Futures Evening

Year 10 presentation

2013
Choosing VCE Subjects

• It is vital students research the VCE subject areas and choose subjects that best suit their strengths and skills.

• Care needs to be taken when selecting subjects because a change in your subjects can be very difficult if not impossible.

• Students need to carry out plenty of investigation by talking to teachers and the Careers Advisor.
This handbook will assist you to make decisions on which subjects to choose for 2013. Includes:

- Lists of subjects on offer
- Description of subjects
- Compulsory subjects
- And info on enhancing your VCE studies
- Please take Errata Sheet
Curriculum Handbook

• Pages to pay particular attention to:
  – Pgs 102-108 will give you an overview of VCE programs and processes.
  – Pg 115 - 118 discusses English requirements for VCE
  – Pgs 177-181 describes the Vocational Education and Training options offered, including VET and VCAL, the format they will run in and the application processes.
Pathways

VCE- Victorian Certificate of Education
VCAL- Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning
VETiS- Vocational Education Training in Schools

Year 10

VCE

VCAL

Work (including apprenticeships)

University

Work (Including apprenticeships)

TAFE
VCE

VCE is usually completed over 2 years but may be undertaken over 3 years.

There are a wide variety of subjects available with information stands set up at the Expo in the Hall.

There have been some significant changes to the timetable for VCE subjects, and so subject choices need to be made carefully.
VCE – Year 11

Students undertake 5 subjects in Year 11 – Units 1 and 2

All students must complete English. It is advised to complete the whole year of a subject to maximise your knowledge for Year 12.
VCE – Year 12

Students undertake 5 subjects in Year 12 - Unit 3 and 4.

All students complete English and must have at least 3 other Unit 3 and 4 sequences.

ATAR is calculated on Unit 3&4 or block credit VET subjects only.
Standard Program

- 22 units over 2 years
  - RE and English are compulsory. Students select all other subjects.

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Additional VCE Requirements

• At St Peter’s College students must complete:

  – Two units of RE (spread over the 2 years)
To satisfactorily complete VCE students must complete sixteen VCE units.

- English – must satisfactorily complete at least 3 units.
- Must complete at least 3 other scored unit 3/4 sequences to a satisfactory level.
• Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (formerly ENTER and TER)
• Not a score, but a ranking system
• shows a student’s achievement in relation to other students
• Calculation:

  English study score + next 3 best + 10% of 5th (and possible 6th) = ATAR
Maximising your score

- To maximise your chances of achieving a good ATAR score
  - Complete as many full sequences of subjects as possible – units 1-4
  - Pick subjects you are good at and enjoy, don't choose subjects based on scaling.
  - Consider studying a unit 3/4 subject in year 11, if you think you can cope with the workload. You should think about this if you are planning higher study at tertiary level.
Enhancement Studies

• A number of students are completing studies in a unit 1 and 2 subject sequence at year 10
• You may wish to carry on with an appropriate unit 3 and 4 subject sequence in year 11
• We also have enhancement VET courses available – please see Mr Peter Brannan for more details.
English Options

- English is the most important VCE subject as it always contributes towards your ATAR score.
  - English
  - Literature
  - Foundation English (units 1 & 2 only) – Please note that at least 3 units of English must be successfully completed to achieve your VCE – so students must pick up English in Year 12.
Mathematics Options

• As mathematics is often a pre-requisite for university entrance you must choose carefully.
  – No mathematics
  – Maths Methods (CAS) > Methods/Specialist
  – General Maths (CAS) > Further
  – Foundation Maths (units 1 & 2 only) This is not a level of Maths that could be used for University Entry.
## Religious Education Options

### Year 11
- **Compulsory**
  - (full year, 4 periods a cycle)
  - Unit 1 Religion and Society Options
  - C.S.Y.M.A (Generally need to have done this in year 10)
  - Unit 3 and 4 Religion and Society Options

### Year 12
- **Compulsory**
  - (full year, 4 periods a cycle)
  - Unit 2 Religion and Society Options
  - Unit 3 and 4 Religion and Society
Assessment

• A combination of internal and external assessment.

• **Internal**- Outcomes Graded by teachers and reported to VCAA.

• **External** – SATs School Assessed Tasks and Examinations (graded) and Satisfactory/Not Satisfactory.
Choice – VTAC Resources

• Contains information about courses offered by TAFE’s and Universities and the prerequisite subjects for those courses.

• Choice 2016

• This resource can be found at
In The Hall – Futures Expo

• VET and VCAL presentation is following this presentation Mr Peter Brannan.
  – Students must attend to register interest for VET or VCAL in 2013.

• Subject coordinators and teachers are available to discuss subject content and see displays of student works.

• Various TAFE’s and Universities available to talk to you about their courses and prerequisites.
Filling in the Form

• To apply to study a Unit 3/4 subject next year you will need to:
  – Indicate the units you wish to study on your enrolment form.
  – Write a letter which outlines the reason why you wish to study the subject and how it relates to your career aspirations. **This letter needs to be written by the student.**
  – You May be required to attend an interview with Mr Chris Denny.
Filling in the Form

• Indicate which Maths is being studied during semester 2 this year
• Select 10 subject sequences
• Rank each of your selections from 1 to 10
• Make sure you have discussed the subject choices, you intend to make, with the Careers Co-ordinator
• Completed forms are due at the College on Friday 9\textsuperscript{th} August.
Subject Selection Counselling

• All students can access a 15 min appointment to review the subject they have chosen for Year 11.
• Parents are encouraged to attend with their child.
• Please bring your report from last semester and your subject selection form – filled in with your preferences in pencil and no parent signature.
When will my appointment be?

- Appointments are available from 2.00pm to 6.00pm on **Monday 5\(^{th}\)** and **Tuesday 6\(^{th}\)** August.

- If you have not signed up for your appointment please place your name on the sign up sheet tonight.
Tertiary Education Open Days

- University
- TAFE
- Private Colleges
- All organisations will have open day programmes.
- All of these open days are listed in the Term 3 Week 1 College Newsletter.
Student Computer Device

• Student tablet being introduced into the college in 2014

• The computer tablet will be introduced for years 7 and 8 students in 2014 and for new students in year 7 in years following 2014

• The device will then be introduced for years 10 and 11 students in 2015
VET in Schools gives students an opportunity to undertake a TAFE qualifications – usually a Cert II or III while still at secondary school.

There are many areas of study available in the VET in Schools.
VET in Schools

• Can be undertaken one day per week.
• Comprise of 4 units (just like VCE)
• Some courses are scored and will contribute directly to your ATAR.
• Others will proved Block Credit and act as a 5\textsuperscript{th}/6\textsuperscript{th} subject and contribute 10% to your ATAR.
• Some VET courses run over 1 year, while others go for 2 years.
VCAL – Alternative VCE

• The VCAL program consists of 3 components:
  – School-based classes
  – VET course
  – External placements (work and volunteer)

• To apply for the VCAL program students need to display a level of work readiness and maturity to deal with 3 different work environments.

• Successful completion of VCAL results in a Yr 12 pass but does not award students an ATAR score.
VCAL – Alternative VCE

An alternative VCE program that focuses on Vocational Skills and Employment. A sample timetable for a VCAL student would be:

Monday  School
Tuesday  School
Wednesday TAFE
Thursday  School
Friday   Work
Getting prepared for VCE/VCAL

- It’s important that you organise a timetable for yourself to ensure that you can fit in homework, sport and other activities.

- Students will begin their VCE/VCAL when they start their induction program towards the end of the year.
Questions?