

Course Counselling Year 11, 2022



2023 PATHWAYS

► VCE Pathway

Victorian Certificate of Education

- VCE with an ATAR score is required to enter tertiary studies

► VCE Vocational Major

- Hands-on learning
- VET (Vocational Education and Training) is compulsory in the VCE VM
- Structured Workplace Learning may be considered for this program one day per week (*Students must have a signed SWL employer prior to the year starting*)
- Students will be at school for 3 or 4 days per week



Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE)

Subjects studied:

- Year 11 students will study 6 subjects/studies (12 VCE units in total)- 5 periods a week per subject
- Year 12 students will study 5 subjects/studies (10 VCE units in total)- 6 periods a week per subject

A full list of VCE subjects offered at Berwick College can be found on the school website under Curriculum → Curriculum and Course Information.



What do I have to do to achieve my VCE?

- ▶ Students usually study between 20 to 24 units (five or six subjects/studies) in Years 11 and 12.

To achieve your VCE you must successfully complete 16 units including:

- ▶ Three units from the English group, two of which must be a Unit 3 and 4 sequence.
- ▶ **(This means if you fail a Semester of English in Year 11, you are at risk of not attaining your VCE in Year 12)**
- ▶ At least three additional Unit 3 and 4 sequences.

What is the VCE VM

- ▶ To be eligible to receive the VCE VM, students must satisfactorily complete a minimum of 16 units, including:
 - 3 VCE VM Literacy or VCE English units (including a Unit 3–4 sequence)
 - 2 VCE VM Numeracy or VCE Mathematics units
 - 2 VCE VM Work Related Skills units
 - 2 VCE VM Personal Development Skills units, and
 - 2 VET credits at Certificate II level or above (180 nominal hours)
- ▶ Students must complete a minimum of three other Unit 3–4 sequences as part of their program. Units 3 and 4 of VM studies may be undertaken together over the duration of the academic year to enable these to be integrated.
- ▶ The VCE VM can be tailored to the needs and interests of the student, to keep them engaged while developing their skills and knowledge. Students can also include other VCE studies and VET, and can receive structured workplace learning recognition.
- ▶ Most students will undertake between 16-20 units over the two years.



VCE VM timetable

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday:

- ▶ 4 Periods of Numeracy (Maths)
- ▶ 4 Periods of Literacy (English)
- ▶ 3 Periods of Personal Development
- ▶ 2 Period of Work Skills
- ▶ 1 VET Elective Subject

Wednesday

- ▶ Structured Work Placement at a workplace of your choice (Ideally something relating to your VET course).

Friday

- ▶ VET Course of your choice either at Berwick College or at a separate TAFE / institution.

Considerations when choosing your 2023 Pathway...

VCE	VCE VM
Plan to go to university or complete a course that requires an ATAR should select an appropriate VCE course.	Do not require an ATAR to pursue further areas of study should consider VM.
Would like a taste of a career option offered through VET programs should consider a VET program as part of the VCE	Plan to complete their secondary education and then enter the workforce should consider VM.
Are unsure about their future plans should select VCE (it leaves all options open)	Plan to do a trade should consider an appropriate VET program and VM.

Vocational Education and Training (VET)





Vocational Education and Training (VET)

- Each qualification provides an opportunity for students to develop an awareness of the world of work and develop employability skills that will contribute to their career development journeys.
- Students will attain nationally recognised training from nationally accredited training packages which contribute to their VCE or VCE VM.
- VET is optional in VCE but essential in VM.
- VET courses range from 1-2 years in duration.
- Some courses are held at Berwick College and other courses are held off campus.
- Any VCE students who choose a blocked VET course will inevitably have a clash in their timetable.
- It is the student's responsibility to catch up on the VCE periods missed while they are completing their VET course.



Internal VET courses offered at Berwick College

- ▶ Certificate II in Information Technology
- ▶ Certificate II in Automotive Vocation Preparation
- ▶ Certificate II in Construction Pathways
- ▶ Certificate II in Community Services
- ▶ Certificate II in Dance (with selected Units from Cert III Dance)
- ▶ Certificate II in Electrotechnology
- ▶ Certificate II in Outdoor Recreation
- ▶ Certificate II in Small Business
- ▶ Certificate II in Visual Arts

External VET courses

- Certificate III in Information, Digital Media and Technology
- Certificate II in Kitchen Operations
- Certificate III in Makeup
- Certificate III in Music (Performance or Production)
- Certificate II in Printing and Graphic Design
- Certificate II in Plumbing
- Certificate II in Retail Services
- Certificate II in Salon Assistance
- Certificate III in Screen and Media
- Certificate II in Sport and Recreation
- Certificate II in Horticulture
- Certificate III in Sport and Recreation
- Certificate III in Tourism
- Certificate III in Visual Arts
- Certificate II in Animal Studies
- Certificate III in Beauty
- Certificate II in Building and Construction
- Certificate II in Computer Assembly and Repair
- Certificate III in Design Fundamentals (graphic design or photography)
- Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care
- Certificate III in Health Services Assistance
- Certificate II in Equine Industry
- Certificate II in Furniture Making Pathways



HEADSTART

Head Start is an initiative from the Victorian State Government to increase the number of students undertaking high quality, Certificate III Apprenticeships and Traineeships, while still completing their senior secondary studies through flexible arrangements. Head Start Apprenticeships and Traineeships is a:

- high quality pathway with more time spent on the job
- ensure students complete VCE/VM alongside their apprenticeship/traineeship
- focus on key qualifications in high-demand industries with strong employment pathways
- provide intensive support to students and employers through Head Start staff, all the way through the program

What are the benefits?

- employers are enabled to train and mentor young apprentices and trainees who are ready for work, and who will also have higher levels of literacy, numeracy and employability skills;
- the number of qualified apprentices and trainees in growing trades and industries

For further information please speak to the Careers Education staff in the Senior School



CHES: Centre for Higher Education Studies

The Victorian Government is establishing the Centre for Higher Education Studies (CHES) to provide senior secondary students from right across the State with opportunities for even greater stretch and challenge in their studies.

CHES will enable you to access first year university-level studies and select VCE subjects, accompanied by an innovative enrichment program. Through CHES, you can study a subject aligned to your skills and interests that may contribute to your ATAR, and potentially earn university credits, providing a head start on your undergraduate degree. To accommodate as many eligible students as possible, these programs will be available through a hybrid and flexible approach, with opportunities to study online, on-site at CHES, or a combination of the two.

- ▶ Algorithmics
- ▶ Extended Investigation

If you wish to enrol in a CHES subject you will need to obtain an enrolment form from the Senior School office



Timeline: 2022 into 2023

Thursday 4th August 2022

- Course Counselling will be held online via Google Meet or face to face on request. Further information will be communicated to parents/guardians by James Doble in the coming weeks.
- Appointments should be made online via Compass. Bookings will be open on Friday July 15th and close on Friday the 29th July.
- Please make appointments with the appropriate Student Learning Leader or Assistant Student Learning Leader.
- Students currently in the Flexible Learning Program (FLP) will complete their Course Counselling in class time with Applied Learning staff Mr Hobba, Mrs Duhau and the Careers Team.



Before the appointment

- ▶ Parents and students should read the Senior School Curriculum Guide on the College website and fill in the selection form prior to their interview.
- ▶ If choosing VCE options, ensure you understand what each subject is about in Year 11 and Year 12.
- ▶ If choosing VCE options ensure you have the required Year 10 subjects for some VCE subjects (i.e. Maths and Science)

Write your VCE VM subject selections here, from first preference to last



SUBJECTS
VCE VM CORE
Vocational Education and Training (VET)*
ELECTIVE
SECOND PREFERENCE

***Indicate which VET Course:**

VCE Vocational Major (VCE VM)

VCE VM Core:

- Literacy
- Numeracy
- Personal Development
- Work Skills

VET Electives:

- Cert II Construction Pathways (1st and 2nd Year)
- Cert II Community Services
- Cert II Outdoor Recreation
- Cert II Small Business (1st and 2nd year)
- Cert II Electrotechnology (1st and 2nd year)
- Cert II Automotive (1st and 2nd year)
- Cert II Dance (1st and 2nd year)
- Cert II Visual Arts
- Cert II Information Technology

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Year Level	SUBJECTS
	ENGLISH/ LITERATURE
	ELECTIVE 1
	ELECTIVE 2
	ELECTIVE 3
	ELECTIVE 4
	ELECTIVE 5
	1 st RESERVE
	2 nd RESERVE



QUESTIONS?

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