



2023 YEAR 10 INFORMATION BOOKLET

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Welcome to the Senior School

The St Patrick's College Senior School program strives to prepare students to achieve personal excellence in all areas of school life and to see each student take his place in the wider community, in the spirit of Edmund Rice.

Building upon the work of the Middle School Team, the Senior School continues to provide opportunities for each student to become an independent and active learner, through a rich and challenging curriculum and a broad range of subject choices, that will equip students to confront the challenges of an ever-changing world.

Year 10 is characterised by a significant broadening of program and subject offerings available to students. Most studies will continue to be based on the Victorian Curriculum. Although, students who have shown a capacity to work at a consistently high standard in Year 9, and who have established excellent work habits, may be eligible to study a VCE Units 1/2 level subject. Other students, who meet the selection criteria and successfully complete an interview, may be able to commence a Vocational Education and Training (VET) Certificate in Year 10.

The decisions made now can impact the direction a student may take, after completing his secondary schooling; therefore, it is important to research each option carefully.

Year 10 Curriculum

The program to be completed by the typical Year 10 student consists of **CORE** studies (compulsory for all students), and **ELECTIVE** subjects.

CORE:

All Year 10 students will study Sport and Pastoral Care, throughout the school year. Students must also choose one core subject from each faculty area below, to fulfil their core subject requirements.

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	• Legal and Political Studies	28
	• Commerce	29
Sport	• Sport	31

ELECTIVES:

In addition to the core subjects, students will choose a range of elective subjects. All Year 10 electives run for one semester only.

There are Group A electives and Group B electives.

Students must study at least one semester of the Group A elective subjects over the course of the year and at least one semester from the Group B elective subjects.

The following limitations apply to Year 10 elective subjects in this program:

(R) Repeated = The subject is offered in Semester 1 and is repeated in Semester 2.

Students can only choose this subject once during the year.

(Y) Year = VCE Units 1/2 subjects and all VET certificates are year-long subjects. Students wishing to study any of these subjects must choose them in both the first and second semesters.

Group A elective studies

The Group A studies includes subjects from The Arts, English, Humanities, Health and Physical Education, Languages, RE and other programs to support identified student needs. Students must select at least one semester of the Group A elective subjects over the course of the year.

Faculty	Category	Page
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Commerce	Repeated	29
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Group B elective studies

The Group B studies include subjects from the disciplines of Computing, Mathematics, Science and Technology. Students must select at least one semester of the Group B elective subjects over the course of the year.

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Additional notes about VET subjects

All VET certificates are two-year courses. Students commencing any of these programs in 2023 are strongly encouraged to complete the second year in 2024.

A student can only do either VET Building and Construction or Pathways in Trade in any one semester. If many students select these subjects, a student may only be able to study one of these subjects in the year.

Students wishing to study the VET Certificate II in Applied Languages (Japanese) in Year 10 must have successfully completed all study requirements from the Year 9 VET Certificate II in Applied Languages (Japanese) program.

Whilst we endeavour to accommodate students' wishes, unfortunately it is not always possible to provide every Year 10 student all his preferred elective choices. Student numbers, staffing, timetabling, and facilities will all impact on the subjects which will run in 2023.

Accelerated VCE Units 1/2 in Year 10

St Patrick's College recognises that some students will benefit from studying a VCE 1/2 subject in Year 10. This is known as "accelerating" VCE subjects. Students who have shown a capacity to work at a consistently high academic standard, and who have established excellent work habits and practices throughout Year 9, may be eligible to study a VCE Units 1/2 subject as a Year 10 student.

Selection of an accelerated VCE subject does not guarantee the students' entry into an accelerated program; this will be dependent upon the student's demonstrated capacity and work habits.

Each year is important for setting up and preparing students for success. Applying to study a subject a year ahead of the cohort needs to be supported by evidence of capacity and preparation. It is important that the student not only achieves highly within the accelerated subject, but that other subjects studied are not adversely affected.

If a student opts to select an accelerated subject, entrance to this subject will be reviewed by a panel, including the Head of Faculty, subject teacher/s, Year Level Coordinator, Director of Senior School. Students who do meet the criteria for acceleration, will then be invited to make changes to their program.

Additional 2023 Year 10 Offerings

Following is a list the VCE and VET study options offered by St Patrick's in 2023. For details regarding each subject, please refer to the *Years 11 & 12 Information Booklet on the Year 10 Subject Selection website*.

Please note that not all studies within the VCE and VET programs will run in 2023. Studies are offered subject to student demand, teacher availability and facility capacity.

KEY

Units that students can do singly or as a sequence

Unit 1 - Unit 2

Units that must be done as a sequence

Unit 3 Unit 4

Studies for which it is recommended that students typically do Unit 1 and /or 2 before attempting Units 3/4 (or have equivalent experience or be willing to do some preparatory work).

Unit 1 - Unit 2 - Unit 3 Unit 4

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION GROUP

RELIGION and SOCIETY

Unit 1 Unit 2 Unit 3 Unit 4

TEXTS and TRADITIONS

Unit 1 - Unit 2 - Unit 3 Unit 4

PHILOSOPHY

Unit 1 Unit 2 Unit 3 Unit 4

ENGLISH GROUP

ENGLISH

Unit 1 Unit 2 Unit 3 Unit 4

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Unit 1 - Unit 2 - Unit 3 Unit 4

LITERATURE

Unit 1 - Unit 2 - Unit 3 Unit 4

FOUNDATION ENGLISH

Unit 1 Unit 2

(Please note: Foundation English does not continue but prepares for VCE units 3/4 English)

BUSINESS STUDIES GROUP:

ACCOUNTING

Unit 1 - Unit 2 - Unit 3 Unit 4

BUSINESS MANAGEMENT

Unit 1 Unit 2 Unit 3 Unit 4

ECONOMICS

Unit 1 Unit 2 Unit 3 Unit 4

INDUSTRY and ENTERPRISE

Unit 1 Unit 2 Unit 3 Unit 4

LEGAL STUDIES

Unit 1 Unit 2 Unit 3 Unit 4

COMPUTING GROUP:

APPLIED COMPUTING

Unit 1 Unit 2

DATA ANALYTICS

Unit 3 Unit 4

SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT

Unit 3 Unit 4

HEALTH and PHYSICAL EDUCATION GROUP:

HEALTH and HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Unit 1 Unit 2 Unit 3 Unit 4

OUTDOOR and ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES

Unit 1 Unit 2 Unit 3 Unit 4

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Unit 1 Unit 2 Unit 3 Unit 4

HISTORY GROUP:

MODERN HISTORY/GLOBAL EMPIRES

Unit 1

Unit 2

REVOLUTIONS

Unit 3

Unit 4

LANGUAGES:

JAPANESE

Unit 1

- Unit 2

- Unit 3

Unit 4

MATHEMATICS GROUP:

FOUNDATION MATHEMATICS

Unit 1

- Unit 2

- Unit 3

Unit 4

GENERAL MATHEMATICS

Unit 1

- Unit 2

- Unit 3

Unit 4

MATHEMATICAL METHODS

Unit 1

- Unit 2

- Unit 3

Unit 4

SPECIALIST MATHEMATICS

Unit 1

- Unit 2

- Unit 3

Unit 4

(Please note: Specialist Maths 3/4 must be studied with Mathematical Methods 3/4)**SCIENCE GROUP:**

BIOLOGY

Unit 1

- Unit 2

- Unit 3

Unit 4

CHEMISTRY

Unit 1

- Unit 2

- Unit 3

Unit 4

ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE

Unit 1

- Unit 2

- Unit 3

Unit 4

PHYSICS

Unit 1

- Unit 2

- Unit 3

Unit 4

PSYCHOLOGY

Unit 1

- Unit 2

- Unit 3

Unit 4

TECHNOLOGY GROUP:

FOOD STUDIES

Unit 1

Unit 2

Unit 3

Unit 4

PRODUCT DESIGN and TECHNOLOGY

Unit 1

- Unit 2

Unit 3

Unit 4

SYSTEMS ENGINEERING

Unit 1

Unit 2

Unit 3

Unit 4

THE ARTS:

MEDIA

Unit 1

Unit 2

Unit 3

Unit 4

STUDIO ARTS

Unit 1

Unit 2

Unit 3

Unit 4

THEATRE STUDIES

Unit 1

Unit 2

Unit 3

Unit 4

VISUAL COMMUNICATION DESIGN

Unit 1

Unit 2

Unit 3

Unit 4

THE PERFORMING ARTS:

MUSIC

Unit 1

Unit 2

MUSIC CONTEMPORARY PERFORMANCE

Unit 3

Unit 4

MUSIC REPERTOIRE PERFORMANCE

Unit 3

Unit 4

VET IN THE VCE:

CERTIFICATE II BUILDING and CONSTRUCTION

Unit 1

- Unit 2

Unit 3

Unit 4

CERTIFICATE II ENGINEERING STUDIES

Unit 1

- Unit 2

- Unit 3

Unit 4

CERTIFICATE III SPORT and RECREATION

Unit 1

- Unit 2

Unit 3

Unit 4

CERTIFICATE II SKILLS FOR WORK AND VOCATIONAL PATHWAYS

Unit 1

Expected Standards of Attainment in Assessment Tasks

Assessment at Year 10

A student's level of achievement in any Year 10 subject is a matter for school decision. Assessment of levels of achievement for these subjects is not reported to the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority (VCAA). Schools may choose to report levels of achievement using grades, descriptive statements or other indicators. At St Patrick's, results on assessment tasks are typically reported as a percentage.

Assessment of VCE Units 1 and 2

VCAA will issue a *Statement of Results*, which will show 'S' (if students have Satisfactorily completed each of the learning outcomes for a given unit), or 'N' (for any units Not Satisfactorily completed). The school may decide to delay the decision about satisfactory completion of a VCE or VET subject to allow a student to complete or submit further work.

The College will record and report each boy's level of achievement in completing the assessment tasks associated with each of the learning outcomes. These assessment tasks will be given a percentage score. Result from VCE Units 1/2 studies do not contribute to a student's ATAR.

Where to next?

2023 Year 10 Subject Selection Guidance

Students will work through a series of tasks in the *2023 Year 10 Subject Selection Guide* linked to the Year 10 Subject Selection website about the subjects offered in Year 10. Students will also be informed about how to record their proposed Year 10 program, how they will meet the Core studies requirements, their Elective choices and their reserve choices (in case a student does not receive his preferred Elective choices).

Submission of proposed 2023 Year 10 will be done through **Web Preferences** (the online subject submission portal) via an emailed link to the Web Preferences portal. Parents will also be sent a similar email explaining the submission procedure.

Students are required to submit their proposed 2023 subject selections by no later than **Friday, 12 August 2022**.

Using this booklet

The remaining pages of this booklet give a brief overview of each Year 10 subject (both Core and Elective) and include the following information:

- Whether the subject is Core or Elective
- Why a student might study the subject
- The knowledge and skills a student will gain by studying the subject
- How the subject will be assessed
- Examples of the types of classroom activities the students will do in the subject
- Any other activities that are a part of subject (excursions etc.)
- Next steps
- The time allocation and duration of the subject
- Who to see, if you have further questions

Beyond Year 10

It is important for students to recognise that all classroom activities and assessment tasks completed in Year 10 are designed to support and to make the transition to the final years of senior secondary studies as smooth as possible.

What students do in all classes throughout Year 10 is important, because it will impact on the knowledge, skills and work habits they bring with them into Years 11 and 12.

Making Choices

Now that you have this booklet it is important to read through it thoroughly.

Any concerns you have regarding a particular Year 10 subject can be addressed to the relevant subject teacher or the 'contact' teacher.

Questions or concerns regarding other Year 10 issues can be directed to your subject selection facilitator and Pastoral teacher as well as the following:

- Mr Hamish McCrum, Director of Senior School
- Mr Michael Busscher, Director of Middle School
- Ms Rachael Leighton and Mr Matthew Taylor, Year 10 Coordinators
- Mr Damian Kinnersly, Director of Pathways and Applied Learning,
- Mr Tom Ferguson, Assistant Principal – Staff & Culture
- Ms Carol Roberts, Assistant Principal – Learning Innovation

Religious Education (Core)

The studies of Religious Education

Two Religious Education studies allows students to meet the core requirement of Religious Education in Year 10 and with the opportunity to study either Texts and Traditions or Religious Education.

Religious Education pathways:

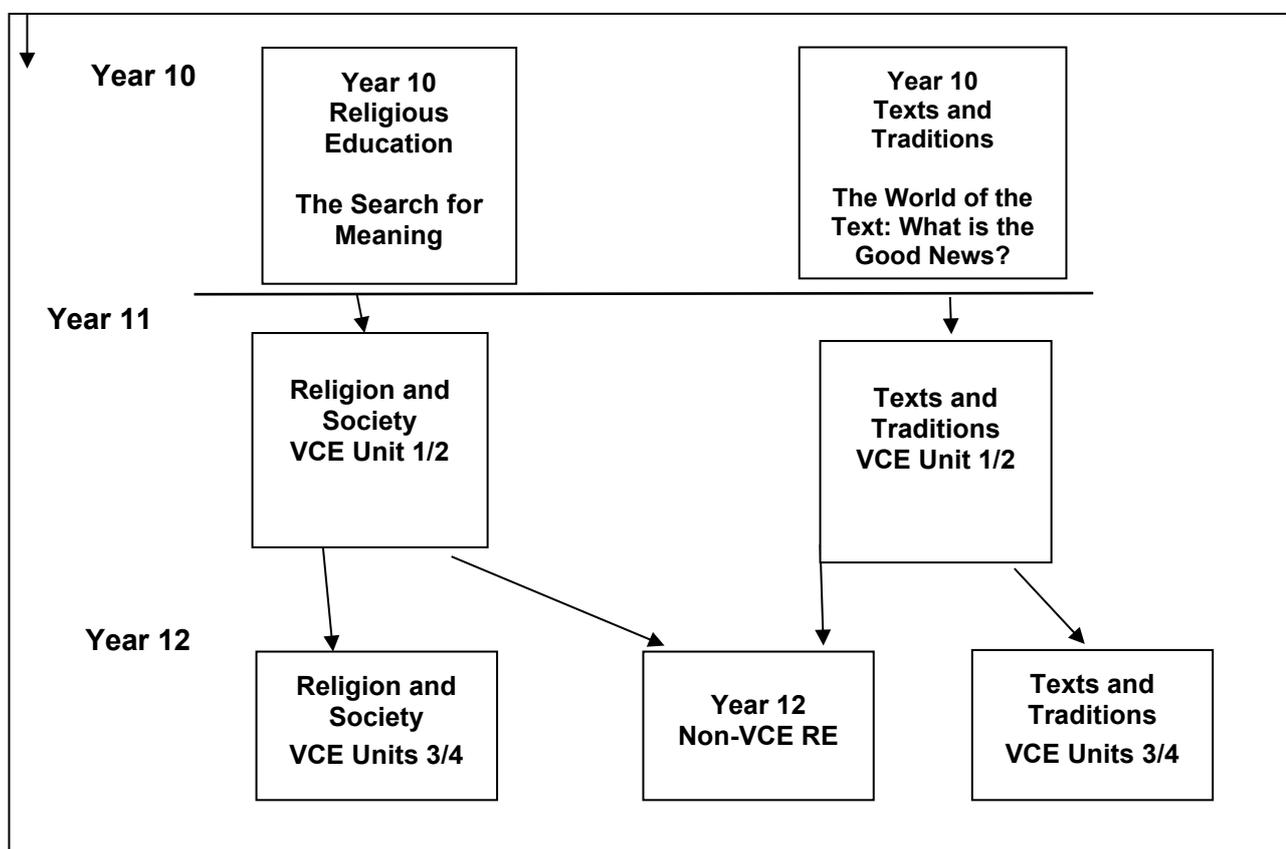
Senior School Religious Education is based on four pathways:

- A pathway to VCE Texts and Traditions
- A pathway to VCE Religion and Society
- A pathway to Non-VCE Religious Education

Year 10 students must choose at least **one** of the two core Religious Education choices available to them:

- Religious Education
- Text and Traditions

Religious Education Pathways:



Studies of Religious Education (Core) Option One: Religious Education

Why study Religious Education?

Using the theme *The Search for Meaning*, the Year 10 Religious Education course allows students to investigate and explore several key topics:

- Who God is
- Finding meaning in texts,
- The nature of love and,
- The exploration of life.

This includes an understanding of the Gospel message of Jesus Christ and explores ways to carry out the mission of the Catholic Church in the modern world.

What knowledge and skills will you gain?

Knowledge and skills students will gain include, but are not limited to:

- An understanding of the New Testament scripture accounts
- Ways in which people can access God, through nature, relationships, joy etc.
- The power of love in the world and the message to help others.
- Knowledge of the resurrection of Jesus Christ and his mission.

How will Religious Education be assessed?

Students will complete a series of formative and summative assessment tasks including an analysis of Who is God, an exegesis of Luke, and a reflection on Christian love. Students will also sit an end of semester exam.

Examples of the types of classroom activities you will be doing in Religious Education:

- Films, class debates/discussions, multimedia presentations, extended response, and prayer.

Other activities that are a part of Year 10 Religious Education:

A full day retreat exploring the search for meaning through one's relationship with God and others.

Who to ask:

Your Year 9 Religious Education teacher or Mr Leviston (Religious Education Head of Faculty)

Studies of Religious Education (Core) Option Two: Texts and Traditions

Why study Texts and Traditions?

Using the theme *World of the Text: What is the Good News?* students studying Texts and Traditions will investigate Luke's gospel and what it is that makes it unique amongst the other gospels. This subject is for students who enjoy studying history, the deeper aspects of religion, and comparative text study. In this, students gain a wider appreciation of the scripture that comes to inform the Christian tradition.

What knowledge and skills will you gain?

Knowledge and skills students will gain include, but are not limited to:

- An understanding of the New Testament and Old Testament scripture accounts
- The historical background of the text
- The literary aspects of the Bible
- How scholars have found meaning in the biblical texts

How will Texts and Traditions be assessed?

Students will complete a series of formative and summative assessment tasks including exegesis, essays, tests, short answers, and extended responses.

Examples of the types of classroom activities you will be doing in Texts and Traditions:

- Films, text study, reading commentary, class discussion, performance, and extended responses.

Other activities that are a part of Year 10 Texts and Traditions:

A full day retreat exploring the search for meaning through one's relationship with God and others.

Who to ask:

Your Year 9 Religious Education teacher Mr Danny Moore, or Mr Mitchell Leviston (Head of Religious Education).

English (Core)

At Year 10, there are various options for the study of English. Each individual study is designed to meet the core requirements for English in Year 10. However, the option to choose a particular pathway provides students with the flexibility to choose an English study that best meets their individual learning needs and future Senior School pathways.

English pathways:

Senior School English is based on four pathways:

- A pathway to VCE English
- A pathway to VCE English Language
- A pathway to VCE Literature
- A pathway to VCE Foundation English and English Support

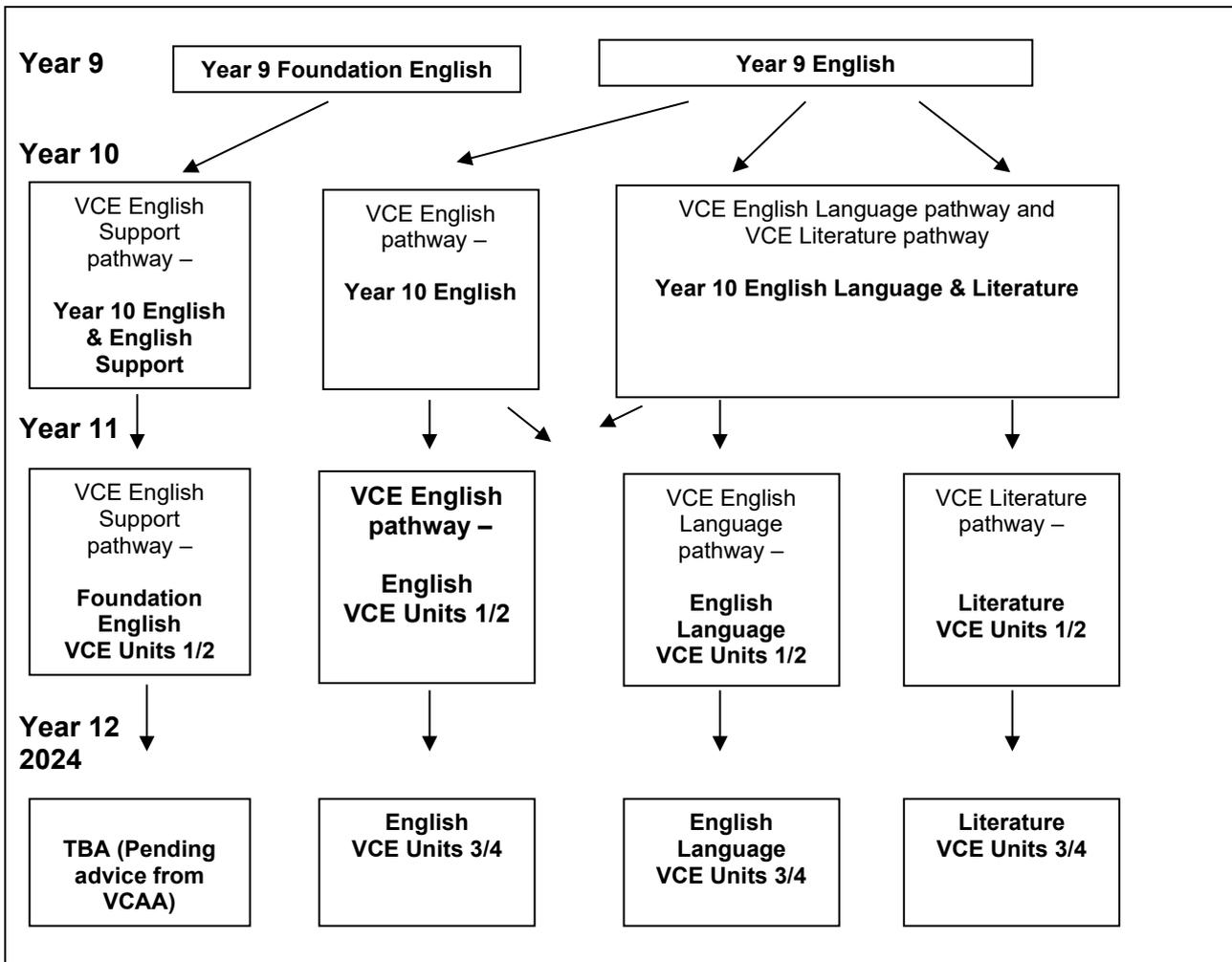
Year 10 students must choose at least one of the three core English choices available to them:

- English
- English Language and Literature
- English and English Support

Please note:

- Students and their parents will be advised on the recommended pathway after discussions by the Year 9 English teachers, the Middle School Team and the Enhanced Learning Team (where relevant)
- Students studying English, or English Language and Literature, can choose to study additional English studies as part of the elective offerings

English Pathways:



Studies of English (Core) Option One: English

Why study English?

Year 10 English is a preparation for the study of English at the VCE level. The course focuses on use of language, together with the creation, understanding and analysis of texts. Students learn to appreciate, enjoy, and use language and develop a sense of its richness and its power to evoke feelings, to form and convey ideas, to inform, to discuss, to persuade, to entertain and to argue. As with all Year 10 subjects, English is taught and assessed in accordance with the Victorian Curriculum.

What knowledge and skills will you gain?

Knowledge and skills students will gain include:

- Writing: The ability to write for a range of audiences and purposes
- Reading and Viewing: The opportunity to read, view, discuss and respond to a variety of texts
- Listening and Speaking: An understanding of how to prepare and present spoken texts for specific audiences and purposes

How will English be assessed?

To achieve the learning outcomes in the above three areas, students study a range of texts, perform oral presentations, analyse various media texts, and produce writing for a variety of purposes and audiences. Students will also sit an end of semester exam.

Activities in the English classroom:

As part of their English studies, students can expect a wide variety of teaching and learning activities that are centered around the areas of Reading, Writing, Speaking and Listening. Students will be required to work both independently, and in small groups.

Where to next?

In Year 11, students can select from VCE Units 1/2 Foundation English, VCE Units 1/2 English, VCE Units 1/2 English Language, and/or VCE Units 1/2 Literature as they work towards meeting their VCE English requirement.

Who to see for further information:

Your Year 9 English teacher, Miss Sarah Slater (Head of EAL/D and SPC's senior English Language teacher), or the Head of English.

Studies of English (Core): Option Two: English Language and Literature

In this year-long subject, students will study a semester of English Language and a Semester of Literature. The College will discuss with students who may benefit from this offering. Students who take English as a core subject may also undertake English Language or Literature as an elective.

English Language

Why study English Language?

The study of English Language is informed by the discipline of linguistics. It explores the ways in which language is used by individuals and groups and reflects our thinking and values. Learning about language helps us to understand ourselves, the groups with which we identify, and the society we inhabit.

What is the difference between English Language and English?

While English involves reading and viewing a range of literary and media texts and developing a range of written and oral communication skills, English Language is more content-focused. English Language studies different kinds of texts to those studied in English, including publications and public commentary about language in print and multimodal form. Students also observe and discuss contemporary language in use and consider a range of historical and contemporary written and spoken texts.

What knowledge and skills will you gain?

Year 10 English Language is designed to enable you to:

- Understand the structures of written and spoken texts
- Reflect on how people use spoken and written English to communicate, think and innovate
- Analyse how language is used to construct identities
- Explore the history of the English language
- Develop your awareness of your own selective and innovative use of language and your ability to apply it to your own writing and speaking

How will English Language be assessed?

To achieve the knowledge and skills listed above students will be assessed through short answer tests, oral presentations, quizzes, a research assignment, and a guided essay. Students will be required to work independently, as well as in small groups, and to sit an end of semester exam.

Classroom activities in English Language:

As part of English Language, students can expect a wide variety of teaching and learning activities that will be focussed on quizzes, group discussions and activities, close analysis of language in a range of contexts, deconstructing the structures and features of selected written and spoken texts and textbook activities.

Where to next?

In Year 11, students interested in English Language can select VCE Units 1/2 English Language, and in Year 12 VCE Units 3/4 English Language, thereby meeting their VCE English studies requirement.

Note: While Year 10 English Language is not a prerequisite for VCE Unit 1/2 English Language, it is highly recommended that students study VCE Unit 1/2 English Language before studying VCE Units 3/4 English Language.

English Language students often pursue careers in fields such as the arts, sciences, law, politics, trades, education and other communication-related fields. The study supports language related fields such as psychology, the study of other languages, speech and reading therapy and journalism.

Literature

Why study Literature?

The study of literature focuses on the enjoyment and appreciation of reading and viewing that arises from discussion, debate, and the challenge of exploring novels, plays, memoirs, short stories, poetry, films, and other literary texts. These texts may be contemporary or classic. Through literature we are given a privileged insight into the thoughts, ideas, and visions of novelists, playwrights, poets, and film makers who in some cases lived and/or wrote and filmed about very different times and places to those which we have experienced. Students are challenged to reflect on their own interpretations of texts and evaluate those of others.

What is the difference between Literature and English?

English involves reading and viewing a broad range of literary and media texts, analysing language which aims to persuade, developing a range of writing skills, and developing oral skills in relation to media issues and texts. Literature, on the other hand, is solely focused on literary texts and how they can be interpreted and explored creatively and in the written form.

What knowledge and skills will you gain?

Year 10 Literature is designed to enable you to:

- Develop an enjoyment of literature
- Develop an awareness of worlds and human experience beyond your own
- Read and view a range of books and films
- Develop interpretive skills
- Extend your understanding of the different ways literary texts are constructed
- Reflect on your own and other interpretations
- Develop the capacity to write confidently and thoughtfully about a range of texts

How will Literature be assessed?

To achieve the knowledge and skills listed above you will study a range of texts and complete assessment tasks such as imaginative responses, oral presentations, performances, and essays. Students will also sit an end of semester exam.

Examples of the types of classroom activities you will be doing in Literature:

As part of your study of Literature you can expect a wide variety of teaching and learning activities that are focussed on engagement with a range of texts which include class discussions; performances; and close reading and viewing. Students will be required to work both independently, and in small groups.

Where to next?

In Year 11, students interested in Literature can select VCE Units 1/2 Literature, and in Year 12 VCE Units 3/4 Literature, thereby meeting their VCE English studies requirement.

Note: While Year 10 Literature is not a prerequisite for VCE Unit 1/2 Literature, it is highly recommended that students study VCE Unit 1/2 Literature before studying VCE Units 3/4 Literature.

Literature students often pursue careers in professional writing, teaching, journalism, public relations and the arts. Others use their love of literature for recreational pursuits.

Who to see for further information:

Your Year 9 English teacher, Miss Sarah Slater (Head of EAL/D and SPC's senior English Language teacher), or the Head of English.

Studies of English (Core) Option Three: English and English Support

In addition to studying English students will also study English Support.

Why study English Support?

For identified students' English Support is a targeted intervention program designed to support boys who benefit from the teaching of explicit literacy skills. The English Support course is designed for students who may need additional time and assistance to strengthen and refine their literacy skills to prepare for the study of VCE English and other VCE studies.

The course integrates speaking, listening, reading, viewing, and writing across all areas of study to enhance students' knowledge of written and oral language skills.

The course will support students with the preparation of their English course work.

Please note: English Support must be taken in addition to English.

Structure:

To successfully attain the VCE, students must complete a Unit 3 and 4 sequence in one of the English studies. English Support is designed to assist invited students to do so through the development and consolidation of their literacy skills. It is also structured to build students' understanding of, and confidence in their ability to successfully complete the tasks that they will be required to complete to succeed in their VCE English study.

What knowledge and skills will you gain?

Knowledge and skills students will gain include:

- How to plan and prepare an oral presentation so students speak clearly and confidently in front of an audience
- How to write extended analytical text responses
- How to apply various approaches to reading written text to gain an understanding of its meaning
- How to view and analyse a variety of media texts to understand how visual language creates meaning
- How to use written language effectively in order to present meaning for a variety of different purposes
- How to proof-read written work to improve spelling, punctuation, and grammar

How will English and English Support be assessed?

- Written activities (including short and longer responses to questions)
- Reading activities (including different types of texts: novels, newspapers, short stories, own choice)
- Speaking, as well as participating in class discussion activities

Students with specific literacy requirements will undertake this sequence to prepare and provide them with the best opportunity to successfully attain the VCE. English Support involves three sessions per week in addition to English as well as two Supported Study sessions. The College will contact students who would be seen to benefit from this offering.

Where to next?

In Year 11, students select VCE Units 1/2 Foundation English

Who to see for further information:

Your Year 9 English teacher, Miss Sarah Slater (Head of EAL/D and SPC's senior English Language teacher), or the Head of English.

Mathematics (Core)

Why study mathematics?

The study of Mathematics is compulsory until the end of Year 10 as it is widely recognised by parents, employer groups and government bodies as an intrinsic part of any school education. Mathematics studies at St Patrick's are designed to provide access to worthwhile and challenging mathematical learning in a way that considers the needs and aspirations of a wide range of students.

What mathematics subjects are there?

Senior School Mathematics is based on four pathways, each catering for a different level of mathematical ability:

- A pathway to VCE Foundation Mathematics
- A pathway to VCE General Mathematics
- A pathway to VCE Mathematical Methods
- A pathway to VCE Specialist Mathematics (also involves doing VCE Mathematical Methods)

Year 10 students must be enrolled in at least one of the three core mathematics choices available:

• YEAR 10 MATHEMATICAL METHODS

Mathematical Methods is known as the "pure" mathematics. There is more focus on theory and the various methods that can be used to solve problems. The topics covered include various algebra topics, geometry, trigonometry, probability, measurement and some statistics. Methods is often a prerequisite to university courses like Engineering, IT, Medicine etc.

- Students who study Mathematical Methods in Year 10 will have all mathematics options open to them in the VCE.

• YEAR 10 GENERAL MATHEMATICS

General Mathematics continues to build upon the general maths skills that students have developed through years 7-9. The topics cover basic algebra and its applications, financial mathematics, geometry, measurement, graphing and analysis of statistics. General Mathematics is often the minimum mathematics required for many university courses and trades.

- Students studying General Mathematics will typically study VCE General Mathematics Units 1/2 in Year 11 and VCE General Mathematics Units 3/4 in Year 12.

• YEAR 10 FOUNDATION MATHEMATICS

Foundation Mathematics is a basic course that shows students the practical applications of mathematics and provides the knowledge that they will require in order to be successful in the workplace, with finances and with their own interests and hobbies.

- Students studying Foundation Mathematics will typically study VCE Foundation Mathematics Units 1/2 in Year 11 and Foundation Mathematics Units 3/4 in Year 12

Students and their parents will be advised on the recommended pathway after discussions by the Year 9 Mathematics teachers, the Middle School Team and the Enhanced Learning Team (where relevant).

PLEASE NOTE: **VCE Units 1/2 Specialist Mathematics** will be available to a select number of invited students in Year 10 as an elective option. Entry is based on a student's level of performance during Year 9 and would be studied alongside Year 10 Mathematical Methods. More information on Specialist Mathematics can be found at the end of the Maths section.

What knowledge and skills will you gain?

Each mathematics course at Year 10 covers topics that enable the continuance of that study into the VCE. Consequently, each course will cover different topics, at different levels.

How will Mathematics be assessed?

A student's achievements in each Year 10 Mathematics studies will be assessed through topic tests, application tasks and an exam at the end of each semester.

Examples of the types of classroom activities you will be doing in Mathematics:

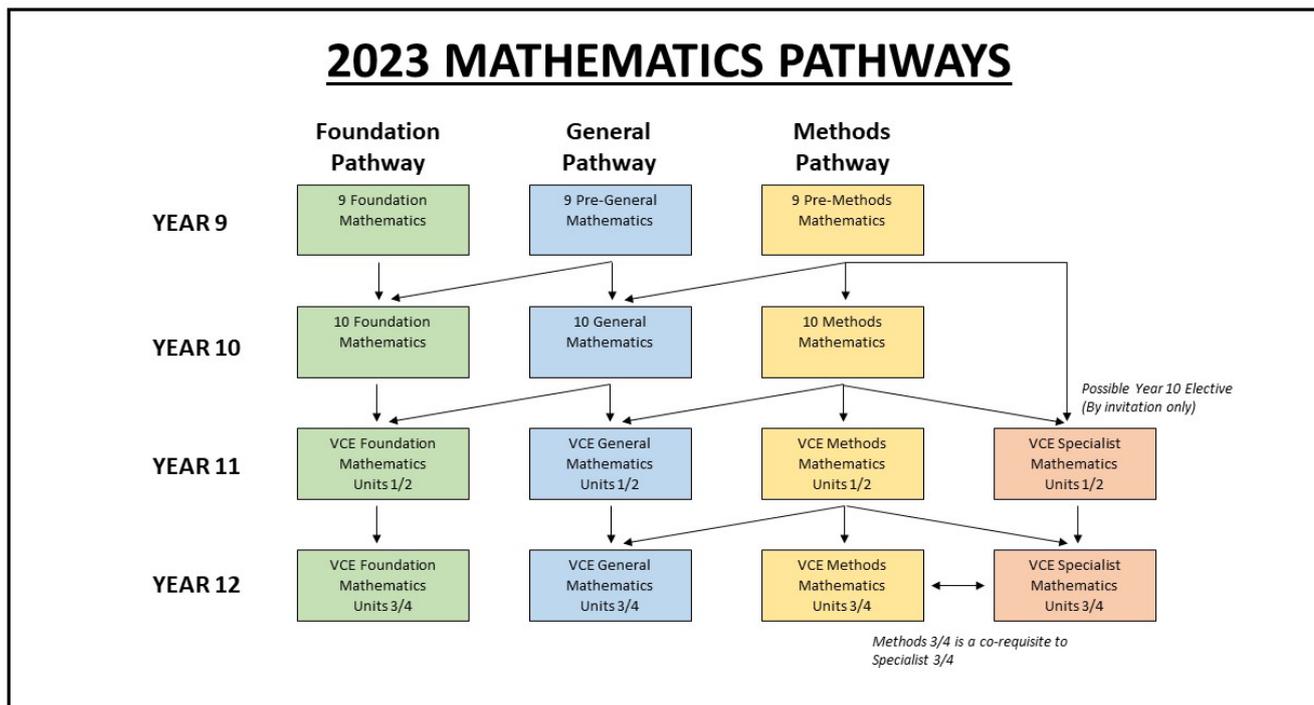
- The majority of Mathematics classes will entail students listening to instruction from the teacher and practicing new work
- CAS calculator work for students in Mathematical Methods and General Mathematics.

Other activities that are a part of Year 10 Mathematics:

At times, students will use computer technology to enhance their understanding of the current topic. Students may also complete projects to enhance their understanding of a topic.

Where to next?

The diagram below shows the natural progression of each subject. Some changes are possible throughout the journey, however these should only be made in consultation with your teacher or with Mr Corden (Head of Mathematics).



Who to ask:

Your Year 9 Mathematics teacher or Mr Luke Corden (Head of Mathematics).

Science (Core)

Selection of Two Semester Based Subjects

Students are required to select one science subject in each semester

Biology

Why study Year 10 Biology?

Year 10 Biology is a semester-based subject which is designed to prepare students who wish to enter the VCE Biology Units 1 – 4 pathway. Classroom theory, practical exercises and assessment tasks are all based on the VCE model. This subject will benefit students who have an interest in organism interactions, the production, and modification of, DNA and proteins and the link between genes and physical traits.

Prerequisite Information:

Year 10 Biology is a prerequisite subject for the following VCE Science Subjects:

- VCE Unit 1 – 4 Biology

What knowledge and skills will you gain?

Knowledge and skills students will gain include:

- Understanding of the structure and function of DNA, transcription, and translation
- Basic genetic theory and the impact on modern biotechnology technique and issues
- Using and identifying different types of evidence to construct a timeline of human evolution.
- Practical experimental skills including report writing.

How will Year 10 Biology be assessed?

- Practical reports
- Research tasks
- Calculation worksheets
- Topic tests
- End of semester examination

Examples of the types of classroom activities you will be doing in Year 10 Biology:

- DNA extraction
- Research poster outlining the processes of meiosis and mitosis.
- Consideration of the social, economic, ethical and environmental elements of biological content.

Time spent doing practical activity:

Approximately 30% of class time will be spent on practical activities.

Time spent doing theory:

Approximately 70% of class time will be spent on theoretical work including research tasks.

Where to next?

This subject serves as an introduction to topics covered in VCE Units 1 – 4 Biology. Students studying this subject will gain an understanding of the academic and practical skills required to successfully complete any VCE Science subject, including VCE Psychology and VCE Environmental Science.

Duration:

Year 10 Biology is a semester-based science subject.

Who to ask:

Your Year 9 Science teacher or Mr James Russell (Head of Science).

Chemistry

Why study Year 10 Chemistry?

Year 10 Chemistry is a semester-based subject which is designed to prepare students who wish to enter the VCE Chemistry Units 1 – 4 pathway. Classroom theory, practical exercises and assessment tasks are all based on the VCE model. This subject will benefit students who have an interest in the elements of nature, chemical reactions and optimizing chemical reaction speed and yield.

Prerequisite Information:

Year 10 Chemistry is a prerequisite subject for the following VCE Science Subjects:

- VCE Unit 1 – 4 Chemistry

What knowledge and skills will you gain?

Knowledge and skills students will gain include:

- Practical experimental skills including report writing.
- Make connections between the structure of the atom and its position in the periodic table.
- Describe the type of bonding (metallic, ionic, or covalent) present in a material and connect this to observed properties.
- Classify chemical reactions into types according to the changes that take place as reactants are converted into products.
- Express chemical changes by balanced equations that show that the number of atoms of each element is conserved.

How will Year 10 Chemistry be assessed?

- Practical reports
- Research tasks
- Calculation worksheets
- Topic tests
- End of semester examination

Examples of the types of classroom activities you will be doing in Year 10 Chemistry:

- Describe the type of bonding (metallic, ionic, or covalent) present in a material and connect this to observed properties.
- Classify chemical reactions into types according to the changes that take place as reactants are converted into products.
- Consideration of the social, economic, ethical and environmental elements of Chemistry content.

Time spent doing practical activity:

Approximately 30% of class time will be spent on practical activities.

Time spent doing theory:

Approximately 70% of class time will be spent on theoretical work including research tasks.

Where to next?

This subject serves as an introduction to topics covered in VCE Units 1 – 4 Chemistry. Students studying this subject will gain an understanding of the academic and practical skills required to successfully complete any VCE Science subject, including VCE Psychology and VCE Environmental Science.

Duration:

Year 10 Chemistry is a semester-based science subject.

Who to ask:

Your Year 9 Science teacher or Mr James Russell (Head of Science).

Environmental Science

Why study Year 10 Environmental Science?

Year 10 Environmental Science is a semester-based subject which is designed to prepare students who wish to enter the VCE Environmental Science Units 1 – 4 pathway. Classroom theory, practical exercises and assessment tasks are all based on the VCE model. Students who enjoy topics such as climate science, biological conservation and renewable energy sources.

Prerequisite Information:

Year 10 Environmental Science is a prerequisite subject for the following VCE Science Subjects:

- VCE Unit 1 – 4 Environmental Science

What knowledge and skills will you gain?

Knowledge and skills students will gain include:

- Understanding of the interactions between the atmosphere, lithosphere, and hydrosphere
- Reviewing the influence of human activities on native ecosystems
- Analysing real-world examples of conservation areas and their impact on species biodiversity

How will Year 10 Environmental Science be assessed?

- Practical reports
- Research tasks
- Calculation worksheets
- Topic tests
- End of semester examination

Examples of the types of classroom activities you will be doing in Year 10 Environmental Science:

- Case studies of environmental issues
- Nutrient testing practical report
- Consideration of the social, economic, and ethical elements of environmental science content.

Time spent doing practical activity:

Approximately 30% of class time will be spent on practical activities.

Time spent doing theory:

Approximately 70% of class time will be spent on theoretical work including research tasks.

Where to next?

This subject serves as an introduction to topics covered in VCE Units 1 – 4 Environmental Science. Students studying this subject will gain an understanding of the academic and practical skills required to successfully complete any VCE Science subject, including VCE Psychology and VCE Biology.

Duration:

Year 10 Environmental Science is a semester-based science subject.

Who to ask:

Your Year 9 Science teacher or Mr James Russell (Head of Science).

Physics

Why study Year 10 Physics?

Year 10 Physics is a semester-based subject which is designed to prepare students who wish to enter the VCE Physics Units 1 – 4 pathway. Classroom theory, practical exercises and assessment tasks are all based on the VCE model. This subject will benefit students who have an interest in particle motion, energy transformations and the universal forces.

Prerequisite Information:

Year 10 Physics is a prerequisite subject for the following VCE Science Subjects:

- VCE Unit 1 – 4 Physics

What knowledge and skills will you gain?

Knowledge and skills students will gain include:

- Practical experimental skills including report writing.
- How to use electric circuits to determine current, voltage and resistance.
- Describe the different forms of energy.
- Describe motion in terms of displacement, velocity, and acceleration.
- Describe the interaction between force, mass, and acceleration.
- Describe the properties of magnets and magnetic fields.

How will Year 10 Physics be assessed?

- Practical reports
- Research tasks
- Calculation worksheets
- Topic tests
- End of semester examination

Examples of the types of classroom activities you will be doing in Year 10 Physics:

- Set up different types of electrical circuits and measure current and voltage.
- Use the Crocodile Clips program to explore electronic components of a circuit.
- Use ticker timers to work out the speed acceleration of a trolley.
- Consideration of the social, economic, ethical and environmental elements of Physics content.

Time spent doing practical activity:

Approximately 30% of class time will be spent on practical activities.

Time spent doing theory:

Approximately 70% of class time will be spent on theoretical work including research tasks.

Where to next?

This subject serves as an introduction to topics covered in VCE Units 1 – 4 Physics. Students studying this subject will gain an understanding of the academic and practical skills required to successfully complete any VCE Science subject, including VCE Psychology and VCE Environmental Science.

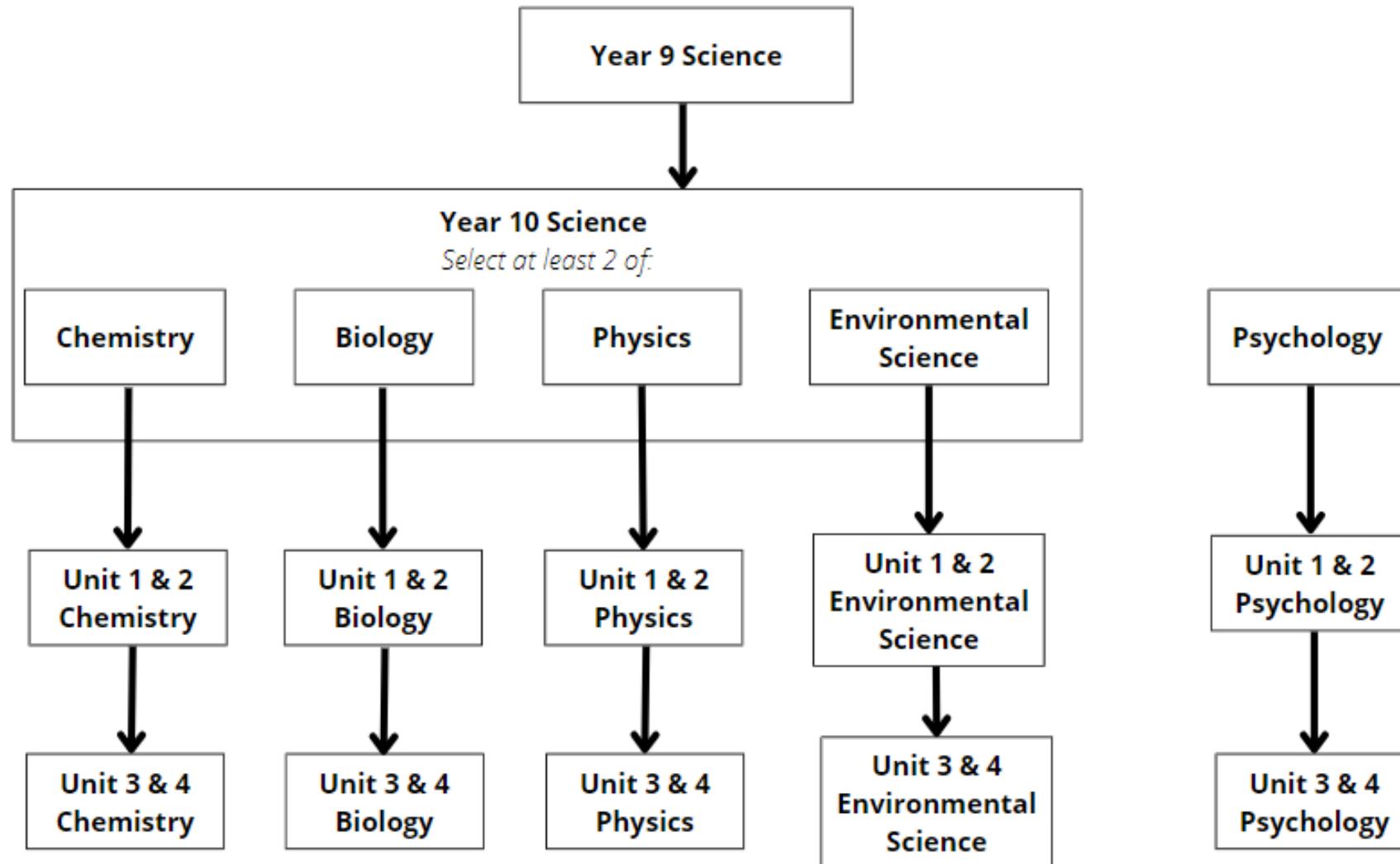
Duration:

Year 10 Physics is a semester-based science subject.

Who to ask:

Your Year 9 Science teacher or Mr. James Russell (Head of Science).

Science Pathways



Humanities (Core)

Humanities (Core) Option One: Twentieth Century History - Australia

Why study Twentieth Century History: Australia?

This unit provides a solid foundation for related VCE History studies i.e. VCE units 1 and 2 History. Classroom theory, practical exercises and assessment tasks are all set at a Year 10 level. Awareness of history is an essential characteristic of any society, and historical knowledge is fundamental to understanding ourselves and others. This semester length unit has three depth studies:

1. World War II
2. Rights and Freedoms – indigenous studies
3. The globalising World.

What knowledge and skills will you gain?

Students will investigate:

- Wartime experiences through a study of World War II: This includes a study of the causes, events, outcome and broader impact of the conflict as an episode in world history, and the nature of Australia's involvement.
- Struggles for human rights: This includes how rights and freedoms of indigenous people have been ignored, demanded or achieved in Australia and in the broader world context.
- The globalising world: This includes the migration experiences from 1945 to the present.

Students will develop skills in:

- The use of chronological sequencing to demonstrate the relationship between events and developments in different sessions and places.
- Analysis and the critical evaluation of historical documents.
- Text development, particularly descriptions and discussions, that use evidence from a range of sources.

How will Twentieth Century History: Australia be assessed?

- Topic tests
- Source analysis
- Research project
- End of semester exam

Examples of the types of classroom activities you will be doing:

- Analysing documents.
- Discussing historical issues
- Watching films
- Creating maps
- Taking notes
- Reading
- Answering questions

Time spent doing theory and practical activity:

The majority of class time will be devoted to theory. Examples of practical activities include local excursions and viewing relevant films.

Where to next?

This unit provides a solid foundation for related VCE history studies i.e. VCE Units 1 and 2 Modern History, VCE Units 3 and 4 Australian History and VCE Units 3 and 4 Revolutions.

Duration:

Twentieth Century History: Australia is offered each semester and students can study it in either Semester One or Semester Two to meet the Humanities requirement of Year 10.

Who to ask:

Your Year 9 Humanities teacher or Mr Miller (Head of Humanities).

Humanities (Core) Option Two: Ancient History

Why you will study Ancient History

This unit provides a solid foundation for related VCE History studies i.e. VCE units 1 and 2 History. Classroom theory, practical exercises and assessment tasks are all set at a Year 10 level. Awareness of history is an essential characteristic of any society, and historical knowledge is fundamental to understanding ourselves and others. This semester length unit has three depth studies:

1. How we know about the past
2. The development of ancient civilisation
3. Depth study into at least two civilisations: Ancient Rome and Greece

What knowledge and skills will you gain?

Students will investigate:

- Importance of geography in the development of civilisations
- Key features of at least two ancient civilisations
- Significant individuals
- Examples of change and continuity in civilisations
- Key events in the development of civilisations
- Uncover how historians know about the past, and critically evaluate the reliability of sources.

Students will develop skills in:

- The use of chronological sequencing to demonstrate the relationship between events and developments in different sessions and places.
- Analysing the different perspectives of people in the past and evaluate how these perspectives are influenced by significant events, ideas, location, beliefs, and values.
- Analysis and the critical evaluation of historical documents.
- Analysing the long-term causes, short term triggers and the intended and unintended effects of significant events and developments

How will Ancient History be assessed?

- Topic tests
- Source analysis
- End of semester exam

Examples of the types of classroom activities you will be doing:

- Analysing documents.
- Discussing historical issues
- Creating maps
- Taking notes
- Reading
- Answering questions

Time spent doing theory and practical activity:

The majority of class time will be devoted to theory. Examples of practical activities include local excursions and viewing relevant films.

Where to next?

This unit provides a solid foundation for related VCE history.

Duration:

Ancient History is offered each semester and students can study it in either Semester One or Semester Two to meet the Humanities requirement of Year 10.

Who to ask:

Your Year 9 Humanities teacher or Mr Miller (Head of Humanities).

Humanities (Core) Option Three: Legal and Political Studies

Why study Legal and Political Studies

Students investigate the ways in which the law and the legal system relate to and serve individuals and the community. They consider the nature of power in Australia. This semester length unit has two depth studies:

1. Legal Studies
2. Politics

What knowledge and skills will you gain?

Students will investigate:

- the need for laws
- characteristics of an effective law
- the distinction between criminal law and civil law
- overview of the role and characteristics of parliament and subordinate authorities in law-making
- the characteristics of Australian democracy

Students will:

- define key legal terminology and use it appropriately.
- classify rules as either legal or non-legal.
- identify legal problems that might be addressed by criminal or civil law.
- describe the role of parliament and subordinate authorities in law-making.

How will Legal and Political Studies be assessed?

- Topic tests
- End of semester exam

Examples of the types of classroom activities you will be doing:

- Discussing current issues
- Taking notes
- Reading
- Answering questions
- Completing case studies

Time spent doing theory and practical activity:

The majority of class time will be devoted to theory and discussion.

Where to next?

This unit provides a solid foundation for related VCE Legal Studies i.e. VCE Units 1 and 2 Legal Studies

Duration:

Legal and Political Studies is offered each semester and students can study it in either Semester One or Semester Two to meet the Humanities requirement of Year 10.

Who to ask: Your Year 9 Humanities teacher or Mr Miller (Head of Humanities).

Humanities (Core) Option Four: Commerce

Why study Commerce

This unit provides a solid foundation and direct pathway into several VCE subjects such as Business Management, Economics, Accounting and/or Industry and Enterprise. Students can develop their understanding of economics and business concepts by exploring the marketing and accounting processes required to start a business.

What knowledge and skills will you gain?

Students will:

- understand and apply business concepts, principles and terminology.
- understand the purpose and significance of business within local, national and global contexts.
- understand the complex and changing environment that businesses operate within and the nature of relationships between key stakeholders within that environment.
- develop an understanding of the role of accounting in the management and operation of a small business; and
- develop an understanding of how the Australian economy operates, and the relationship between economic events and outcomes.

Students will:

- define, describe, and apply relevant business management concepts and terms.
- research and analyse case studies and contemporary examples.
- apply business management knowledge to practical and/or simulated business situations.
- use correct accounting terminology.
- use correct economics terminology.
- research information from a range of sources

How will Commerce be assessed?

- Topic tests
- Research project
- End of semester exam

Examples of the types of classroom activities you will be doing:

- Discussing current issues
- Watching films
- Taking notes
- Reading
- Answering questions
- Debates

Time spent doing theory and practical activity:

The majority of class time will be devoted to theory and discussion. Examples of practical activities include local excursions and viewing relevant films.

Where to next?

This unit provides a solid foundation for VCE Units 1 and 2 Business Management, VCE Units 1 and 2 Economics, VCE Units 1 and 2 Accounting and VCE Units 1 and 2 Industry and Enterprise.

Duration:

Commerce is offered each semester and students can study it in either Semester One or Semester Two to meet the Humanities requirement of Year 10.

Who to ask: Your Year 9 Humanities teacher or Mr Miller (Head of Humanities)

Humanities Pathways

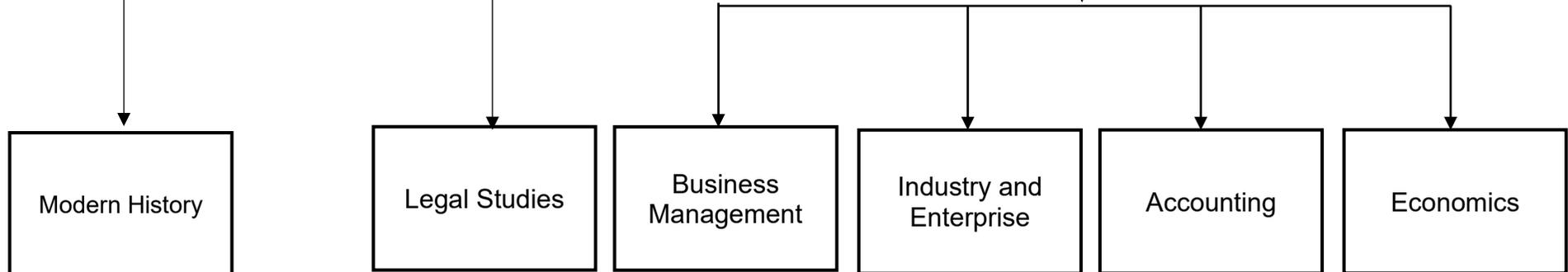
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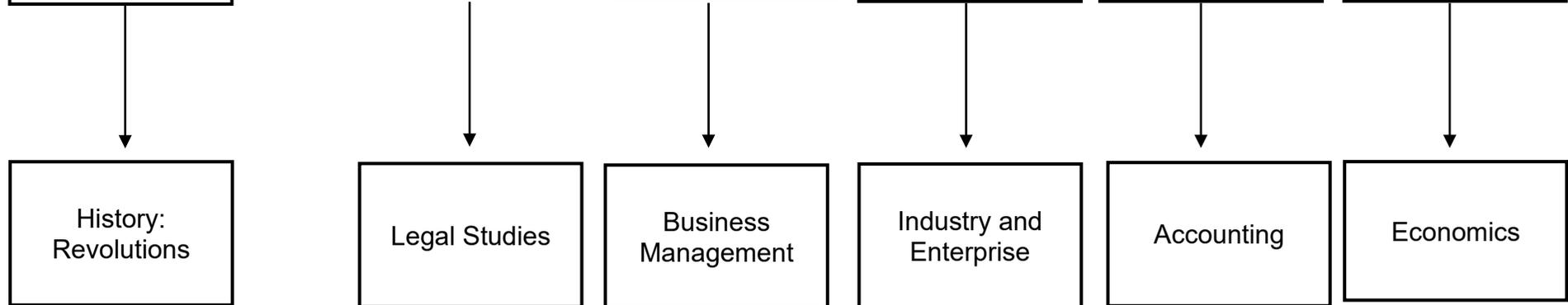
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Recommended Pathway ↓

Sport (Core)

Why you will study Sport?

Physical activity, sport and recreation are important in the lives of people in Australia. For a long time now the link between lifelong participation in physical activity and sport, and physical, social and emotional, fitness, health and wellbeing, has been clear. Sport education at St Patrick's College seeks to provide boys with experiences that are challenging and enjoyable, and that promote personal growth and lifelong physical activity.

What knowledge and skills will you gain?

Knowledge and skills students will gain include:

- An introduction to coaching principles and sport leadership
- An appreciation for the role of lifestyle sports as lifelong physical activities
- An understanding of the importance of volunteers in staffing grass-roots sport
- An understanding of the importance of the interpersonal skills learned through sport and their link to wider life skills

How will Sport be assessed?

Year 10 Sport will be assessed through the teacher's direct observation of student participation in, and level of application to, practical activities.

Examples of the types of activities done in Year 10 Sport:

- Lifestyle sports and activities such as croquet, tennis, netball, tenpin, fitness, futsal, lawn bowls and golf.

Other activities that are a part of Year 10 Sport:

- Umpiring
- Scoring
- Timekeeping
- Coaching

Where to next?

Year 10 Sport marks the end of students' compulsory involvement in Health and Physical Education subjects. By now it is hoped that students have developed skills, understandings and abilities that will allow them to choose to continue healthy activity levels throughout their adult lives.

Academically, Year 11 presents a number of options to continue student involvement in Sport, Physical Education, Health Education or VET Sport and Recreation. Senior School students may also elect to study VCE Physical Education, Health or VET Sport and Recreation as options for continued study in this field.

Time allocation:

Two sessions per week for the whole year.

Who to ask:

Mr Giampaolo (Head of Health and Physical Education).

Electives Group A

Architectural Design

(Elective Group A)

Why study Architecture?

This study allows students to gain an insight into the design of the built environment. It is particularly relevant for those who may be contemplating a career in the building and construction industry, architecture or drafting.

What knowledge and skills will you gain?

Knowledge and skills students will gain include:

- Drawing systems, conventions and techniques associated with architectural drawings
- Construction of domestic buildings.
- Application of different media, including the use of ICT

How will Architecture be assessed?

Assessment will be based on the completion of specific design briefs and how the set criteria have been addressed. Students will also sit an end of semester exam.

Examples of the types of classroom activities you will be doing in Architecture:

- Design a kitchen for a particular house plan including elevations and a 3D drawing
- Drawings which describe construction details for domestic structures
- Designs for a small townhouse and the interior of an internet café.

Time spent doing theory and practical activity:

Approximately ninety percent of class time is spent completing practical activities and the remaining ten percent doing theory.

Where to next?

VCE Units 1/2 Visual Communication Design in Year 11, and then VCE Units 3/4 Visual Communication Design in Year 12.

Who to ask:

Mr John Davey or Head of the Arts Faculty, Mr Peter Hutchins.

Why study Media?

If you have a passion for film or enjoy creating your own video, then Media is the subject for you. The media has a significant impact on people's lives and media products are a representation of social, personal and cultural reality. The media entertains, educates, informs and provides channels of communication.

What knowledge and skills will you gain?

Knowledge and skills students will gain include:

- Exploration into various forms of media
- The media design process (pre-production, production, post-production)
- Script writing and storyboarding
- Camera shots and movement
- Media analysis
- Video editing using Adobe Premiere Pro
- Visual effects

How will Media be assessed?

Assessment tasks will include a combination of individual and group work that focus on the key learning areas of (1) creating and making, or practical film making, and (2) exploring and responding, which has a focus on analysis and how directors use media codes and conventions to create meaning for audiences. Students will have an exam at the end of the semester for this subject.

Examples of the types of classroom activities you will be doing in Media:

- Media analysis: specifically, film analysis
- Filming and editing your own video sequence
- Learning how to edit using Adobe Premiere Pro
- End of semester exam

Time spent doing practical activity:

Approximately 50% of class time will be spent on practical activities.

Time spent doing theory:

Approximately 50% of class time will be spent on theoretical work including research tasks.

Where to next?

The completion of Media at Year 10 prepares students for the study of VCE Units 1/2 Media Studies.

Who to ask:

Mr Peter Hutchins (Head of the Arts Faculty).

Why study Studio Art- Photography?

Studio Art- Photography provides students with an opportunity to explore new materials, ideas and techniques. It is an essential stepping stone towards further study of VCE Studio Art. Many of the skills practiced in this subject can also be used in study of VCE Media.

What knowledge and skills will you gain?

Knowledge and skills students will gain include:

- Understanding basic digital photography
- Improved skill development using Photoshop
- Operating DSLR cameras
- Further development of drawing skills.
- Development of photo manipulation skills
- An ongoing study of artists associated with the medium of photography.

How will Studio Art- Photography be assessed?

Each area of photography, photographic screen printing or collage will have a folio and visual diary assessed for each unit. Using the text *Photography – production and appreciation*, students will study different aspects of the art industry, artists and art elements. This is assessed fortnightly and with an end of semester exam.

Examples of the types of classroom activities you will be doing in Studio Art- Photography:

- Digital applications for photo editing.
- Designing and manipulating digital photographs for collages
- Using the text, *Photography – production and appreciation*, to explore and learn about the visual arts curriculum, specific to digital photography.

Time spent doing practical activity:

Approximately 80% of class time is spent doing practical activities.

Where to next?

The completion of Studio Art- Photography prepares students for the study of VCE Studio Art.

Who to ask:

Senior School Art teachers or Mr Peter Hutchins (Head of the Arts Faculty).

Why study Studio Art - Traditional Artforms?

Year 10 Studio Art provides students with an opportunity to explore new materials, ideas and techniques. It is an essential stepping-stone towards further study of VCE Studio Art.

What knowledge and skills will you gain?

Knowledge and skills students will gain include:

- A guided improved skill development in drawing
- Improved skill development in painting
- Improved skill development in printmaking techniques
- Basic digital photography skills
- Improved skill development in making sculpture
- Increased knowledge of artists through ongoing study of artists associated with painting and drawing
- An understanding of the operation and purpose of art galleries.

How will Studio Art - Traditional Artforms be assessed?

Each area of drawing, painting, printmaking and photography will have a folio and visual diary assessed for each unit. Students will study different aspects of the art industry, artists and art elements. This is assessed fortnightly and with an end of semester exam.

Examples of the types of classroom activities you will be doing in Studio Art - Traditional Artforms:

- Drawing, painting, printmaking, ceramics, sculpture and photography. Using various artists as inspiration and exploring how they use the same materials.
- Explore and learn about:
 - The Visual Arts curriculum specific to drawing and painting, printmaking, ceramics and photography
 - The art elements and principles, different galleries and how they operate.

Time spent doing practical activity:

Approximately 80% of class time is spent doing practical activities.

Where to next?

The completion of Studio Art - Traditional Artforms prepares students for the study of VCE Studio Arts.

Who to ask:

Senior School Art teachers or Mr Peter Hutchins (Head of the Arts Faculty).

Why study Theatre Studies?

Students engage in workshops based on theatre styles, dramaturgy, improvisational activities, character development, text interpretation and analysis. In their performances, they will communicate ideas and understandings about themselves and others, incorporating influences from their own and other's cultures and times. Students evaluate the effectiveness of their performances and make changes to realise their intended aims. In addition to the intensive practical component of the course, students will develop analytical and reflective skills in preparation for Theatre Studies in VCE.

What knowledge and skills will you gain?

Knowledge and skills students will gain include:

- Development of the sophisticated application of production roles as they interpret solo and ensemble performances
- An ability to develop a successful actor-audience relationship
- Skills in editing and rehearsing performances
- An understanding of acting skills and production roles
- Skills in improvisation strategies
- An understanding of various Modern and Pre-Modern Theatre Styles
- How to undertake dramaturgical research across the three stages of the production process.

How will Theatre Studies be assessed?

- Through observations of improvisation and role-play
- Solo performance
- Ensemble performance
- Recording, creating, analyzing and responding in writing
- End of semester exam.

Examples of the types of classroom activities you will be doing in Theatre Studies:

- Observe, experience and research to represent, generate, develop and communicate real, imaginary and abstract ideas
- Students will learn about design production roles (lighting, sound, costume, props, set, make-up)
- Solo performance from a chosen Theatre Style
- Ensemble performance from a chosen Theatre Style

Time spent doing practical activity:

Approximately 60% of class time is spent doing performance or theatre related activities or tasks.

Time spent doing theory:

Approximately 40% of class time is spent studying the theory of Theatre Studies to support the practical work.

Where to next?

Year 10 Theatre Studies aims to prepare students for studies in VCE Units 1-4 Theatre Studies.

Who to ask:

Theatre Studies and Drama teacher Ms Monique Allen or Mr Peter Hutchins (Head of the Arts Faculty).

Why study Visual Communication Design?

This is the communication of information by visual means. It leads not only into graphic and commercial art and related design areas, but also media, construction and related occupations.

What knowledge and skills will you gain?

Through involvement in Visual Communication Design, students will develop an understanding of the design process from initial ideas development and concept sketches to the final presentation of quality work. Other skills include the proper use of drawing equipment in presenting quality instrumental drawings, as well as the use of ICT in developing electronic imagery.

How will Visual Communication Design be assessed?

Students are challenged with a range of scenarios presented through design briefs as assessment tasks. These scenarios require a solution to the problem and each is assessed against established criteria.

Examples of the types of classroom activities you will be doing in Visual Communication Design:

Students will be involved in areas such as logo design; point-of-sale and advertising; type manipulation; and the design and production of solutions to set design briefs. As well as freehand drawing; rendering; and instrumental work to produce technical drawings, students will use a range of computer software including Adobe Illustrator, Photoshop and Corel Draw. Students will also sit an end of semester exam.

Time spent doing practical activity:

Approximately 90 percent of class time is spent doing practical hands-on design work.

Time spent doing theory:

Approximately 10 percent of class time is devoted to the design process and associated theory to support practical work.

Where to next?

Year 10 Visual Communication Design leads onto VCE Units 1-4 of Visual Communication Design.

Who to ask:

Senior School Visual Communication Design teachers or Mr Peter Hutchins (Head of the Arts Faculty).

Why study Music Performance?

This music elective provides opportunities for students to build and develop performing skill, music language and knowledge in music technology to become a competent performer / band member in the 21st century contemporary music scene. Students will acquire performing techniques, stage craft, rehearsal technique, and rehearse and perform by as a soloist and forming their own bands.

Through research, students develop an understanding of historical, social and cultural influences relevant to the development of significant music works and performers and/or composers in a chosen style, allowing them to then make informed decisions in shaping their interpretations in performances.

Students explore / experiment with ways to incorporate music technology into live performance by using loop pedals and variety of MIDI controllers, such as Launch pad, Maschine Mikro MKIII, Roli Seaboard and light pad, etc, to create their personal “voice”. These practical experiences provide opportunities to prepare students for VCE Music Contemporary Performance (from Year 11) as a possible pathway to further studies or a career in the music industry.

What knowledge and skills will you gain?

Knowledge and skills students will gain include:

- Performing and rehearsing techniques
- Stage craft elements and skills
- The latest music technology including Digital Audio Workstation (DAW)
- Music language – theory and aural comprehension in all forms of documentation (e.g staff notation, letter names, graphic notation, tablature, chord symbols, rhythm grids, etc)

How will Music Performance be assessed?

1) Performance skills (50%)

- Practice routine & journal (5%)
- Participation in rehearsals (5%)
- Solo performance (20%)
- Group performance (20%)

2) Music language comprehension & analysis (30%)

- Theory & Aural workbook (10%)
- Research presentation part 1 & 2 (20%)

3) Music technology portfolio (20%)

- Journal & presentation (10%)
- Live performance with music technology (10%)

Examples of the types of classroom activities you will be doing in Music Performance:

- Rehearsals for solo and group performance
- Exploring/experimenting ways to perform with a loop pedal / midi controller
- Learning aural and theory concepts in a practical way
- Analyzing a range of music styles
- End of semester performance exam

Time spent doing practical activities:

Students will spend approximately 70 percent of class time completing practical activities.

Time spent doing theory and aural activities:

30 percent of class time will be used to complete theory-based learning activities.

Where to next?

The completion of Music Performance at Year 10 prepares students for the study of VCE Music Units 1-4.

Duration:

Music Performance is offered as a semester or yearly subject. However, students choosing only to complete one semester must do this in semester 1.

Who to ask:

Mr Jerry Lau (Head of Music)

Why study Health?

The Year 10 Health curriculum takes a broad and multidimensional approach to defining and understanding health and wellbeing. Students investigate the World Health Organization's definition and other interpretations of health and wellbeing. Students consider wellbeing to be an implicit element of health. Wellbeing is a complex combination of all dimensions of health, characterised by an equilibrium in which the individual feels happy, healthy, capable and engaged. Students develop health literacy as they connect their learning to their lives, communities and world. They develop a capacity to respond to health information, advertising and other media messages, enabling them to put strategies into action to promote health and wellbeing in both personal and community contexts.

What knowledge and skills will you gain?

Knowledge and skills students will gain include:

- An understanding of the health status of Australians by investigating the burden of disease and the health of population groups in Australia
- An understanding of the concepts of health and individual human development
- An introduction to human nutrition

How will Health be assessed?

- Research assignments
- Class tests
- End of semester exam

Examples of the types of classroom activities you will be doing in Health:

- Investigating health promotion and the Ottawa Charter and how it can help improve health and wellbeing including the 5 dimensions.
- Researching the National Health Care System to develop an understanding of the role of Medicare and private health insurance.
- Examining nutrition and its relationship to health, specifically looking at dietary guidelines, daily intake and energy expenditure, and some of the factors influencing food choices.

Time spent doing theory and practical activity:

All class time in Year 10 Health is devoted to completing theory-based activities.

Where to next?

Year 10 Health aims to prepare students for studies in VCE Health and Human Development.

Duration:

Health is a semester-based subject repeated in Semester Two. Students can only choose this subject once in the year.

Who to ask:

Mr Giampaolo (Head of Health and Physical Education).

Why study Physical Education?

Physical Education examines how the body performs during exercise and sporting activity. The course closely examines the functions of the body and how these functions interplay to deliver peak performance. Physical Education in Year 10 builds an understanding of how training and exercise in areas such as strength, flexibility and endurance relate to physical performance.

Please note: Year 10 Physical Education is designed to prepare students for VCE Units 1-4 Physical Education. This is a theory-based class. Students participate in some practical classes.

What knowledge and skills will you gain?

Knowledge and skills students will gain include:

- The anatomy and physiology of the human body (with emphasis on the muscular, skeletal and cardiorespiratory systems), during exercise and sporting activity
- The role of energy systems and use of food fuels in physical performance
- Identification and testing of fitness components
- Devising training sessions that incorporate specific fitness components and training methods.

How will Physical Education be assessed?

- Laboratory Reports - Body Movement Analysis and Fitness Analysis (fitness components and energy systems)
- Anatomy and Physiology Tests
- Energy Systems video review
- Components of Fitness, Training Methods and Training Principles Test
- End of semester Exam

Examples of the types of classroom activities you will be doing in Physical Education:

- Laboratory reports that apply theoretical knowledge gained with practical experiences
- Devising appropriate training methods to improve fitness for specific activities
- Research in the execution of manipulative and movement skills during complex activities

Time spent doing practical activity:

Students will participate in regular physical activity sessions designed to complement or provide example of the theory being studied. Students can expect to participate in such session at least once per fortnight.

Time spent doing theory:

Students should note that the majority of class time in Physical Education is devoted to theory (approximately 80% of scheduled time).

Where to next?

VCE Units 1/2 Physical Education and then onto VCE Units 3/4 Physical Education as well as VCE VET Certificate II in Sport and Recreation.

Duration:

Physical Education is a semester-based subject repeated in Semester Two. Students can only choose this subject once in the year.

Who to ask:

Mr Giampaolo (Head of Health and Physical Education) or your classroom PE teacher

Entry requirements:

Students wishing to study any VET certificate will need to complete the relevant application form, attend an interview, demonstrate interest in the area(s) related to the certificate, have successfully completed all assessment tasks in subjects related to the certificate and a demonstrate a high level of commitment to learning in Years 9 and/or 10 to be eligible for this subject in Year 11.

Why study VCE VET Sport and Recreation?

VCE VET programs are vocational certificates approved for senior secondary school students and endorsed for recognition in the VCE by the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority (VCAA). This two-year program leads to nationally recognised qualifications as well as contributing towards the attainment of VCE Units 1-4 which may also contribute towards an ATAR score at the completion of Year 12.

What knowledge and skills will you gain?

Knowledge and skills students will gain include:

- Occupational Health and Safety in sport and recreation
- Conducting risk analysis
- Conducting a sport and recreation session for participants

How will VCE VET Sport and Recreation be assessed?

A study score is available for VCE VET Sport and Recreation. To be eligible for a study score, students must achieve all the units of competence designated as the VCE VET Unit 3-4 sequence.

The study score is derived from

- Completion of three assessable tasks designed to determine competence of the cluster units of competency within each task
- Completion of an examination in the end-of-year examination session, based on the underpinning knowledge and skills in the evidence guide of the units of competence.

Examples of the types of activities you will be doing in VET Sport and Recreation:

- First Aid
- Instructing activity sessions
- Structured workplace learning with sport and recreation industry
- Officiating
- Risk management planning

Time spent doing practical activity:

The amount of time undertaking practical activities is approximately 40%. Please note that there are some requirements for practical activities regarding assessment and structured workplace learning that need to be completed external to class time.

Time spent doing theory:

The amount of time undertaking theory is approximately 60%. This time is focused upon developing the required underpinning knowledge and skills required by someone employed in the Sport and Recreation industry.

Work placement:

The VCAA has determined that Structured Workplace Learning (SWL) is an appropriate and valuable component of all VCE VET programs. SWL complements the structured training undertaken at school and provides the context for:

- Enhancement of skills development
- Practical application of industry knowledge
- Assessment of modules, as determined by the RTO
- Increase of marketability
- Increase of opportunity for project based experience.

The VCAA strongly recommends a minimum of 80 hours SWL for this program. Work placement can be spread over the duration of the training program.

Recognition within the VCE:

Students who complete the VCE VET Certificate III in Sport and Recreation are eligible for four units of credit towards their VCE: two units at Units 1/2 level and one Units 3/4 sequence.

Students wishing to receive a study score for the VCE VET Certificate III in Sport and Recreation must undertake a scored assessment. This consists of three coursework tasks worth 66% of the overall study score and an end of year examination worth 34% of the overall study score. This study score can contribute directly to the primary four or as a fifth or sixth study.

Year 12 students undertaking VCAL will receive credit in the Industry Specific Skills strands at the equivalent of 1 credit at Intermediate or Senior level per 90 Unit of Competency nominal hours successfully awarded.

Where to next?

This course is an industry-based course designed to develop certain skills and competencies within the Sport and Recreation industries. There are many opportunities such as:

- Sports administration/officiating
- Athlete career education
- Outdoor recreation
- Sports training and conditioning
- Commercial tour companies running adventure and recreation activities
- School-based fitness and outdoor recreation programs
- Corporate programs
- Community health and fitness centres

Entry requirements;

VCE VET Sport and Recreation has no specific academic pre-requisites for entry into the first year of the course. However, students should carefully note the following:

- This is a VET subject and as such requires a degree of maturity to cope with the academic and work place demands both in the classroom and during structured workplace learning opportunities.

To be eligible to enrol in the VCE Unit 3 and 4 sequence at SPC students are required to complete all units of competency of the first year of the course (therefore being awarded VCE Units 1 and 2).

Notes:

Students should avoid selecting VET Sport and Recreation together with Outdoor and Environmental Studies due to the time required for external activities.

*A student can only do **one** VET Certificate at the same level per year (e.g. a student cannot enrol in 1st Year VCE VET Certificate III in Sport and Recreation and 1st Year VCE VET Building and Construction).*

Who to ask:

VET Sport and Recreation teacher Mr Kinnersly

VCAA information:

<https://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/curriculum/vet/vce-vet-programs/Pages/sportrecreation.aspx>

Entry requirements:

Students wishing to study Year 10 Japanese must have completed years 7-9 Japanese. This can also be negotiated with Japanese teachers if equivalent experience has been obtained.

Why study Japanese?

Learning a foreign language fosters students' ability to think about the workings of language and to develop mental flexibility and problem-solving strategies. The 21st century is the 'Asian Century' and Australia's engagement with the countries of Asia in trade, investment, education, migration, tourism and humanitarian assistance is growing at a much faster rate than our engagement with the rest of the world combined. Japan is a world economic power, a large trading partner with Australia and an important foreign investor. Knowledge of Japanese may open doors to a wide range of employment possibilities in fields such as business, education tourism and hospitality. People with knowledge of Asian Languages and Asia are often employed by non-government organisations working in Asian countries.

What knowledge and skills will you gain?

In Year 10, students use written and spoken Japanese to interact with peers, the teacher and other Japanese speakers to exchange information and opinions about personal interests and experiences. With support they share information about broader topics of interest, such as work, travel, sport, teenage life and popular culture. Students read, view and interact with texts for social, informative, transactional, imaginative, expressive and instructional purposes.

Students in Year 10 Japanese are eligible to participate in the study tour to Japan as well as scholarship programs to Japanese schools and speech competitions.

How will Japanese be assessed?

To achieve the learning outcomes, students complete a range of tasks including role-plays, class activities, peer assessment, teacher observation and formal tests.

Examples of the types of classroom activities you will be doing in Japanese:

- Read and listen to modified Japanese texts
- Participate in role plays and make brief oral presentations
- Write letters, emails and other short texts
- Practice reading and writing scripts
- Use ICT to consolidate knowledge and to produce spoken and written Japanese.
- Practice grammatical structures and learn vocabulary using online tools.

Where to next?

The completion of Year 10 Japanese prepares students for the study of VCE Japanese Units 1-4. VCE Units 3/4 Japanese attracts a significant scaling advantage and bonus in the calculation of the ranked score for University entry (ATAR).

Duration:

Japanese is a year-long subject. Students wishing to study Japanese must choose it in both the first and second semesters.

Who to ask:

Year 9 Japanese teacher or Mr Tucker (Head of Language Faculty)

Why study Philosophy?

Philosophy is suited to those students who naturally question the world around them. Philosophy, meaning love of wisdom, is built on questioning the reality of the world. It is for those students who want to develop their creative thinking. During Philosophy, you will have the opportunity to explore the following areas of study, with example questions below:

1. The nature of reality.
 - How real is virtual reality?
 - Are material/physical objects the only things that exist?
 - Is the world only a story?
2. Free-Will: Are we free to make decisions?
 - Does having choice mean we are free?
 - If the rest of the universe is governed by scientific laws, does that mean we aren't free?
3. Experience.
 - What does it mean to experience something?
 - Is pleasure the only thing that matters in life?

What knowledge and skills will you gain?

The primary way in which philosophy benefits individuals is through its development of questioning. Philosophy in this sense, cultivates open-mindedness through an exploration of multiple viewpoints and critical reflection of your thinking and that of others. Furthermore, philosophy develops precision of language and argument.

Knowledge gained throughout the course will include (but is not limited to):

- Current technological developments (e.g., Virtual Reality & Artificial Intelligence);
- Contemporary issues in society.
- Key philosophical terms.
- How to form a logical argument; and
- A deeper understanding of your own self.

How will Philosophy be assessed?

- Weekly Tasks
- Essays
- End of Semester exam

Examples of the types of classroom activities you will be doing:

- Discussion
- Watching film clips
- Debates
- Engaging with new technology
- Generating questions
- Writing arguments

Time spent doing theory and practical activity:

Philosophy is fundamentally about dialogue, therefore, around 50% of class time will be devoted to theory with the other using it practically. Examples of practical activities include watching film clips, class discussions and debates.

Where to next?

This unit provides a solid foundation for all VCE subjects, through critical and creative thinking and the writing skills developed. Philosophy also has a specific pathway through VCE Units 1/2 Philosophy in Year 11 and VCE Units 3/4 Philosophy in Year 12.

Duration:

Philosophy is a semester-based subject repeated in Semester Two. Students can only choose this subject once in the year.

Who to ask:

Mr Willey, Philosophy Teacher Mr Nathaniel Winfield, Mr Daniel Willey or Mr Mitchell Leviston Head of Religious Education.

VET Certificate II in Skills for Work and Vocational Pathways (Elective Group A)

Entry requirements:

Students wishing to study any VET certificate will need to complete the relevant application form, attend an interview, demonstrate interest in the area(s) related to the certificate, have successfully completed all assessment tasks in subjects related to the certificate and a demonstrate a high level of commitment to learning in Year 9 to be considered for this subject in Year 10.

Why study VET Employment Pathways?

This VET course is designed to offer students the opportunity to prepare for employment, develop a career plan, learn how to search for jobs and participate in work experience.

What knowledge and skills will you gain?

Knowledge and skills students will gain include:

- Career identification
- How to conduct career and job search
- Curriculum Vitae development
- Interview skills
- Workplace knowledge
- Personal development

How will VET Employment Pathways be assessed?

- Worksheets
- Role plays
- Investigations
- Work placement reports
- Through the use of workplace communications

Examples of the types of classroom activities you will be doing in Certificate II in Skills for work and vocational pathways :

- Web searches
- Role plays
- Online OH & S activities

Time spent doing practical and theory activity:

Students will spend approximately a third of their classroom time completing practical activities and two thirds doing applied theory tasks.

Where to next?

Participation in the course will equip students with the confidence and knowledge to pursue a career or find full-time work when they transition from school to work. It leads towards the VCE Industry and Enterprise subject in preparing for work.

Duration:

This course is a year-long subject. Students wishing to study Certificate II in Skills for work and vocational pathways must choose it in both the first and second semesters. It is studied for ten 45 minute sessions per fortnight.

Who to ask:

VET Certificate II in Skills for work and vocational pathways teacher, Mr Sutton

Electives Group B

Computing

(Elective Group B)

Why study Computing?

Technologies enrich the lives of people and society. Australia needs enterprising individuals who can make discerning decisions about the development and use of technologies. These people can independently and collaboratively develop digital solutions to complex challenges. This course will challenge students to use design thinking to create digital solutions for real world problems. This course is also designed to enhance a student's computer literacy through learning software skills that can be used for both computing and in the 21st century digital environment.

What knowledge and skills will students gain?

- Creating interactive solutions that produce information for users.
- Developing a solution with the end user in mind.
- Working collaboratively with others to investigate, design, plan, manage, create and evaluate solutions.
- Developing new thinking and learning skills and more productive ways of working and solving problems.
- Expanded use of Microsoft Office suite – in particular Excel.
- An introduction to MS Access and Programming.
- Advanced use of Windows, the Internet, file storage and collaboration software.
- Being able to make informed and ethical decisions about the role, impact and use of technologies in society.
- Developing new thinking and learning skills and more productive ways of working and solving problems individually and collaboratively.

How will Information and Communication Technology be assessed?

- The completion of software tutorials.
- Project tasks where students create a digital solution using various software tools.
- Group collaborative tasks to develop a solution.
- End of Semester Exam.

Examples of the types of classroom activities you will be doing:

- Building Excel documents and working with data.
- Developing a flat file database in Access to store and report on trends.
- Using design tools to enhance the creation of a digital solution.
- Learning software skills through interactive tutorials and classroom exercises.
- Learning about new, innovative and emerging software.
- Managing files and documents in a networked environment.

Time spent doing practical activity:

Most classes involve some sort of practical activity.

Time spent doing theory:

A small amount of time is needed for students to be taught how to use the software required for completing the tasks.

Where to next?

Students typically study VCE Units 1/2 Applied computing as a Year 11 student and then VCE Units 3/4 Data analytics and/or VCE Units 3/4 Software development in Year 12.

Duration:

Computing is a semester-based subject repeated in Semester Two. Students can only choose this subject once in the year.

Who to ask:

Mr Fernée (Head of Computing Faculty).

Why study Hardware?

Students will learn how the components of computer systems work along with the process of selecting compatible parts. Students will design, build and configure their own system and explore core computing software.

Specific Requirements:

- Students who intend to undertake this subject are to discuss it with their parents first as there is an understanding that students will purchase computer parts to build their computer. A significant portion of the course is hands on and involves students working on their own machines.
- The predicted financial outlay for a desktop computer is ultimately up for negotiation between parents and their sons. All the parts to build a working computer will however be at least \$700.
- The teacher will guide individual students on the selection of parts based off initial budget discussions that students will have with parents. Recommendations based on current technology will be provided to students.
- The computer parts will need to be purchased outside of school by parents and the cost of a computer cannot be put onto school fees.

What knowledge and skills will you gain?

- How pieces of computer hardware operate and the process of selecting compatible parts.
- The steps involved in building a computer and how-to troubleshoot problems.
- The process of installing, configuring and using software.
- How computers operate in a networked environment and how to manage files.
- Skills in using various software applications such as OneNote and Excel.

How will Hardware be assessed?

- Students will complete various individual and collaborative project tasks.
- Students will be assessed on the process by which they build a computer, analyse the selection of parts and the use of ICT skills in this process.
- Students will have an end of semester exam and topics tests for this subject.

Examples of the types of classroom activities you will be doing in Hardware:

- Understanding how computer parts work and how to compare performance.
- Learning about computer math, algorithms and logic.
- Determining compatibility between different computer hardware components.
- Selecting and comparing your computer parts.
- Building and configuring your computer system.

Time spent doing practical activity:

Students will spend approximately sixty percent of class time completing practical activities.

Time spent doing theory:

Forty percent of class time will be used to explore digital technologies and hardware theory.

Where to next?

Students typically study VCE Units 1/2 Applied computing as a Year 11 student and then VCE Units 3/4 Data analytics and/or VCE Units 3/4 Software development in Year 12.

Duration:

Hardware is a semester-based subject repeated in Semester Two. Students can only choose this subject once in the year.

Who to ask:

Mr Fernée (Head of Computing Faculty)

Why study Programming?

Programming teaches you the language of code and how to create a digital solution. Along with being fun and personally rewarding, learning to program gives you valuable ICT skills for the future. Why not ask your parents, teachers and coaches how frequently they use ICT in their profession? In this subject you will learn the fundamentals of software development and making innovative applications.

What knowledge and skills will you gain?

- How to go about building software applications
- Developing skills in a programming language to create a solution
- Obtain professional ICT practices
- Acquire 21st Century skills (communication, collaboration, problem-solving & ICT skills)
- Use tools to design and manage projects
- Develop safe and secure applications that consider security and privacy
- Explore how programming is used to enhance the world

How will Programming be assessed?

- Develop and build individual software projects
- Report on the development of programming solutions
- An end of semester examination

Examples of the types of classroom activities you will be doing in Programming:

- Practical classroom tutorials to learn programming skills
- Learning the process of designing a solution
- Collaborating in the development process
- Research and exploration into creating solutions
- Case studies and theory that support the understanding of programming
- Use of innovative technology in developing solutions

Time spent doing practical activity:

Students will spend approximately 80% of class time completing practical activity.

Time spent doing theory:

20% of class time will be used to complete theory based learning activities.

Where to next?

Students typically study VCE Units 1/2 Applied computing as a Year 11 student and then VCE Units 3/4 Data analytics and/or VCE Units 3/4 Software development in Year 12. Students who excel in Year 10 Programming can apply to do VCE Units 3/4 Software Development as a Year 11 student.

Duration:

Programming is a semester-based subject repeated in Semester Two. Students can only choose this subject once in the year.

Who to ask:

Mr Fernée (Head of Computing Faculty)

Why study Innovative Digital Solutions?

New and innovative digital solutions are being created every day using amazing technology. This course calls all young thinkers, designers and creators to prototype the solutions of tomorrow.

What knowledge and skills will you gain?

- Manage, develop, create and market a solution
- Applied digital technology skills (working with hardware, data and code)
- Explore the theory and purpose behind innovative solutions
- Engage in STEM based 21st Century skills
- Understand how technology can be used in society to benefit people
- Exploration into topics such as:
 - Artificial Intelligence (AI), Internet of Things (IoT), games development, multimedia programming, web authoring, virtual reality, computer coding and application development.

How will Innovative Digital Solutions be assessed?

- Students will develop various small projects to solve a problem
- In the creation of innovative ideas students will document their solution. This may take the form of technology presentation, proof of concept, solution prototype or solution development
- Oral and visual presentations of a solution to discuss the idea and function of a solution
- The creation of a detailed solution folio undertaking the computing Problem Solving Methodology (PSM)
- Topic tests
- End of semester exam.

Examples of the types of classroom activities you will be doing in Innovative Digital Solutions:

- Students will undertake theory and activities that teaches them about innovative technology.
- To develop understanding of technology, students will undertake topic tutorials.
- Students will learn about project management and functioning in collaborative teams.
- Innovative solution project development that utilise emerging technologies.
- Research and written tasks on emerging technology.

Time spent doing practical activity:

Students will spend approximately 80% of class time completing practical activities.

Time spent doing theory:

Twenty per cent of class time will be used to complete theory-based learning activities.

Where to next?

Students typically study VCE Units 1/2 Applied Computing as a Year 11 student and then VCE Units 3/4 Data analytics and/or VCE Units 3/4 Software development in Year 12.

Duration:

Innovative Digital Solutions is offered in both semesters and the content is different in each semester. Students can choose this subject in Semester 1, Semester 2 or in both semesters.

Who to ask:

Mr Fernée (Head of Computing Faculty)

Entry requirements:

Entry to VCE Units 1/2 Specialist Mathematics is by invitation only. Invitations will be made by letter early in Term Three to considered Year 9 students. Students not invited into VCE Units 1/2 Specialist Mathematics as a Year 10 student, may select this subject in Year 11 if they are also studying VCE Units 1/2 Mathematical Methods.

Why study VCE Units 1 and 2 Specialist Mathematics?

VCE Unit 1/2 Specialist Mathematics is a pre-requisite for VCE Unit 3/4 Specialist Mathematics. Students may do this subject in Year 10 or Year 11. VCE Units 1 and 2 Specialist Mathematics enhances and supports students studying VCE Units 1-4 Mathematical Methods.

Specialist Maths is recommended for students planning to undertake further study in mathematics – or those who have a strong interest or aptitude in maths. Students looking to undertake university courses specialising in engineering and/or sciences would benefit from this course.

What knowledge and skills will you gain?

The course is designed with the future study of VCE Units 3/4 Specialist Mathematics and VCE Units 3/4 Mathematical Methods in mind. The course provides the background to several areas of mathematics that are studied in VCE Specialist Mathematics that would otherwise not have been encountered in the other available Mathematics courses.

Areas of study include:

- **Algebra, Number & Structure** – this includes topics such as:
 - Proof & Number – set notation, number systems, simple proofs
 - Graph Theory
 - Logic & Algorithms
 - Complex Numbers
 - Functions, relations & Graphs
- **Discrete Mathematics** – this includes topics such as:
 - Matrices
 - Sequences & Series
 - Combinatorics
- **Data Analysis, Probability & Statistics** – this includes topics such as:
 - Simulation & Sampling – mean, variance & standard deviation, random experiments etc
- **Space & Measurement** – this includes topics such as:
 - Trigonometry
 - Vectors – in the plane, calculus
 - Transformations
- **Calculus** – this includes topics such as:
 - Differential & Integral Calculus – applications
 - Kinematics – use of velocity-time graphs

How will VCE Units 1 and 2 Specialist Mathematics be assessed?

A student's achievements in each Year 10 Mathematics studies will be assessed through tests, application tasks and an exam at the end of each semester.

Examples of the types of classroom activities you will be doing in VCE Units 1 and 2 Specialist Mathematics:

The majority of Mathematics classes will entail students listening to instructions from the teacher and practicing new work, the use of a CAS calculator will be embedded into most topics.

Time spent doing theory and practical activity:

The majority of class time is devoted to theory, with students making significant use of the CAS calculator throughout the course.

Where to next?

VCE Units 1/2 Mathematical Methods as a Year 11 student followed by VCE Units 3/4 Mathematical Methods and VCE Units 3/4 Specialist Mathematics in Year 12.

Students who complete VCE Units 1/2 Specialist Mathematics as a year 10 student may have the opportunity to complete VCE Units 3/4 General Mathematics as a year 11 student. Please contact Mr Corden for more information regarding this.

Duration:

VCE Units 1/2 Specialist Mathematics is a year-long subject. Students wishing to study VCE Unit 1/2 Specialist Mathematics must choose it in both the first and second semesters.

Who to ask:

Your Year 9 Mathematics teacher or Mr Corden (Head of Mathematics).

Why study Psychology?

This subject is suited for students who have an interest in the study of human behaviour through biological, psychological, and social perspectives. Psychology is a broad discipline that incorporates both the scientific and systematic application of knowledge to personal and social circumstances in everyday life

Please note: Year 10 Psychology is designed to prepare students for VCE Units 1-4 Psychology. Classroom theory, practical exercises and assessment tasks are all based on the VCE model.

Psychology can only be selected as an elective. Students must choose at least one core Science option in addition to Psychology.

What knowledge and skills will you gain?

Knowledge and skills students will gain include:

- Understand the structures making up the nervous system and how they interact to coordinate the functioning of the body
- Investigate the various models on how humans learn, including neuroplasticity
- Describe the purpose of sleep, including discussion on the different types of sleep
- Demonstrate knowledge about social cognition, including perception, attitudes, and stereotypes.
- Investigate the effects of trauma on the brain, with a focus on concussion
- Explore the debate of nature vs nurture
- Understand factors that contribute to development of mental health and the maintenance of mental wellbeing.

How will Psychology be assessed?

- Practical reports
- Research reports
- Tests
- End of semester exam.

Examples of the types of classroom activities you will be doing in Psychology:

- Researching arguments surrounding the nature vs nurture debate
- Development of observation-based investigations to be conducted by the students.
- Understanding the basic principles surrounding the purpose, nature, and cycles of sleep.
- Promote the awareness of mental health, including the maintenance of mental wellbeing.

Time spent doing practical activity:

Approximately 20% of class time will be spent on practical activities.

Time spent doing theory:

Approximately 80% of class time will be spent on theoretical work including research tasks.

Where to next?

This subject serves as an introduction to topics covered in VCE Units 1-4 Psychology. Students studying this subject will gain an understanding of the academic and practical skills required to successfully complete VCE Psychology.

Duration:

Psychology is offered each semester and students can study it in either Semester One or Semester Two. Students **MUST** choose one of the Core Science options to meet the Science requirement and study Psychology as an elective.

Who to ask:

Your Year 9 Science teacher or Mr James Russell (Head of Science).

Why study Design and Technology - Wood?

This study introduces students to the ever-progressing world of design within the technology setting. You will gain an understanding of the influencing factors that surround the development of a product and, give you the opportunity to further develop your wood-working skills. This course has an extensive product design focus which requires you to develop a solution for a given situation. You will then safely manufacture your product through workshop activities following teacher instruction. This course may well suit those interested in careers in the manufacturing and construction industries.

What knowledge and skills will you gain?

Knowledge and skills students will gain include:

- Understand the principles and factors of design
- Understanding the 'design process' and developing the associated skills and techniques required to research, design, and make a product
- Skills in using a wide range of hand tools, portable power tools and stationary machines
- The application of safe and proper work practices in a wood workshop environment

How will Design and Technology - Wood be assessed?

- Development of a design folio which follows the design process and develops a solution to a given problem
- Manufacture of one major product
- Evaluation of the finished product
- End of semester exam

Examples of the types of classroom activities you will be doing in Design and Technology - Wood:

- Investigate and develop a range of options to a given design problem which consists of a personal design brief following client's specifications, specific evaluation criteria and relevant research.
- Develop annotated sketches of possible solutions, select and justify one. You will also produce a working drawing prior to preparing a materials list and producing a production plan.
- Developing a range of skills and techniques relevant to more advanced manufacturing methods
- Manufacture your chosen design, following safe working practices
- Critically evaluate the product

Time spent doing practical activity:

Approximately 8 weeks of scheduled class time will be used to complete practical activity.

Time spent doing theory:

Approximately 8 weeks of scheduled class time is used to develop and present your design folio.

Where to next?

Design and Technology - Wood offers excellent preparation for VCE Units 1-4 Design and Technology and/or VET Certificate II Building and Construction (Carpentry).

Duration:

Design and Technology - Wood is a semester-based subject repeated in Semester Two. Students can only choose this subject once in the year.

Who to ask:

Year 10 Design & Technology – Wood teacher or Mr Ryan (Head of Technologies faculty)

Why study Food and Technology?

This study is suitable for students interested in developing a range of skills in the key chemical and functional properties of food and food groups. This knowledge is then applied to food preparation skills. Throughout this course, students are encouraged to engage in various forms of critical thinking such as problem solving, decision making and investigation to present information.

What knowledge and skills will you gain?

Knowledge and skills students will gain include:

- Understanding the 'design process' and developing the associated skills and techniques required to research, design and produce.
- The principles of baking and key ingredients.
- The influence that various cultures have had on food consumption today.
- The use of food models in food selection.
- The role of key foods and nutrients in the diet throughout stages of the life span.
- The application of safe and proper work practices in a kitchen environment.
- Understanding of the food industry and the effects on a global scale.

How will Food and Technology be assessed?

Food Technology is assessed through various forms. These range from written tasks, end of semester examination, practical work, written assignments and investigations.

Examples of the types of classroom activities you will be doing in Food and Technology:

- Investigate and develop a range of options to a given design problem which consists of a personal design brief, specific evaluation criteria and relevant research.
- Develop a range of skills and techniques relevant to more advanced production methods
- Research and investigate tasks involving critical thinking and analysis.
- End of semester exam

Time spent doing practical activity:

About 40% of the time allocated will be spent on practical activities.

Time spent doing theory:

About 60% of the time allocated will be spent on theory activities.

Where to next?

From Year 10 Food and Technology you can progress onto VCE Units 1-4 Food and Technology.

Duration:

Food and Technology is a semester-based subject repeated in Semester Two. Students can only choose this subject once in the year.

Who to ask:

Year 10 Food and Technology teachers or Mr Ryan (Head of Technologies faculty).

Please Note: While Pathways in Trade is not a prerequisite for any of the College's construction related VET certificates, it will provide students with a valuable insight into competency-based learning and inform teachers as to a student's readiness to undertake VET studies in the future.

Why study Pathways in Trade?

Pathways in Trade introduce students to some of the basic skills and knowledge associated with a variety of construction trades. Any students interested in maintaining trade based employment options in the future, should consider this subject. The aim of this course is to:

- Develop a broad base of key skills and knowledge in a range of construction trades.
- Enable students to develop and identify a career pathway through exposure to a variety of tasks.
- Develop work related skills and employability attitudes.

What knowledge and skills will you gain?

Knowledge and skills students will gain include:

- Occupational Health and Safety
- Carpentry hand tools
- Basic joinery techniques
- Basic building techniques
- Welding (Gas / MIG)
- Metal Fabrication
- Finishing processes
- Applied Mathematics
- Materials ordering
- Project Management
- Building documentation
- Manual Handling techniques

Examples of the types of classroom activities you may do in the Pathways in Trade course:

- Building a range of projects using carpentry tools.
- Concrete placement and formwork construction.
- Building a range of projects using metalworking tools and MIG welding. Working with concrete and associated tools, equipment and materials

How will Pathways in Trade be assessed?

The Pathways in Trade course will have a range of different tasks and activities which will be assessed in a range of different ways. Students will be working in a supervised classroom and simulated workplace environment and will need to meet basic requirements as set out in the relevant curriculum documentation. Assessment will be both competency-based and assessable tasks.

Time spent doing practical activity:

Approximately 70% of the time will be dedicated to practical tasks.

Time spent doing theory:

Approximately 30% of the time will be spent doing theory.

Where to next?

The Pathways in Trade course will prepare you for whichever direction may go. You may choose to continue into the VET Building and Construction or VET Engineering course(s), look to gain employment in a trade or move into a School Based Apprenticeship.

Duration:

Pathways in Trade is a semester-based subject repeated in Semester Two. Students can only choose this subject once in the year.

Please note: A student can only do one Pathways in Trade and VET Building and Construction in any one semester. If a large number of students select these subjects, a student may only be able to study one of these subjects in the year.

Who to ask:

Mr Tom Ferguson, Mr Mike Kent or Mr Peter Ryan (Head of Technologies faculty).

Why study Pathways in Hospitality?

This study is suitable for students interested in developing specific skills for the Hospitality industry. Ballarat's hospitality industry currently has a seemingly ever-increasing gap between "job-ready" school leavers and positions vacant. This has created increased opportunities for willing and job-ready employees to find and retain meaningful work in an exciting career. This course will offer the opportunity for you to be "job-ready".

What knowledge and skills will you gain?

Knowledge and skills students will gain include:

- Food knowledge (at the introductory level)
- Food safety (a practical working knowledge of hygiene and safe work practices).
- Basic knife skills and safety
- Use of basic kitchen and cookery equipment.
- Knowledge and ability to clean kitchen premises.
- Dishwashing
- Knowledge and practical demonstration of basic methods of cookery to produce simple dishes
- Ability to follow a recipe.
- Understanding of hospitality industry
- Front of house operations

How will Pathways in Hospitality be assessed?

The Pathways in Hospitality course will have a range of different tasks and activities, which will be assessed in a range of different ways. Students will be working in a supervised commercial kitchen and will need to meet basic requirements as set out in the relevant curriculum documentation. Assessment will be both competency-based and assessable tasks.

Examples of the types of classroom activities you will be doing in Pathways in Hospitality.

- Julienne, brunoise, paysanne, jardinière, macedoine.
- Knife skills, preparation, workflow, cooking techniques, seasoning, presentation.
- Basic Mise en place
- Pick a recipe & prepare with all sides.
- Dessert (in groups) – set up like Master Chef (no demonstration, recipe only)
- Dessert – High Tea
- Butchery
- Front of house skill and operations.
- Barista.
- Excursions to local venues

Time spent doing practical activity:

Approximately 70% of the time will be dedicated to practical tasks.

Time spent doing theory:

Approximately 30% of the time will be spent doing theory.

Where to next?

From Year 10 Pathways in Hospitality you can progress onto VCE Units 1-4 Food and Technology or look to gain employment in a trade or move into a School Based Apprenticeship and Traineeship.

Duration:

Pathways in Hospitality is a semester-based subject repeated in Semester Two. Students can only choose this subject once in the year.

Who to ask:

Year 10 Food and Technology teachers or Mr Ryan (Head of Technologies faculty).

Why study Systems Engineering?

This study will be of particular interest to students who are interested in designing and making things that move.

What knowledge and skills will you gain?

Knowledge and skills students will gain include:

- Mechanical engineering
- Electrical circuits
- Safe work practice
- CAD-CAM skills
- Use of machines and hand tools
- Coding

How will Systems Engineering be assessed?

There are five main areas of assessment:

- Investigating: Finding out about what you are making through research
- Designing: Making plans and preparations for manufacture
- Production: Using a range of tools and production processes to make the project
- Evaluating: Testing to find out how successful your project has been
- An end of semester exam.

Examples of the types of classroom activities you will be doing in Systems Engineering:

- Making electronic and electro-mechanical systems and testing them.
- Using PICAXE electronics to control electrical systems through learning how to program in Basic and Logicator.
- Using ICT to investigate project folio content.
- Yenka – CAD used to prototype and test electrical project circuits.
- Greater emphasis on CAD (Computer Aided Design) and CAM (Computer Aided Manufacture) than in Year 9.

Time spent doing practical activity:

Students will spend approximately 70 percent of class time completing practical activities.

Time spent doing theory:

Thirty percent of class time will be used to complete theory based learning activities.

Where to next?

Year 10 Systems Engineering offers excellent preparation for VCE Units 1-4 Systems Engineering.

Duration:

Systems Engineering is a semester-based subject repeated in Semester Two. Students can only choose this subject once in the year.

Who to ask:

Your Year 9 Systems teacher or Mr Ryan (Head of Technologies faculty).

VCE VET Certificate II in Building and Construction – Carpentry

(Partial completion)

(Elective Group B)

Why study VET Building and Construction?

This two-year program is for students who are seriously considering a career in the building industry. VET Building and Construction aims to:

- Provide students with knowledge and skill to achieve modules that will enhance their employment prospects within the building and construction industry.
- Enable students to gain credit towards a nationally recognised credential, and to make a more informed choice of vocational and career paths.

NOTE: students will participate in approximately two-thirds of the 631 nominal hours thus not receive the full Certificate II in Building and Construction.

What knowledge and skills will you gain?

Knowledge and skills students will gain include:

- Workplace safety and industry induction
- Workplace procedures for environmental sustainability
- Levelling
- Safe handling and use of plant and power tools
- Workplace documents and plans
- Building structures
- Calculations for the building industry
- Carpentry hand tools
- Introduction to demolition
- Basic setting out
- Sub floor framing
- Wall framing
- Roof framing
- External cladding

Examples of the types of classroom activities you will be doing in VET Building and Construction:

- Building a range of projects using common carpentry hand tools
- Conducting an OH&S audit
- Working as a team member
- Completing theory from a VET text book

How will VET Building and Construction be assessed?

Under full supervision in a classroom and simulated workplace, students must complete all practical and written tasks to an acceptable standard. Assessment methods will involve application of skills and knowledge related to the construction industry. Students will demonstrate competence through oral or written questioning, written tests, and practical tasks.

Time spent doing practical activity:

About 60% of the time allocated will be spent on practical activities.

Time spent doing theory:

About 40% of the time allocated will be spent on theory activities to accumulate knowledge related to building and construction.

Work placement:

The VCAA has determined that Structured Workplace Learning (SWL) is an appropriate and valuable component of all VCE VET programs. SWL complements the structured training undertaken at school. It provides the context for:

- Enhancement of skills development
- Practical application of industry knowledge
- Assessment of modules, as determined by the RTO
- Increase of marketability
- Increase of opportunity for project-based experience.

The VCAA strongly recommends a minimum of 80 hours SWL for this program. Work placement can be spread over the duration of the training program.

Recognition within the Senior Certificates:

The VCE VET Building and Construction program is designated a Group B study for satisfactory completion purposes. Students undertaking this program are eligible for up to four VCE VET units on their VCE Statement of Results: two units at Unit 1–2 level and a Unit 3–4 sequence

Students who receive a VCE Unit 3–4 sequence for the VCE VET Building and Construction program will be eligible for a 10% increment towards their ATAR (10% of the lowest study score of the primary four scaled studies).

Where to next?

The VCE VET Building and Construction program provides partial completion of the Certificate II in Building and Construction (Bricklaying, Carpentry, Painting and Decoration – Pre-Apprenticeship). Additional training is required to complete the pre-apprenticeship. The training undertaken may lead to a career path within the Building and Construction industry. Trade qualifications are available in General Construction: Carpentry – Framework/Formwork/Finishing.

Duration:

VET Building and Construction is a yearlong subject.

Who to ask:

VET Building and Construction teacher, Mr Ferguson, Mr Kent or Mr Ryan (Head of Technologies faculty).

VCAA information:

<http://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/vet/programs/building/buildconst.html>

*Please note: A student can only do **one** VET Certificate at the same level per year (e.g. a student cannot enrol in 1st Year VCE VET Engineering and 1st Year VCE VET Building and Construction. But a student can do 1st Year VCE VET Engineering and 2nd Year VCE VET Building and Construction.)*

Entry requirements:

Students wishing to study any VET certificate will need to complete the relevant application form, attend an interview, demonstrate interest in the area(s) related to the certificate, have successfully completed all assessment tasks in subjects related to the certificate and a demonstrate a high level of commitment to learning in Year 9 to be considered for this subject in Year 10.

Why study VET Engineering Studies?

This two-year course is for students who are seriously considering a career in the engineering or metal fabrication industries. VCE VET Engineering Studies is a nationally recognised pre-apprenticeship program that provides students with foundation knowledge and skills to enhance their employment prospects in the Engineering or wider manufacturing industries. The Certificate II in Engineering Studies provides a pathway into an engineering apprenticeship.

What knowledge and skills will you gain?

Knowledge and skills students will gain include:

- Occupational health and safety
- Use of engineering hand and power tools
- Careers in the engineering industry
- Applying basic fabrication techniques
- The use of IT for engineering work activities
- Performing basic machining processes
- Producing basic engineering sketches and drawings
- Applying electro technology principles in an engineering work environment
- Creating engineering drawings using computer aided systems

Examples of the types of classroom activities you will be doing in VET Engineering Studies:

- Soldering
- Fitting and turning
- CAD drawing
- Making technical drawings
- Manufacturing engineering products using a range of hand and powered tools.
- Machining operations (Centre Lathe and Vertical Milling Machine).
- Using technical drawings

How will VET Engineering Studies be assessed?

Students will be deemed “Competent” or “Not Competent”. Assessment will range from completing a series of tasks to a satisfactory standard and thus being deemed “Competent”, to passing end-of-module tests.

Time spent doing practical activity:

About 50% of the time allocated will be spent on practical activities.

Time spent doing theory:

About 50% of the time allocated will be spent on theory activities to accumulate knowledge related to engineering.

Work placement:

The VCAA has determined that work placement is an appropriate and valuable component of all VCE VET programs. Work placement complements the structured training undertaken at school. It provides the context for:

- Enhancement of skills development
- Practical application of industry knowledge
- Assessment of modules, as determined by the RTO
- Increased marketability
- Increased opportunity for project-based experience.

There is a minimum of ten days work placement for this program. Work placement can be spread over the duration of the training program.

Recognition within the VCE:

Students who complete Certificate II in Engineering Studies are eligible for four units of credit towards their VCE: two units at Units 1/ 2 level and one Units 3/4 sequence.

Students wishing to receive a study score for the Certificate II in Engineering Studies must undertake a scored assessment. This consists of three coursework tasks worth 66% of the overall study score and an end of year examination worth 34% of the overall study score. This study score can contribute directly to the primary four or as a fifth or sixth study.

Where to next?

Completion of VCE Units 3/4 VET Engineering (Certificate II in Engineering).

The Certificate II in Engineering Studies provides you with the skills to undertake a work-based engineering apprenticeship leading into a range of careers as an engineering tradesperson within the engineering and manufacturing industry. Occupations include roles for the conception, design, manufacture, assembly, installation, repair, replacement, packaging and sales of a wide range of products.

Duration:

Year 10 VET Engineering Studies is a year-long subject. Students wishing to study Engineering Studies must choose it in both the first and second semester. It is studied for ten 45 minute sessions per fortnight. Some practical lessons will continue for up to one hour after school once per week. Year 10 is the first year of a two-year program of study. It is expected that students would complete the second year as a Year 11 student.

Please note:

Parents of students who elect to participate in VET Engineering Studies will be required to pay an additional materials levy which will appear as 'VET materials levy' on your tuition statement.

Who to ask:

VCE VET Engineering Studies teachers or Mr Ryan (Head of Technologies faculty).

VET - Vocational Education and Training

General information:

VET combines nationally recognised training with the Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE). This allows senior secondary students access to vocational education and training programs as part of their secondary school studies to improve their access to a wider range of post-secondary school pathways.

VET programs are now an integral part of the senior VCAA certificates:

- Completed VET units can contribute towards satisfactory completion of the VCE (Year 12).
- Each recognised VCE VET program has full status within the VCE Unit 1-4 structure.
- Most VCE VET programs will include a designated VCE Units 3/4 sequence or nominal hours to achieve this recognition.
- VCE VET Units 3/4 programs may contribute to a student's ATAR either through the attainment of a study score or through an increment bonus.

VET Programs:

There are three types of VET programs available to St Patrick's students:

1. VCE VET courses offered at St Patrick's College
 - Building and construction (Carpentry)
 - Engineering studies
 - Sport and recreation
 - Skills for work and vocational pathways (Year 10)
2. VCE VET Courses – offered through the Ballarat Schools Cluster (subject to availability)
Examples include:
 - Agriculture
 - Animal Studies
 - Automotive
 - Community Services
 - Screen and Media
 - Integrated Technologies
 - Plumbing
 - Music Industry
3. Australian School based Apprenticeships and Traineeships (SBAT)

VET in the VCE entry requirements:

VET programs are job or industry specific and cater for students with an identified vocational interest in a particular field. It is therefore desirable that students intending to apply for a VET program should have gained some relevant work experience. Some VET programs require work placements as part of the course for assessment purposes.

With the exception of Certificate II Skills for work and vocational pathways, all other VET certificates are two-year courses. Students commencing any of these programs in 2023 would be expected to complete the second year in 2024. Students may not enter the second year of a program without having completed the first year requirements.

All students applying for a VCE VET program will undergo a selection process which includes an interview and feedback from subject teachers.

Students approved for a VET program offered by the Ballarat Schools Cluster will undergo a second selection process and interview co-ordinated by the Highlands VET Cluster Partnership Manager.

VET program arrangements:

St Patrick's College arrangements:

VET certificates offered by the College:

- Will run within the school timetable (typically two doubles and one single session per week).
- May require students to participate in classes outside of normal school hours.
- May require students to purchase specific Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) or ensure that they have a full SPC sports uniform for classes.

Ballarat Schools Cluster arrangements:

VET certificates offered through the Ballarat Cluster:

- Are delivered off-campus (outside of St Patrick's College). Students attend a Registered Training Organisation (RTO) such as Federation University or another secondary College such as Ballarat High School.
- Generally, First Year programs take place on Thursday afternoons and Second Year programs take place on Tuesday afternoons.
- VET programs are usually scheduled for one half-day per week. There may be some full days scheduled in some courses.
- VET programs are not confined to school hours, typically running from 1:30 pm to 5:30 pm. For an afternoon session, students will be permitted to leave the College after Session 5 (approximately 12:25) to travel and attend these classes. Some programs have classes that do not meet this schedule and this information will be provided by the VET cluster.
- Some VET cluster programs will include excursions and/or full day programs at various times through a school year.
- Year 10 students participating in an external VET program do so in addition to their full Year 10 timetable. They do not have study sessions to compensate for Year 10 class time missed while attending the external VET programs.
- Students may be required to complete compulsory structured work-placements in some VCE VET programs. For St Patrick's College students, these should be arranged to take place during the school holiday term breaks over the two years of the program so there is no further impact on classes.

Costs:

- Typically, delivery costs for internal VET programs are covered in the St Patrick's College fee structure and are not levied to the student fees as an additional subject charge.
- **Parents of students who elect to participate in any external Ballarat Schools Cluster VET course will be required to pay the difference between the course cost and the Catholic Education Funding for that particular course. This funding difference will appear as an external VET levy on your tuition statement. Based on current figures, this cost difference could range between \$1000 to \$4,000 per year of VET enrolment.**
- Students participating in a Ballarat Schools Cluster VET certificate are required to make an advance payment of \$75 (TBC for 2023) towards the cost of materials at the time of acceptance of an offer in a VET program, so that the materials are available for use at the commencement of the program.
- Students who withdraw from their external VET program after week two of Term One will still be required to pay the full fees of the course.
- Transport to the external VET programs will be the responsibility of the families. This may include additional public transport costs.

External VET program details:

Parents and students interested in any of the approved VET programs offered by the Ballarat Cluster must contact the Director of Curriculum, Mr Damian Kinnersly, to discuss individual needs or concerns.

Internal (St Patrick's College) VET applications:

1. Indicate the preferred VET program on the St Patrick's College *2023 Subject Selection Guide*.
2. Students must meet for an interview with the relevant VET teachers before submitting the Selection Guide.
3. Submit the Selection Guide to the College by the required date.

More information:

Please see Director of Curriculum, Mr Damian Kinnersly, for further details.

Useful websites:

<https://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/studentguides/getvet/Pages/Index.aspx>

<https://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/curriculum/vet/vce-vet-programs/Pages/Index.aspx>

<http://www.highlandslen.org/programs>

VET and SBAT Ready-Reckoner

The following information details the VCE recognition and ATAR contribution for each internal VET certificate completed St Patrick's College.

For St Patrick's internal offerings:

Faculty	Certificate Title	VCE Recognition	Study Score and contribution to ATAR
Technology	Certificate II in Building & construction	VCE Units 1 & 2 VCE Units 3 & 4 (continuing students only)	Students who receive a Units 3 & 4 sequence will be eligible for an increment towards their ATAR (10% of the lowest study score of the primary four).
Technology	Certificate II in Engineering studies	VCE Units 1 & 2 VCE Units 3 & 4 (continuing students only)	Students wishing to receive an ATAR contribution for the Units 3 & 4 sequence must undertake scored assessment and an end of year examination for the purpose of achieving a study score.
HaPE	Certificate III in Sport and recreation	VCE Units 1 & 2 VCE Units 3 & 4 (continuing students only)	Students wishing to receive an ATAR contribution for the Units 3 & 4 sequence must undertake scored assessment and an end of year examination for the purpose of achieving a study score.
Career Pathways	Certificate II in Skills for work and vocational pathways	VCE Unit 1	Nil

Australian School Based Apprenticeships and Traineeships (SBAT)

A school-based apprenticeship or traineeship (SBAT) is an apprenticeship or traineeship undertaken by a student enrolled in a senior secondary program (VCE). An SBAT combines part-time, practical experience in the workplace with recognised, structured training from a Registered Training Organisation. Regular school attendance is combined with at least one timetabled day per week spent on the job or in training during the normal school week. This results in students missing a number of scheduled class sessions. Students are required to negotiate any missed class work and assessment with their VCE teachers.

Please note, SBATs must be endorsed by St Patrick's College and meet the guidelines published by the Department of Education and Training. To view the SBAT guide, visit the [Department of Education and Training](#).

SBATs also attract Victorian Skills First funding. To find out more about subsidised courses, visit the [Department of Education and Training – Skills First](#).

These aspects of any SBAT need to be considered carefully by both the student and his parents before committing to any SBAT. Students who wish to undertake a School-based Apprenticeship or Traineeship while at St Patrick's College may do so as per the following arrangements.

The student must:

- Have made an appointment with the Director of Curriculum to discuss their pathways program.
- Have their intended SBAT approved by the Director of Curriculum. ***Please note that not all SBATs will be approved as some may significantly conflict with a student's proposed or current Senior School program.***
- Be aware that their VCE timetable and subjects may be modified or compromised;
- Be aware that all work associated with a SBAT will impact on class attendance. This may include time spent at the workplace and any required time spent undertaking training at a VET provider (TAFE or private RTO) associated with the SBAT;
- Have paid employment under an industrial agreement that recognises School-based Apprenticeships and Traineeships. In effect the employer will be either:
- Covered by an Award with suitable provisions;
- Party to a workplace agreement, including Individual Transitional Employment Agreements, Australian Workplace Agreements, collective agreements, or pre-reform certified agreements;
- or
 - Covered by the minimum terms and conditions of Part 21 of the Workplace Relations Act. For more information visit Further Education and Training on the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD) website at www.education.vic.gov.au/training.
 - Have a training contract that includes a nationally recognised qualification and duration of training to be undertaken. This contract must be registered with Skills Victoria.
- Have a training plan and be signed with an RTO within two months of commencement of the School-based Apprenticeship and Traineeship.
- Undertake training over two years at an average of 13 hours per week for employment and training per week. These 13 hours should be divided into at least seven hours of employment and six hours of training per week which may be averaged over three sessions of four months in each year of the program.

Students undertaking an apprenticeship or traineeship that is **not** integrated into their school learning program and study timetable, are undertaking a Part-time Apprenticeship or Traineeship. This type of arrangement is no longer considered to be 'school-based' however students will still be able to receive credit toward their VCE when they are enrolled on VASS.

Students undertaking an SBAT must be aware that all training and assessment are the responsibility of the RTO. St Patrick's College has no direct involvement in this aspect. SBAT students may also be required to pay additional costs associated with their employment and training – this is not facilitated by the College.

For further information, visit the VCAA School-based Apprenticeships and Traineeships website at: <http://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/Pages/vet/programs/sbat.aspx>

ST PATRICK'S COLLEGE

Year 10 Subject Selection Planner (for students entering Year 10 in 2023)

2023 Year 10:

Semester	RE/Sport (compulsory)	English (one of)	Mathematics (one of)	Science (one in each semester)	Humanities	Elective	Elective	External VET or SBAT
Semester 1	Religious Education Text and Traditions	English English and English Support English Language and Literature	Foundation Maths General Maths Math Methods	At least one of: Biology Chemistry Environmental Science Physics	At least one of: History – 20 th Century Australian Ancient History Legal and Political Studies Commerce			
	Sport							
Semester 2	Religious Education Text and Traditions	English English and English Support English Language and Literature	Foundation Maths General Maths Math Methods	At least one of: Biology Chemistry Environmental Science Physics	Elective			
	Sport							

2024 Year 11:

Semester	Religious Education (one of)	English (one of)	First Preference or External VET	Second preference	Third preference	Fourth preference	Fifth preference
All whole year subjects	Religion and Society Text and Traditions	English Foundation English English Language Literature					

2024 Year 12:

Semester	Religious Education (one of)	English (one of)	First Preference or External VET	Second preference	Third preference	Fourth preference	Fifth preference
All whole year subjects	Non-VCE Religion Liturgical Music Text and Traditions Religion and Society	English English and English Support English Language Literature					Usually private study

