Mount Eliza Secondary College

Years 9-12 Course guide

2027

Principal's Message

Welcome to the Senior Pathways Program (SPP) at Mount Eliza Secondary College. These senior years represent a pivotal stage in each student's educational journey, offering increased choice, independence, and opportunity.

Throughout the SPP at MESC, students can select from a broad range of subjects aligned to their interests, strengths, and future aspirations. This flexibility enables students to pursue areas they are passionate about, while also exploring new disciplines and potential career pathways. As a result, students are better equipped to make informed decisions about their post-school options, including tertiary education, vocational education and training (VET), apprenticeships, and traineeships.

Mount Eliza Secondary College offers a diverse range of senior pathway options designed to meet the varying needs, goals, and learning styles of our students. Programs are tailored to support both academic and applied learning pathways, ensuring every student can achieve success.

This Year 9-12 Course guide plays a vital role in guiding students and families through the subject selection process. It outlines available courses, pathway options, and key information required for informed decision-making.

In addition, our course counselling process provides personalised guidance. Students work closely with experienced staff to design a program that reflects their abilities, interests, and future ambitions.

At Mount Eliza Secondary College, we are committed to supporting students every step of the way.

Our comprehensive Senior Pathways Program offers:

- A broad and flexible curriculum
- Individualised course counselling and support
- Opportunities for academic, vocational, and experiential learning
- Strong pathways to further education and employment

As Principal of Mount Eliza Secondary College, I am proud of the way our Senior Pathways Program reflects our core values of being *Happy, Smart, and Prepared*. We strive to nurture confident and capable young people who are engaged in their learning, challenged to think deeply, and supported to achieve their personal best. Our commitment to *Educating for Excellence* ensures that every student is provided with the knowledge, skills, and opportunities to succeed, while our focus on being *Prepared for Life* equips them with the resilience, independence, and sense of purpose needed beyond school. I encourage every student to embrace the opportunities ahead, knowing they are supported by a community dedicated to their success and wellbeing.

Danielle Vaughan

Principal, Mount Eliza Secondary College

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Course Counselling Process 2026

Important Dates

Year level	Date/s	Information
9	Term 2	Students complete Morrisby testing and individual counselling sessions. In Connect classes, students undertake the Career exploration unit.
10	Term 2, Week 6	Year 10 Assembly introducing the Course Counselling process
9	Term 2, Week 7	Information Sessions to introduce the Course Counselling process in Year 9 Connect classes.
8-11	Term 2, Week 7	Years 9-12 Course Guide available via compass ('star' menu) and on the MESC website.
9&10	Term 2, Week 7	Acceleration Application forms for new and continuing students in VCE or VET subjects available from Student Services.
8	Term 2, Week 8	Year 8 Assembly to introduce the Course Counselling process.
9	Term 2, Week 9	Year 9 Assembly to remind students of processes and answer any questions about Course Counselling.
9&10	Term 2, Week 10 Tuesday 23rd June	Parent Information evening Year 9 into Year 10 2027 6:00 – 6:30pm. Year 10 into Year 11 2027 6:30 – 7:00pm.
9&10	Monday 13th July, 4pm	Completed Acceleration Application forms for new and continuing students in VCE or VET subjects to be submitted to Student Services. **Late applications will not be accepted.**
9&10	Term 3, Week 2	Students and families will be emailed the outcome of their acceleration application.
9&10	Term 3, Weeks 3-4	Course Counselling interviews

Course Counselling Interviews

Course counselling interviews will be conducted via Webex or in person by appointment. Bookings can be made via Compass in early term 3, after which the counsellor links will be posted to the Compass Newsfeed.

You will need to login to Webex using the links provided to connect with the course counsellor. Please ensure you connect 5 minutes prior to the appointment time to ensure the smooth running of the scheduled interviews.

Both student and parents/carer should attend the interview. If your interview is scheduled during the school day, then your student should join the counsellor on site at school.

Useful Websites

- MESC Careers Website
- Shape Your VCE - Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority
- Your world. Your VCE website
- VTAC website
- VTAC Year 10 guide
- TAFE and Training as part of your VCE

See our Careers Practitioners

To book appointments go to:
https://www.mountelizasecondarycollegecareers.com/for-students/appointment-booking

Year 9 Program

The Year 9 Program at Mount Eliza Secondary College is designed to provide students with a balanced and engaging learning experience that supports both academic growth and personal development. Through a combination of core subjects and a diverse range of elective opportunities, students are encouraged to explore their interests, discover their strengths and develop confidence as independent learners.

Our core curriculum builds strong foundations in literacy, numeracy, critical thinking and communication, while elective subjects allow students to pursue areas of passion, creativity and curiosity. This combination supports students to become adaptable, motivated and well-rounded young people who are prepared for the increasing challenges and opportunities of the senior years

The Year 9 Program reflects our College values of being Happy, Smart and Prepared. We strive to create a positive and inclusive environment where students feel connected and supported, challenged to achieve their personal best, and equipped with the knowledge, skills and resilience needed for future success.

Guided by our motto, *Education for Excellence, Prepared for Life*, the program encourages students to take responsibility for their learning, embrace new experiences and develop the confidence and capabilities required to thrive both within and beyond the classroom.

Structure of Year 9 Program

	Core Subjects							Elective Choices	
Semester 1	**English** (5 periods p/w)	**Maths** (5 periods p/w)	**Science** (3 periods p/w)	**Humanities** (2 periods p/w)	**Health & PE** (2 periods p/w)	**Sport Ed** (1 period p/w)	**Connect** (1 period p/w)	**Elective** (3 periods p/w)	**Elective** (3 periods p/w)
Semester 2								**Elective** (3 periods p/w)	**Elective** (3 periods p/w)

Proposed Subject Levies – Year 9

The following contributions are requested when enrolling in the subject indicated below. These charges represent extra materials that are required to complete the course. Charges will be available for parents to view and make payment on Compass once published at the end of October. Payment plans are available via Compass as four equal instalments (Information and other payment alternatives will be available on Compass at the time of publication).

Domain	Subject/s	Proposed Subject Cost:
The Arts	Performing Arts	$25
	Media	$20
	Music	$20
	Visual Arts	$35
	Visual Communication & Design	$20
Design & Technology	Design Technology – wood, metal, plastics & jewellery	$45
	Food Studies	$25
	Textiles	$25
English	Core English	$40
	Creative Literature	$40
	Philosophy	$40
Health & Physical Education	Core Health & PE	$45
	Outdoor Education – Surf	$40
	Outdoor Education – Snow	$40
	Leadership in Sport	$40
Humanities	Core Humanities	$35
	Geography & Business	$35
	Year 9 History Elective	$35
Languages	Indonesian	$60
Mathematics	Core Maths	$70
Science	Core Science	$115
	Blue Planet	$30
	Forensic Science	$50
Connect	Core Connect	$20

Year 9 Core Subjects

English

Year 9 English aims to strengthen students' skills in speaking, listening, reading, viewing and writing with clarity, confidence and purpose. Students explore how language is shaped by context, audience and intent, developing an understanding of how communication can be adapted for different situations. A wide range of texts is studied to support critical discussion and analysis. Through this, students build their ability to think independently, interpret meaning, and express ideas effectively.

Proposed Subject Cost: $40

Maths

Year 9 Mathematics develops and extends students' understanding of key mathematical concepts and their ability to apply these in a range of contexts. Students explore topics such as number, algebra, measurement, space, statistics and probability, building both fluency and problem-solving skills. Emphasis is placed on developing and extending the number and algebra skills that underpin the other areas of Maths, with a focus on developing each student at their point of need. This course supports students to become confident and capable learners, preparing them for further study and real-world applications of mathematics.

Proposed Subject Cost: $70

Science

Year 9 Science encourages students to explore the biological, physical and technological aspects of the world through building key science skills and undertaking practical investigations. Students develop an understanding of key scientific concepts, as well as the skills and processes scientists use to ask questions, test ideas and solve problems. The subject highlights the role of science as a dynamic, collaborative and creative human endeavour, and its importance in shaping society and everyday life.

Students considering VCE Science pathways are encouraged to further extend their learning through elective science subjects.

Proposed Subject Cost: $115

Humanities

Students will explore key Humanities disciplines, including History, Geography, Civics and Citizenship, and Economics. Humanities examine how societies and cultures have developed over time, encouraging students to recognise shared human experiences and understand global challenges. Students develop analytical skills by collecting, interpreting, and evaluating a range of data and primary sources. This course supports critical thinking and informed decision-making, helping students better understand the world around them.

Proposed Subject Cost: $35

Health & PE and Sport Education

Year 9 Health and Physical Education at Mount Eliza Secondary College offers a balanced program of practical and theoretical learning experiences. Students develop movement skills and confidence through participation in a range of physical activities, while also building the knowledge and understanding needed to support lifelong health and wellbeing. The course promotes personal identity, resilience, and respectful relationships, alongside improving health literacy so students can make informed decisions about their wellbeing.

Through practical classes, sport education, and participation in various activities, students learn through, in, and about movement, with active involvement in all components expected.

Proposed Subject Cost: $45

Please note: Approximate cost of Fitness Testing Incursion $35 as extra-curricular items to enhance learning. This will be charged throughout the year via Compass Events

Connect

Year 9 Connect program provide students with valuable opportunities to explore service learning, career pathways, and personal wellbeing. The program includes targeted career development activities such as employability skills workshops, resume and cover letter preparation, and the Morrisby Assessment with a personalised interview. Students develop the knowledge and skills needed to engage with the wider world through units focused on cultural diversity. They also strengthen their study habits by learning the difference between homework and independent study, helping them transition successfully into senior studies.

Proposed Subject Cost: $20

Please note: Approximate cost of $80 as extra-curricular items to enhance learning.
This will be charged throughout the year via Compass Events

Year 9 Electives

The Arts	Performing Arts Media Music Visual Arts Visual Communication & Design
Design & Technology	Design Technology – wood, metal, plastics & jewellery Food Studies Textiles
English	Creative Literature Philosophy
Health & Physical Education	Outdoor Education – Surf Outdoor Education – Snow Leadership in Sport
Humanities	Geography & Business Year 9 History Elective
Languages	Indonesian
Science	Blue Planet Forensic Science

As elective subjects, each subject will only proceed if enough interest is sought and confirmed.

The Arts Year 9 Electives

Performing Arts

This Performing Arts elective offers students the opportunity to explore both Dance and Drama through practical and creative experiences. Students develop performance skills, confidence, and self-expression while working individually and collaboratively. The course introduces key techniques in movement, acting, and storytelling, encouraging students to experiment and take creative risks. Through performance and reflection, students build an appreciation of the performing arts and their role in communication and expression.

Proposed Subject Cost: Performing Arts Elective: $25 per semester

Please note: Approximate cost of $60 as extra-curricular items to enhance learning.
This will be charged throughout the year via Compass Events

Senior School Pathway - Possible future studies in this area are:

VCE Music
VCE Dance
VCE Drama

Media

This Media elective explores the dynamic and ever-evolving world of digital communication and content creation. Students engage with a wide range of media forms, including film, photography, animation, social media, and video games, to understand how meaning is constructed and communicated. Through both analysis and practical production tasks, students develop their skills as creative and critical media users. This course supports the development of digital literacy, creativity and communication skills, preparing students for further study and participation in an increasingly media-rich world.

Proposed Subject Cost: Media Elective: $20 per semester

Please note: Approximate cost of $60 as extra-curricular items to enhance learning.
This will be charged throughout the year via Compass Events

Senior School Pathway - Possible future studies in this area are:

VCE Media

Music

This Year 9 Music elective allows students to explore performance, composition and music technology in a creative and practical way. Students develop skills in solo and group performance while using digital tools to create and produce music. They also learn how music is influenced by different cultures, times and places, and apply this understanding to their own work. Through listening and analysis, students evaluate how musicians communicate ideas and contribute to culture at local and global levels.

Proposed Subject Cost: Music Elective: $20 per semester

Please note: Approximate cost of $60 as extra-curricular items to enhance learning.
This will be charged throughout the year via Compass Events

Senior School Pathway - Possible future studies in this area are:

VCE Music

Visual Arts

Visual Arts encourages students to explore their creativity while developing skills in a wide range of artistic techniques and media. Students create artworks inspired by their own experiences, gaining a deeper understanding of their environment, culture and the broader world of art. The course supports the development of imagination, critical thinking and practical skills through areas such as drawing, painting, printmaking and ceramics. By maintaining a Visual Arts Process Diary, students reflect on their learning and build a strong foundation for further study in Year 10 Visual Arts and VCE Art Making and Exhibiting.

Proposed Subject Cost: Visual Arts Elective: $35 per semester

Please note: Approximate cost of $80 as extra-curricular items to enhance learning.
This will be charged throughout the year via Compass Events

Senior School Pathway - Possible future studies in this area are:

VCE Art Making & Exhibiting

Visual Communication & Design

Visual Communication Design develops students' understanding of design in both historical and contemporary contexts. Students build practical skills in a range of drawing and rendering techniques, including perspective, observational and freehand drawing, while learning to communicate ideas visually. The course introduces key concepts such as design elements and principles and explores different design fields including graphic and environmental design. Students also gain experience using industry-standard software such as Adobe Photoshop, Illustrator and ArchiCAD, preparing them for further study and creative pathways.

Proposed Subject Cost: Visual Communication & Design Elective: $20 per semester

Please note: Approximate cost of $60 as extra-curricular items to enhance learning.
This will be charged throughout the year via Compass Events

Senior School Pathway - Possible future studies in this area are:

VCE Visual Communication & Design

Design & Technology Year 9 Electives

Design Technology – wood, metal, plastics & jewellery

Design Technology encourages students to think creatively and critically as they design and produce solutions for real-world challenges. Through hands-on projects, students develop practical skills using a range of tools, materials and technologies across woodwork, metalwork, jewellery and design studio environments. The course fosters innovation, problem-solving and the ability to plan, test and refine ideas while creating high-quality products. Students gain valuable, transferable skills that support lifelong learning and suit those who enjoy working creatively and practically.

Proposed Subject Cost: Design Technology Elective: $45 per semester

Please note: Approximate cost of $105 as extra-curricular items to enhance learning.
This will be charged throughout the year via Compass Events

Senior School Pathway - Possible future studies in this area are:

VCE Product Design & Technology

Food Studies

Food Studies provides students with hands-on experience using a variety of ingredients, equipment and food preparation techniques. Students complete two engaging units—*Food Around the World* and *Healthy Lunchbox*—exploring global cuisines, nutrition, and healthy eating practices. Weekly practical lessons allow students to cook, investigate, and apply their learning while developing their skills in planning and evaluating food solutions. A strong focus on safety, hygiene and teamwork supports students in building confidence and independence in the kitchen.

Proposed Subject Cost: Food studies Elective: $25 per semester

Please note: Approximate cost of $105 as extra-curricular items to enhance learning.
This will be charged throughout the year via Compass Events

Senior School Pathway - Possible future studies in this area are:

VCE Food Studies

Textiles

Textiles is a creative and practical subject that introduces students to designing and producing items using a range of materials and techniques. Following the design cycle, students research, plan and create solutions that meet a specific need, with a focus on sustainability and thoughtful use of resources. Projects may include upcycling clothing or creating wearable and decorative items such as bags, garments or homewares. Students develop confidence in using tools such as sewing machines and patterns, while building skills in creativity, problem-solving and design.

Proposed Subject Cost: Textiles Elective: $25 per semester

Please note: Approximate cost of $60 as extra-curricular items to enhance learning.
This will be charged throughout the year via Compass Events

Senior School Pathway - Possible future studies in this area are:

VCE Product Design & Technology

English Year 9 Electives

Creative Literature

This elective encourages students to develop their creativity through the exploration and creation of a wide range of literary texts. By studying different genres, techniques and styles, students gain insight into how writers craft meaning and engage audiences. They are supported to find and refine their own voice, experimenting with elements such as characterisation, setting, themes and figurative language. With opportunities to choose texts that interest them, students build confidence in both their analytical and creative writing skills.

Proposed Subject Cost: Creative Literature Elective: $40 per semester

Senior School Pathway - Possible future studies in this area are:

VCE English
VCE Literature

Philosophy

Philosophy encourages students to explore fundamental questions about life, knowledge, ethics and reality, and how these shape our understanding of the world. Through the study of philosophical ideas and real-world dilemmas, students engage in thoughtful discussion and develop skills in reasoning, argument and reflection. The course fosters critical and creative thinking, as well as open-mindedness and respect for differing perspectives. By strengthening literacy and ethical understanding, Philosophy equips students with valuable skills for active and informed participation in society.

Proposed Subject Cost: Philosophy Elective: $40 per semester

Senior School Pathway - Possible future studies in this area are:

VCE Philosophy

Health & PE Year 9 Electives

Outdoor Education - Surf

This unit of Outdoor Education provides students with the opportunity to explore natural environments while developing practical outdoor skills and environmental understanding. Students study ecosystems such as coastal and forest environments, examining their features, biodiversity, and the ways humans interact with and impact these spaces. Through participation in activities such as surfing, hiking and rock climbing, students build confidence, teamwork and resilience. The course builds a strong foundation for further study in VCE Outdoor and Environmental Studies.

Proposed Subject Cost: Outdoor Education - Surf Elective: $40 per semester

Please note: Approximate cost of $550-$650 as extra-curricular items to enhance learning.
This will be charged throughout the year via Compass Events

Senior School Pathway - Possible future studies in this area are:

VCE Outdoor Education & Environmental studies

Outdoor Education - Snow

This unit of Outdoor Education focuses on alpine and river environments, developing both knowledge and practical outdoor skills. Students explore alpine conditions, including snow characteristics, safety, equipment and environmental conservation, while building confidence through experiences such as an ice-skating excursion and a snow experience. In the river environments unit, students examine the importance of water systems and participate in activities such as rafting, canoeing and stand-up paddleboarding. The course builds a strong foundation for further study in VCE Outdoor and Environmental Studies.

Proposed Subject Cost: Outdoor Education – Snow Elective: $40 per semester

Please note: Approximate cost of $1000 as extra-curricular items to enhance learning.
This will be charged throughout the year via Compass Events

Senior School Pathway - Possible future studies in this area are:

VCE Outdoor Education & Environmental studies

Leadership in Sport

This elective explores leadership within the context of sport, examining the roles that contribute to successful sporting events such as players, coaches, officials and organisers. Students investigate the qualities, skills and responsibilities that make effective leaders through a combination of theory and practical experiences. They analyse real-life examples and apply their learning in practical settings, developing confidence in taking on leadership roles. By the end of the course, students build an understanding of leadership and develop skills to support both their own performance and that of their peers.

Proposed Subject Cost: Leadership in Sport Elective: $40 per semester

Senior School Pathway - Possible future studies in this area are:

VCE Physical Education

Humanities Year 9 Electives

Geography & Business

This elective introduces students to the dynamic world of tourism, encouraging them to plan and design their own travel experiences such as holidays, cruises or adventures. Students explore the importance of tourism in Australia, including its economic, environmental and social impacts on local communities. Through fieldwork and inquiry-based learning, they also investigate concepts such as eco-friendly tourism and sustainable practices. The course develops creativity, initiative and project management skills, making it ideal for students interested in travel and entrepreneurship.

Proposed Subject Cost: Geography & Business Elective: $35 per semester

Senior School Pathway - Possible future studies in this area are:

VCE Business Management
VCE Geography

Year 9 History Elective

This elective explores key themes of black history, racism and equality, linking closely with the Year 9 Humanities curriculum to deepen understanding of historical events within the same timeframes. Students examine the relationship between ethical and legal perspectives, considering how laws and societal values have influenced fairness and justice. A particular focus is placed on the Civil Rights Movement from a First Nations perspective, broadening students' understanding of rights and identity. The course also builds ethical reasoning skills and provides a strong foundation for further study in Advanced History.

Proposed Subject Cost: Year 9 History Elective: $35 per semester

Senior School Pathway - Possible future studies in this area are:

VCE History

Languages Year 9 Electives

Indonesian

This Indonesian elective builds on students' prior language learning to develop their communication skills in real-world contexts. Students listen, speak, read, write and view in Indonesian, using the language to share experiences and engage with others in both local and global settings. The course provides authentic opportunities for interaction, including participation in community and secure online exchanges. It is particularly suited to students interested in travel, with an **optional study tour** to Indonesia offering a chance to apply language skills in a real-life setting.

Proposed Subject Cost: Indonesian Elective: $60 per semester

Senior School Pathway - Possible future studies in this area are:

VCE Indonesian (Second Language)

Science Year 9 Electives

Blue Planet

The Blue Planet Science elective investigates Marine Science and Terrestrial Ecosystems, enabling students to explore the diverse environments that make up our planet, from vast oceans to land-based ecosystems. Students investigate how ecosystems function, including biodiversity, climate systems, and the connections between marine and terrestrial environments. The course examines the impact of human activity on these ecosystems and explores strategies for conservation and sustainability. Through engaging and interactive learning, students develop a deeper appreciation of the natural world and the importance of protecting it for the future.

Proposed Subject Cost: Blue Planet Elective: $30 per semester

Senior School Pathway - Possible future studies in this area are:

VCE Biology
VCE Chemistry
VCE Physics

Forensic Science

This elective introduces students to the fascinating field of forensic science, exploring how scientific techniques are used to solve crimes. Students investigate a wide range of topics, including fingerprints, DNA, blood analysis, entomology, and crime scene investigation. Through engaging, real-world contexts, they develop analytical and problem-solving skills while examining different types of evidence such as fibres, soil and ballistics. This course complements core science by providing unique and practical insights into the application of science in forensic investigations.

Proposed Subject Cost: Forensic Science Elective: $50 per semester

Senior School Pathway - Possible future studies in this area are:

VCE Biology
VCE Chemistry
VCE Physics
VCE Psychology

Course Selection Tools - Year 9

	Core Subjects							Elective Choices	
Semester 1	**English** (5 periods p/w)	**Maths** (5 periods p/w)	**Science** (3 periods p/w)	**Humanities** (2 periods p/w)	**Health & PE** (2 periods p/w)	**Sport Ed** (1 period p/w)	**Connect** (1 period p/w)	**Elective** (3 periods p/w)	**Elective** (3 periods p/w)
Semester 2								**Elective** (3 periods p/w)	**Elective** (3 periods p/w)

Year 9 Electives:

The Arts	• Performing Arts • Media • Music • Visual Arts • Visual Communication & Design	**Humanities**	• Geography & Business • Year 9 History Elective
Design & Technology	• Design Technology – wood, metal, plastics & jewellery • Food Studies • Textiles	**Languages**	• Indonesian
English	• Creative Literature • Philosophy	**Science**	• Blue Planet • Forensic Science
Health & Physical Education	• Outdoor Education – Surf • Outdoor Education – Snow • Leadership in Sport		

Electives I am interested in (list in preference order):

Selection 1:	
Selection 2:	
Selection 3:	
Selection 4:	
Selection 5:	
Selection 6:	

Year 10 Program

The Year 10 Program at Mount Eliza Secondary College plays a vital role in preparing students for the challenges and opportunities of the senior years. Designed as a bridge between the middle years and future pathways, the program supports students in developing the academic skills, independence and confidence required for success in both VCE and VCE Vocational Major (VCE-VM) pathways.

Through a combination of core subjects and a broad range of elective options, students continue to strengthen essential literacy, numeracy, critical thinking and communication skills while exploring areas of personal interest and future career aspirations. The program encourages students to make informed decisions about their senior studies and pathway choices, helping them identify strengths, passions and potential post-school opportunities.

Students are challenged to take greater responsibility for their learning, develop effective study habits and build the resilience and organisational skills needed for success in the senior years. Opportunities for applied learning, leadership, collaboration and real-world connections further support students in becoming capable and adaptable learners.

The Year 10 Program reflects the College values of being Happy, Smart and Prepared by fostering a supportive learning environment where students feel connected, are encouraged to strive for excellence and are equipped with the knowledge and skills needed for future success.

Guided by our motto, *Education for Excellence, Prepared for Life*, the program empowers students to approach the future with confidence, purpose and the ability to thrive in a wide range of educational, vocational and personal pathways.

Structure of Year 10 Program

Option 1 – Year 10 Program (with no acceleration)

	Core Subjects				Elective Choices	
Semester 1	**English** (5 periods p/w)	**Maths** (5 periods p/w)	**Science** (2/3 periods p/w)	**Health & PE** (2/3 periods p/w)	**Elective** (5 periods p/w)	**Elective** (5 periods p/w)
Semester 2					**Elective** (5 periods p/w)	**Elective** (5 periods p/w)

Option 2 – Year 10 Program with accelerated VCE or VET subject

	Core Subjects				Elective Choices	
Semester 1	**English** (5 periods p/w)	**Maths** (5 periods p/w)	**Science** (2/3 periods p/w)	**Health & PE** (2/3 periods p/w)	**Accelerated VCE or VET subject*** (5 periods p/w)	**Elective** (5 periods p/w)
Semester 2						**Elective** (5 periods p/w)

* Please note that students must be successful in the application to accelerate process to be considered for this program. If they are successful in accelerating in a VET subject, hours of attendance may vary.

Selecting to Accelerate in a VCE or VET (Vocational Education and Training) subject for year 10 students

Highly capable students in a particular subject area may choose to apply to accelerate into a VCE or VET subject as part of their year 10 studies at MESC. This subject would take 2 elective choices – one for each semester. Successful students would then have the benefit of studying an extra year 12 subject, which will give them a 6th subject that could help contribute to their ATAR at the end of year 12. A VET program enrolment will also take 2 elective choices and will be a commitment for the entire year.

Students and families need to carefully consider if the student is ready for this challenge, as there are significant requirements for all VCE & VET subjects. Students need to have excellent organisational and study skills, as well have academic capability in their chosen subject area. Students and families need to carefully consider the pathway that students intend to follow throughout their 3 years in the Senior Pathway Program at MESC, as students are required to select a subject at year 12 that they will not have studied in year 11. Our Careers team can assist with this.

Students are required to make an appointment with our Careers team during Term 2, BEFORE applying for acceleration into a VCE or VET course. Applications for both VCE and VET acceleration will be available for students to collect from Student Services from 1st June (Monday week 7) and must be returned no later than Monday 13th July (the first day of term 3). This includes all relevant documents that must be included with the application form. **Late applications will not be considered.**

Applications for acceleration in VCE:

Some students may be interested in applying to include a VCE Unit 1 (Year 11) subject as part of their 2027 program. It is important to note that students **must be working at least "At the Standard" in Year 9 English**, and **"Above the Standard" in the Year 9 subject area they wish to apply for acceleration**. Attendance at school will also be considered as part of the course counselling and acceleration process. These expectations ensure students are well prepared for the increased academic demands of accelerated study and the significant shift in both workload and academic achievement expectations of VCE subjects.

Note: Due to the complexity of the subject and year 10 prerequisite knowledge, students are **not** permitted to accelerate in the following subjects:

- English
- Maths Methods
- Specialist Maths
- Chemistry
- Physics
- Languages (Indonesian)

Applications for acceleration in VET (Vocational Education and Training):

Some students may be interested in applying to include a VET Certificate II or III subject with an external provider as part of their 2027 program. It is important to note that students **must be working at least "At the Standard" in Year 9 English and Year 9 Maths, as well as consideration to current school attendance**. These expectations ensure students are well prepared for the increased academic demands of accelerated study and managing the complexities of catching up on missed classes at MESC due to attendance at a VET course.

Proposed Subject Levies – Year 10

The following contributions are requested when enrolling in the subject indicated below. These charges represent extra materials that are required to complete the course. Charges will be available for parents to view and make payment on Compass once published at the end of October. Payment plans are available via Compass as four equal instalments (Information and other payment alternatives will be available on Compass at the time of publication).

Domain	Subject/s	Proposed Subject Cost:
The Arts	Performing Arts	$25
	Media	$20
	Music	$20
	Visual Arts	$35
	Visual Communication & Design	$20
Design & Technology	Design Technology – wood, metal, plastics & jewellery	$45
	Food Studies	$35
	Textiles	$25
English	Core English	$45
	Literature	$40
Health & Physical Education	Core Health & PE	$45
	Advanced Health & Human Development	$25
	Advanced Physical Education	$45
Humanities	Year 10 Business Management	$45
	Year 10 History	$45
	Year 10 Legal studies	$45
Languages	Indonesian	$65
Mathematics	Core Maths	$70
Science	Core Science	$115
	Advanced Science	$50
	Year 10 Psychology	$50
VET	Multi-Industry Pathway	$100

Year 10 Core Subjects

English

Year 10 English further develops students' abilities in speaking, listening, reading, viewing and writing with confidence and purpose. Students explore how language varies according to context, audience and intention while engaging with a wide range of texts. A strong emphasis is placed on critical discussion and analysis to deepen understanding of language and meaning. The course also prepares students for the expectations of VCE English, building essential skills for future study.

Proposed Subject Cost: $45

Please note: Approximate cost of $20 as extra-curricular items to enhance learning.
This will be charged throughout the year via Compass Events

Senior School Pathway - Possible future studies in this area are:

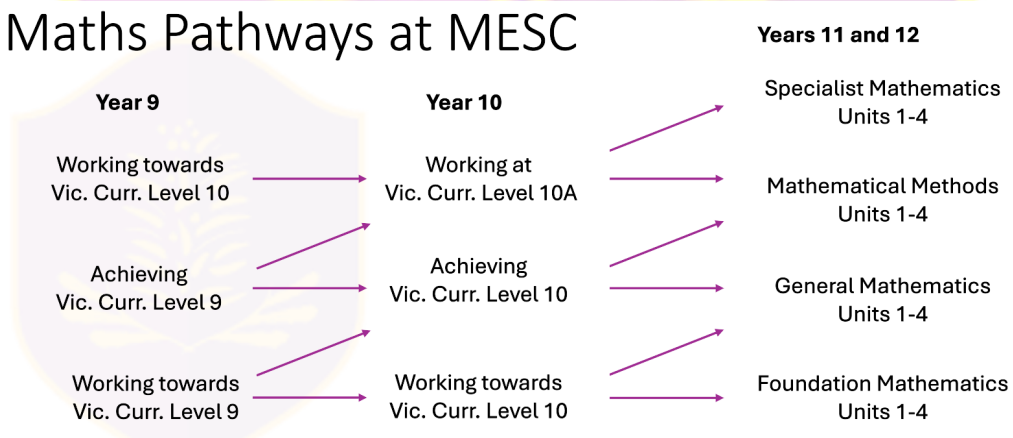
VCE English
VCE Literature

Mathematics

Year 10 Mathematics extends students' understanding of key mathematical concepts and their application across a range of contexts. Students build skills in problem-solving, reasoning and the effective communication of mathematical ideas. Within the Year 10 Mathematics program at MESC, there is a 'standard' stream and an 'Advanced' stream, with selection into each stream based on student data across years 7-9, along with Teacher recommendations.

Students undertaking the 'Standard' stream typically leads to pathways into VCE General Mathematics of VCE Foundation Mathematics, while students in the 'Advanced' stream may consider further study in VCE Mathematical Methods or VCE Specialist Mathematics. This course prepares students for future mathematical learning by developing confidence, fluency and analytical thinking.

The diagram below represents the most common pathways in Mathematics although there are many other combinations of pathways to suit student needs.



Proposed Subject Cost: $70

Senior School Pathway - Possible future studies in this area are:

VCE Foundation Mathematics
VCE General Mathematics
VCE Mathematical Methods
VCE Specialist Mathematics

Science

Year 10 Science provides students with the opportunity to investigate key concepts across the biological, physical and earth sciences. Students explore topics including genetics and inheritance, evolution, chemical reactions, electromagnetism, Newton's Laws, plate tectonics and astrophysics. The course develops scientific knowledge alongside the skills needed to question, analyse, predict and solve problems in real-world contexts. Students considering VCE Science pathways are encouraged to further extend their learning through the Advanced Science elective.

Proposed Subject Cost: $115

Senior School Pathway - Possible future studies in this area are:

VCE Biology
VCE Chemistry
VCE Physics
VCE Psychology

Health & PE

Year 10 Health and Physical Education provide students with a balanced program of practical and theoretical learning experiences. Students continue to develop movement skills, confidence and competence through participation in a variety of physical activities, while deepening their understanding of health and wellbeing. The course encourages students to critically evaluate information and take positive actions to enhance their own and others' health, safety and physical activity. Through active involvement in both practical and theory components, students build the knowledge and skills needed for lifelong participation in healthy, active lifestyles.

Proposed Subject Cost: $45

Senior School Pathway - Possible future studies in this area are:

VCE Health & Human Development
VCE Physical Education
VCE Outdoor & Environmental Studies

Year 10 Electives

The Arts	Performing Arts Media Music Visual Arts Visual Communication & Design
Design & Technology	Product Design & Technology – wood, metal, plastics & jewellery Food Studies Textiles
English	English Literature
Health & Physical Education	Advanced Health & Human Development Advanced Physical Education
Humanities	Year 10 Business Management Year 10 History Year 10 Legal studies
Languages	Indonesian
Science	Advanced Science Year 10 Psychology
VET	Year 10 Multi-industry Pathway Program

As elective subjects, each subject will only proceed if enough interest is sought and confirmed.

The Arts Year 10 Electives

Performing Arts

This Year 10 Performing Arts elective builds on the skills developed in Year 9, allowing students to further refine their abilities in both Dance and Drama. Students deepen their understanding of performance techniques, movement, characterisation and storytelling, while continuing to develop confidence and creativity. Through collaborative and individual tasks, they create, rehearse and present performances for a range of audiences. The course supports students in becoming more expressive, reflective and skilled performers, preparing them for further study in the performing arts.

Senior School Pathway - Possible future studies in this area are:

VCE Dance
VCE Drama
VCE Music

Proposed Subject Cost: Performing Arts Elective: $25 per semester

Please note: Approximate cost of $60 as extra-curricular items to enhance learning.
This will be charged throughout the year via Compass Events

Media

This Year 10 Media elective explores the skills and knowledge needed to effectively communicate and create in today's digital world. Students engage with a range of media forms, including photography, film, animation, radio and digital platforms, using industry-relevant technologies such as cameras, drones and editing software. They develop both creative and analytical skills by producing their own media products and examining how media influences audiences. This course builds digital literacy, creativity and critical thinking, and provides a strong pathway for students considering VCE Media Studies.

Senior School Pathway - Possible future studies in this area are:

VCE Media

Proposed Subject Cost: Media Elective: $20 per semester

Please note: Approximate cost of $60 as extra-curricular items to enhance learning.
This will be charged throughout the year via Compass Events

Music

Year 10 Music builds on the skills developed in Year 9, offering students more advanced opportunities in performance, composition and music analysis. Students refine their technical abilities on their chosen instrument or voice while exploring more complex musical styles and structures. The course emphasises creativity, critical listening and collaboration, supporting students to develop their own musical identity. It provides a strong foundation for those considering further study in VCE Music or related creative pathways

Senior School Pathway - Possible future studies in this area are:

VCE Music

Proposed Subject Cost: Music Elective: $20 per semester

Please note: Approximate cost of $60 as extra-curricular items to enhance learning.
This will be charged throughout the year via Compass Events

Visual Arts

Visual Arts encourages students to explore their creativity while developing skills across a wide range of artistic techniques and media. Students create artworks inspired by their own experiences, building a deeper understanding of their personal identity, culture and the broader world of art. The course fosters imagination, critical thinking and technical skill development through areas such as drawing, painting, printmaking, ceramics and sculpture. By maintaining a Visual Arts Diary, students reflect on their learning and build a strong foundation for further study in VCE Art Making and Exhibiting.

Senior School Pathway - Possible future studies in this area are:

VCE Art Making & Exhibiting

Proposed Subject Cost: Visual Arts Elective: $35 per semester

Please note: Approximate cost of $80 as extra-curricular items to enhance learning.
This will be charged throughout the year via Compass Events

Visual Communication & Design

Visual Communication & Design introduces students to the fundamental principles and elements of design, building skills in both manual and digital methods of visual communication. Students develop their ability to create and present ideas through freehand drawing, technical drawing and the use of computer software. The course explores a range of design fields, including architectural, fashion and promotional design, with a focus on meeting the needs of specific audiences and design briefs. Through research and analysis of existing designs, students learn how to effectively communicate ideas and create purposeful, visually engaging work.

Senior School Pathway - Possible future studies in this area are:

VCE Visual Communication & Design

Proposed Subject Cost: Visual Communication & Design Elective: $20 per semester

Please note: Approximate cost of $60 as extra-curricular items to enhance learning.
This will be charged throughout the year via Compass Events

Design & Technology Year 10 Electives

Product Design & Technology – wood, metal, plastics & jewellery

Design Technology at Year 10 encourages students to develop creative and critical thinking skills through hands-on design projects. Students work across a variety of spaces, including woodwork, metal and jewellery workshops, and the design studio, using a range of tools and technologies to produce high-quality outcomes. Through the design process, they research, plan, test and refine ideas to create solutions for real-world challenges, with a focus on sustainability. This subject is ideal for students who enjoy practical learning, offering opportunities to build valuable, transferable skills for future study and everyday life.

Senior School Pathway - Possible future studies in this area are:

VCE Product Design & Technology

Proposed Subject Cost: Design Technology Elective: $45 per semester

Please note: Approximate cost of $105 as extra-curricular items to enhance learning.
This will be charged throughout the year via Compass Events

Food Studies

Year 10 Food Studies provides students with hands-on experience using a variety of ingredients, equipment and food preparation techniques. Through engaging units such as *Master Chef* and *Becoming an Informed Foodie*, students explore the science of food as well as issues related to sustainability, food production and global food systems. Weekly lessons combine theory and practical cooking, allowing students to investigate, plan and create a range of dishes. A strong focus on safety, hygiene and skill development supports students in becoming confident, informed and creative in the kitchen.

Senior School Pathway - Possible future studies in this area are:

VCE Food Studies

Proposed Subject Cost: Food studies Elective: $35 per semester

Please note: Approximate cost of $105 as extra-curricular items to enhance learning.
This will be charged throughout the year via Compass Events

Textiles

This Textiles elective provides students with the opportunity to explore fashion and design through hands-on, creative learning. Students design and construct their own garments, using both recycled materials and commercial patterns, while developing practical sewing skills. The course includes researching a fashion designer to gain inspiration and understanding of design processes. Through a combination of theory and practical work, students build confidence in using sewing machines and hand-sewing techniques to create their own unique pieces.

Senior School Pathway - Possible future studies in this area are:

VCE Art Making & Exhibiting
VCE Product Design & Technology

Proposed Subject Cost: Textiles Elective: $25 per semester

Please note: Approximate cost of $60 as extra-curricular items to enhance learning.
This will be charged throughout the year via Compass Events

English Year 10 Elective

Literature

This elective offers a critical study of literature across different historical periods, exploring a range of forms and approaches to storytelling. Students develop an appreciation of the aesthetic qualities of texts while building skills in deep and thoughtful analysis. They also create a writing folio, experimenting with and refining their own voice across a variety of challenging forms. Designed as a pathway to VCE Literature, the course supports the development of advanced reading, writing and interpretive skills.

Pathways:

Senior School Pathway - Possible future studies in this area are:

VCE English
VCE Literature

Proposed Subject Cost: Creative Literature Elective: $40 per semester

Health & PE Year 10 Electives

Advanced Health & Human Development

The Advanced Health and Human Development elective at Year 10 provides a strong foundation for students considering the VCE subject. Students explore health and wellbeing as dynamic concepts influenced by a range of physical, social and environmental factors, particularly during adolescence. The course examines variations in health status across local, national and global populations, developing an understanding of equity and access to health resources. Students also investigate the Australian healthcare system and learn how it supports individuals and communities to maintain and improve health outcomes.

Senior School Pathway - Possible future studies in this area are:

VCE Health & Human Development

Proposed Subject Cost: Advanced Health & Human Development Elective: $25 per semester

Advanced Physical Education

The Advanced Physical Education elective at Year 10 provides a strong foundation for students considering VCE Physical Education. Students develop an understanding of the science behind human movement, exploring topics such as energy systems, fitness components, fatigue and recovery, and training principles. The course combines theoretical learning with practical application, allowing students to apply concepts in a range of physical activities. This approach supports students in building both their knowledge and performance skills, preparing them for further study in sport and exercise science.

Senior School Pathway - Possible future studies in this area are:

VCE Physical Education

Proposed Subject Cost: Advanced Physical Education Elective: $45 per semester

Humanities Year 10 Electives

Year 10 Business Management

This Year 10 Business Management elective provides students with opportunities to explore key concepts in business, entrepreneurship and economic decision-making. Through case studies and real-world examples, students develop their understanding of business literacy, financial concepts and the role of economics in everyday life. The course strengthens analytical and literacy skills through data interpretation and extended responses, supporting learning across a range of subjects. It is particularly suited to students interested in pursuing VCE Business Management or further studies in commerce-related fields.

Senior School Pathway - Possible future studies in this area are:

VCE Business Management

Proposed Subject Cost: Year 10 Business Management Elective: $45 per semester

Year 10 History

This subject explores how key ideas, movements and conflicts of the twentieth century have shaped the modern world. Students examine the impact of global developments such as post-World War II international organisations and the emergence of human rights frameworks. The course also investigates how civil rights and Indigenous recognition movements, along with migration and policy changes, have influenced Australian identity and society. Through this study, students develop an understanding of how historical events continue to shape contemporary life.

Senior School Pathway - Possible future studies in this area are:

VCE History

Proposed Subject Cost: Year 10 History Elective: $45 per semester

Year 10 Legal Studies

This Year 10 Legal studies elective explores the key features of Australia's political and legal systems. Students investigate the principles of democracy, the role of government, and how laws are made and applied in society. Through the study of real-world issues, they develop an understanding of the rights and responsibilities of citizens. The course strengthens critical thinking and extended writing skills, providing a strong foundation for students considering VCE Legal Studies.

Senior School Pathway - Possible future studies in this area are:

VCE Legal Studies

Proposed Subject Cost: Year 10 Legal Studies Elective: $45 per semester

Languages Year 10 Electives

Indonesian

Year 10 Indonesian builds on students' prior language learning, developing their ability to communicate confidently in a range of real-world contexts. Students strengthen their skills in listening, speaking, reading and writing while deepening their understanding of Indonesian culture and its relevance to Australia and the wider world. Through engaging experiences, including exploring Indonesian culture within Melbourne, students make meaningful connections between language and everyday life. The course prepares students for future pathways by developing intercultural understanding and a functional level of language competency. Students considering studying Indonesian (Second Language) as part of their VCE studies are strongly advised to undertake this elective.

Students undertaking this elective have the choice of participating in an **optional study tour** to Indonesia offering a chance to apply language skills in a real-life setting.

Senior School Pathway - Possible future studies in this area are:

VCE Indonesian (Second Language)

Proposed Subject Cost: Indonesian Elective: $65 per semester

Science Year 10 Electives

Advanced Science

This elective develops students' science inquiry and thinking skills in preparation for VCE Biology, Chemistry and Physics. Students explore advanced concepts across these disciplines while building essential skills such as experimental design, data analysis and scientific communication. With a focus on student voice and agency, learners investigate topics of personal interest, applying their knowledge to real-world scientific questions. The course enhances critical and creative thinking, providing a strong foundation for future VCE science studies.

Senior School Pathway - Possible future studies in this area are:

VCE Biology
VCE Chemistry
VCE Physics

Proposed Subject Cost: Advanced Science Elective: $50 per semester

Year 10 Psychology

This elective introduces students to the fascinating field of neuroscience, exploring how the brain and nervous system influence thoughts, feelings and behaviour. Students investigate topics such as learning, memory, mental health and neurological disorders, developing an understanding of how the brain functions and impacts everyday life. Through practical activities and the study of real-world psychological research, students build skills in inquiry, analysis and ethical thinking. This course supports personal wellbeing while providing a strong foundation for further study in VCE Psychology.

Senior School Pathway - Possible future studies in this area are:

VCE Psychology

Proposed Subject Cost: Year 10 Psychology Elective: $50 per semester

VET

Year 10 Multi-Industry Pathway Program

The AGA Year 10 Multi-Industry Pathway program offers students the opportunity to experience a range of trade areas and gain insight into potential career pathways. Through practical, hands-on learning, students develop an understanding of industry expectations and explore their suitability for different trades without committing to a full qualification or apprenticeship. The program aims to build confidence, independence and informed decision-making about future study or employment. Students also develop practical skills linked to industry competencies, supporting their transition beyond school. Students will also gain their Construction Induction Card (White card) on successful completion of the Semester course.

Students will undertake units from the following Certificate II programs:

- Certificate II in Electrotechnology (Career start)
- Certificate II in Automotive Vocational Preparation
- Certificate II in Building and Construction (pre-apprenticeship)
- Certificate II in Plumbing (pre-apprenticeship)

Senior School Pathway - Possible future studies in this area are:

VET Certificate II and III in various trade pathways.

Proposed Subject Cost: Year 10 Multi-Industry Pathway Program Elective: $100 per semester

Course Selection Tools - Year 10

Year 10 Electives:

The Arts	• Performing Arts • Media • Visual Arts • Visual Communication & Design	**Humanities**	• Year 10 Business Management • Year 10 History • Year 10 Legal Studies
Design & Technology	• Product Design & Technology • Food Studies • Textiles	**Languages**	• Indonesian
English	• English Literature	**Science**	• Advanced Science • Year 10 Psychology
Health & Physical Education	• Advanced Health & Human Development • Advanced Physical Education		

Option 1 – Year 10 Program (with no acceleration)

	Core Subjects				Elective Choices	
Semester 1	**English** (5 periods p/w)	**Maths** (5 periods p/w)	**Science** (2/3 periods p/w)	**Health & PE** (2/3 periods p/w)	**Elective** (5 periods p/w)	**Elective** (5 periods p/w)
Semester 2					**Elective** (5 periods p/w)	**Elective** (5 periods p/w)

Possible Electives I am interested in (list in preference order):

Selection 1:	
Selection 2:	
Selection 3:	
Selection 4:	
Selection 5:	
Selection 6:	

Option 2 – Year 10 Program with accelerated VCE or VET subject

Students wishing to complete an accelerated subject in Year 10 must submit an Acceleration Application by **Monday 13th July 2026.** This form can be collected from Student Services from Week 7, term 2 and must be submitted back to student services with all the required documentation.

**No late applications will be accepted.*

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Possible VCE / VET subjects I am interested in (list in preference order):

Selection 1:	
Selection 2:	
Selection 3:	

Please note: If your application is successful, the VCE subject will take the place of two elective units.

Note: Due to the complexity of the subject and year 10 prerequisite knowledge, students are **not** permitted to accelerate in the following subjects:

- English
- Maths Methods
- Specialist Maths
- Chemistry
- Physics
- Languages (Indonesian)

Possible Electives I am interested in (list in preference order):

Selection 1:	
Selection 2:	
Selection 3:	
Selection 4:	
Selection 5:	
Selection 6:	

Senior Secondary Certificate options

Students in Years 11&12 have two possible programs they can choose from. These are

- Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE)
- Victorian Certificate of Education – Vocational Major (VCE-VM)

Certificate	Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE)	Victorian Certificate of Education – Vocational Major (VCE-VM) (Victorian Pathways Certificate also available)
Post School options	- University (via ATAR) - TAFE - Apprenticeships - Traineeships - Employment	- TAFE - Apprenticeships - Traineeships - University (non-ATAR pathways) - Employment

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Vocational Education & Training (VET)

VCE Pathway

The VCE Pathway allows you to choose a variety of studies that let you explore your interests and pursue your goals. Unit 1 and 2 subjects are usually studied in Year 11, and Unit 3 and 4 subjects are usually studied in Year 12. Completing the VCE can give you an ATAR score, offering a direct pathway to university.

The VCE can take you in many different directions after school and is a great choice if you prefer learning in a classroom environment and know you might want to go to university right after school. The VCE will prepare you for:

- university
- an apprenticeship or traineeship
- further education and training
- going straight into the workforce.

VCE VM (Vocational Major)

The VCE Vocational Major (VCE VM) is a vocational and applied learning program within the VCE designed to be completed over a minimum of two years. The VCE VM is a variation on the previous VCAL program. It is an alternative to VCE which ideally should be started in Year 11 and is a 2-year qualification.
The VCE-VM will give students greater choice and flexibility to pursue their strengths and interests and develop the skills and capabilities needed to succeed in further education, work and life. It prepares students to move into apprenticeships, traineeships, further education and training, university (via non-ATAR pathways) or directly into the workforce.

VET Options

VET courses give hands on training and experience that get you job ready and into the workforce much quicker. You can apply to accelerate and start one of these in year 10 or pick one up in year 11. If you choose to undertake the VCE VM pathway in year 11 and 12, you **must** complete a VET course or a SBAT.

VCE and VCE-VM Pathways

Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE)	Victorian Certificate of Education – Vocational Major (VCE-VM)
A two-year senior secondary certificate that provides pathways to tertiary education, advanced certificate courses and the workforce. At MESC, students study 20 units across 2 years – 5 subjects in year 11 and 5 subjects in year 12. If approved, a student can accelerate in a VCE /VET subject in Year 10. This will provide them with 22 Units by the end of year 12, if they still complete 5 subjects in Year 12. Students can select from a wide range of subjects (studies) including Vocational Education and Training (VET). Each study has Units 1 and 2 (Year 11) and Units 3 and 4 (Year 12). An English study is compulsory.	Two-year senior secondary certificate that incorporates vocational and applied learning studies to prepare students to move into apprenticeships, traineeships, further education and training at university (via non-ATAR pathways), or directly into a workforce. At MESC, students' study 16 units (+ VET) across 2 years. • Four compulsory subjects at VCE VM: Literacy, Mathematics, Personal Development Skills and Work-Related Skills. • At MESC the VCE VM mathematics would be either VCE Foundation Maths or VCE General Maths (encouraged for some pathways such as electrical). • Compulsory VET subject of 180 hours at Certificate II level or above (or SBAT). • Gain credit from time in workplace (Structured Workplace Learning).
VCE Assessment	**VCE-VM Assessment**
All VCE units require students to demonstrate a satisfactory result through participation and completion of coursework and assessment for each outcome that make up the unit. The classroom teacher designs Assessment Tasks for each outcome that assesses the key knowledge and key skills specified in the study design. These are common to all students in the study. This contributes to a Satisfactory (S) or Not Satisfactory (N) unit result. Assessments are in the format of School Assessment Coursework (SACs) and School Assessed Tasks (SATs) and final exams. These Assessment Tasks determine the student's level of performance in the outcome. In Year 12 these Assessment Tasks lead to study scores (a rank between 0-50) which are used to determine a student's Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank (ATAR – a number between 0 and 99.95). Students sit (internal) midyear examinations and end-of-year examinations. At Year 12 the end of year examinations are conducted by the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority.	All VCE VM units require students to demonstrate a satisfactory result through participation and completion of coursework and assessment for each outcome that make up the unit. Assessments are based on a range of learning activities and tasks. Students will receive results which note whether the skills level was excelling, achieving, satisfactory, not yet satisfactory. Students will sit the GAT (part A) but will not complete exams for their VCE VM subjects. **Students will not achieve study scores or an ATAR**

Minimum requirements to be eligible for the VCE	Minimum requirements to be eligible for the VCE-VM
By the end of Year 12, students must achieve a satisfactory 'S' completion of at least 16 units including: • Three units from the English group, including a Unit 3 and 4 sequence • Three other Unit 3 and 4 sequences To achieve an 'S' in each unit, a student must demonstrate the key knowledge and skills for the outcome as prescribed in the study design and maintain 80% VCE attendance.	By the end of Year 12, students must achieve a satisfactory 'S' completion of at least 16 units including: • Three literacy units (including a Unit 3 and 4 sequences) • Three other Unit 3 and 4 sequences • Two Numeracy or VCE Mathematics units • Two Work Related Skills units • Two Personal Development Skills units • 180 hours of VET at Certificate II level or above To achieve an 'S' in each unit, a student must demonstrate the key knowledge and skills for the outcome as prescribed in the study design and maintain 80% VCE attendance.
VCE student	**VCE-VM student**
Classroom focus where you: • Build deep knowledge of a subject area • Apply theoretical skills and knowledge through experiments, practical activities. Can add a vocational focus through a VET subject.	Applied learning focus where you: • Concentrate on your future through real world learning contexts • Learn in a classroom, the workplace, and community You will develop project management skills and an understanding of others.
Further Study Options	**Further Study Options**
Tertiary study options requiring an ATAR (e.g. for university and TAFE)	Tertiary study options that don't require an ATAR (e.g. for apprenticeships, traineeships, further education and training, alternate university entry and workforce entry)

VCE (Baccalaureate)

The Victorian Government, through VCAA, developed a new award the VCE (Baccalaureate).

To be eligible for the award of the VCE (Baccalaureate), students will be required to meet the requirements of satisfactory completion of the VCE and:

- satisfactorily complete a Units 3 and 4 sequence from English or Literature or English Language with a minimum study score of 30 or English as an Additional Language (EAL) with a minimum study score of 33
- satisfactorily complete a Units 3 and 4 sequence in either Mathematical Methods or Specialist Mathematics
- satisfactorily complete a Units 3 and 4 sequence in a VCE Language.

If a student does wish to study a course at tertiary level which requires an ATAR, then a student must satisfactorily complete their VCE with both "S" results for Units 3 and 4 in any subject in the English field (at least one English field subject is compulsory) and at least sixteen units in total.
They will need to complete all of their SACs and sit all their end of Year 12 examinations.

Selecting to Continue to Accelerate in a VCE or VET subject

It is important for students and families to note that if a student wished to continue to accelerate in a VCE or VET subject and complete Units 3 and 4 as part of their Year 11 studies, then they MUST complete and submit an 'Application to continue to Accelerate in a VCE/VET Unit 3&4 subject' form.

Applications for both VCE and VET acceleration will be available for students to collect from Student Services from 1st June (Monday week 7) and must be returned no later than **Monday 13th July** (the first day of term 3). This includes all relevant documents that must be included with the application form. **Late applications will not be considered.**

Students are required to make an appointment with our Careers team during Term 2, BEFORE applying to continue to accelerate into a VCE or VET course. Applications for both VCE and VET acceleration will be available for students to collect from Student Services from **1st June (Monday week 7)** and must be returned no later than **Monday 13th July** (the first day of term 3).

It is important to note that Year 10 students seeking acceleration into a Unit 3 and 4 VCE or VET study in 2027 may not be guaranteed a position. Year 11 and 12 placements will be prioritised.

Applications for continued acceleration in VCE:

For students who would like to apply to continue to accelerate in a VCE Units 3 and 4 (Year 12) subject as part of their 2027 program, it is important to note that students **must be working at least "At the Standard" in Year 10 English**, and at a high level in their Units 1 and 2 study that they have already undertaken as part of their Year 10 studies. These expectations ensure students are well prepared for the increased academic demands of Unit 3 and 4 studies and the continued shift in both workload and academic achievement expectations of VCE subjects.

Applications for continued acceleration in VET:

For students who would like to apply to continue to accelerate in their VET Certificate II or III subject with an external provider as part of their 2027 program, it is important to note that students **must be working at least "At the Standard" in Year 10 English and Year 10 Maths and at a satisfactory level in their Units 1 and 2 VET if they have already undertaken this as part of their Year 10 studies. Consideration will also be given to current attendance**. These expectations ensure students are well prepared for the increased academic demands of accelerated study and managing the complexities of catching up on missed classes at MESC due to attendance at a VET course.

Sample Programs – VCE, VCE with an accelerated study and VCE-VM

Example 1 – a VCE student

My Year 10 Subjects	Unit 1 and 2	Unit 3 and 4
English	English	English
Maths	Maths Methods	General Maths
Advanced Health & Human Development	Health and Human Development	Health and Human Development
Advanced Science	Biology	Biology
Year 10 Business Management	-	-
Media	-	-
	Art Making and Exhibiting	Art Making and Exhibiting

Example 2 - A VCE student with an accelerated subject

My Year 10 Subjects	Unit 1 and 2	Unit 3 and 4
English	English	English
Maths	General Maths	General Maths
Units 1&2 Health & Human Development	Unit 3&4 Health & Human Development	Physical Education *
Advanced Science	Biology	Biology Psychology
Year 10 Business Management		
Media		

*NOTE – if you are already accelerating in a VCE subject as part of your year 10 studies, and you are successful when you apply to continue to accelerate in this subject in year 11, then you need to pick up a Unit 3&4 subject in year 12 (without having done the Unit 1&2 version). Not all subjects are appropriate to pick up in Year 12, as they require prerequisite knowledge from Units 1&2. These include Chemistry, Physics, Maths Methods, Specialist Maths & Languages (Indonesian). If this is you, you need to carefully consider what this subject will be and include it in your planning. You can discuss this when you meet with the Career Practitioners (Leanne & Alex).

Example 3 – a VCE VM student

My Year 10 Subjects	Unit 1 and 2	Unit 3 and 4
English	Literacy (VM)	Literacy (VM)
Maths	Foundation Maths	Foundation Maths
	Work Related Skills (WRS)	Work Related Skills (WRS)
	Personal Development Skills (PDS)	Personal Development Skills (PDS)
	VET subject/ SBAT:	VET subject/ SBAT:

At MESC, students who are studying the VCE-VM Certificate will attend MESC for their school-based subjects on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays. Wednesdays and Fridays are available for students to undertake their VET/TAFE course and/or Structured Workplace Learning/Work Experience. In some cases, if a VET Day falls outside of these allocated days, the student will need to attend school to catch up on work missed.

2027 VCE Subject List

The Arts	VCE Art Making & Exhibiting VCE Dance VCE Drama VCE Media VCE Music VCE Visual Communication & Design VET Music Tech Production) Certificate III VET Music (Music Performance) Certificate III
Design & Technology	VCE Food Studies VCE Product Design & Technology
English	VCE English VCE Literature
Health & Physical Education	VCE Health & Human Development VCE Outdoor & Environmental Studies VCE Physical Education
Humanities	VCE Business Management VCE History: Revolutions VCE Legal studies
Languages	VCE Indonesian (Second Language)
Mathematics	VCE Foundation Mathematics VCE General Mathematics VCE Mathematical Methods VCE Specialist Mathematics
Science	VCE Biology VCE Chemistry VCE Physics VCE Psychology

As elective subjects, each subject will only proceed if enough interest is sought and confirmed.

Proposed Subject Levies – VCE Subjects

The following contributions are requested when enrolling in the subject indicated below. These charges represent extra materials that are required to complete the course. Charges will be available for parents to view and make payment on Compass once published at the end of October. Payment plans are available via Compass as four equal instalments (Information and other payment alternatives will be available on Compass at the time of publication).

Domain	Subject/s	Proposed Subject Cost:	
		Year 11	Year 12
The Arts	VCE Art Making & Exhibiting	$35	$35
	VCE Dance	$35	$35
	VCE Drama	$25	$25
	VCE Media	$25	$25
	VCE Music	$45	$45
	VCE Visual Communication & Design	$30	$30
Design & Technology	VCE Food Studies	$50	$50
	VCE Product Design & Technology	$45	$45
English	VCE English	$70	$80
	VCE Literature	$60	$70
Health & Physical Education	VCE Health & Human Development	$45	$50
	VCE Outdoor & Environmental Studies	$50	$50
	VCE Physical Education	$65	$65
Humanities	VCE Business Management	$30	$85
	VCE History: Revolutions	$30	$50
	VCE Legal Studies	$30	$85
Languages	VCE Indonesian (Second Language)	$65	$70
Mathematics	VCE Foundation Mathematics	$45	$70
	VCE General Mathematics	$45	$70
	VCE Mathematical Methods	$45	$70
	VCE Specialist Mathematics	$45	$70
Science	VCE Biology	$55	$65
	VCE Chemistry	$50	$55
	VCE Physics	$65	$75
	VCE Psychology	$50	$60
Vocational Major	VM Literacy	$60	$60
	VM Personal Development Skills	$110	$110
	VM Work Related Skills	$100	$100
Victorian Pathways Certificate	VPC Literacy	$60	$60
	VPC Numeracy	$60	$60
	VM Personal Development Skills	$110	$110
	VM Work Related Skills	$100	$100
VET Music at MESC	Cert III – Music Performance	$0	$0
	Cert III – Music Sound Production	$0	$0

The Arts VCE Subjects

VCE Art Making & Exhibiting

Art Making & Exhibiting Units 1–4 provides students with a comprehensive exploration of artistic practice, from developing ideas to presenting finished artworks. Across the course, students investigate how artists use materials, techniques and visual language to communicate meaning, while building their own creative processes through experimentation and reflection. They document their learning in a Visual Arts journal, recording research, inspiration and the development of their work. Students also explore how artworks are displayed and curated, gaining an understanding of exhibitions and preparing their work for presentation to an audience.

Proposed Subject Cost: VCE Art Making & Exhibiting $35 per semester

Unit 1 & 2 - Please note: Approximate cost of $120 as extra-curricular items to enhance learning. This will be charged throughout the year via Compass Events

Unit 3 & 4 - Please note: Approximate cost of $130 as extra-curricular items to enhance learning. This will be charged throughout the year via Compass Events

VCE Dance

VCE Dance provides students with the opportunity to explore movement as a powerful form of creative expression and communication. Students develop their skills through regular dance training while creating and performing their own works, as well as analysing professional dance pieces. The course builds choreographic, performance and analytical skills, encouraging students to develop a personal movement style and artistic voice. Through both practical and theoretical learning, students gain an understanding of how dance reflects and influences culture, society and the arts.

Entry:
It is recommended that students have at least two years of dance and/or movement experience prior to the commencement of VCE Dance. This experience might focus on a specific dance style or could involve development of a personal movement vocabulary.

Proposed Subject Cost: VCE Dance $35 per semester

VCE Drama

VCE Drama Units 1–4 provides students with opportunities to create, perform and analyse a range of dramatic works. Students explore different performance styles, develop characters and collaborate to devise both ensemble and solo performances inspired by a variety of stimulus material. The course focuses on building expressive, performance and creative thinking skills, while also encouraging reflection and evaluation of both student and professional performances. Through practical and analytical work, students gain an understanding of how drama communicates ideas, stories and aspects of identity in diverse contexts.

Proposed Subject Cost: VCE Drama $25 per semester

Unit 1 & 2 -Please note: Approximate cost of $90 as extra-curricular items to enhance learning. This will be charged throughout the year via Compass Events

Unit 3 & 4 - Please note: Approximate cost of $100 as extra-curricular items to enhance learning. This will be charged throughout the year via Compass Events

VCE Media

VCE Media explores the powerful role media plays in shaping and reflecting society, while developing students' skills as both creators and critical audiences. Students investigate a range of media forms, including film, photography, television and digital media, and learn how media products are created, structured and interpreted. Through practical and analytical work, students build an understanding of media production processes, audience engagement and the influence of media technologies. The course strengthens creativity, critical thinking and communication skills, preparing students for further study and participation in a media-rich world.

Proposed Subject Cost: VCE Media $25 per semester

Unit 1 & 2 - Please note: Approximate cost of $80 as extra-curricular items to enhance learning. This will be charged throughout the year via Compass Events

Unit 3 & 4 - Please note: Approximate cost of $90 as extra-curricular items to enhance learning. This will be charged throughout the year via Compass Events

VCE Music

VCE Music provides students with opportunities to actively engage in performance, composition and analysis across a range of musical styles and contexts. Students develop their musicianship skills as performers, composers and informed listeners, while exploring music from diverse cultures, times and genres. Through practical and theoretical learning, students refine their ability to communicate musical ideas and interpret works with technical and expressive confidence. The course also builds skills in using music technologies, supporting creativity and preparing students for further study or involvement in music.

Entry: There are no prerequisites for entry to Units 1, 2 and 3. However, to undertake Units 3 and 4 Solo Performance students should have about three years' experience prior to Year 11 on a musical instrument or voice. Students must undertake Unit 3 prior to undertaking Unit 4. A basis in music theory would also be useful.

Proposed Subject Cost: VCE Music $45 per semester

Unit 1 & 2 - Please note: Approximate cost of $50 as extra-curricular items to enhance learning. This will be charged throughout the year via Compass Events

Unit 3 & 4 - Please note: Approximate cost of $60 as extra-curricular items to enhance learning. This will be charged throughout the year via Compass Events

VCE Visual Communication & Design

VCE Visual Communication Design develops students' ability to understand, create and interpret visual messages across a range of design fields. Students apply design thinking and the design process to communicate ideas using manual and digital drawing methods, while building skills in using design elements and principles effectively. The course explores communication, environmental and industrial design, with a focus on meeting the needs of specific audiences and purposes. Through both practical and analytical work, students develop a critical and informed approach to design in everyday life.

Proposed Subject Cost: VCE Visual Communication & Design $30 per semester

Unit 1 & 2 - Please note: Approximate cost of $80 as extra-curricular items to enhance learning. This will be charged throughout the year via Compass Events

Unit 3 & 4 - Please note: Approximate cost of $85 as extra-curricular items to enhance learning. This will be charged throughout the year via Compass Events

VET Music (Music Performance) Certificate III at MESC

This program provides students with a wide range of knowledge and skills that will enable them to maximise their employment opportunities as a performer or composer in the music industry.

At the completion of the Certificate III in Music (Music Performance) students will be able to:

- Explain how the Australian music industry works
- Promote their works
- Build business and management skills

Proposed Subject Cost: VET Music (Music Performance) Certificate III $0 per semester

VET Music (Tech Production) Certificate III at MESC

This program provides students with a wide range of knowledge and skills to be able to work in the music industry in a variety of music technology and related fields, including live technology, multimedia and recording technology.

At the completion of the Certificate III in Music (Technical Production), students will be able to:

- Work under supervision in live and/or studio audio in a local environment
- Work safely, maintaining work/contractual relations
- Understand the way the music industry functions

Proposed Subject Cost: VET Music (Tech Production) Certificate III $0 per semester

Design & Technology VCE Subjects

VCE Food Studies

VCE Food Studies Units 1–4 explores the relationships between food, culture, science and society across local and global contexts. Students investigate the origins of food, contemporary food systems, nutrition, and the factors that influence food choices, while also examining current issues such as sustainability, food security and ethical production. Through practical activities, students develop skills in food preparation, analysis and evaluation, applying their understanding to real-world contexts. The course builds knowledge and critical thinking skills, supporting informed decision-making about food and health, and preparing students for further study or pathways in food-related fields.

Proposed Subject Cost: VCE Food Studies $50 per semester

Unit 1 & 2 - Please note: Approximate cost of $160 as extra-curricular items to enhance learning. This will be charged throughout the year via Compass Events

Unit 3 & 4 - Please note: Approximate cost of $150 as extra-curricular items to enhance learning. This will be charged throughout the year via Compass Events

VCE Product Design & Technology

VCE Product Design and Technology empowers students to think like designers, exploring how products are created to meet human needs while considering sustainability, ethics and social responsibility. Through a range of practical and collaborative projects, students investigate existing designs and apply the product design process to develop their own solutions. The course builds skills in design thinking, innovation, planning and evaluation, using a variety of materials and technologies, including options in textiles and fashion. By examining real-world design practices, students gain valuable skills for future study and careers in design, engineering and related industries.

Proposed Subject Cost: VCE Product Design & Technology $45 per semester

Unit 1 & 2 -Please note: Approximate cost of $110 as extra-curricular items to enhance learning. This will be charged throughout the year via Compass Events

Unit 3 & 4 - Please note: Approximate cost of $140 as extra-curricular items to enhance learning. This will be charged throughout the year via Compass Events

English VCE Subjects

VCE English

VCE English and English as an Additional Language (EAL) develops students' skills in reading, writing, speaking and listening across a range of contexts. Through engagement with diverse texts from different times, cultures and perspectives, students build their ability to think critically and creatively, and to communicate effectively with a range of audiences. The course focuses on analysing how texts create meaning, crafting written and oral responses, and exploring how language is used to persuade and influence. By strengthening communication, interpretation and reflection skills, this study prepares students to engage confidently with their world and supports success in further education and beyond.

Entry:
There are no prerequisites for entry to Units 1, 2 and 3. Students must undertake Unit 3 prior to undertaking Unit 4. Units 1 to 4 are designed to a standard equivalent to the final two years of secondary education. All VCE studies are benchmarked against comparable national and international curriculum.

Proposed Subject Cost: VCE English Unit 1 & 2 $70 per semester

VCE English Unit 3 & 4 $80 per semester

VCE Literature

VCE Literature encourages students to deepen their appreciation of storytelling and the artistic qualities of literary texts. Through the study of a diverse range of works, students explore how language, structure and context shape meaning, while developing their own critical and creative responses. The course examines literary movements, genres and the voices of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander authors, building an understanding of how texts reflect and challenge cultural perspectives. By engaging closely with complex texts, students enhance their analytical thinking and develop a confident, independent voice as readers and writers.

Proposed Subject Cost: VCE Literature Unit 1 & 2 $60 per semester

VCE Literature Unit 3 & 4 $70 per semester

Heath & Physical Education VCE Subjects

VCE Health & Human Development

VCE Health and Human Development Units 1–4 explores health and wellbeing across individual, national and global contexts. Students examine how health is influenced by a range of social, cultural, economic and environmental factors, and develop an understanding of health as a dynamic and multifaceted concept. The course investigates Australia's healthcare system, global health challenges, and the role of organisations in improving health outcomes and human development. Through the analysis of data and real-world issues, students build health literacy and critical thinking skills, preparing them to make informed decisions and engage with health issues in society.

Proposed Subject Cost: VCE Health & Human Development Unit 1 & 2 $45 per semester

VCE Health & Human Development Unit 3 & 4 $50 per semester

VCE Outdoor & Environmental Studies

VCE Outdoor and Environmental Studies explores the dynamic relationships between humans and the natural environment through both theoretical study and practical experiences. Students investigate how these relationships have developed over time, including Indigenous perspectives, and examine the environmental, social and cultural factors that influence our interaction with nature. Through activities such as camps and fieldwork, students build practical skills and deepen their understanding of sustainability and environmental management. The course encourages critical thinking about the impacts of human activity and supports students to develop informed and responsible approaches to protecting outdoor environments.

Proposed Subject Cost: VCE Outdoor & Environmental Studies $50 per year.

Units 1&2: Please note: Approximate cost of $800-$900 as extra-curricular items/excursions to enhance learning and cover described activities listed above. This will be charged throughout the year via Compass Events

Units 3&4: Please note: Approximate cost of $900 as extra-curricular items/excursions to enhance learning and cover described activities listed above. This will be charged throughout the year via Compass Events

VCE Physical Education

VCE Physical Education explores how the body produces and refines movement, examining the relationships between physiological, biomechanical and psychological factors. Students investigate topics such as energy systems, training principles, skill acquisition and the impact of physical activity on health and society. Through a combination of theoretical study and practical application, students analyse performance and develop strategies to improve fitness and participation. This course provides a strong foundation for pathways in sport science, health, coaching and related fields.

Proposed Subject Cost: VCE Physical Education $65 per year

Please note: Approximate cost of $50 as extra-curricular items/excursions to enhance learning. This will be charged throughout the year via Compass Events

Humanities VCE Subjects

VCE Business Management

Business Management Units 1–4 explores how businesses operate and how managers make decisions to achieve organisational goals. Students examine a range of business types and develop an understanding of how resources, people and processes are effectively managed in different contexts. Through the study of real-world case studies, students analyse key areas such as planning, marketing, operations and change management. This course builds critical thinking and decision-making skills, preparing students to become informed and responsible participants in the business world.

Proposed Subject Cost: VCE Business Management Unit 1 & 2 $30 per semester

VCE Business Management Unit 3 & 4 $85 per semester

VCE History: Revolutions

VCE History Units 1–4 enables students to explore significant events, ideas, movements and individuals that have shaped the modern world. Through the study of change, conflict, global developments and revolutions, students gain a deeper understanding of how societies evolve over time and how the past continues to influence the present. The course develops critical thinking, research and analytical skills, as students examine a range of historical sources and interpretations. By constructing evidence-based arguments, students build the skills needed to become informed and thoughtful global citizens.

Proposed Subject Cost: VCE History: Revolutions Unit 1 & 2 $30 per semester

VCE History: Revolutions Unit 3 & 4 $50 per semester

VCE Legal Studies

VCE Legal Studies explores how laws are made, applied and reformed, and how the legal system serves individuals and the broader community. Students investigate key areas such as criminal and civil law, the justice system, and the role of the Constitution in shaping Australia's legal framework. Through the analysis of real and hypothetical cases, students develop skills in legal reasoning, critical thinking and evaluation of legal processes. This course supports informed and active citizenship by building an understanding of rights, responsibilities and the role of law in society.

Proposed Subject Cost: VCE Legal studies Unit 1 & 2 $30 per semester

VCE Legal Studies Unit 3 & 4 $85 per semester

Languages VCE Subjects

VCE Indonesian (Second Language)

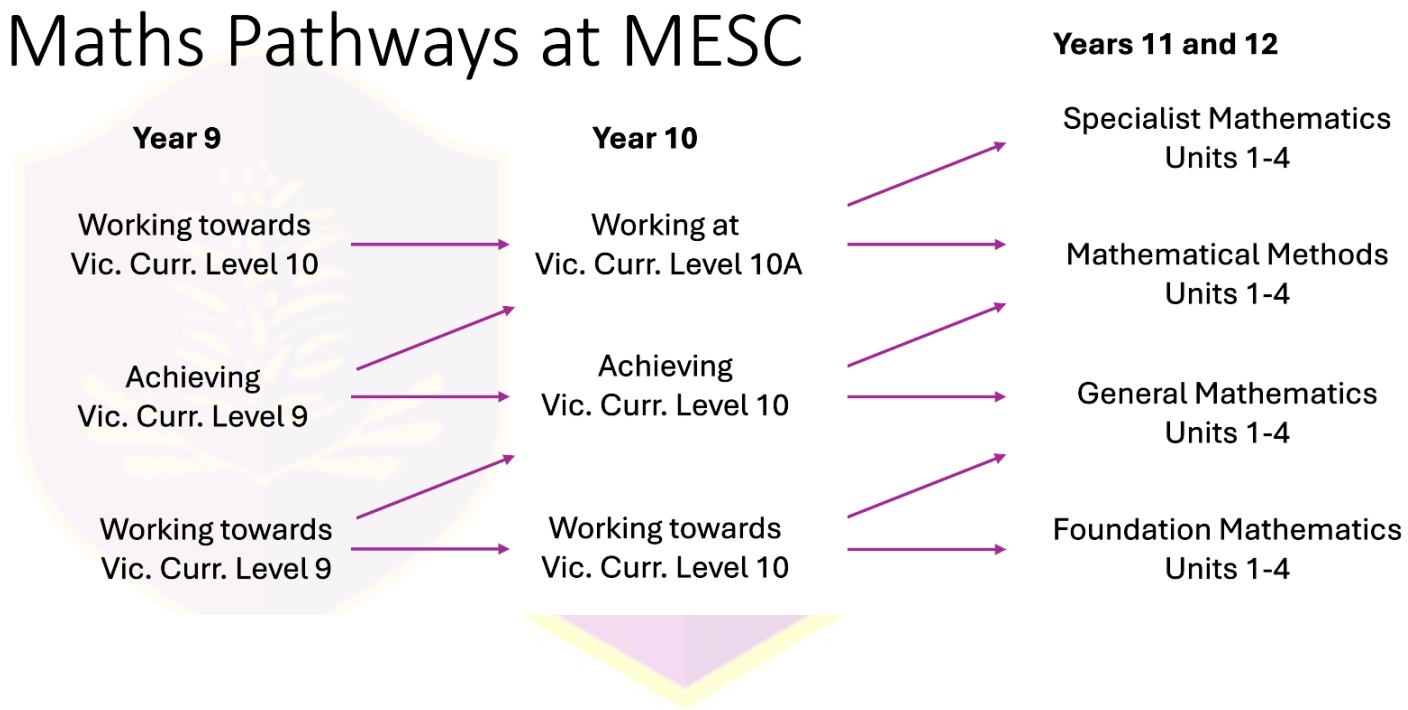
VCE Indonesian (Second Language) develops students' ability to communicate effectively in Indonesian across interpersonal, interpretive and presentational contexts. Students strengthen their skills in listening, speaking, reading, writing and viewing while exploring a range of topics related to Indonesian-speaking communities. The course emphasises the relationship between language and culture, encouraging students to reflect on how culture shapes communication, identity and meaning. Through this study, students build intercultural understanding and gain valuable skills for further study, travel and global engagement.

Entry: VCE Indonesian (Second Language) is designed for students who have typically studied the language for at least 200 hours prior to the commencement of Unit 1.

Proposed Subject Cost: VCE Indonesian (Second Language) Unit 1 & 2 $65 per semester

VCE Indonesian (Second Language) Unit 3 & 4 $70 per semester

Mathematics VCE Subjects



VCE Foundation Mathematics

Foundation Mathematics Units 1 and 2 provides students with practical mathematical skills for everyday life, work and further learning. The course focuses on applying mathematics to real-world contexts, including number, data, measurement and problem-solving situations. Students develop their ability to interpret information, use mathematical methods effectively and communicate their reasoning clearly, both independently and collaboratively. With a strong emphasis on practical application and the use of technology, this subject builds confidence and supports informed decision-making in a variety of settings.

Entry: Foundation Mathematics is primarily for students wishing to develop life numeracy skills.

Pathway: Foundation Mathematics 1/2 may lead on to 3/4 in Year 12.

Foundation Mathematics Units 3 and 4 focuses on applying mathematical skills to solve real-world problems across a variety of contexts, including personal, workplace and community settings. Students further develop their understanding of number, data, measurement and discrete mathematics, building confidence in using both mental and technology-assisted methods. The course emphasises practical application, critical thinking and effective communication of mathematical reasoning. This study supports students in making informed decisions and prepares them for future pathways where applied mathematics is required.

Entry: Students attempting Foundation Mathematics should have satisfactorily completed all three outcomes in Foundation Mathematics Units 1 and 2 or General Mathematics Units 1 and 2.

Proposed Subject Cost: VCE Foundation Mathematics Unit 1 & 2 $45 per semester

VCE Foundation Mathematics Unit 3 & $ $70 per semester

VCE General Mathematics

General Mathematics Units 1 and 2 provides students with a broad foundation in mathematical concepts and prepares them for further study at Units 3 and 4 level. Students explore key areas including data analysis and statistics, algebra, functions and graphs, discrete mathematics, and measurement. The course emphasises applying mathematical techniques and processes to solve problems in a variety of real-world contexts, both with and without the use of technology. Through this study, students develop confidence, flexibility and the ability to interpret and communicate mathematical information effectively.

Entry: Students wishing to enrol in General Mathematics should have achieved an average "At the standard" result in Year 10 Mathematics and have well developed mathematical skills.

Pathway: General Mathematics may lead on to General Mathematics at Year 12 or students may choose not to pursue mathematics at Year 12.

General Mathematics Units 3 and 4 focuses on the practical application of mathematics in real-world contexts. Students study key areas including data analysis, financial modelling, matrices, and networks, developing skills that support decision-making and problem-solving. The course emphasises the use of mathematical techniques alongside technology to interpret data, model situations and communicate solutions effectively. This study provides a strong foundation for students pursuing pathways where applied mathematics and analytical thinking are highly valued.

Entry: Students attempting General Mathematics should have satisfactorily completed all three outcomes in General Mathematics Units 1 and 2 or Mathematical Methods 1 and 2.

Proposed Subject Cost: VCE General Mathematics Unit 1 & 2 $45 per semester

VCE General Mathematics Unit 3 & 4 $70 per semester

Additionally, students are required to retain /purchase a CAS calculator, and it is recommended that students also retain/purchase scientific calculator.

VCE Mathematical Methods

Mathematical Methods Units 1 and 2 introduces students to key mathematical concepts including functions, algebra, calculus, and probability and statistics. Students develop skills in analysing and representing relationships using graphs, as well as solving problems through algebraic and calculus-based methods. The course emphasises both theoretical understanding and practical application, with the use of technology to support mathematical investigation. This study provides a strong foundation for Mathematical Methods Units 3 and 4 and supports pathways into STEM-related fields.

Entry: Entry to this subject is based on demonstrated performance. Students who wish to enrol in Mathematical Methods must have achieved "Above the standard" in Year 10 Mathematics and must also sit the Mathematical Methods entry exam, demonstrating an appropriate level of knowledge and skills to ensure success in this subject.

Pathway: Students who pass Mathematical Methods Units 1 and 2 may consider General Mathematics at Year 12. Students who perform well may consider Mathematical Methods at Year 12. For students to be eligible for the award of VCE (Baccalaureate) they will need to study either Mathematical Methods (CAS) Units 3 and 4 or Specialist Mathematics Units 3 and 4. Although it is possible to prepare for Mathematical Methods (CAS) Units 3 and 4 by studying only Mathematical Methods (CAS) Units 1 and 2, a much firmer basis is obtained by also studying Specialist Mathematics Units 1 and 2.

Mathematical Methods Units 3 and 4 extends students' understanding of functions, algebra, calculus, probability and statistics, with a strong focus on both theoretical concepts and real-world applications. Students develop advanced skills in analysing relationships, modelling problems and using calculus techniques such as differentiation and integration. The course emphasises reasoning, problem-solving and the effective use of technology to support mathematical thinking. This study provides a strong foundation for further study in mathematics, science, engineering and related fields.

Entry: Students attempting Units 3& 4 Mathematical Methods should have satisfactorily completed all three outcomes in Mathematical Methods 1 and 2. *(Enrolment in Specialist Mathematics Units 3 and 4 assumes a current enrolment in, or previous completion of, Mathematical Methods Units 3 and 4.)*

Proposed Subject Cost: VCE Mathematical Methods Unit 1 & 2 $45 per semester

VCE Mathematical Methods Unit 3 & 4 $70 per semester

Additionally, students are required to retain /purchase a CAS calculator, and it is recommended that students also retain/purchase scientific calculator.

VCE Specialist Mathematics

Specialist Mathematics Units 1 and 2 provides students with an in-depth and challenging study of advanced mathematical concepts and processes. The course focuses on developing skills in algebra, discrete mathematics, functions and problem-solving, with an emphasis on reasoning, modelling and proof. Students explore complex ideas and apply them to a wide range of theoretical and practical contexts, both with and without the use of technology. This study offers strong preparation for Specialist Mathematics Units 3 and 4 and supports pathways into mathematics, science and engineering fields.

Entry: Only students who are enrolled in Mathematical Methods should consider this subject

Pathway: Specialist Mathematics students are likely to go on to Mathematics Methods and/or Specialist Mathematics at Year 12 and be considering tertiary studies requiring mathematics and related subjects. Students are strongly encouraged to check prerequisites for entrance to tertiary courses. Although it is possible to prepare for Mathematical Methods (CAS) Units 3 and 4 by studying only Mathematical Methods Units 1 and 2, a much firmer basis is obtained by also studying Specialist Units 1 and 2.

Specialist Mathematics Units 3 and 4 provides students with an advanced and rigorous study of mathematics, extending concepts from algebra, calculus, functions, data analysis and discrete mathematics. Students develop high-level problem-solving, reasoning and modelling skills, applying mathematical techniques to both theoretical and real-world contexts. The course emphasises precise thinking, mathematical proof and the effective use of technology to support complex analysis. This study is ideal for students pursuing pathways in mathematics, engineering, science and other mathematically demanding fields

Entry: Enrolment in Specialist Mathematics Units 3 and 4 assumes a current enrolment in, or previous completion of, Mathematical Methods Units 3 and 4. In all but the most exceptional circumstances students must successfully complete Units 1 and 2 Specialist Mathematics in Year 11.

Proposed Subject Cost: VCE Specialist Mathematics Unit 1 & 2 $45 per semester

VCE Specialist Mathematics Unit 3 & 4 $70 per semester

Additionally, students are required to retain /purchase a CAS calculator, and it is recommended that students also retain/purchase scientific calculator.

Science VCE Subjects

VCE Biology

Biology Units 1–4 explores the diversity of life and how living organisms function, interact and evolve over time, from the cellular level to whole organisms. Students investigate key concepts such as genetics, evolution, homeostasis, and the biochemical processes essential for life, while developing practical skills in scientific inquiry and investigation. The course also examines modern applications of biological science, including DNA technologies and their ethical implications. Through this, students gain a deeper understanding of the living world and the scientific principles that underpin it, preparing them for further study and real-world challenges.

Entry:

There are no prerequisites for entry to Units 1, 2 and 3. Students must undertake Unit 3 prior to undertaking Unit 4.

Proposed Subject Cost: VCE Biology Unit 1 & 2 $55 per semester

VCE Biology Unit 3 & 4 $65 per semester

VCE Chemistry

Chemistry Units 1–4 explores the fundamental principles that underpin the materials, processes and technologies used in everyday life. Students investigate the structure and properties of substances, chemical reactions, energy transformations and the design of chemical processes, with a strong emphasis on practical laboratory work. The course examines real-world applications such as sustainable materials, fuels, medicines and environmental solutions, while developing both qualitative and quantitative problem-solving skills. Through this study, students build a deep understanding of chemistry and its role in addressing contemporary scientific and societal challenges.

Entry:

There are no prerequisites for entry to Units 1, 2 and 3. Students who enter the study at Unit 2 or 3 may need to undertake preparatory work. Students must undertake Unit 3 prior to undertaking Unit 4 and in view of the sequenced nature of the study **it is strongly advised that students undertake Units 1and 2 prior to Units 3 and 4.**

Proposed Subject Cost: VCE Chemistry Unit 1 & 2 $50 per semester

VCE Chemistry Unit 3 & 4 $55 per semester

VCE Physics

VCE Physics explores how the physical world works, from the motion of everyday objects to the behaviour of energy, forces and the universe itself. Students investigate key concepts including motion, electricity, waves and fields, applying both theoretical understanding and mathematical analysis to solve problems. Through practical investigations and experiments, students develop skills in data collection, analysis and scientific reasoning. This course supports pathways into science, engineering, medicine and technology by building strong analytical and problem-solving skills.

Entry: While Unit 3 and 4 Physics does not require Units 1 and 2 Physics as a pre-requisite, the approaches to learning and problem solving developed in those units means that students should strongly consider completing them before Units 3 and 4. Solving problems in physics involves understanding a mix of both conceptual and numerical relationships. Students entering the subject should be confident with rearranging algebraic equations.

Proposed Subject Cost: VCE Physics Unit 1 & 2 $65 per semester

VCE Physics Unit 3 & 4 $75 per semester

VCE Psychology

VCE Psychology explores how and why we think, feel and behave by examining the complex relationships between biological, psychological and social factors. Students investigate topics such as brain function, learning and memory, perception, stress, sleep and mental wellbeing, using contemporary research and real-world examples. The course develops scientific inquiry skills through practical investigations and analysis of psychological evidence. By building critical thinking and understanding of human behaviour, students are prepared for further study and informed participation in everyday life.

Proposed Subject Cost: VCE Psychology Unit 1 & 2 $50 per semester

VCE Psychology Unit 3 & 4 $60 per semester

Unit 1 & 2 - Please note: Approximate cost of $35 as extra-curricular items to enhance learning. This will be charged throughout the year via Compass Events

Unit 3 & 4 - Please note: Approximate cost of $35 as extra-curricular items to enhance learning. This will be charged throughout the year via Compass Events

Attendance

All VCE units involve at least 50 hours of scheduled classroom instruction. A student needs to demonstrate sufficient class attendance to fulfil the time and work requirements of the unit. The school sets minimum class time and attendance rules. If a student has completed work but there has been a substantial breach of the school's attendance policy, the school may be unable to authenticate the student's work completed across the outcome. Where the school chooses to assign an N result for the unit, because the work cannot be authenticated, the school must assign an N for the outcome or outcomes that cannot be authenticated. (VCAA administration handbook). Any absences must be approved by the senior school year level coordinators through the submission of either a medical certificate OR additional documentation.

VCE Vocational Major (VCE-VM) Subjects

Subject Area	Units 1 and 2 (Year 11)	Units 3 and 4 (Year 12)
Literacy	Units 1&2 VM Literacy OR Units 1&2 English*	Units 3&4 VM Literacy OR Units 3&4 English*
Numeracy	Units 1&2 Foundation Mathematics OR Units 1&2 General Maths	Units 3&4 Foundation Mathematics OR Units 3&4 General Maths
VCE VM Specific subjects	Units 1&2 Personal Development Units 1&2 Work Related Skills	Units 3&4 Personal Development Units 3&4 Work Related Skills
VET Subject	Certificate II or III VET course OR School Based Apprenticeship and Traineeships (SBAT)	Certificate II or III VET course OR School Based Apprenticeship and Traineeships (SBAT)

*Timetable restraints may prevent students from studying VCE English. Individual course counselling can occur on request.

To complete the Victorian Certificate of Education Vocational Major (VCE VM), students need to complete a minimum of 180 nominal hours of Vocational Education and Training (VET) at Certificate II level or above.

VCE-VM Structured Workplace Learning

As part of the VCE Vocational Major program, students are required to undertake Structured Workplace Learning (SWL) each year at MESC.

Structured Workplace Learning (SWL) involves a student finding an industry placement aligned with their VET program, which can give them experience and an understanding of work and career opportunities within that industry. The student generally observes various aspects of the work within the industry and is given relevant tasks to complete under supervision.

SWL provides an opportunity for students to apply what they have learnt in their VET program to the real-world work context and develop their employability skills.

Students will be required to commence their search for a work placement in the latter half of this year with a view to commencing as early as possible in Term 1, 2027.

VCE-VM-Specific Subjects

VCE Vocational Major Literacy

VCE Vocational Major Literacy develops students' ability to confidently interpret and create a wide range of texts for workplace, community, and everyday contexts. It focuses on building practical communication skills through engaging with print, visual, digital, and vocational texts of increasing complexity. Across the four units, students explore text structures, analyse diverse perspectives, understand workplace documents, and create content for advocacy and communication purposes. The course uses an applied learning approach to support students with varied abilities and prepares them for further study, employment, and active participation in society.

Proposed Subject Cost: VCE Vocational Major Literacy $60 per semester

VCE Vocational Major Personal Development

VCE Vocational Major Personal Development Skills (PDS) focuses on helping students develop self-awareness, wellbeing, and a strong sense of citizenship through understanding the connections between individuals and communities. It builds skills in goal setting, teamwork, leadership, and problem-solving, while encouraging students to engage positively with diverse communities. Across the units, students explore identity, community participation, interpersonal skills, and leadership, culminating in a community-based project. The course supports students to become resilient, capable individuals who can contribute effectively to their personal, community, and future pathways.

Proposed Subject Cost: VCE Vocational Major Personal Development $110 per semester

VCE Vocational Major Work-Related Skills

VCE Vocational Major Work-Related Skills (WRS) helps students develop the knowledge, skills, and capabilities needed to achieve their career and education goals. It builds understanding of workplace environments, future employment trends, and the skills required for success, while supporting pathway planning and decision-making. Across the units, students explore employability skills, workplace culture and relations, and develop practical tools such as resumes and personal portfolios. The course combines classroom learning with real-world experiences to prepare students for a successful transition to further education or employment.

Proposed Subject Cost: VCE Vocational Major Work-Related Skills $100 per semester

Victorian Pathways Certificate (VPC)

The Victorian Pathways Certificate (VPC) is a flexible Year 11 and 12 program, designed for students who benefit from a more individualised approach to learning. It provides a supportive and engaging curriculum focused on developing essential skills in literacy, numeracy, personal development, and work-related learning.

While the VPC can be a final qualification that recognises student achievement, it also serves as a pathway into further study, potentially including VET courses, VCE, VCE VM or employment. Aligned to Level 1 of the Australian Qualifications Framework, it builds strong foundational skills and confidence, particularly for students who may have experienced disruptions in their learning or are at risk of disengagement.

Through practical learning, industry connections, and community involvement, the VPC prepares students with the knowledge, skills, and capabilities needed to make informed decisions about their future pathways.

The VPC is not an option for all students and enrolment would be decided in partnership with the student, parent and the school at Course Counselling.

Where the VPC can take you

The VPC will help you prepare for:

- entry-level VET, which could be at TAFE
- going straight into the workforce
- an apprenticeship or traineeship
- VCE and VCE VM.

Your VPC subject options:

You'll need to complete 12 or more units, including at least:

- 2 VPC Literacy units (or units from the VCE English group including VCE VM Literacy)
- 2 VPC Numeracy units (or units from the VCE Mathematics group including VCE VM Numeracy)
- 2 VPC Work-Related Skills units
- 2 VPC Personal Development Skills units.

The remaining four units can come from other VPC units or from a VET Certificate I or above subject.

You could also spend time learning in a workplace. You can combine the VPC with VCE or VCE VM units, or VET at Certificate I level or above.

What you'll get

When you finish your VPC studies, you'll get:

- a Statement of Results from the VCAA
- a Statement of Attainment from your TAFE
- your VET qualification
- your Victorian Pathways Certificate.

For students who don't complete the full qualification, there will be a Student Achievement Profile summary.

VPC-Specific Subjects

VPC Literacy

VPC Literacy focuses on developing students' reading, writing, and oral communication skills for use in everyday life, further learning, and the workplace. It builds the ability to confidently interpret and create a wide range of texts, including written, visual, spoken, and digital forms. The subject supports students in communicating effectively in familiar and practical contexts. It is designed to meet the diverse literacy needs of students with varying abilities and goals.

Proposed Subject Cost: VPC Literacy $60 per semester

VPC Numeracy

VPC Numeracy supports students to develop practical mathematical skills for everyday life, including personal, community, and future workplace contexts. It focuses on building foundational knowledge in areas such as number, measurement, shape, and data, using familiar and accessible real-life situations. Students learn to apply mathematics through a structured problem-solving cycle, including identifying, using, and reflecting on mathematical processes. The course is designed to develop confidence and capability in using basic numeracy skills for everyday tasks and decision-making.

Proposed Subject Cost: VPC Numeracy $ 60 per semester

VPC Personal Development

VPC Personal Development Skills (PDS) focuses on supporting students to understand and care for themselves while building meaningful connections with their community. The course develops physical, social, and emotional wellbeing through self-reflection, goal setting, resilience, and an understanding of respectful relationships, consent, and self-expression. Students explore the importance of community participation and what it means to belong and contribute to a democratic society. Through practical activities, PDS builds the skills needed for personal growth, wellbeing, and active community engagement.

Proposed Subject Cost: VPC Personal Development $110 per semester

VPC Work Related Skills

VPC Work Related Skills (WRS) focuses on developing the knowledge, skills, and personal attributes needed for further education and employment. It provides practical opportunities for students to build employability skills through real-world and collaborative activities. The course explores key areas such as workplace health and culture, skill development, and planning for future pathways, including job applications and training opportunities. WRS prepares students to become confident, capable, and productive contributors in the workplace and beyond.

Proposed Subject Cost: VPC Work Related Skills $100 per semester

Vocational Education and Training (VET)

Vocational Education and Training (VET) in the Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) or VCE-Vocational Major (VCE-VM) allows students to include vocational studies within their Senior Secondary Certificate. Students undertake nationally recognised training that contributes to their VCE or VCE Vocational Major.
VET courses give hands on training and experience that get you job ready and into the workforce much quicker. You can apply to accelerate and start one of these in year 10 or pick one up in year 11. If you choose to undertake the VCE VM pathway in year 11 and 12, you **must** complete a VET course or a SBAT.

Why choose VET?

VET offers students the opportunity to:

- combine general and vocational studies
- explore career options and pathways
- undertake learning in the workplace
- gain a nationally recognised qualification or credit towards a qualification that contributes to the VCE or VCE Vocational Major
- develop skills that equip students for the workforce and further study.

How does VET contribute to the VCE and VCE-Vocational Major?

VET may contribute to the VCE at the Units 1 & 2 or Units 3 & 4 level and may also contribute to the Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR). ATAR contribution varies depending upon the VET program.

VCE VET Subject Advice

- The Australian Skills Quality Authority specifies the knowledge and skills required by individuals to perform effectively in the workplace, expressed in units of competency in every VET certificate qualification. Students who have successfully completed a VET certificate often report that it was much harder than they had anticipated and was more highly regulated. Students must demonstrate competency in all nationally recognised units to gain a satisfactory result in their VET subjects.
- Students MUST attend all of their VET classes. As classes will often run for 4-5 hours, any absence makes it difficult for a student to catch-up on the work undertaken. VET is run independent of the school and as it is governed by The Australian Skills Quality Authority, assessment processes are rigorous and cannot be modified for individual student learning needs. Students must demonstrate a satisfactory skill level in all units of competency to gain their certificate.
- VET selection is subject to availability as determined by each Registered Training Organisation. It is not automatic that a student will gain a place in their preferred VET certificate program. MESC does not make the final determinations on VET placement where the VET is delivered by a Registered Training Organisation off campus, eg., Chisholm TAFE, EMC, Somerville Secondary College, etc.
- Students cannot be guaranteed their preferred location, ie., students may need to attend Chisholm Dandenong rather than Chisholm Frankston in some instances.
- The majority of VET certificates take two years to complete.
- A very small number of VET certificates offer students a partial completion. In these cases, students are still eligible for the award of their VCE certificate. Completion of the units can be undertaken after a student has finished school in the majority of cases. There is a cost involved in completing these units which must be met by the individual student.
- VCE-VET certificates can contribute to an ATAR as either a Study Score (if the VET has an exam at the end of Year 12) or as a Block Credit (10% of the lowest scaled study score of the primary four subjects is added to the aggregate study score).

More information about VET

Shape Your VCE - Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority

2027 VET Certificate List

Please note: Changes to this list may occur. Final course offerings and availability is yet to be confirmed. Please discuss this with our Career Practitioners at MESC.

Course	Accreditation (subject to change)	Duration	Scored?	Locations
Acting (Screen) - VCE (VET)	Certificate III (22576VIC)	2 years	No	EMC, Langwarrin
Agriculture - VCE (VET)	Certificate II (AHC20116)	2 years	No	Bayside CC; EMC, Langwarrin
Animal Care - VCE (VET)	Certificate II (ACM20121)	2 years	No	Foundation Learning Centre (FLC), Frankston
Applied Fashion Design & Technology - VCE (VET)	Certificate II (MST20722)	2 years	No	EMC, Langwarrin
Automotive Studies - VCE (VET) - (Pre-vocational Mechanical)	Certificate II (AUR20720)	2 years	No	Chisholm (Dandenong); Westernport SC
Aviation (Remote Pilot) - VCE (VET)	Certificate III (AVI30419)	2 years	No	EMC, Langwarrin
Beauty Services - VCE (VET)	Certificate III (SHB30115)	2 years	No	Casey College of Beauty (Cranbourne) – Makeup kit $550 – yr 1; $260 – yr 2 (All day course)
Building & Construction Pre-app- VCE (VET) Carpentry (Partial completion)	Certificate II (22614VIC)	2 years	No	Somerville SC (AGA); EMC; Chisholm, Frankston
Building & Construction – VCE (VET) Bricklaying (Partial completion)	Certificate II (22614VIC)	2 years	No	Chisholm, Frankston
Business - VCE (VET)	Certificate III (BSB30120)	2 years	No	Chisholm, Frankston
Community Services – VCE (VET)	Certificate II (CHC22015)	1 year	No	Advance Community College; Westernport SC; Monterey SC; Carrum Downs SC; McClelland College; FLC
Computer Assembly & Repair - VCE (VET)	Certificate II (UEE20520)	2 years	No	Chisholm – Frankston (1st year) Chisholm – Dandenong (2nd year)
Conservation & Ecosystem Management – VCE (VET)	Certificate II (AHC21024)	2 years	No	Advance Community College
Construction Pathways VCE (VET)	Certificate II (CPC20220)	1 year	No	Monterey SC; AGA (Somerville SC); Westernport SC

Cookery – VCE (VET)	Certificate II (SIT20421)	2 years	**Yes, on completion of 2 yrs**	Bayside CC; Monterey SC; Chisholm, Frankston
Cookery - Patisserie Stream - VCE (VET)	Certificate II (SIT20421)	2 years	No	Chisholm, Frankston
Dance - VCE (VET) – Cert III partial completion	Certificate II with selected units from Certificate III in Dance (CUA20120/CUA30120)	2 years	Yes	EMC
Design Fundamentals - VCE (VET) – Graphic Design	Certificate III (CUA30720)	2 years	No	Chisholm, Frankston
Design Fundamentals - VCE (VET) - Photography	Certificate III (CUA30720	2 years	No	Chisholm, Frankston
Early Childhood Education & Care - VCE (VET)	Certificate III (CHC30121)	2 years	No	EMC; McClelland SC
Early Childhood Education & Care - VCE (VET) – partial completion	Certificate III (CHC30121)	2 years (partial completion)	No	Chisholm, Frankston
Electrotechnology - Career Start VCE (VET)	Certificate II (UEE22020)	2 years	No	Chisholm, Frankston; Somerville SC (AGA); Mornington SC; Westernport SC
Emerging Technology VCE (VET) NEW, partial completion	Certificate III (22589VIC)	1 years	No	Chisholm, Berwick
Engineering – VCE (VET)	Certificate II (22632VIC)	2 years	**Yes, on completion of 2 yrs**	Chisholm (Dandenong)
Entrepreneurship and Business (VCE (VET)	Certificate II (BSB30220)	2 years	No	Carrum Downs SC,
Equine Industry - VCE (VET)	Certificate III (22647VIC)	2 years	**Yes, on completion of 2 yrs**	Dromana SC (Crest Education)
Fitness – VCE (VET)	Certificate III (SIS30321)	2 years	No	Chisholm (1st yr Frankston then 2nd yr Berwick & Dandenong)
Furnishing VCE (VET)	Certificate II (MSF20122)	2 years	No	Chisholm, Frankston
Health Services Assistance - VCE (VET)	Certificate III (HLT33115)	2 years	**Yes, on completion of 2 yrs**	Chisholm, Frankston; EMC
Horticulture - VCE (VET)	Certificate II (AHC20422)	2 years	No	Chisholm, Cranbourne & Rosebud; Advance CC; Naranga School
Hospitality (Front of House) - VCE (VET)	Certificate II (SIT20322)	2 years	No	Chisholm, Frankston Advance Community College Monterey SC; Naranga School (Fridays)

Individual Support – VCE (VET)	Certificate III (CHC33021)	2 years	No	Advance CC
Information Technology	Certificate III (ICT30120)	2 years	No	Chisholm, Frankston
Interior Decoration (Retail Services) - VCE (VET)	Certificate III (MSF31018)	2 years	No	EMC (Collarts)
Legal Studies	Certificate III (BSB30320)	2 years	No	Chisholm, Frankston
Multi-trade – Building & Construction – Plumbing; Electrical (partial completion)	Certificate II (CPC20220)	1 semester (elective – yr 10 only)	No	MESC – Mondays 11:15am-3:30pm
Music (Music Performance) - VCE (VET)	Certificate III (CUA30920)	2 years	**Yes, on completion of 2 yrs**	MESC
Music (Sound Production) - VCE (VET)	Certificate III (CUA30920)	2 years	**Yes, on completion of 2 yrs**	MESC
Plumbing – VCE (VET)	Certificate II (22569VIC)	2 years	No	Chisholm; Somerville SC (AGA)
Public Safety (SES) – VCE (VET)	Certificate II (PUA20219)	2 years	No	Frankston SES and McClelland SC (Compulsory camps 2 x 3 days)
Retail Cosmetics – VCE (VET)	Certificate II (SHB20121)	2 years	No	FLC, Mornington SC
Retail Services - VCE (VET)	Certificate II (SIR20216)	1 year	No	FLC, Frankston
Salon Assistant - VCE (VET)	Certificate II (SHB20216)	1 year	No	Chisholm, Frankston; EMC; FLC
Screen & Media - VCE (VET)	Certificate III (CUA31020)	2 years	**Yes, on completion of 2 yrs**	Chisholm, Frankston
Skills for Work and Vocational Pathways VCE (VET)	Certificate II (FSK20119)	1 year	No	Naranga School
Small Business Operation and Innovation VCE (VET) partial completion	Certificate II (22629VIC)	1 year		Naranga School; MSC
Sport Recreation & Aquatics-VCE (VET)	Certificate III (SIS30122)	2 years	**Yes, on completion of 2 yrs**	Chisholm, Frankston
Sport & Recreation VCE (VET)	Certificate II (SIS20122)	1 year	No	MSC
Visual Arts - VCE (VET)	Certificate III (CUA31120)	2 years	**Yes, on completion of 2 yrs**	Chisholm, Frankston;
Visual Arts – VCE (VET)	Certificate II (CUA20720)	1 year	No	MSC
Workplace Skills	Certificate II (BSB20120)	1 Year	No	FLC; Naranga School (Fridays)

ATAR's, University Courses and TAFE

For University-based pathways

The ATAR is what will get you into most university courses. It stands for Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank. It's based on rank, not performance. So, if you get an ATAR of 80, it means you performed better than 80 per cent of students – you're in the top 20 per cent!

Universities also have prerequisite subject that a student must have successfully completed to be given entry into a course. VTAC prerequisite guide for 2028

VTAC

Check out at different tertiary courses: Link to VTAC CourseSearch

The Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC) is the central point for applications to Victorian universities, some TAFEs, and Independent Tertiary Colleges. VTAC also calculates the Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) for Victorian Year 12 students.

Which Subject Areas are you interested in studying? e.g. Arts, Sciences etc

What courses are you interested in? e.g. Law, Journalism, Medicine etc.

1.
2.
3.

What was the lowest ATAR accepted into these courses in Victorian Universities? (you can delete the example once you understand how to fill in the table)

University	Courses that look interesting to me:				
	e.g. Bachelor of Science				
Uni of Melbourne	91.00				
Monash					
Victoria					
Deakin					
La Trobe					
Swinburne	60.00				
ACU					
Federation					
Other					

What Year 12 Pre-requisite subjects and raw scores are needed? (refer to VTAC or the "Important subjects for tertiary study in Victoria" link)

What Year 11 subjects do you want to study?

Why did you choose these subjects?

What do you need to improve upon to achieve this ATAR?

Course Selection Tools - VCE

Things to consider when making your subject choices for VCE

When choosing what subjects to study in Years 11&12, consider the following:

- Reflect on your past experiences and what you would like to do in the future.
- Revisit your **Morrisby Assessment Report** to see suggested career paths and if appropriate, re-take the 'Self-Assessment' section.
- Explore the MESC Careers Website to complete career quizzes as well as find links to different useful websites.
- Make an appointment with our Career Practitioners at MESC to explore different pathway options and potential subject choices. Parents are encouraged to come along too.
- If you are wanting to pursue Tertiary education post-school, then consider subjects that are pre-requisites and as well as related subjects.
- Don't leave this until the last minute – do your research, talk to your family, friends, teachers. Use the tools available for you, so when you come for your course counselling interview, you know what you want to select.

How to Choose your Subjects

- Select what you like, select what you are good at.
- If you're unsure about your future pathway, that's okay! A great strategy is to choose a broad VCE program that covers areas you're interested in and where you perform well. A broader approach keeps your options open.
- You might also find that the VCE Vocational Major offers a more practical and hands-on style of learning that suits your interests and future goals.

What not to base your choices on

- What your friends are doing. Your future is for you – make sure to do what you want to do.
- Just because they are 'scaled up' in the ATAR. Scaling does not guarantee a higher score. It is most important to do well in all of your subjects, so choose subjects you do well in and those you enjoy.

Consider VCE a two-year pathway

Complete the following with your two-year plan across VCE. If you are going into year 11, write down your top 5 choices, along with some reserve choices, and then plan what this may look like in Year 12. If you are going into Year 10 and would like to apply to accelerate in a VCE/VET subject, then think about what this will look like across the next three years.

All Year 11 and Year 12 students are required to undertake a minimum of 5 subjects in Year 11 and 5 in Year 12.

VCE Pathway	Subject 1	Subject 2	Subject 3	Subject 4	Subject 5	Back up choices (x2)
Year 11	English					
Year 12	English					

For VET Pathways (including VCE VM)

Online Resources:

Shape Your VCE - Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority

https://www.chisholm.edu.au/career-fields/vet-in-schools

*Some VET courses contribute to a scored VCE.
**Sometimes these can provide a pathway to a university subject

Explore the website and look through some courses.

What courses are you interested in?

Are there any prerequisites? (Prerequisites are entry requirements, usually subjects, which you must have completed to gain entry)

List them below:

You cannot obtain your VCE VM without a VET course. Which would be your choice and why?

I would choose
Because

Course Selection Tools – VCE-VM

The VCE Vocational Major is a great choice if you prefer to learn in a real-world environment putting practical life skills into action and don't require an ATAR for your post school goals. This is a good pathway to an apprenticeship, traineeship, further study or directly into a job.
Please Note: VCE Vocational Major graduates will NOT receive an ATAR.

The VCE Vocational Major subjects are designed for students seeking a first post school pathway such as an apprenticeship, traineeship, a diploma, a certificate, entry to the police force or employment.

VCE Vocational Major graduates are ineligible to apply directly to universities to enter their degree programs. Students may be able to pathway through vocational education qualifications (TAFE) and progress to university degrees in a number of discipline areas.

Students should plan their pathway carefully and confirm that they do not require an ATAR or subject study scores prior to course selection if they are seeking tertiary study.

Complete the chart below by identifying your preferred VET Certificate program/s and identify the type and possible location of the work placement you will seek prior to commencing your studies in 2027.

VCE-VM Pathway	Subject 1	Subject 2	Subject 3	Subject 4	Subject 5
Year 11	VM-Literacy OR VCE English	VCE Foundation Maths OR VCE General Maths	VCE-VM Work Related Skills	VCE-VM Personal Development	**VET Subject:**
Year 12	VM-Literacy OR VCE English	VCE Foundation Maths OR VCE General Maths	VCE-VM Work Related Skills	VCE-VM Personal Development	**VET Subject:**

Possible VET Subjects I am interested in:

Possible Structured Workplace Learning (SWL) Placement/s: