

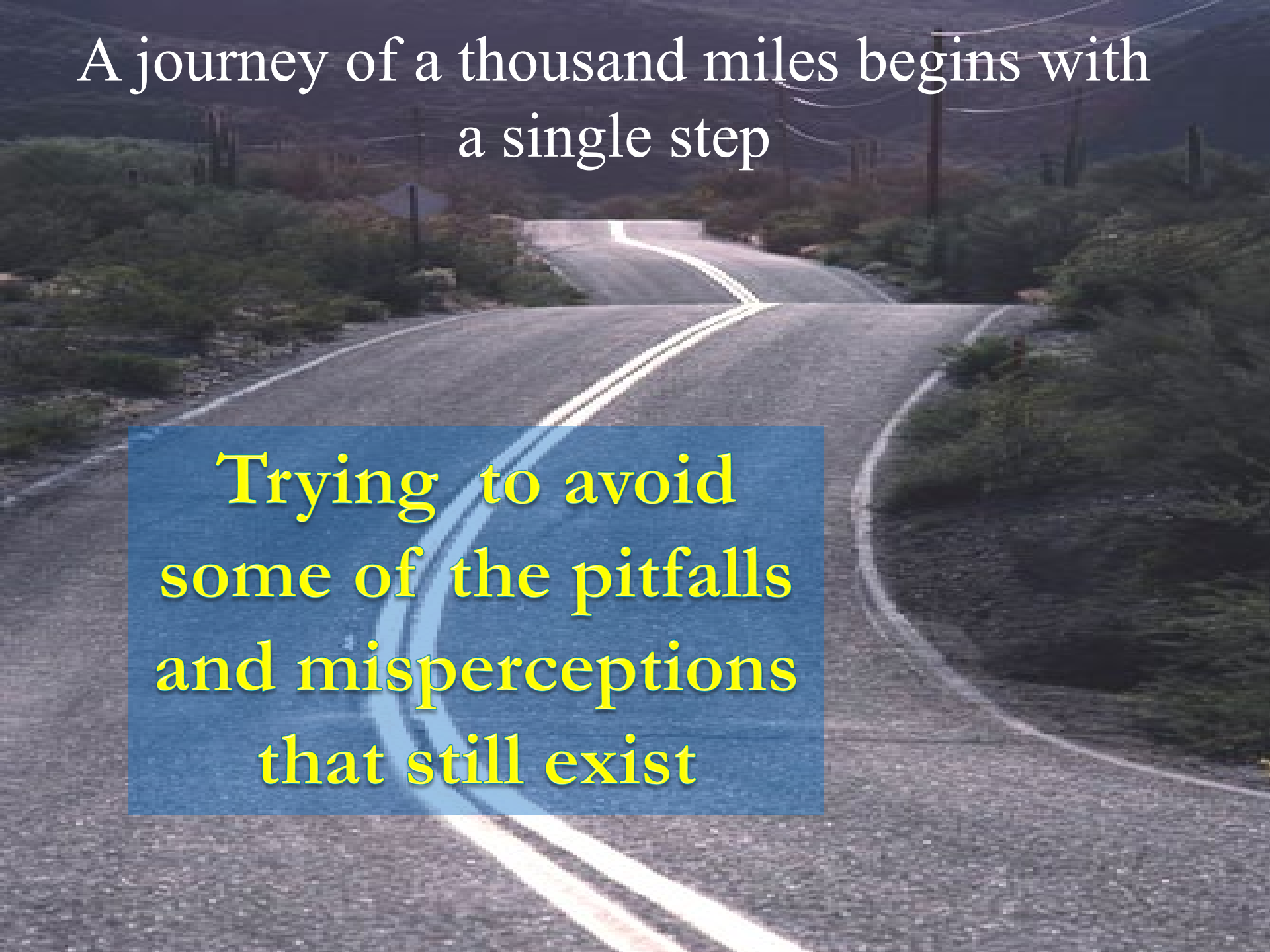


CATHOLIC COLLEGE SALE

VCE Demands

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A journey of a thousand miles begins with
a single step

Trying to avoid
some of the pitfalls
and misperceptions
that still exist

SCHOOL ASSESSED COURSEWORK

- SAC's
 - Assessment tasks specified in the study design determined by VCAA.
 - Usually part of the regular teaching and learning program.
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SCHOOL ASSESSED TASKS

- SAT's
- Used in studies where products and models are assessed (e.g. Food Tech, Studio Art etc)
- Due dates for the assessment of SAC's/SAT's must be met
- They become part of VCAA policy
- Professional evidence is needed to explain an absence from a SAC/SAT

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ASSESSMENT

- Units 3 and 4 - combination of internal (SACS or SATS) and external assessment (EXAMS).
- Passing VCE and achieving an ATAR score are two different things.
- You do not “fail” VCE

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EXPECTATIONS OF STUDENTS

- Students are now responsible for a significant part of their learning.
- Due dates for assessment must be met.
- Students must apply for an extension **before the due date** - only given for certain reasons.
- Students should inform teachers immediately of any concerns.

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Use of computers and lost work

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PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT

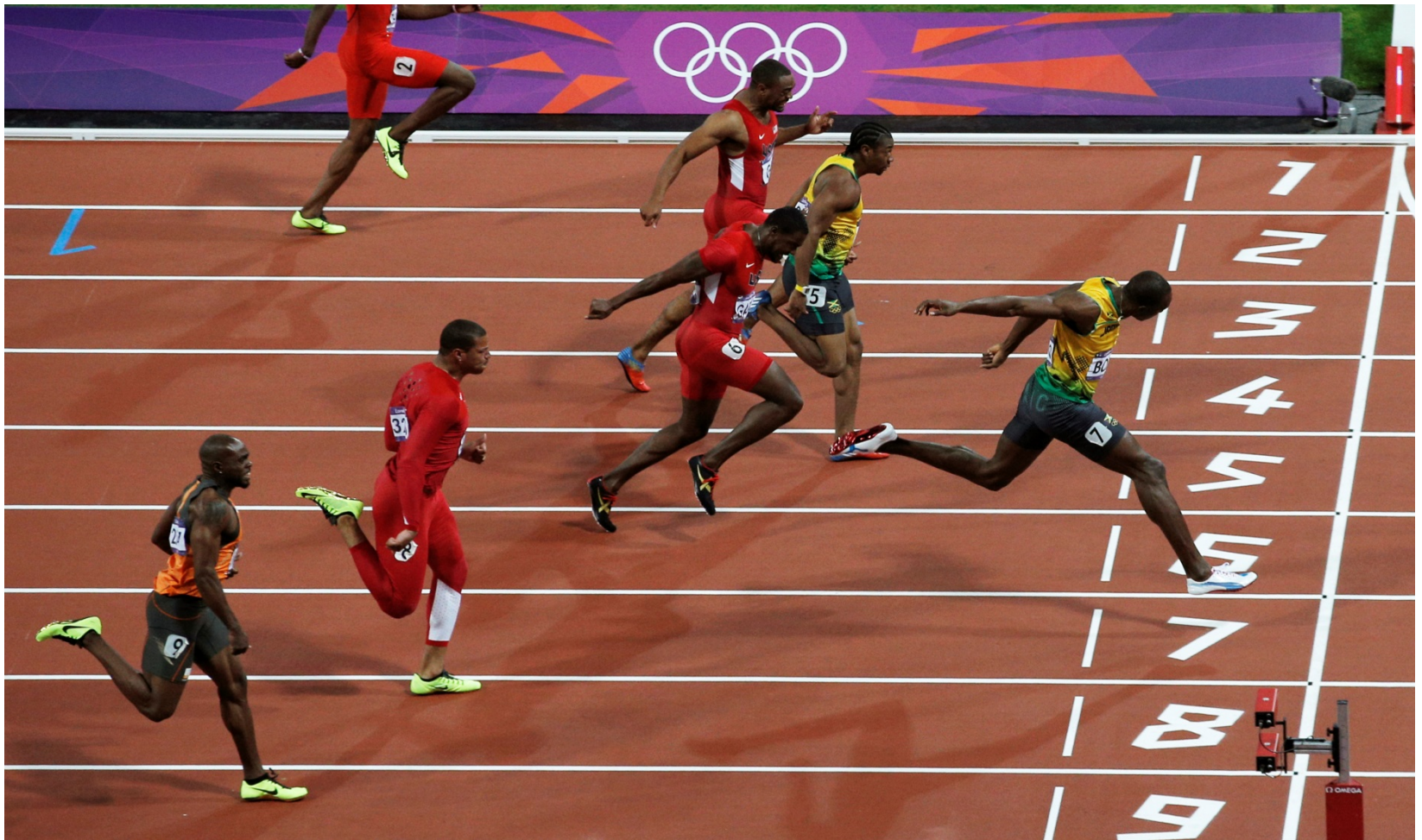
- The VCE years can be a testing time for some students and parents.
- Parents need to be aware of the demands placed on students.
- Parents should contact the school if they have any concerns.

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VCAA STUDY SCORES

- Exam scores are vital - SAC grades are moderated to exam scores.
- VCAA produces a final study score for each student from 0 to 50 with an average of 30.

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The VCE scores aim to differentiate between student performance

VCAA STUDY SCORES

- This score is not a “mark” or “grade” as it indicates a student’s “position” in that study.
- In other words, the ‘score’ reflects the relative position achieved by a student compared to every student in the state completing that study.

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- approx. 2% of students will score above 45
- approx. 9% of students will score above 40
- approx 16% of students will score above 37
- approx 50% of students will score above 30

These figures are applicable for each VCE study.

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A misunderstanding

- How do letter grades for coursework and exams relate to final scores?
- It must be noted that an “A” can encompass a broad range of grades and therefore, a broad range of scores or ‘positions’.

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EXAMPLES

Some 'real life' examples of variations in study scores;

A+	A+	A+	47
A+	A+	A+	40
A+	A	A+	37
A	A	B	35
B+	B+	B	32
B+	A	B	34

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VTAC and the ATAR (ENTER)

- VTAC will ‘scale’ all study scores - accounts for the strength of competition within a study.
- Equalises students rankings, or positions, amongst ALL students completing VCE.
- Students are not disadvantaged in their choice of subjects.
- If they are good enough – they will achieve a high score irrespective of the study

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Note: there are a number of **scored** VET studies

They are moderated and scored in the same manner as VCE studies

they contribute to the ATAR (ENTER) in the same manner as VCE studies

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There is no such thing as a Year 12 student with no homework

So much time is wasted – study periods at school

Using the Ratisbonne Centre

Silent Sustained Study

Part – time work is an issue for many students

Family holidays

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STUDY ENVIRONMENT

- Be permanent
- Have good lighting
- Have good ventilation
- Have a comfortable chair
- Be quiet - no music, TV, or phone

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**But are they achieving
anything when they
study?**

Being able to study correctly and
efficiently is a skill itself
Homework and Study –
Difference?

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I want an ATAR of 85

It will not just happen

3-4 hours a night

5-6 on the weekend

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Current trends

Many VCE students are approaching VCE as a 6 day a week job

No one is saying this is the way it should be but it is the way it is

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However

It is possible to complete VCE and enjoy yourself

Don't give up everything

Key is having a study timetable and following it

Students get into strife when they fall behind

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**Do not hesitate to contact me
if you need clarification on any
aspect of VCE or if you have
any further questions.**

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