



To Seek To See To Respond

Information Evening for Year 12 VCAL 2019

In VCAL your life journey is a clear destination

Welcome to Country

We acknowledge and pay respect to the Bangerang and Yorta Yorta people as the original and ongoing custodians of the land we meet on.

We commit ourselves to actively work alongside Aboriginal people for reconciliation and justice.

Prayer

May the Lord bless us in our
searching questions,

For these are the pathways to

Our enlightenment,

Our wisdom,

Our way to the future

May the Lord bless us in our
personal gifts,

And take our world to the future

May the Lord bless us in our
vision,

For this is the inspiration

To fire our hopes and reflections,

And our belief in the
Future

May the Lord bless us here today

In all our ways

Father, Son and Holy Spirit

Amen

VCAL- what is it all about?

- VCAL stands for Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning
- Students after successfully completing a Year 12 program will receive a VCAA Certificate and usually TWO VET certificates.
- VET stands for Vocational Education and Training- and is a compulsory subject or strand in VCAL
- Students undertake Applied Learning which involves passing outcomes by completing assessments which can be both in class and in the community.

What is Applied Learning?

Applied learning is an approach that emphasises the relevance of what is being learnt to the 'real world' outside the classroom, and makes that connection of assessment being relevant to life skills.

Also applied learning will involve students and their teachers in partnerships and connections with organisations and individuals outside school.

Important Dates

Thursday 26th of July	Student Portal OPENS for subject selection Planning sheets to Heads of House
Friday 10th of August	Student Portal CLOSES for subject selection
Monday 13th of August	Final date to return Completed re-enrolment documentation Signed subject selection receipt

Year 12 VCAL students Have opportunities

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Opportunities such as;

- Work Related Skills work projects in the community**
- Personal Development Skills- Complex Community Project- Home Page Design for Campapse Shire Echuca**
- Guest speaker presentations**
- Morning Tea Committee planning and organisation**
- Work Placements**
- Mock Interviews**
- Excursion planning**

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Year 12 - VCAL Study Stream Intermediate and Senior. Must select Two VETs

Literacy Skills	Numeracy Skills Unit 1 Numeracy Skills Unit 2	Work Related Skills Unit 1 Work Related Skills Unit 2	Personal Development Skills Unit 1 Personal Development Skills Unit 2 RE embedded	VET 1 Eg. VET Auto	VET 2 VET Hospitality
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When does Year 12 VCAL commence?

- Year 12 commences on November 19th with our Early Commencement Program (ECP) and concludes on the 30th November.
- During ECP - students will commence courses of study and will be allocated holiday homework
- It is expected that students will be organised from day one (with folders, stationary, books, plastic pockets, study timetable, etc.)

VCAL Subjects- Literacy Skills

Literacy Skills- (new curriculum for 2019)

The purpose of the VCAL Literacy Skills units is to develop literacy skills and knowledge that develops communication and knowledge for the workplace and social contexts.

Literacy Skills is concerned with assessment on reading, writing and oral outcomes. There are twelve outcomes and three assessments for each which are presented in a folio.

Year 12 Literacy studies a range of units such as; My Life Journey, Government, Indigenous, Conflict, Isolation, Community Issues and students are assessed on journals, folios, reports, reading a range of texts, print media and oral presentations.

VCAL Subjects- Numeracy

Numeracy Skills (new curriculum for 2019)

Numeracy is not associated with a level of mathematics, but is the critical awareness that builds bridges between mathematics and the real world.

Unit 1-The purpose of this unit is to enable students to develop numeracy skills to make sense of their daily personal and public lives. The mathematics involved includes numbers and data, financial literacy, time and location, and measurement and design. It also includes the use of software tools and devices applied to tasks that are part of the students' normal routine but extends to applications outside their immediate personal environment such as in the workplace and the community.

Unit 2-The purpose of this unit two is to enable students to develop, refine, extend and apply numeracy knowledge and skills through an investigation in a familiar industry area linked to the VET units in their VCAL program or employment. The numeracy involved focuses on Number, Measurement, Financial Numeracy, and Probability and Statistics.

VCAL Subjects-WRS and PDS

Work Related Skills- Units One and Units Two

Work Related Skills units are designed to:;

- integrate learning about work skills with prior knowledge and experiences
- enhance the development of employability skills through work related contexts
- develop critical thinking skills that apply to problem solving in work contexts
- develop planning and work related organisational skills
- develop OHS awareness to prepare for work placement and employment

Students in Year 12 will undertake safety assessment during Unit One and in Unit Two undertake; class work projects which they plan and organise and are assessed on.

Personal Development Skills-Units One and Units Two

In Unit One, students will be researching and reporting on community issues such as; social diversity, mental health and homelessness.

In Unit Two, students study their Complex Community Project on Tourism and must design a home page for Campaspe Shire and also complete a Religious Education unit.

Industry Skills-

VET - Vocational Education and Training

Students must choose a minimum of ONE VET in VCAL as they are compulsory in order to receive their VCAL Certificate.

VET certificates are Australian recognised so are very important for students intending on employment.

The second unit is either a second VET subject or can be a VCE subject (if approved with the VCE Leader) or an SBAT or SBA which replaces one VET subject.

For more information please see Ms. Picone or Mrs. Walker after reading the Course Handbook VET and SBA section.

Notre Dame VETs on offer for 2019

Please check carefully the Course Handbook in the VET section to choose your VET subject as you will be studying this VET all year.

VETs at Notre Dame next year will be;

1. Agriculture
2. Automotive
3. Building and Construction
4. Community Services
5. Engineering Studies
6. Events
7. Hospitality-Kitchen Operations
8. Music Industry-Sound Production
9. Screen and Media
10. Small Business
11. Sport and Recreation

NB.

Please remember
VET subjects are
building blocks and you
must do Year 1 before
you can complete Year
2

External VETs on offer for 2019

GOTAFE and Gawne Aviation

Please check carefully the Course Handbook in the VET section to choose your VET subject as you will be studying this VET all year.

VETs at GOTAFE next year will be offered on Wednesdays all day are:

1. Allied Health
 2. Makeup
 3. Design Fundamentals
 4. Electro Technology
 5. Equine Studies
 6. Information Digital Media and Technology
 7. Plumbing
 8. Landscaping
 9. Salon Assistant- (was Hairdressing)
- Gawne Aviation-
1. Aviation- approximate cost \$1500 TBC

NB.

These courses are subject to external enrolment process- students wanting to enrol in these subjects need to contact Belinda Picone at the College.

Book List and Stationary

- Booklist-
- There is a separate Book Stationary list for VCAL don't forget you will also need the VCE Booklist as well for your VET subjects.
- VCAL Textbooks at this stage will be needed for;
- Numeracy Textbook and a Calculator

Work Placement 2019

- Structured Workplace Learning (S.W.L.) is a highly recommended for the VCAL and VET programs.
- It is an expectation of the College that all VCAL students will complete S.W.L. as part of their program. In Year 12 this is 5 days in June.
- Placements allow students to combine classroom learning with hands-on industry training and practice.
- Students are required to keep a journal of their S.W.L. which may include supporting evidence (e.g. diary and photos).

Thanks! Any questions? Please Contact

If you have any questions you are welcome to ring and organise a meeting, phone or send your questions in an email to;

VCAL Leader;

sharon.woodberry@notredame.vic.edu.au

If you questions are in regard to VET enrolments, external VET or work placement please contact; Belinda Picone-

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