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Course Selection 2024 Senior Programs

VCE

Victorian Certificate of Education

Choosing a course

VCE PROGRAM

Year 11 Units 1 + 2

12 units
(6 Units per semester)

Year 12 Units 3 + 4

10 units
(5 Units per semester)

VCE/VM PROGRAM

Years 11 and 12

Core Strands

1. Literacy
2. Numeracy
3. Personal Development
4. 4. Work Related Skills
5. Industry Specific Skills
(Including two days / week placement)

VET Delivered in Secondary Schools (VET DSS)

Options may be included in a VCE or VCE/VM program

On Campus
(pages 79)

and external programs
(pages 82)

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Senior Programs Curriculum Handbook 2023 - 2024



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OUTDOOR & ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES

Unit 1 Exploring Outdoor Experiences

COURSE OUTLINE:

This unit focuses on humans' understanding of nature, the focus is on individuals and their personal responses to, and experiences of, outdoor environments. An important component of the course is a minimum of 20 hours of practical experience. Students will participate in a range of outdoor activities to experience various interactions with a variety of outdoor environments. Activities may include surfing, aquatic activities, rock climbing, canoeing, camping and mountain bike riding. These activities enable the utilisation of local natural and man-made venues. In general, two sessions each week are PRACTICAL and three sessions each week are THEORETICAL.

AREAS OF STUDY:

- Motivations for Outdoor Experiences
- Influences on Outdoor Experiences

OUTCOMES:

On completion of this unit, students should be able to:

1. Analyse motivations for participation in and response to outdoor environments and be able to participate safely in specific outdoor experiences.
2. Explain factors that influence outdoor experiences and gain for sustainable interactions with outdoor environments while participating in practical experiences.

ASSESSMENT:

1 or N based on demonstrated achievement in the outcomes specified for the unit. A letter grade will be given for achievement in assessment tasks such as General Coursework, School-Assessed Coursework and a Written Examination.

Unit 2 Discovering Outdoor Environments

COURSE OUTLINE:

This unit focuses on the characteristics of outdoor environments and different ways of understanding them, as well as the impact of humans on outdoor environments. Outdoor/recreation activities provide a major focus for studying these impacts. Practical (20 hours minimum) experiences are an important component of this unit. These enable students to visit various local venues with varying degrees of human impact. Students participate in a range of outdoor adventure based activities that may include surfing, aquatic activities, rock climbing, canoeing, camping and mountain bike riding. A three day camp is conducted during Term 4 that investigates impacts of recreation on a selected outdoor environment. In general, two sessions each week are PRACTICAL and three sessions each week are THEORETICAL.

AREAS OF STUDY:

- Investigating Outdoor Environments
- Impact on Outdoor Environments

OUTCOMES:

On completion of this unit, students should be able to:

1. Describe and compare the characteristics of different outdoor environments and analyse a range of understandings of these environments, with reference to specific outdoor experiences.
2. Evaluate the impacts of humans on outdoor environments and analyse practices for promoting positive impacts, with reference to specific outdoor experiences.

ASSESSMENT:

1 or N based on demonstrated achievement in the outcomes specified for the unit. A letter grade will be given for achievement in assessment tasks such as General Coursework, School-Assessed Coursework and a Written Examination.

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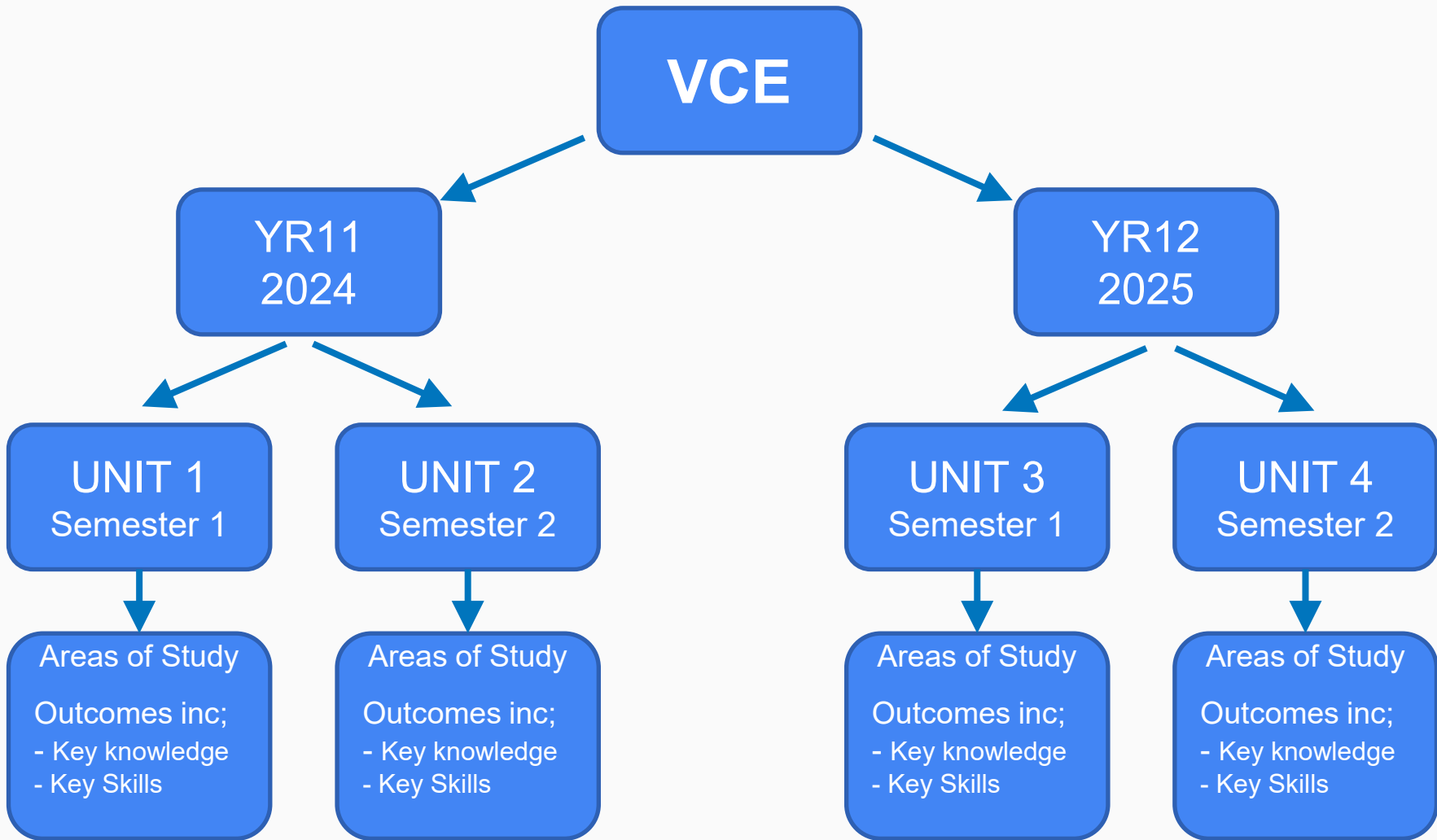
VCE COMPLETED OVER 2 YEARS

Students usually undertake;

Units 1 & 2 in Year 11

Units 3 & 4 in Year 12

A 'Unit' is one semester of work



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At Bass Coast College, students normally do:

12 units in **Year 11** (6 subjects)

and

10 units in **Year 12** (5 subjects)

= 22 units over 2 years

VCE – Sample Program

2024 Year 11

Units 1 & 2

English
Physics
Chemistry
Maths Methods
Psychology
History

2025 Year 12

Units 3 & 4

English
Physics
Chemistry
Maths Methods
Psychology
*

Total
22 Units

VCE – Sample Program

2024 Year 11

Units 1 & 2

English

Food & Technology

Outdoor & Environmental Studies

Visual Communication & Design

VET: Furnishing Cabinet Making

(Certificate II)

Further Mathematics

2025 Year 12

Units 3 & 4

English

Food & Technology

*

Visual Communication & Design

VET: Furnishing Cabinet Making

(Certificate II)

Further Mathematics

Total
22 Units



How should I choose my VCE studies?

Choose subjects that:

- You are interested in
- You are good at (strengths)
- May lead to a job that interests you
- Will help you get into a university or TAFE course that you want to do. Think about **prerequisites***

Prerequisites

Prerequisites are subjects you must have completed to be eligible for selection to a UNIVERSITY or TAFE course.

What prerequisites might you need for tertiary courses?

Go to the VTAC CourseSearch website for more information.

Ask your teachers for assistance if you're unsure.

<https://delta.vtac.edu.au/CourseSearch/prerequisiteplanner.htm>

Individual Pathways

“Where to Now?” (VCAA)



<https://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/studentguides/where-to-now/Pages/Index.aspx>

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BCC ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENT

A student must attend 90% of classes (have no more than 8 unapproved absences a semester) to satisfy the attendance requirements of the Unit and pass the subject.

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Approved absences e.g. include illness, other medical appointments, elite sport commitments and school approved excursions. Formal written documentation required.

Unapproved absences e.g. include holidays, missing the bus, sleeping in, deb. ball hair trials and 'Mad Mondays'.

It **may** be possible for students to redeem unapproved absences by attending lunchtime or after school classes.

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ASSESSMENT

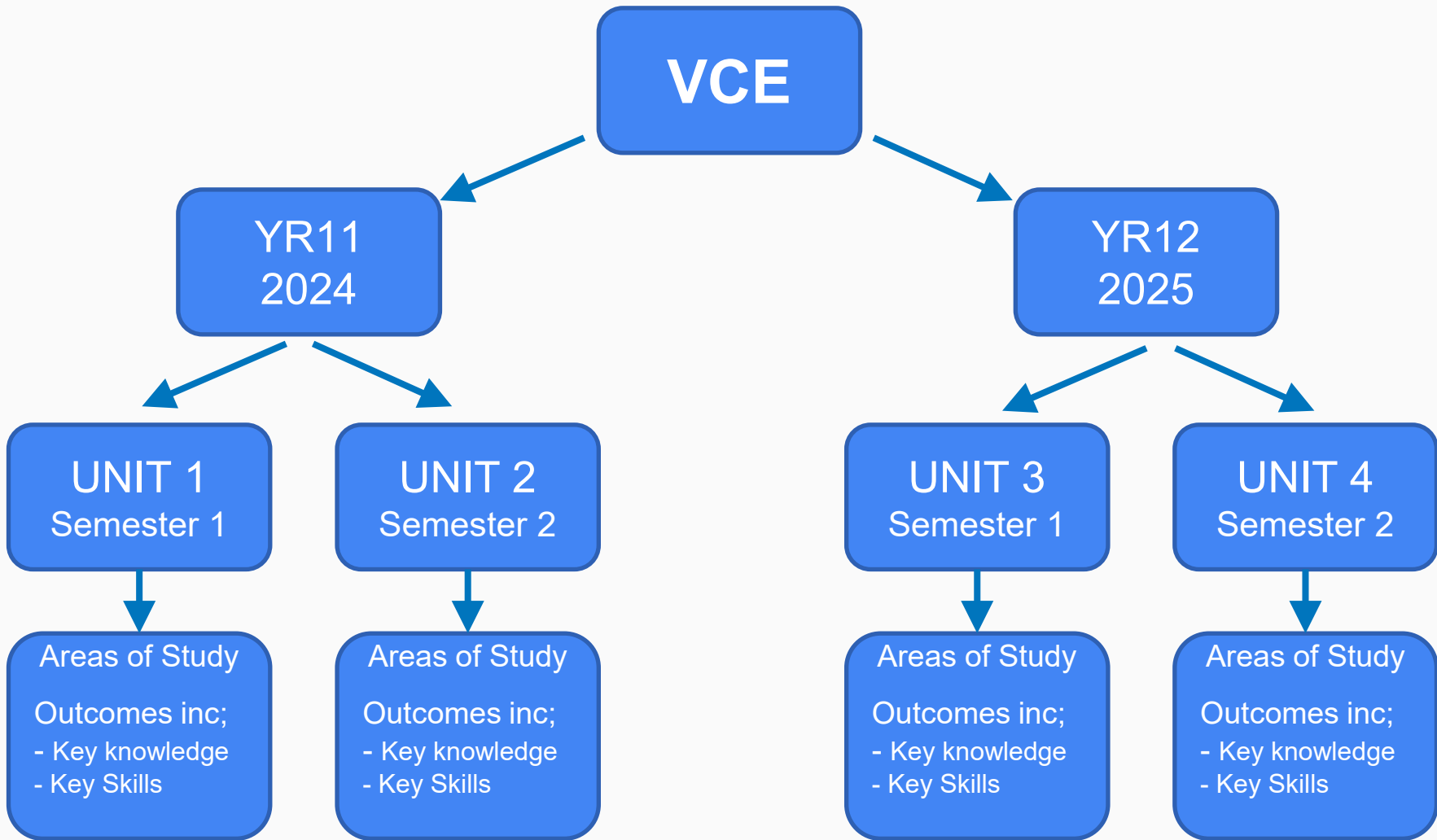
1. Satisfactory completion of a Unit (S or N)
 - (a) acquired knowledge
 - (b) acquired skills
2. Level of performance
A+ → E / Scored

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ASSESSMENT UNITS 1 & 2 - TWO LEVELS

1. Satisfactory completion of the unit (S)
 - Work is of a satisfactory standard
 - Attendance requirements have been met
2. Graded Assessment of A+ to E



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ASSESSMENT UNITS 3 & 4 - TWO LEVELS

1. Satisfactory completion of the unit (S)
 - Work is of a satisfactory standard
 - Attendance requirements have been met

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2. Graded Assessment to obtain a **STUDY SCORE**.
Also used to calculate the **ATAR** (Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank)
 - School Assessed Coursework (**SAC**)
 - School Assessed Tasks (**SAT**)
 - **EXAMINATIONS** are set, monitored and assessed by the Victorian Curriculum & Assessment Authority (VCAA)

What is an ATAR?

- The ATAR (Australian Tertiary Admission Rank) is calculated by the Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC). Universities and TAFEs use it when accepting students into their courses.
- VTAC calculates your ATAR and sends it to all the institutions whose courses you've put down as preferences.

What is an ATAR?

The ATAR isn't a score out of 100 – it's a ranking. It shows your achievement in relation to other students. For example:

- A 50 ATAR means you did better than 50% of all other students that year.
- A 74 ATAR means you did better than 74% of all other students that year.

ATAR Calculation

| SUBJECT | Study Score | VTAC Scaled Score *** | Aggregate Score | ATAR SCORE |
|---------------|-------------|-----------------------|-----------------|------------|
| ENGLISH | 31 | 29 | 29 | |
| ACCOUNTING | 35 | 36 | 42 | |
| MATH METHODS | 28 | 33 | 36 | |
| OUTDOOR ENVIR | 45 | 42 | 33 | |
| FURTHER MATHS | 31 | 29 | 2.9 | |
| | | TOTAL | 142.9/212 | 80 |

***Studies are **scaled** by VTAC to calculate the ATAR.

Why choose VCE?

You may be suited to VCE if:

- ✓ *You are considering university and TAFE:* Students who complete VCE gain an ATAR which is used by universities. Generally, students who wish to go onto further study would do VCE.
- ✓ *You like a range of subjects:* VCE offers a wide range of subjects for students to choose from (see page 8 of the VCAA booklet: *Where to now?*)
- ✓ *You are unsure of your future career path:* Successful completion of VCE offers a wide range of choices and opportunities for further study.

Course Selection

- **Read the Senior Programs Handbook**
- Note subjects that are appropriate
- Select subjects on Edval
- Attend **course selection interview** to finalise selection sheet;

TERM 3 WEEK 6

Course Selection

**Selections to be entered online
by students**

FRIDAY 18 AUGUST

Contacts

| | |
|------------------------------|------------------------|
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| Pathways Coord – | Mick Owen |
| Year 11 Coordinator – | Anthony Fincher |
| Year 11 Asst. Coord – | Jo Richards |
| VM Coordinator – | Jim Lees |
| Wonthaggi Campus AP (VCE) – | Phil Hughes |
| Wonthaggi Campus Principal – | Ross Bramley |

Key Learning Area Leaders

- Arts – **Malcolm Beasley**
- Business/Humanities – **Damien Osborne**
- English – **Nick Wilson**
- Japanese – **Kenji Misawa**
- Mathematics – **Alan McMahan**
- Personal Development – **Aaron Coyle**
- Science – **Megan Toler**
- Technology – **Neil Austin**



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SENIOR PROGRAMS

VCE VM

Victorian Certificate of Education -
Vocational Major

VCE VM - Jim Lees

Victorian Certificate of Education Vocational Major

- Alternative course to the VCE
- A recognised qualification (replaces VCAL)
- It's a 2 year course like VCE (no leave certificate @ end of yr11)
- Combines school subject studies with work and study outside school.

VCE VM

Victorian Certificate of Education Vocational Major

FOUR KEY AREAS:

- Literacy
- Numeracy
- Personal Development & Work-Related Skills
- Industry-Specific Skills (VET)


(2 other subjects as selected)

VCE VM Sample Program

VET DSS Automotive Studies (1 day off campus)

Work Placement with local employer (1 day off campus)

- VCE VM Literacy
- VCE VM Numeracy
- VCE VM Personal Development Skills
- VCE VM Work Related Skills (SWL-R)
- Certificate II in Outdoor Recreation
- Design Technologies - Engineering



3 days
at BCC

What does a VCE VM student look like?

- For students to be successful in VCE VM they need to possess the following attributes:
 - Excellent self management
 - Good Communicator
 - Regular attendance
 - Independent learner
 - Reliable
 - Motivated
 - Well behaved
 - Organised
 - Focussed
 - Responsible

VCE VM

Victorian Certificate of Education Vocational Major

For further information contact:

Jim Lees – VCE VM Coordinator

VETDSS – Jim Lees

Vocational Education and Training Delivered to Secondary Students

On Campus subjects 2023

1. Certificate III in Visual Arts
2. Certificate II in Furniture Making Pathways
3. Certificate III in Screen and Media (Interactive Digital Media)
4. Certificate III in Sport & Recreation (Partial Completion unless started this year)
5. Certificate II in Outdoor Recreation (yr 11 VCAL)
6. Certificate II in Sport & Recreation (yr 12 VCAL)

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Some Off Campus subjects 2023

- Certificate III in Early Childhood Education (TAFE Gippsland - Leongatha)
- Certificate II in Horticulture (Bass Coast Adult Education Centre)
- Certificate II in Salon Assistance (Hairdressing – Bass Coast Adult Education Centre)
- Certificate II in Hospitality (Kitchen Operations) (TAFE Gippsland - Leongatha)
- Certificate II in Automotive (TAFE Gippsland - Leongatha)
- Certificate II in Engineering (TAFE Gippsland - Leongatha)
- Certificate II in Plumbing (AGA - Korumburra)
- Certificate II in Electro-technology (AGA - Korumburra)
- Certificate II in Building and Construction (AGA - Korumburra)

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Off Campus subjects 2024

- If you have any other interests talk to Jim Lees VCE VM Coordinator.
- Students must expect to find their own way to the training centres. However there is likely to be a bus from P.I. to Leongatha/Korumburra

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Vocational Education and Training Delivered to Secondary Students

School Based Apprenticeships and Traineeships – SBATs - HEADSTART

- *1 day work, 1 day training, 3 days school*
- *Guaranteed 13 hours pay a week, including getting paid to train.*
- *Potentially taking time off a full-time apprenticeship*
- *Facilitated by Tanya Nelson-Headstart Coordinator*

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School Based Apprenticeships and Traineeships – SBATs

- Integrate education, training and employment.
- Existing casual work can be made into a SBAT
- Trade apprenticeships started at school and continue into full-time will take time off the apprenticeship.
- Try before you commit, very successful stories.
- Available to VCE VM students.

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Vocational Education and Training Delivered to Secondary Students

What does VET in VCE Provide?

1. A VET in VCE program can contribute units toward the completion of a full VCE and VCE VM.
2. A VCE VET course has an end of year exam and an associated study score
3. A VET in Schools Certificate is recognised within the National Training Framework.
4. Competencies gained are transferable to other training institutions: TAFE, Group Training Organisations
5. Must do 180hrs of Nationally Accredited Training for VCE VM!