies of democracy and communism, setting the backdrop for the Cold War. The period also saw challenges and change to establish order in many countries. The continuation of moves towards decolonisation led to independence movements in former colonies in Africa, the Middle East, Asia and the Pacific. New countries were created and independence was achieved through both military and diplomatic means. Old conflicts also continued and terrorism became increasingly global.

UNIT 2 - GLOBAL CONNECTIONS

This unit introduces students to the global community and the global actors that are part of this community. In Area of Study 1 students explore the myriad ways lives have been affected by the increased interconnectedness – the global links – of the world through the process of globalisation. These links include a study of the roles of NGOs, global corporations and social media. Students will also evaluate Australia's participation in the global community. In Area of Study 2, students consider the extent to which global actors cooperate and share visions and goals as part of the global community. They investigate the concept of a global community through considering contemporary case studies of global cooperation and conflict.

UNITS 1 & 2 LEGAL STUDIES

UNIT 1 - GUILT AND LIABILITY

Criminal law and civil law aim to achieve social cohesion and protect the rights of individuals. Criminal law is aimed at maintaining social order and infringing criminal law can result in charges. Civil law deals with the infringement of a person's or group's rights and breaching civil law can result in litigation.

Students develop an understanding of legal foundations, such as the different types and sources of law and the existence of a court hierarchy in Victoria. They investigate key concepts of criminal law and civil law and apply these to actual and/or hypothetical scenarios to determine whether an accused may be found guilty of a crime, or liable in a civil dispute. In doing so, students develop an appreciation of the way in which legal principles and information are used in making reasoned judgments and conclusions about the culpability of an accused, and the liability of a party in a civil dispute.

UNIT 2 - SANCTIONS, REMEDIES AND RIGHTS

This unit focuses on the enforcement of criminal law and civil law, the methods and institutions that may be used to determine a criminal case or resolve a civil dispute, and the purposes and types of sanctions and remedies and their effectiveness.

Students undertake a detailed investigation of two criminal cases and two civil cases from the past four years to form a judgment about the ability of sanctions and remedies to achieve the principles of justice. Students develop their understanding of the way rights are protected in Australia and in another country, and possible reforms to the protection of rights. They examine a significant case in relation to the protection of rights in Australia.

Students are provided with a range of opportunities to experience the Justice System including, visits to the Magistrates and County Court to witness real cases and speak with Magistrates, Judges, and Legal practitioners. Students also actively participate in classes in a variety of ways including debating and participation in a mock trial.

UNITS 1 & 2 LITERATURE

UNIT 1 - APPROACHES TO LITERATURE

In this unit, students focus on the ways in which the interaction between text and reader creates meaning. Students' analyses of the features and conventions of texts help them develop increasingly discriminating responses to a range of literary forms and styles. Students respond critically, creatively and reflectively to the ideas and concerns of texts and gain insights into how texts function as representations of human experience. They develop familiarity with key terms, concepts and practices that equip them for further studies in literature. They develop an awareness of how the views and values that readers hold may influence the reading of a text.

UNIT 2 - CONTEXT AND CONNECTIONS

Students explore the ways literary texts connect with each other and with the world. They deepen their examination of the ways their own culture and the cultures represented in texts can influence their interpretations and shape different meanings. Drawing on a range of literary texts, students consider the relationships between authors, audiences and contexts. Ideas, language and structures of different texts from past and present eras and/or cultures are compared and contrasted. Students analyse the similarities and differences across texts and establish connections between them. They engage in close reading of texts and create analytical responses that are evidence-based. By experimenting with textual structures and language features, students understand how imaginative texts are informed by close analysis.



UNITS 1 & 2 GENERAL MATHEMATICS



General Mathematics provides courses of study for a broad range of students and may be implemented in a number of ways. Some students will not study Mathematics beyond Units 1 and 2, while others will intend to study Further Mathematics Units 3 and 4. Others will also be studying Mathematics Methods (CAS) Units 1 and 2 and intend to study Mathematical Methods (CAS) Units 3 and 4 and, in some cases, Specialist Mathematics Units 3 and 4 as well.

The areas of study are 'Algebra and Structure', 'Arithmetic and Number', 'Discrete Mathematics', 'Geometry, Measurement and Trigonometry', 'Graphs of Linear and Non-Linear Relations' and 'Statistics'.

UNITS 1 & 2 MATHEMATICAL METHODS



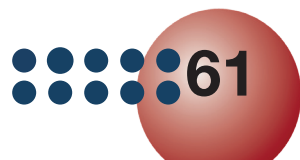
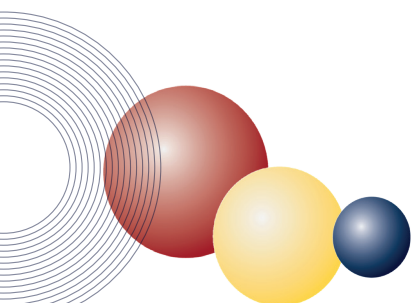
UNIT 1

Mathematical Methods Units 1 and 2 are designed as preparation for Mathematical Methods Units 3 and 4. The areas of study for Unit 1 are 'Functions and Graphs', 'Algebra', 'Calculus' and 'Probability and Statistics'.

Students are expected to be able to apply techniques, routines and processes involving rational and real arithmetic, algebraic manipulation, equation solving, graph sketching, differentiation and integration with and without the use of technology, as applicable. Students should be familiar with relevant mental and by hand approaches in simple cases.

UNIT 2

The areas of study for Unit 2 are 'Functions and Graphs', 'Algebra', 'Calculus', and 'Probability and Statistics'. The appropriate use of computer algebra system (CAS) technology to support and develop the teaching and learning of mathematics, and in related assessments, is to be incorporated throughout the unit. Other technologies such as spreadsheets, dynamic geometry or statistical analysis software may also be used, as appropriate, for various topics from within the areas of study for the course.



UNITS 1 & 2 SPECIALIST MATHEMATICS

Specialist Mathematics Units 1 and 2 provide a course of study for students who wish to undertake an in-depth study of mathematics, with an emphasis on concepts, skills and processes related to mathematical structure, modelling, problem solving and reasoning. This study has a focus on interest in the discipline of mathematics in its own right and investigation of a broad range of applications, as well as development of a sound background for further studies in mathematics and mathematics related fields.

The areas of study for Units 1 and 2 of Specialist Mathematics are 'Algebra and structure', 'Arithmetic and number', 'Discrete mathematics', 'Geometry, measurement and trigonometry', 'Graphs of linear and non-linear relations' and 'Statistics'.

In undertaking these units, students are expected to be able to apply techniques, routines and processes involving rational, real and complex arithmetic, sets, lists and tables, diagrams and geometric constructions, algebraic manipulation, equations and graphs with and without the use of technology. They should have facility with relevant mental and by-hand approaches to estimation and computation.

UNITS 1 & 2 MEDIA

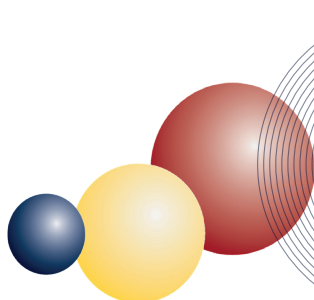
UNIT 1 - MEDIA FORMS, REPRESENTATIONS AND AUSTRALIAN STUDIES

The relationship between audiences and the media is dynamic and changing. Audiences engage with media products in many ways. They share a common language with media producers and construct meanings from the representations within a media product.

In this unit students explore media codes and conventions and the construction of meaning in media products. They analyse how representations, narrative and media codes and conventions contribute to the construction of the media realities audiences engage with and read. Students gain an understanding of audiences as producers and consumers of media products. They work in a range of media forms and develop and produce representations to demonstrate an understanding of the characteristics of each media form, and how they contribute to the communication of meaning.

UNIT 2 - NARRATIVE ACROSS MEDIA FORMS

Fictional and non-fictional narratives are fundamental to the media and are found in all media forms. Media industries such as journalism and filmmaking are built upon the creation and distribution of narratives constructed in the form of a series of interconnected images and/or sounds and/or words, and using media codes and conventions. In this unit students further develop an understanding of the concept of narrative in media products and forms in different contexts. Students undertake production activities to design and create narratives that demonstrate an awareness of the structures and media codes and conventions appropriate to corresponding media forms.



UNITS 1 & 2 OUTDOOR AND ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES

UNIT 1 - EXPLORING OUTDOOR EXPERIENCES

This unit examines some of the ways in which humans understand and relate to nature through experiences of outdoor environments. The focus is on individuals and their personal responses to, and experiences of, outdoor environments.

Students are provided with the opportunity to explore the many ways in which nature is understood and perceived. Students develop a clear understanding of the range of motivations for interacting with outdoor environments and the factors that affect an individual's access to outdoor experiences and relationships with outdoor environments.

UNIT 2 - DISCOVERING OUTDOOR ENVIRONMENTS

This unit focuses on the characteristics of outdoor environments and different ways of understanding them, as well as the impact of humans on outdoor environments.

In this unit students study the impact of nature on humans, and the ecological, social and economic implications of the impact of humans on outdoor environments. Students develop a clear understanding of the impact of technologies and changing human lifestyles on outdoor environments.

Students examine a number of case studies of specific outdoor environments, including areas where there is evidence of human intervention.

An extra cost of \$650 is incurred to cover camps within this course of study.

UNITS 1 & 2 PHYSICAL EDUCATION

UNIT 1 - THE HUMAN BODY IN MOTION

In this unit students explore how the musculoskeletal and cardiorespiratory systems work together to produce movement. Through practical activities students explore the relationships between the body systems and physical activity, sport and exercise, and how the systems adapt and adjust to the demands of the activity. Using a contemporary approach, students evaluate the social, cultural and environmental influences on movement. They consider the implications of the use of legal and illegal practices to improve the performance of the musculoskeletal and cardiorespiratory systems, evaluating perceived benefits and describing potential harms. They also recommend and implement strategies to minimise the risk of illness or injury to each system.

UNIT 2 - PHYSICAL ACTIVITY, SPORT AND SOCIETY

This unit develops students' understanding of physical activity, sport and society from a participatory perspective. Students are introduced to types of physical activity and the role participation in physical activity and sedentary behaviour plays in their own health and wellbeing as well as in other people's lives in different population groups.

Through a series of practical activities, students experience and explore different types of physical activity promoted in their own and different population groups. They gain an appreciation of the level of physical activity required for health benefits. Students explore a range of factors that influence and facilitate participation in regular physical activity.

UNITS 1 & 2 PHYSICS

UNIT 1 - WHAT IDEAS EXPLAIN THE PHYSICAL WORLD?

In this unit students explore how physics explains phenomena, at various scales, which are not always visible to the unaided human eye. They examine some of the fundamental ideas and models used by physicists in an attempt to understand and explain the world.

Students use thermodynamic principles, and apply thermal laws, to explain phenomena related to changes in thermal energy and assess the impact of the use of energy on the environment. They examine the motion of electrons and explain how it can be manipulated and utilised. Students also explore current scientifically accepted theories that explain how matter and energy have changed since the origins of the Universe.

UNIT 2 - WHAT DO EXPERIMENTS REVEAL ABOUT THE PHYSICAL WORLD?

Students explore the power of experiments in developing models and theories, by making their own observations and generating questions, which in turn lead to experiments.

Students investigate the ways in which forces are involved in both moving objects and in keeping objects stationary. They then choose one of twelve options related to astrobiology, astrophysics, bioelectricity, biomechanics, electronics, flight, medical physics, nuclear energy, nuclear physics, optics, sound, and sports science. This enables students to pursue an area of interest by investigating a selected question.

Finally, students design and undertake a practical investigation.

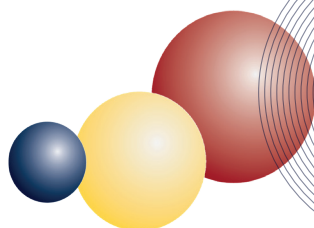
UNITS 1 & 2 PRODUCT DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY

UNIT 1 - SUSTAINABLE PRODUCT REDEVELOPMENT

This unit focuses on the analysis, modification and improvement of a product design with consideration of sustainability. Sustainable redevelopment refers to designers and makers ensuring products serve social, economic and environmental needs. In this unit students examine claims of sustainable practices by designers. Students consider the sustainability of an existing product, such as the impact of sourcing materials, manufacture, distribution, use and likely disposal. They consider how a redeveloped product should attempt to solve a problem related to the original product. Where possible, materials and manufacturing processes used should be carefully selected to improve the overall sustainability of the redeveloped product.

UNIT 2 - COLLABORATIVE DESIGN

In this unit students work in teams to design and develop an item in a product range or contribute to the design, planning and production of a group product. They focus on factors including end-users' needs and wants; function, purpose and context for product design; aesthetics; materials and sustainability; and the impact of these factors on a design solution. Students also use digital technologies to facilitate teams to work collaboratively online. They design a product within a range, based on a theme, or a component of a group product. They research and refer to a chosen design style or movement.



UNITS 1 & 2 PSYCHOLOGY

UNIT 1 - HOW ARE BEHAVIOUR AND MENTAL PROCESSES SHAPED?

Human development involves changes in thoughts, feelings and behaviours. In this unit students investigate the structure and functioning of the human brain and the role it plays in the overall functioning of the human nervous system. Students explore brain plasticity and the influence that brain damage may have on a person's psychological functioning. They consider the complex nature of psychological development, including situations where psychological development may not occur as expected.

A student-directed research investigation related to brain function and/or development is undertaken in this unit.

UNIT 2 - HOW DO EXTERNAL FACTORS INFLUENCE BEHAVIOUR AND MENTAL PROCESSES?

A person's thoughts, feelings and behaviours are influenced by a variety of biological, psychological and social factors. In this unit students investigate how perception of stimuli enables a person to interact with the world around them and how their perception of stimuli can be distorted. They evaluate the role social cognition plays in a person's attitudes, perception of themselves and relationships with others. Students explore a variety of factors and contexts that can influence the behaviour of an individual and groups. They examine the contribution that classical and contemporary research has made to the understanding of human perception and why individuals and groups behave in specific ways.

A practical investigation related to internal and external influences on behaviour is undertaken in this unit.

UNIT 2 RELIGION AND SOCIETY

UNIT 2 - RELIGION AND ETHICS

Ethics is concerned with discovering the perspectives that guide practical moral judgment. Studying ethics involves identifying the arguments and analysing the reasoning, and any other influences, behind these perspectives and moral judgments. An important influence on ethical perspective is the method of ethical decision-making, made up of concepts, principles and theories. In this unit students study in detail various methods of ethical decision-making in at least two religious traditions and their related philosophical traditions. They explore ethical issues in the light of their investigations into ethical decision-making and ethical perspectives, and moral judgments in society.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SERVICE IN ACTION (RESA)

The chosen Year 10 students examine the foundations of Catholic faith and investigate the relevance of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus for young people today. They develop an understanding of the core principles of youth ministry and participate in youth ministry experiences. All students are involved in planning and participating in a variety of youth ministry experiences.

These units are then expanded on in Year 11 with many practical applications. The Year 11 RESA unit has a specific focus on Leadership and planning within a Youth Ministry setting.

All students who wish to participate in the RESA unit must fill in an application form and commit to attending some activities outside of normal class time. Entry will be limited and chosen from all applications.

UNIT 1 & 2 STUDIO ARTS

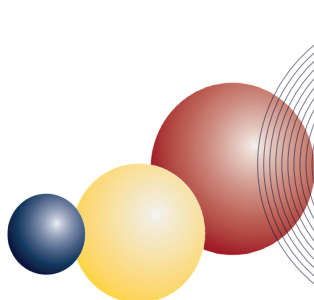
UNIT 1 - STUDIO INSPIRATION AND TECHNIQUES

Students focus on developing an individual understanding of the stages of studio practice and learn how to explore, develop, refine, resolve and present artworks. Students explore sources of inspiration, research artistic influences, develop individual ideas and explore a range of materials and techniques related to specific art forms. They also research and analyse the ways in which artists from different times and cultures have developed their studio practice to interpret and express ideas, source inspiration and apply materials and techniques in artworks. The exhibition of artworks is integral to Unit 1 and students are encouraged to visit a variety of exhibition spaces throughout the unit.

UNIT 2 - STUDIO EXPLORATION AND CONCEPTS

Students focus on establishing and using a studio practice to produce artworks. The studio practice includes the formulation and use of an individual approach to documenting sources of inspiration, and experimentation with selected materials and techniques relevant to specific art forms. Students explore and develop ideas and subject matter, create aesthetic qualities and record the development of the work in a visual diary as part of the studio process.

The exhibition of artworks is integral to Unit 2 and students are encouraged to visit a variety of exhibition spaces throughout the unit, reflect on the different environments and examine how artworks are presented to an audience. Finally, students design and undertake a practical investigation.



UNIT 1 TEXTS AND TRADITIONS

UNIT 1 - TEXTS IN TRADITIONS

Students examine the place of texts and their literary forms within a religious tradition. Story-telling is one of the major literary forms in religious traditions; other forms include law, prophecy, sacred songs, reflection and instruction. Students explore the importance of texts at the source of a tradition and how their meaning for the earlier and continuing tradition might be found and described.

The process of searching for and giving expression to the meaning of text is called exegesis. This unit introduces students to basic methods of exegesis to bring about a deeper awareness of how texts came about, and the meaning of texts to the religious tradition. This unit requires the study of texts in a variety of literary forms. The texts may come from one religious tradition or from a range of religious traditions.

UNITS 1 & 2 VISUAL COMMUNICATION DESIGN

UNIT 1 - INTRODUCTION TO VISUAL COMMUNICATION DESIGN

This unit focuses on using visual language to communicate messages, ideas and concepts. This involves acquiring and applying design thinking skills as well as drawing skills to create messages, ideas and concepts, both visible and tangible. Students practise their ability to draw what they observe and they use visualisation drawing methods to explore their own ideas and concepts. In this unit students are introduced to four stages of the design process: research, generation of ideas, development of concepts and refinement of visual communications.

UNIT 2 - APPLICATIONS OF VISUAL COMMUNICATION WITHIN DESIGN FIELDS

Students use presentation drawing methods that incorporate the use of technical drawing conventions to communicate information and ideas associated with the environmental or industrial fields of design. They also investigate how typography and imagery are used in these fields as well as the communication field of design. They apply design thinking skills when exploring ways in which images and type can be manipulated to communicate ideas and concepts in different ways in the communication design field. In response to a brief, students engage in the stages of research, generation of ideas and development and refinement of concepts to create visual communications.

UNITS 3& 4 BIOLOGY

UNIT 3 - HOW DO CELLS MAINTAIN LIFE?

Students investigate the workings of the cell from several perspectives. They explore the relationship between nucleic acids and proteins as key molecules in cellular processes. Students analyse the structure and function of nucleic acids as information molecules, gene structure and expression in prokaryotic and eukaryotic cells and proteins as a diverse group of functional molecules. They examine the biological consequences of manipulating the DNA molecule and applying biotechnologies.

Students explore the structure, regulation and rate of biochemical pathways, with reference to photosynthesis and cellular respiration. They explore how the application of biotechnologies to biochemical pathways could lead to improvements in agricultural practices.

UNIT 4 - HOW DOES LIFE CHANGE AND RESPOND TO CHALLENGES?

Students consider the continual change and challenges to which life on Earth has been, and continues to be, subjected to. They study the human immune system and the interactions between its components to provide immunity to a specific pathogen. Students consider how the application of biological knowledge can be used to respond to bioethical issues and challenges related to disease.

Students consider how evolutionary biology is based on the accumulation of evidence over time. They investigate the impact of various change events on a population's gene pool and the biological consequences of changes in allele frequencies. Students examine the evidence for relatedness between species and change in life forms over time using evidence from paleontology, structural morphology, molecular homology and comparative genomics. They examine the evidence for structural trends in the human fossil record, recognising that interpretations can be contested, refined or replaced when challenged by new evidence.

UNITS 3& 4 BUSINESS MANAGEMENT

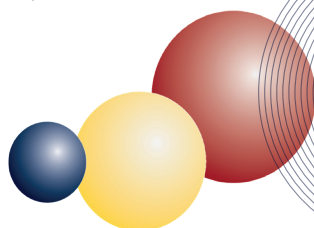
UNIT 3 - MANAGING A BUSINESS

In this unit students explore the key processes and issues concerned with managing a business efficiently and effectively to achieve the business objectives. Students examine the different types of businesses and their respective objectives. They consider corporate culture, management styles, management skills and the relationship between each of these. Students investigate strategies to manage both staff and business operations to meet objectives.

Students develop an understanding of the complexity and challenge of managing businesses and through the use of contemporary business case studies from the past four years have the opportunity to compare theoretical perspectives with current practice.

UNIT 4 - TRANSFORMING A BUSINESS

Businesses are under constant pressure to adapt and change to meet their objectives. In this unit students consider the importance of reviewing key performance indicators to determine current performance and the strategic management necessary to position a business for the future. Students study a theoretical model to undertake change, and consider a variety of strategies to manage change in the most efficient and effective way to improve business performance. They investigate the importance of leadership in change management. Using a contemporary business case study from the past four years, students evaluate business practice against theory.



UNITS 3 &4 CHEMISTRY

UNIT 3 - HOW CAN CHEMICAL PROCESSES BE DESIGNED TO OPTIMISE EFFICIENCY?

Students compare and evaluate different chemical energy resources, they investigate the combustion of fuels, including the energy transformations involved, the use of stoichiometry to calculate the amounts of reactants and products involved in the reactions. Students also consider the purpose, design and operating principles of galvanic cells, fuel cells and electrolytic cells.

Students analyse manufacturing processes with reference to factors that influence their reaction rates and extent. They investigate and apply the equilibrium law and Le Chatelier's principle to different reaction systems, including to predict and explain the conditions that will improve the efficiency and percentage yield of chemical processes.

A student practical investigation related to energy and/or food is undertaken either in Unit 3 or Unit 4, or across both Units 3 and 4.

UNIT 4 - HOW ARE ORGANIC COMPOUNDS CATEGORISED, ANALYSED AND USED?

Students investigate the industrial production of chemicals and the energy changes associated with chemical reactions. Students investigate the renewability of a range of energy sources and consider their energy efficiencies.

Galvanic cells and electrolytic cells operate by transforming chemical and electrical energy. Students investigate their operating principles, both in the laboratory and in important commercial and industrial applications including fuel cells. These cells are used in smaller appliances such as mobile phones, CD players, personal computers, and in larger scale systems such as cars and motor bikes, and in the production of chemicals.

UNITS 3 &4 DRAMA

UNIT 3- DEvised ENSEMBLE PERFORMANCE

Students explore the work of drama practitioners and draw on contemporary practice as they devise ensemble performance work. They explore performance styles and associated conventions from a diverse range of contemporary and/or traditional contexts. Students work collaboratively to devise, develop and present an ensemble performance. They use play-making techniques to extract dramatic potential from stimulus material, then apply and manipulate conventions, dramatic elements, expressive skills, performance skills and production areas. Throughout development of the work they experiment with transformation of character, time and place, and application of symbol.

UNIT 4 - DEvised SOLO PERFORMANCE

Students explore contemporary practice and works that are eclectic in nature; that is, they draw on a range of performance styles and associated conventions from a diverse range of contemporary and traditional contexts. Students develop skills in extracting dramatic potential from stimulus material and use play-making techniques to develop and present a short solo performance. They experiment with application of symbol and transformation of character, time and place.

UNIT 3 & 4 ENGLISH

UNIT 3

Students read and respond to texts analytically and creatively. They analyse arguments and the use of persuasive language in texts.

Students identify, discuss and analyse how the features of selected texts create meaning and how they influence interpretation. They develop and justify their own detailed interpretations of texts.

Students analyse and compare the use of argument and language in texts that debate a topical issue. Students read and view media texts in a variety of forms, including print, non-print and multimodal, and develop their understanding of the way in which language and argument complement one another in positioning the reader.

UNIT 4

Students compare the presentation of ideas, issues and themes in texts. They create an oral presentation intended to position audiences about an issue currently debated in the media.

Students explore the meaningful connections between two texts. They analyse texts, including the interplay between character and setting, voice and structure, and how ideas, issues and themes are conveyed.

Students build their understanding of both the analysis and construction of texts that attempt to influence audiences. They use their knowledge of argument and persuasive language as a basis for the development of their own persuasive texts in relation to a topical issue.

UNIT 3 & 4 EXTENDED INVESTIGATION

UNIT 3 - DESIGNING AN EXTENDED INVESTIGATION

In this unit students develop skills in question construction and design, explore the nature and purpose of research and various research methodologies, critically review research literature and identify a specific research question. Students undertake initial research and document their progress in their Extended Investigation Journal. They use their Journal to record the progressive refinement of a selected area of interest and the distillation of an individual research question.

UNIT 4 - PRESENTING AN EXTENDED INVESTIGATION

This unit is comprised of two parts that together constitute the student's completion of their investigation. The results of the investigation are presented in a final written report and in an oral presentation incorporating a defence to an educated non-specialist audience.

UNIT 3 & 4 FOOD STUDIES

UNIT 3 - FOOD IN DAILY LIFE

This unit investigates the many roles and everyday influences of food. Students explore the science of food: our physical need for it and how it nourishes and sometimes harms our bodies. They investigate the physiology of eating and appreciating food, and the microbiology of digestion. They also investigate the functional properties of food and the changes that occur during food preparation and cooking. They analyse the scientific rationale behind the Australian Dietary Guidelines and the Australian Guide to Healthy Eating and develop their understanding of diverse nutrient requirements.

Students focus on influences on food choice: how communities, families and individuals change their eating patterns over time and how our food values and behaviours develop within social environments.

UNIT 4 - FOOD ISSUES, CHALLENGES AND FUTURES

Students examine debates about global and Australian food systems. They focus on issues about the environment, ecology, ethics, farming practices, the development and application of technologies, and the challenges of food security, food safety, food wastage, and the use and management of water and land. Students research a selected topic, seeking clarity on current situations and points of view, considering solutions and analysing work undertaken to solve problems and support sustainable futures.

UNITS 3 & 4 GEOGRAPHY

UNIT 3- CHANGING THE LAND

This unit focuses on geographical change: change to land cover and change to land use. Students explore the changes that are rapidly occurring in our urban and rural areas. Students investigate the distribution and causes of two major processes that are changing land cover in many regions of the world including: deforestation and melting glaciers and ice sheets.

At a local scale, students investigate land use change at Phillip Island Nature Reserve. We visit this venue to undertake fieldwork and gather evidence of the impact of habitat restoration and look at how the park is managed to ensure the survival of Little Penguin.

UNIT 4 - HUMAN POPULATION : TRENDS AND ISSUES

This unit focuses on the geography of human populations. We explore the patterns of population change, movement and distribution, and how governments, organisations and individuals have responded to those changes in different parts of the world.

Using case studies, we consider the wide range of factors that influence population change, including the impact of government policies, economic conditions, wars and revolution, political boundary changes and hazard events.

UNITS 3 & 4 GLOBAL POLITICS

UNIT 3- GLOBAL ACTORS

Students investigate the key global actors in twenty-first century global politics, including states, intergovernmental organisations, non-state actors and transnational cooperation. They use contemporary evidence to analyse the key global actors and their aims, roles and power. This helps them to develop an understanding of the key actors through an in-depth examination of the concepts of national interest and power as they relate to the state. Students will also analyse and evaluate the way in which one Asia-Pacific state uses power within the region to achieve its objectives.

UNIT 4 - GLOBAL CHALLENGES

Students investigate key global challenges facing the international community in the twenty-first century. They examine and analyse the debates surrounding two ethical issues, which are underpinned by international law. Students will evaluate the effectiveness of responses to two ethical issues that are selected from the following: human rights, people movement, development (e.g. global poverty) and arms control. Students also explore the context and causes of global crises and consider the varying effectiveness of responses and challenges to solving them. Two global crises are selected from the following: climate change, armed conflict, terrorism, and economic instability.



UNITS 3 & 4 HEALTH AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

UNIT 3 - AUSTRALIA'S HEALTH IN A GLOBALISED WORLD

This unit looks at health, wellbeing and illness as multidimensional, dynamic and subject to different interpretations and contexts. Students begin to explore health and wellbeing as a global concept and to take a broader approach to inquiry. As they consider the benefits of optimal health and wellbeing and its importance as an individual and a collective resource, their thinking extends to health as a universal right. Area of Study 2 focuses on health promotion and improvements in population health over time. Students look at various public health approaches and the interdependence of different models as they research health improvements and evaluate successful programs.

UNIT 4 - HEALTH AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT IN A GLOBAL CONTEXT

This unit examines health and wellbeing, and human development in a global context. Students use data to investigate health status and burden of disease in different countries, exploring factors that contribute to health inequalities between and within countries, including the physical, social and economic conditions in which people live. Area of Study 2 looks at global action to improve health and wellbeing and human development, focusing on the United Nations' (UN's) Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the work of the World Health Organization (WHO). Students also investigate the role of non-government organisations and Australia's overseas aid program.



UNITS 3 & 4 HISTORY

UNITS 3 & 4 - REVOLUTIONS

In both units, a specific Revolution is studied over the course of two Areas of Study. The first Area of Study focuses on the role of leaders, ideas, movements and events leading up to and including the overthrow of the old order and the success of the revolutionary group. In the second, the challenges to the new order as it created a new society, and the ways in which the leaders respond, are central.

The Unit 3 area of study is: Russia – from the time of the last Tsar to the rise of the Bolsheviks, up to the death of Lenin. School Assessed Coursework will involve a major research project and a historiographical exercise. Class work will include an in-depth analysis of a wide range of primary documents and the study and evaluation of the views of different historians.

The Unit 4 area of study is: China – from the time of the 'Dragon Lady' Empress and the Last Emperor, through to the rise of the Communist Party, the turmoils of the Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution to the death of Mao. School Assessed Coursework will involve a detailed document analysis and a major essay. Class work will continue building upon the skills from Unit 3 and essay development.

UNITS 3 & 4 LEGAL STUDIES

UNIT 3 - RIGHTS AND JUSTICE

Students examine the methods and institutions in the justice system and consider their appropriateness in determining criminal cases and resolving civil disputes. Students consider the Magistrates' Court, County Court and Supreme Court within the Victorian court hierarchy, as well as other Victorian legal institutions and bodies available to assist with cases. Students explore matters such as the rights available to an accused and to victims in the criminal justice system, the roles of the judge, jury, legal practitioners and the parties, and the ability of sanctions and remedies to achieve their purposes. Students investigate the extent to which the principles of justice are upheld in the justice system. Throughout this unit, students apply legal reasoning and information to actual and/or hypothetical scenarios.

UNIT 4 - THE PEOPLE AND THE LAW

Students explore how the Australian Constitution establishes the law-making powers of the Commonwealth and state parliaments, and protects the Australian people through structures that act as a check on parliament in law-making. Students develop an understanding of the significance of the High Court in protecting and interpreting the Australian Constitution. They investigate parliament and the courts, and the relationship between the two in law-making, and consider the roles of the individual, the media and law reform bodies in influencing law reform.

Students are also immersed where possible in the Justice system through visits to the Supreme Court of Appeal, the County Court and Magistrates Court as well as hearing from a variety of legal personnel including Paul Dore, Juries commissioner, Judges, the former Attorney General of Victoria, Rob Hulls and a range other experiences directly relevant to the study design.

UNITS 3 & 4 LITERATURE

UNIT 3- FORM AND TRANSFORMATION

Students consider how the form of a text affects meaning, and how writers construct their texts. They investigate ways writers adapt and transform texts and how meaning is affected as texts are adapted and transformed. They consider how the perspectives of those adapting texts may inform or influence the adaptations. Students draw on their study of adaptations and transformations to develop creative responses to texts. Students develop their skills in communicating ideas in both written and oral forms.

UNIT 4 - INTERPRETING TEXTS

Students develop critical and analytic responses to texts. They consider the context of their responses to texts as well as the ideas explored in the texts, the style of the language and points of view. They investigate literary criticism informing both the reading and writing of texts. Students develop an informed and sustained interpretation supported by close textual analysis. For the purposes of this unit, literary criticism is characterised by extended, informed and substantiated views on texts and may include reviews, peer-reviewed articles and transcripts of speeches. Specifically, for Unit 4 Outcome 1, the literary criticism selected must reflect different perspectives, assumptions and ideas about the views and values of the text/s studied.



UNITS 3 & 4 FURTHER MATHEMATICS

UNITS 3 & 4

Further Mathematics consists of a compulsory core area of study, comprising of 'Data analysis' and 'Recursion and financial modelling', and then a selection of two from four modules in the 'Applications' area of study. Unit 3 comprises the 'Data analysis' area of study which incorporates a statistical application task, and 'Recursion and financial modelling' area of study. Unit 4 comprises the two selected modules from the 'Applications' area of study.

Assumed knowledge and skills for the 'Data analysis' area of study are contained in the topics: Univariate data, Bivariate data, Linear graphs and modelling, and Linear relations and equations from General Mathematics Units 1 and 2.

Some of the following technologies will be used for various areas of study or topics: graphics calculators, spreadsheets, graphing packages, statistical analysis systems, dynamic geometry systems, and computer algebra systems. Students are encouraged to use graphics or CAS calculators, computer algebra systems, spreadsheets or statistical software in 'Data analysis', dynamic geometry systems in 'Geometry and Trigonometry' and graphics calculators, graphing packages or computer algebra systems in the remaining areas of study, both in the learning of new material and the application of this material in a variety of different contexts.



UNITS 3 & 4 MATHEMATICAL METHODS

UNITS 3 & 4

Mathematical Methods Units 3 and 4 consists of the following areas of study: 'Functions and graphs', 'Algebra', 'Calculus' and 'Probability and statistics', which must be covered in progression from Unit 3 to Unit 4. Assumed knowledge and skills for Mathematical Methods Units 3 and 4 are contained in Mathematical Methods Units 1 and 2, and will be drawn on, as applicable in the development of related content from the areas of study, and key knowledge and skills for the outcomes of Mathematical Methods Units 3 and 4.

Students are expected to be able to apply techniques, routines and processes involving rational and real arithmetic, algebraic manipulation, equation solving, graph sketching, differentiation and integration with and without the use of technology, as applicable. Students should be familiar with relevant mental and by hand approaches in simple cases.

UNITS 3 & 4 SPECIALIST MATHEMATICS

UNITS 3 & 4

Specialist Mathematics consists of the following areas of study: 'Functions, relations and graphs', 'Algebra', 'Calculus', 'Vectors', 'Mechanics' and 'Probability and Statistics'. Specialist Mathematics Units 3 and 4 assumes concurrent or previous study of Mathematical Methods (CAS) Units 3 and 4. They contain assumed knowledge and skills for Specialist Mathematics, which will be drawn on as applicable in the development of content from the areas of study and key knowledge and skills for the outcomes.

In Unit 3 a study of Specialist Mathematics would typically include content from 'Functions, relations and graphs' and a selection of material from the 'Algebra', 'Calculus' and 'Vectors' areas of study.

In Unit 4 this selection would typically consist of the remaining content from the 'Algebra', 'Calculus', and 'Vectors' areas of study and the content from the 'Mechanics' and 'Probability and Statistics' areas of study.

Students are expected to be able to apply techniques, routines and processes, involving rational, real and complex arithmetic, algebraic manipulation, diagrams and geometric constructions, solving equations, graph sketching, differentiation and integration related to the areas of study, as applicable, both with and without the use of technology.

UNITS 3 & 4 MEDIA

UNIT 3 - MEDIA NARRATIVES AND PRE-PRODUCTION

Students explore stories that circulate in society through media narratives. They assess how audiences from different periods of time and contexts are engaged by, consume and read narratives using appropriate media language. Students use the pre-production stage of the media production process to design the production of a media product for a specified audience. They investigate a media form that aligns with their interests and intent, developing an understanding of the media codes and conventions appropriate to audience engagement, consumption and reception within the selected media form. They explore and experiment with media technologies to develop skills in their selected media form, reflecting on and documenting their progress.

UNIT 4 - MEDIA PRODUCTION AND ISSUES IN THE MEDIA

Students focus on the production and post-production stages of the media production process, bringing the media production design created in Unit 3 to its realisation. They refine their media production in response to feedback and through personal reflection, documenting the iterations of their production as they work towards completion. Students explore the relationship between the media and audiences, focusing on the opportunities and challenges afforded by current developments in the media industry. They consider the nature of communication between the media and audiences, explore the capacity of the media to be used by governments, institutions and audiences, and analyse the role of the Australian government in regulating the media.

UNITS 3 & 4 OUTDOOR AND ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES

UNIT 3 - RELATIONSHIPS WITH OUTDOOR ENVIRONMENTS

The focus of this unit is the ecological, historical and social contexts of relationships between humans and outdoor environments in Australia.

Students consider a number of factors that influence relationships with outdoor environments. They also examine the dynamic nature of relationships between humans and their environment. Students are involved in one or more experiences in outdoor environments, including in areas where there is evidence of human interaction.

UNIT 4 - SUSTAINABLE OUTDOOR RELATIONSHIPS

Students explore the sustainable use and management of outdoor environments. They examine the contemporary state of environments in Australia, consider the importance of healthy outdoor environments, and examine the issues relating to the capacity of outdoor environments to support the future needs of the Australian population.

Students examine the importance of developing a balance between human needs and the conservation of outdoor environments and consider the skills needed to be environmentally responsible citizens. They investigate current acts and conventions as well as management strategies for achieving and maintaining healthy and sustainable environments in contemporary Australian society.

An extra cost of \$650 is incurred to cover camps within this course of study.

UNITS 3 & 4 PHYSICAL EDUCATION

UNIT 3 - MOVEMENT, SKILLS AND ENERGY FOR PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

This unit introduces students to the biomechanical and skill acquisition principles used to analyse human movement skills and energy production from a physiological perspective. Students use practical activities to demonstrate how correct application of these principles can lead to improved performance in physical activity and sport. They investigate the relative contribution and interplay of the three energy systems to performance in physical activity, sport and exercise. Students explore the causes of fatigue and consider different strategies used to postpone fatigue and promote recovery.

UNIT 4 - TRAINING TO IMPROVE PERFORMANCE

Students analyse movement skills from a physiological, psychological and sociocultural perspective, and apply relevant training principles and methods to improve performance within physical activity at an individual, club and elite level. Improvements in performance, in particular fitness, depend on the ability of the individual and/ or coach to gain, apply and evaluate knowledge and understanding of training. Students analyse skill frequencies, movement patterns, heart rates and work to rest ratios to determine the requirements of an activity. They consider the physiological, psychological and sociological requirements of training to design and evaluate an effective training program. Students participate in a variety of training sessions designed to improve or maintain fitness and evaluate the effectiveness of different training methods.

UNITS 3 & 4 PHYSICS

UNIT 3 - HOW DO FIELDS EXPLAIN MOTION AND ELECTRICITY?

Students explore the importance of energy in explaining the production of electricity and its delivery to homes. They consider the field model as a construct that has enabled an understanding of why objects move when they are not apparently in contact with other objects. Students explore the interactions, effects and applications of gravitational, electric and magnetic fields including the design and operation of particle accelerators, using Newton's laws and Einstein's theories to investigate and describe motion.

UNIT 4 - HOW CAN TWO CONTRADICTIONARY MODELS EXPLAIN BOTH LIGHT AND MATTER?

Students explore the use of wave and particle theories to model the properties of light and matter. These two phenomenon, although initially considered to be quite different, have been observed as having similar properties. Students are challenged to think beyond the concepts experienced in everyday life to study the physical world from a new perspective. A student-designed practical investigation related to waves, fields or motion is to be presented in a scientific poster format.

UNITS 3 & 4 PRODUCT DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY

UNIT 3 - APPLYING THE PRODUCT DESIGN PROCESS

Students are engaged in the design and development of a product that addresses a personal, local, or global problem (such as humanitarian issues), or that meets the needs and wants of a potential end-user/s. The product is developed through a design process and is influenced by a range of factors including the purpose, function and context of the product; user-centred design; innovation and creativity; design elements and principles; sustainability concerns; economic limitations; legal responsibilities; material characteristics and properties; and technology.

UNIT 4 - PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT AND EVALUATION

Students engage with an end-user/s to gain feedback throughout the process of production. Students make comparisons between similar products to help evaluate the success of a product in relation to a range of product design factors. The environmental, economic and social impact of products throughout their life cycle can be analysed and evaluated with reference to the product design factors. Students evaluate the quality of their product with reference to criteria and end-user/s' feedback. Students make judgments about possible improvements. They produce relevant user instructions or care labels that highlight the product's features for an end-user/s.

UNITS 3 & 4 PSYCHOLOGY

UNIT 3 - HOW DOES EXPERIENCE AFFECT BEHAVIOUR AND MENTAL PROCESSES?

Students examine both macro-level and micro-level functioning of the nervous system to explain how the human nervous system enables a person to interact with the world around them. They explore how stress may affect a person's psychological functioning and consider the causes and management of stress. Students investigate how mechanisms of memory and learning lead to the acquisition of knowledge, the development of new capacities and changed behaviours.

They consider the limitations and fallibility of memory and how memory can be improved. Students examine the contribution that classical and contemporary research has made to the understanding of the structure and function of the nervous system, and to the understanding of biological, psychological and social factors that influence learning and memory.

UNIT 4 - HOW IS WELLBEING DEVELOPED AND MAINTAINED?

Students examine the nature of consciousness and how changes in levels of consciousness can affect mental processes and behaviour. They consider the role of sleep and the impact that sleep disturbances may have on a person's functioning. Students explore the concept of a mental health continuum and apply a biopsychosocial approach, as a scientific model, to analyse mental health and disorder. They use specific phobia to illustrate how the development and management of a mental disorder can be considered as an interaction between biological, psychological and social factors. Students examine the contribution that classical and contemporary research has made to the understanding of consciousness, including sleep, and the development of an individual's mental functioning and wellbeing.

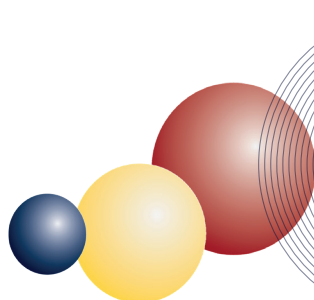
UNITS 3 & 4 RELIGION AND SOCIETY

UNIT 3 - THE SEARCH FOR MEANING

Students study the purposes of religion generally and then consider the religious beliefs developed by the Catholic tradition in response to the big questions of life. Students study how particular beliefs within a religious tradition may be expressed through the other aspects of religion, and explore how this is intended to foster meaning for adherents. Students then consider the interaction between significant life experience and religion.

UNIT 4 - RELIGION, CHALLENGE AND CHANGE

This unit focuses on the interaction over time of religious traditions and the societies of which they are a part. For a large part of human history religion has been a truth narrative, offering a means for finding answers to the big questions of life. Religious traditions are in a dynamic process of engagement and negotiation with members individually and collectively, as well as with other key institutions in wider society associated with power, authority and credibility. Religious traditions are living institutions that participate in and contribute to wider societies – both positively and negatively. They stimulate and support society, acting as levers for change themselves and embracing or resisting forces for change within society.



UNITS 3 & 4 STUDIO ARTS

UNIT 3 - STUDIO PRACTICES AND PROCESSES

Students focus on the implementation of an individual studio process leading to the production of a range of potential directions. Students develop and use an exploration proposal to define an area of creative exploration. They plan and apply a studio process to explore and develop their individual ideas. Analysis of these explorations and the development of the potential directions is an intrinsic part of the studio process to support the making of finished artworks in Unit 4.

UNIT 4 - STUDIO PRACTICE AND ART INDUSTRY CONTEXTS

Students focus on the planning, production and evaluation required to develop, refine and present artworks that link cohesively according to the ideas resolved in Unit 3. To support the creation of artworks, students present visual and written evaluation that explains why they selected a range of potential directions from Unit 3 to produce at least two finished artworks in Unit 4.

UNITS 3 & 4 TEXTS AND TRADITIONS

UNIT 3 - TEXTS AND THE EARLY TRADITION

In this unit, students study the purposes of religion generally and then consider the religious beliefs developed by the Catholic tradition in response to the big questions of life. Students study how particular beliefs within a religious tradition may be expressed through the other aspects of religion, and explore how this is intended to foster meaning for adherents. Students then consider the interaction between significant life experience and religion.

UNIT 4 - TEXTS AND THEIR TEACHINGS

In this unit students apply exegetical methods begun in Unit 3 to greater depth. They study a significant idea, belief or theme contained in the Gospel of Luke, and consider the interpretation of the text in the light of the idea, belief or theme.

UNITS 3 & 4 VISUAL COMMUNICATION DESIGN

UNIT 3 - VISUAL COMMUNICATION DESIGN PRACTICES

Students gain an understanding of the process designers employ to structure their thinking and communicate ideas with clients, target audiences, other designers and specialists. They use their research and analysis of the process of visual communication designers to support the development of their own designs. They establish a brief for a client and apply design thinking through the design process.

UNIT 4 - VISUAL COMMUNICATION DESIGN DEVELOPMENT, EVALUATION AND PRESENTATION

The focus of this unit is on the development of design concepts and two final presentations of visual communications to meet the requirements of the brief. Having completed their brief and generated ideas in Unit 3, students continue the design process by developing and refining concepts for each communication need stated in the brief. They utilise a range of digital and manual two- and three-dimensional methods, media and materials. As students revisit stages to undertake further research or idea generation when developing and presenting their design solutions, they develop an understanding of the iterative nature of the design process. Ongoing reflection and evaluation of design solutions against the brief assists students with keeping their endeavours focused.

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING IN SCHOOLS

Vocational Education and Training in Schools are courses delivered to students and designed to expand opportunities, predominately in trades. These provide a nationally recognised VET qualification to contribute towards the completion of either the Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) or the Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning (VCAL).

The VET in Schools programs allows Years 10, 11 and 12 students to develop industry specific skills, employability skills and an understanding of the world of work. A VETiS study can count towards a pre-apprenticeship qualification.

All students must meet the [Graduate Criteria](#) and complete a VCE VET Expression of Interest Form to be considered for a VETiS course. This form is available from the Curriculum Administration Officer. Courses are correct at time of publication and places will depend on local RTO availability.

Scored Assessment – all of these contribute to the ATAR.

VETiS UNIFORM

There is a cost associated with the OH&S compliant uniform that is required for some on and off campus subjects. These are to be purchased from SWF Group and must have the Catholic College Sale logo on them.

BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION

- Orange Hi Vis Shirt.
- Blue Work Shorts or Pants.
- Orange Hi Vis Windcheater.
- Steel Capped Boots.



HOSPITALITY

- Black Skull Cap.
- Black Neck Tie.
- Chef White Long Sleeve Shirt.
- Chef Pants.
- Black Closed Shoes.
- Black Bib Apron.



AUTOMOTIVE/ENGINEERING/ELECTROTECHNOLOGY

- Blue Long or Short Sleeve Work Shirt. (Auto/Eng)
- Blue Work Pants or Shorts.
- Steel Capped Boots.
- Navy Blue Windcheater

For OH&S purposes Electrotechnology students must wear the long sleeved shirt and long pants. The shirt will be supplied by TAFE Gippsland.



VCE VET ON CAMPUS SUBJECTS

We offer a number of VETiS courses that take place in our Marian Trade Skills Centre on Thursdays and Fridays and are delivered by qualified trainers.

VCE VET SPORT AND RECREATION (SCORED ASSESSMENT)

VCE VET Sport and Recreation can be undertaken in either of the following ways:

- 2 year program - Units 1 - 4. Certificate III in Sport and Recreation will be awarded at the end of the two years. Students will also be awarded a study score for the Units 3 and 4 sequence.
- 1 year program - Units 3 and 4 VCE subject, where students will be awarded a study score and a statement of attainment for the units of competency completed.

This course provides students with the opportunity to acquire and develop the skills, knowledge and confidence to work in the areas of sport and recreation. Leadership, organisational and specialist activity skills will be developed through theory and practical sessions.

The Certificate III in Sport and Recreation can provide students with the skills and knowledge that will enhance their employment prospects in the sport and recreation industries. Possible employment areas may include maintaining grounds and playing surfaces, providing customer service, housekeeping or administrative services. Employment opportunities exist in locations such as fitness centres, sporting grounds or complexes, leisure and aquatic centres and community recreation centres.

There is no duplication between VCE VET Sport and Recreation and any other VCE study. Students are able to complete VCE Physical Education and/or VCE Outdoor Environmental Studies as well as VCE VET Sport and Recreation and they will all contribute equally to an ATAR score.

VCE VET BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION

VCE VET Building and Construction is a two year course that provides students with the knowledge and skills to enhance their employment prospects in the building and construction industry. The Certificate II in Building and Construction provides partial completion of the pre-apprenticeship program in three trade specific streams; bricklaying, carpentry and painting and decorating.

First Aid and the Construction Industry Card are included in this program.

This course will contribute 10% towards your ATAR. This 10% is the average of your top four score.

There is an additional cost associated with the purchase of a tool kit that the student will keep post schooling.



VCE VET ENGINEERING (SCORED ASSESSMENT)

Certificate II in Engineering provides students with the practical skills and theoretical knowledge to undertake an apprenticeship in the engineering trades.

Units 1 and 2 cover areas in basic machine processing, fabrication techniques, occupational health and safety principles, using power tools and using computers for engineering related work activities.

VCE VET INFORMATION, DIGITAL MEDIA AND TECHNOLOGY (SCORED ASSESSMENT)

VCE VET Information, Digital Media and Technology equips learners with future-ready ICT skills and knowledge to prepare them for a successful ICT career. The course covers areas related to processing, manipulating, and managing information, emerging technologies, including artificial intelligence (AI), virtual reality (VR), augmented reality (AR) and the Internet of Things (IoT).

The VCE VET Information, Digital Media and Technology program comprises one certificate II and one certificate III with VCE VET credit at Units 1 to 4 level. It is typically completed over two years.

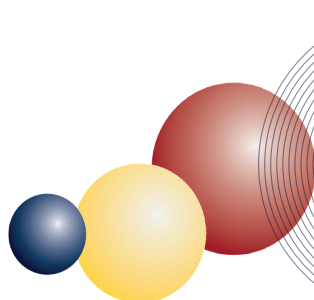
VCE VET AUTOMOTIVE

The VCE VET Automotive course is a work ready pre-employment course designed to meet the needs of students wishing to pursue a career in the automotive industry through study pathway options, such as an apprenticeship or higher education. It is a state accredited curriculum which offers students the opportunity to develop their skills and knowledge across a range of automotive sectors including automotive mechanical and electrical, vehicle body panel beating, spray painting, trimming and making; and vehicle engine reconditioning.

This course will contribute 10% towards your ATAR. This 10% is the average of your top four score.

VCE VET HEALTH (SCORED ASSESSMENT)

Certificate III in Health Services Assistance will be offered as a two year course. However, because it is a scored assessment, students are able to complete the Unit 3/4 sequence of the program only and obtain a study score that will contribute to the ATAR. Units 1 and 2 involve learning about the workplace environment in Health Services. Units 3 and 4 focus on healthy body systems and appropriate terminology use in health services.



VCE VET HOSPITALITY (SCORED ASSESSMENT)

The VCE VET Hospitality course (also known as Certificate II Kitchen Operations) is drawn from a national training package and offers portable qualifications which are recognised throughout Australia. These qualifications provide students with the knowledge and skills to prepare them for a diverse range of occupations in the hospitality industry including commercial cookery, catering, and food and beverage service.



In 2022 VCE VET Hospitality students will have the opportunity to attend our Biannual Singapore Food Tour. There is an additional cost associated with this optional tour.

VCE VET MUSIC INDUSTRY (SCORED ASSESSMENT)

CUA30915 Certificate III in Music Industry Year One provides students with the foundation knowledge and skills required for entry into the music industry. Core units of competency in the program include developing and updating industry knowledge, participating in work, health and safety processes and working effectively with others. The elective units in the program allow students to develop a basic knowledge of live sound mixing and recording skills.

CUA30915 Certificate III in Music Industry Year Two Performance Specialisation provides students with the opportunity to apply a broad range of knowledge and skills in varied work contexts in the music industry. Units 3 and 4 offer scored assessment and include units such as developing improvisation skills, applying knowledge of genre to music making and performing music as part of a group or as a soloist.

CUA30915 Certificate III in Music Industry Year Two Sound Production Specialisation provides students with the practical skills and knowledge to record, mix and edit sound sources.



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Units 3 and 4 offer scored assessment and include units such as recording and mixing a basic music demo, providing sound reinforcement and setting up and disassembling audio equipment.

VETIS OFF CAMPUS SUBJECTS

Catholic College Sale does support some off-campus studies, however, these studies will require an additional payment. This study is substantially subsidised and if the student is unenrolled by the provider they will be billed the full cost of the course.

Courses may not run due to student numbers and off-campus provider restrictions. The majority are completed as one full day per week off-campus and students are required to commit to keeping up with work missed in class due to their absence.

HAIR AND BEAUTY SKILLS SET

This skills set includes 17 units from within the Hairdressing and Beauty Training Package to offer as a two year VETIS program focussing on practical skills, hands on learning and Industry experiences. Students will get to create a hair and makeup look for a professional photoshoot. Students will listen

to guest speakers, salon owners and senior stylists will visit to share their insight and knowledge on how you can have a successful career in the Hair and Beauty Industry. Product and Equipment sessions with Educators from Kryolan Makeup, GHD Styling, NAK Haircare and Lish Nails.

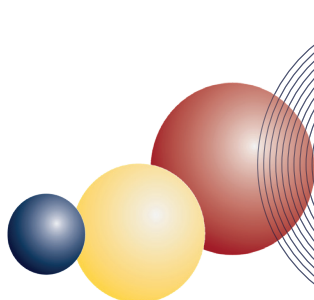
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CERTIFICATE II IN ELECTROTECHNOLOGY

This course provides students a “foot” into the Electrotechnology industry. It provides credits into an apprenticeship and a snapshot of the Electrotechnology industry. Students will gain an overview of workplace practical skills involving basic hand and power tool use and the necessary knowledge to enter a career in the Electrotechnology industry with confidence. This course also entails basic interview skills, techniques, resume writing, all of which will provide an advantage to students seeking an apprenticeship in this area. Assessment includes theoretical, practical and skills examinations.

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There is an additional cost associated with the OH&S compliant uniform (see page 80).



VICTORIAN CERTIFICATE OF APPLIED LEARNING

The Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning (VCAL) is a hands-on option for Year 11 and 12 students who are likely to be interested in going to training at a Technical and Further Education (TAFE) Institute, starting an apprenticeship or getting a job after completing school. The VCAL Program comprises of practical work-related experience, as well as literacy and numeracy skills and the opportunity to build personal skills that are important for life and work.

The VCAL has three levels, Foundation, Intermediate or Senior. Students get a VCAL Certificate and Statement of Results when they successfully complete the VCAL level. Many students complete one VCAL level in one year.

SUBJECT SELECTIONS

Students undertaking the VCAL Certificate in 2022 **MUST** complete the following:

Year 11

- VCAL Literacy OR VCE Unit 1/2 English
- VCAL Numeracy OR VCE Unit 1/2 General Mathematics
 - Applied Learning Religious Education
- Personal Development Skills (PDS)
- Work Related Skills (WRS)
 - VETiS subject
 - Careers

Year 12

- VCAL Literacy
- VCAL Numeracy
- Personal Development Skills (PDS)
- Work Related Skills (WRS)
 - RE Seminar
 - Careers

2023 CHANGES

In 2023 all senior secondary students will be enrolled in the VCE, which includes the vocational specialisation, or in the foundation pathways certificate. The 2023 vocational specialisation in the VCE will take the best elements of VCAL and form a pathway that helps students develop the skills they most need for success in work and life.

Students will benefit from new design features including:

- sequential curriculum for vocational and applied learning units with enhanced assessment and reporting
- new digital literacy units
- a more tailored industry-based curriculum
- an enhanced Statement of Results

The vocational specialisation will retain the strand structure used in the VCAL. This will ensure students have an appropriate breadth of study in addition to further opportunities for integrated learning, flexibility to complete units over multiple years and a focus on work-based learning. Students who have started their Intermediate VCAL in 2022 will transition and complete senior VCAL subjects in 2023.

CAN I GET INTO HIGHER EDUCATION IF I SUCCESSFULLY COMPETE VCAL?

If you are considering going to university straight from school, VCAL is probably not the best option for you. Students planning to go straight into higher education usually do the VCE, which allows them to gain an Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank (ATAR). If you are studying the VCAL at Senior level and decide that you might be interested in going on to university, check with your Careers Advisor as some universities will consider students with a VCAL Senior certificate for admission, or further study at TAFE may be required.

WILL VCAL GET ME READY TO ENTER A TRADE?

If you have completed VET units as part of your VCAL certificate you will have developed knowledge and skills that employers value, for example industry awareness, use of tools required in the industry, occupational health and safety. Completed VET units will also help demonstrate to an employer that you are keen to work in this industry.

APPLIED LEARNING RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - YEAR 11

Throughout the year, students will focus on and explore the Scriptural understanding of the Catholic Social Teaching - and how this relates to the Ethics and values of Australian society. They will participate in a number of practical exercises which will allow them to put these values into practice.



GLOSSARY ●

ATAR (AUSTRALIAN TERTIARY ADMISSIONS RANK) ●

The ATAR is a number that indicates a student's position in relation to other students at Year 12 level. The ATAR is calculated to rank and select school leavers for admission to tertiary courses. The overall ranking is on a scale of 0-99.95 that students receive based on their study scores.

COURSEWORK ASSESSMENT ●

These are tasks that Years 7 to 12 students complete as part of their courses. They are assessed, graded and reported to parents each semester. They are central to the progress of students in each subject.

EXAMS ●

Each unit taught in the senior school (including some VETis programs and VCAL components) has an examination as part of its assessment. Year 10 and VCE Unit 1 and 2 exams are set and assessed by the teachers and cover material taught throughout the semester. Units 3 and 4 VCE exams are set and assessed by VCAA and contribute to the ATAR score.

GAT (GENERAL ACHIEVEMENT TEST) ●

The General Achievement Test is a test of general knowledge and skills in written communication; mathematics, science and technology; and humanities, the arts and social sciences. All students enrolled in one or more VCE Unit 3 and 4 sequences and VCAL must sit the GAT. GAT results are used to check that VCE external assessments and School-based Assessments have been accurately and fairly assessed. The GAT is used in these checks because its results are a good predictor of final assessment for VCE studies.

OUTCOMES ●

What students must know, or be able to do, by the time they have finished a unit. These are described in the Study Designs.

SATISFACTORY COMPLETION ●

Satisfactory completion of a VCE unit is judged by the teachers in the school. It is based upon achievement of all the outcomes prescribed for a unit. (Some people are used to thinking of this as a pass). If you do not satisfactorily complete a unit, you receive an 'N' for that unit.

SCHOOL ASSESSED COURSEWORK (SAC) ●

A school-assessed coursework task is done in school to assess how students are performing in VCE Units 3 and 4, set and marked by teachers according to Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority specifications. These marks contribute to the final study score in each subject.

SCHOOL ASSESSED TASKS (SAT) ●

A School Assessed Task is a specific task that is assessed and graded as a separate item. The grade contributes directly to student's performance in that subject. This applies to Arts and Technology subjects only.

● STATEMENT OF RESULTS

A set of documents which formally state the results students achieved in the VCE, and whether they have graduated.

● STATISTICAL MODERATION

The process used to ensure that schools' assessments are comparable throughout the State. It involves adjusting each school's coursework scores for each study to match the level and spread of the exam scores for that study.

● STUDENT ACCESS CODE/PASSWORD

The access code and password enables each student to access web preferences. This code/password (unique to each student) will be provided at the Pathways Expo in Term 3. If lost, please contact the Student Office.

● STUDY DESIGN

The study design is the description of the content of a study, and how students' work is to be assessed. A study design for each VCE study is published by the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority. Schools and other VCE providers must adhere to the study designs.

● STUDY SCORE (RELATIVE POSITION)

A score from zero to 50 which shows how students perform in a study, relative to all other students doing that same study. It is based on their in school assessment and examinations. The average study score is 30.

● SCALED STUDY SCORE

Student's study scores are changed by scaling to use in the calculation of the ATAR. This is done by VTAC and is not part of the VCE.

● UNIT

A Unit is a semester-length component of a study. There are usually 4 units in a study. In VCE, Unit 1 may be studied without Unit 2 and Unit 2 may be studied without Unit 1. Units 3 and 4 must be taken as a sequence.

● VCAA

Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority: the body which administers all primary and secondary education in the state of Victoria.

● VTAC

The Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre. The body which administers the selection system for Victoria's tertiary institutions.

● WEB PREFERENCES

An online subject selection portal tailored to Catholic College Sale's subject selection processes. Further information regarding this is available on page 8.



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