



Catholic College Sale

2021 Pathway Criteria for Year 9 and Year 10 Students

Catholic College Sale sets a minimum requirement for students wishing to apply for a VCE or VET pathway in 2021. Some current Year 9 students (2020) may be interested in applying for a VET study, or alternatively, a Unit 1/2 VCE study in 2021. Current Year 10 students (2020) may wish to undertake a Unit 3/4 study in 2021.

This may be a continuation of studies already started. In order for approval to be given for these courses of study, students will need to meet certain criteria throughout the current academic year.

VCE Unit 1/2 or Unit 3/4

VCE students can include a maximum of six subjects in the calculation of their ATAR score. Particularly able students, who meet specific selection criteria, can achieve this by studying a Unit 1 and 2 subject in Year 10 and the Unit 3 and 4 of that same subject in Year 11. In some subjects, it is also possible to study a Unit 3 and 4 in Year 11 without having studied the subject at Unit 1 and 2 level.

There are potential advantages to be gained by completing a VCE subject in Year 11.

- Exposure to the VCE program in Year 10.
- A path of extension and challenge.

Students wishing to apply to study a Unit 1 and 2 when they are in Year 10 are required to submit an application through the normal subject selection process. They must meet the following criteria:

- 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.
- Demonstrate strengths in the subject area of the proposed Unit 1 and 2 subject.
- 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).
- Display a consistently acceptable level of attendance (above 90%).
- Demonstrate adherence to the behaviour standards that are expected at the College.

Although it is possible to accelerate study in the VCE, there are a number of reasons why it is not in the best interests of all students. In particular, a student could be disadvantaged if they experience difficulty studying an accelerated unit and subsequently struggle to concentrate on their other subjects, thereby undermining their overall program and preparation for study of Unit 3 and 4 subjects in Year 12. In this situation, students are advised to consolidate their preparation in all subjects in order to gain an extra mark or two in each of their Unit 3 and 4 studies in Year 12, rather than chasing three or four marks in the form of a 10% score from one Unit 3 and 4 subject.

Students who apply to accelerate a Year 11 VCE subject need to understand there will be an impact on their Year 10 program.

VETis (Vocational Education and Training in Schools)

The VET in schools programs allows 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.

The majority of VET courses offered at CCS occur one day a week. It is expected that students will work hard in assigned study classes and outside of school hours to keep up with classes missed on that day.

Students wishing to apply to study Year 1 or Year 2 VET when they are in Year 10 or Year 11 are also required to submit an application at the end of the year that shows they meet the following criteria:

- Perform at a consistently high level in all subjects.
- Demonstrate good organisation and motivation to succeed.
- Demonstrate strengths in the subject area of the proposed Unit 1 and 2 subject.
- Receive a Recommendation from one of the student's 2019 teachers.
- Display a consistently acceptable level of attendance (above 90%).
- Demonstrate adherence to the behaviour standards that are expected at the College.

If you have any further queries please contact the College on 5143 9700.