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Welcome to

BRIGHTON SECONDARY COLLEGE

Senior Programs Information Session
June 16th 2016
Senior Programs for 2017

VCE – Victorian Certificate of Education

VET – Vocational Education and Training
VCE

Victorian Certificate of Education

• normally a two year program
• students usually undertake between 20 and 24 units over the two years
• approximately 70 studies to select from
• units 1 and 2 usually refer to Year 11 and can be taken as single units
• units 3 and 4 usually refer to Year 12 and must be taken as a sequence
Completion Requirements

Satisfactorily complete a minimum of sixteen units of study including:

• 3 units of English
• 3 sequences of Units 3 and 4 studies other than English
English Requirements

- The three units of English may be selected from English/EAL Units 1 - 4, or Literature Units 1 - 4
- No more than two units at Units 1 and 2 level can be counted in the three units of English requirement
- Any English Units 3 and 4 sequence will be counted in the ATAR (Australian Tertiary Admission Rank), but no more than two will be allowed in the primary four.
Vocational Education and Training (VET) Programs

• Hands on learning
• National accreditation
• VCE VET Programs will normally contribute a Unit 1-4 sequence towards completion of VCE
• Two certificates
• A range of VCE VET Programs across a number of industry areas will be available for study by students in Years 11 and 12. These will be conducted mainly on Wednesdays at various venues, mostly in the afternoon. A small number will be on full days.
• Conducted at other schools or TAFE colleges.
Additional Programs
Higher Education (HE) Studies - undertaking a University subject as part of Year 12 program

Included in ATAR as fifth or sixth study

See link below for more details.
Satisfactory Completion of VCE Units 1 – 4

• each unit will have a set of **learning outcomes**, all of which must be achieved
• achievement of **outcomes** based on student performance on assessment tasks designated for the unit
• determined by the school
Assessment in VCE Units 3 and 4

- School Assessed Coursework (SAC)
- School Assessed Tasks (SAT) in small number of studies such as Studio Arts, Visual Communication and Design, Food and Technology, Product Design and Technology, Media.
- Examinations
- All studies will have three assessments reported as grades, A+ to UG
- Overall achievement for each study will be calculated as a Study Score on a scale of 0 to 50.
- A Study Score is only calculated if student has S/S for Units 3 and 4 in that study
General Achievement Test (GAT)

- test of general knowledge and skills
- not part of completion requirements
- essential part of assessment processes
- any student enrolled in a Unit 3 and 4 sequence must sit the GAT
- held in June
ATAR
(Australian Tertiary Admission Rank)

• calculated by VTAC (Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre)
• calculated from study scores (which are adjusted in the process)
• compares students across studies
• The major criteria used to determine offers for tertiary study

• See VTAC website:

http://www.vtac.edu.au/results-offers/atar-explained.html
CALCULATION OF THE ATAR

Developed from an aggregate of
- the ATAR subject score in English, EAL, or Literature
- the next best three ATAR subject scores
- 10% of any fifth and/or sixth ATAR subject score

In all up to 6 ATAR subject scores may be used.
The highest rank is 99.95 and then decreasing in steps of 0.05


See also:
AN OVERVIEW OF THE VET IN THE VCE
• VET in the VCE allows students to include vocational studies within their senior secondary certificate. Students undertake nationally recognised training from either accredited state curriculum or national training packages which may contribute to their VCE.

• These VET programs may be undertaken in a variety of settings and offer students the opportunity to undertake Structured Workplace Learning (SWL).
Why do students choose to undertake VET as part of their senior secondary certificate?

VET offers students the opportunity to:

- combine general and vocational studies
- explore career options and pathways
- undertake learning in the workplace
- undertake applied learning in an adult learning environment
- gain a nationally recognised qualification or credit towards a qualification that contributes to satisfactory completion of the VCE
- develop skills that will equip them for the workforce.
External RTO and school partnership

The external RTO awards certificates and issues statements of attainment for VET training completed.

- **Undertaking VET on-site at an RTO**

Students may undertake their VET program at an RTO. This may be a TAFE or private RTO. Students travel to the RTO and undertake the training delivered by RTO staff, using RTO facilities.

*There is a fee attached. Maximum fee for 2016 was $455*
Scored assessment

For VCE VET scored programs the study score is calculated using assessments of each student’s levels of performance. Judgments about each student’s levels of performance are based on evidence from two sources:

• School-assessed Coursework

• Examination: a task set and assessed externally by the VCAA and taken under examination conditions at the end of the year.
Australian Tertiary Admission Rank for VET courses

The Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) is calculated by the Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC), subject to satisfactory completion of the VCE. VCAA study scores are scaled by VTAC. This scaled score is referred to as the ‘ATAR subject score’.

The contribution of VCE VET programs to the ATAR:
Any contribution to the ATAR is subject to satisfactory completion of the designated Units 3 and 4 sequence.

Where a study score is available for the Units 3 and 4 sequence, it will contribute directly to the ATAR, either as one of the student’s primary four studies or as a fifth or sixth study. For unscored VCE VET programs, students who successfully complete a Units 3 and 4 sequence will receive an increment of 10% of the average of the primary four ATAR subject scores, if no more than 5 other Unit 3/4 sequences have been undertaken.. (Block Credit)
VET Programs offered in 2017:

Cert. III Acting (Partial) (One Year – Units 3&4)
Cert. III in Allied Health Assistance
Cert. II in Automotive Studies
Cert. II in Building and Construction – Bricklaying (partial)
Cert. II in Building and Construction – Carpentry (partial)
Cert. II in Community Services
Cert. II in Dance
Cert. II Early Childhood Education & Care
Cert. II Electro technology Studies (Pre-Vocational)
Cert. II Engineering
Cert. III Events
Cert. II Fashion Technology & Design
Cert. II Furnishing
Cert. II Furniture and Joinery
Cert. II in Hospitality
Cert. III in Information, Digital Media and Technology (Gaming – Partial))
Cert. III in Information, Digital Media and Technology (Support Stream)
Cert. III Interior Decoration (Retail Services)
Cert. III Laboratory Skills
Cert. III in Media
Cert. II in Sport and Recreation
Cert. III in Technical Production (Music)
Cert. III in Technical Production (Music Industry Skills))
Cert. III in Tourism
Cert. II Visual Arts & Contemporary Arts
Application Process for VET

Select VET as a subject on the subject selection sheet, indicating the Certificate of interest. This should be one of the required preferences 1 – 8.

Students will be interviewed – academic results, behaviour and overall attitude will be taken into consideration.

Students will be notified late in term 3
Selecting VCE Subjects

Principles of Selection:
Students will achieve the best ATAR possible if they follow the following principles when choosing their VCE subjects.

Choose subjects:
• you enjoy
• you are good at
• reflect what you are interested in studying at tertiary level
  ie. Choose prerequisite subjects for courses they may wish to enter at tertiary level.
• help provide you with more career options if you are undecided.

List of VCE studies can be found on the VCAA website:
Prerequisite Subjects
These are subjects that must be completed in order to be eligible to apply for certain higher education courses at university.
Eg. Many Engineering degrees will require a student to have completed Maths Methods(CAS) and either Physics or Chemistry.

Where do we find Prerequisites?
**VICTER 2019**: Victorian Tertiary Entrance Requirements.
Maybe renamed – **Year 10 Guide**
This can be found on the VTAC website, [http://www.vtac.edu.au/publications/#year10and11](http://www.vtac.edu.au/publications/#year10and11)
Updates of this guide will appear after mid July
A summary of this guide will be published as a supplement in the daily newspaper after mid July. Date to be advised.
Other Useful Resources

VTAC Website:  http://www.vtac.edu.au/

1. Course Link: Register and enter a VCE program. Then do a course search which will only find courses where the prerequisites are met.

2. Choice:
   (2016 update after 17th July)
   Glossaries / Subject Selection advice / Explanation of terms & processes / examples of ATAR construction.
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Senior Programs at Brighton Secondary College

- normal VCE program for Year 11 student is 6 units per semester (Language and VET may also be included)
- normal VCE program for Year 12 student is 5 Unit 3 and 4 sequences (including Language, VET and Higher Education Study)
Selection Process

• information session
• course selection
• individual interviews where subject selections are discussed
• if necessary, interview with VCE Advisory Committee after final results for 2016 are known. This would be the last week in November.
• courses confirmed late November
Selection Form

• Must be returned no later than Wednesday 20\textsuperscript{th} July, 2016
• Selections for 2017 must follow the rules listed on the sheet
• Parent and student signatures required
• Selection sheet for 2017 can be downloaded from Compass, under the Community Tab, School Documentation/Senior School/Course Selection 2017.
Making choices

• Read carefully the information provided in the Study handbook about VCE, VET and specific studies
• Read VCAA “Where to Now?” booklet
• Speak to teachers concerning studies of interest, and students
• Check prerequisite requirements for future options
• Discuss choices with parents
• For help, see Ms. Sentry, Mr. Frawley, Ms. Dimitropoulos or any member of the Senior School Team.
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