



2025 Course Selection Information

Year 10 into Year 11



Objectives

- Initial information about your Senior School options at CSC VCE Technical Information
- Outline of the 2025 Year 11 program at CSC
- Advice about selecting a suitable program

The CSC Senior Student Experience

EVERYONE CAN THRIVE

- Smaller Class Sizes in our Senior Years
- More personal support
- Mentor program - small groups
- We cater for an amazing diversity of subjects
- Minimal Travel
- Community minded and community focused

The CSC Senior Student Experience

EVERYONE CAN THRIVE

Our senior students are supported and celebrated

- Graduation
- End of Year 12 Celebration Assembly
- Student / teacher morning teas
- Senior social space
- A wellbeing program to develop stress management skills

We are committed to improving the senior years rite of passage.

The CSC Senior Student Pathway

Experience so far:

Career Counselling

- Year 9 Morrisby
- Year 10 Work Experience
- Year 10 Individual Pathway Planning with a career practitioner

Year 12 Student Attitudes to School Data

Framework factor / Question	Year 12 - % Positive		
	Total (n=66)	Female (n=30)	Male (n=36)
Effective teaching time	68%	68%	67%
My teachers provide learning outcomes for lessons	85%	87%	83%
My teachers give me feedback about my work	88%	90%	86%
The feedback that my teachers give helps me understand how to improve	66%	73%	60%
My teachers are well prepared	72%	83%	63%
My teachers ask me to explain my answers	65%	53%	74%
My teachers use more than one way to check that we understand	48%	40%	54%
My teacher asks me questions that challenge my thinking	78%	77%	80%
My teachers explain things clearly	68%	67%	69%
My teachers know when we understand the lesson and when we do not	63%	63%	63%
My teachers take the time to summarise what we learn in class	43%	43%	43%
Differentiated learning challenge	65%	64%	66%
My teacher understands how I learn	51%	53%	49%
My teachers explain things in different ways to students who need it	78%	80%	77%
If I don't understand something, my teachers explain it another way	65%	70%	60%
My teacher gives extra help when students need it	86%	77%	94%
My teachers give different work to students depending on their ability	46%	40%	51%
Stimulated learning	59%	64%	55%
My teacher makes the work we do in class interesting	60%	63%	57%
My teachers motivate us to think in our learning	72%	83%	63%
My teachers are inspiring	46%	47%	46%
Effective classroom behaviour	54%	53%	54%
Students at this school treat teachers with respect	25%	23%	26%
My teacher expects students to pay attention / My teacher expects me to listen	94%	97%	91%
My teacher sets clear rules for classroom behaviour	74%	73%	74%
If students misbehave in class, my teachers manage it effectively	69%	77%	63%
Students at this school treat each other with respect	20%	20%	21%
Students are rewarded or acknowledged for appropriate behaviour	38%	30%	46%



General Advice

- Consider your interests, abilities & aspirations
- If university is a consideration KNOW the subject prerequisites for courses you wish to study
- Consider your own interests, don't pick subjects based on what your friends pick
- Keep your options open
- Seek advice - attend a counselling session
- Maintain the highest level of mathematics for as long as you can





Programs available at Year 11

VCE

Victorian
Certificate of
Education

Scored VCE
Provides an ATAR

- University Courses

VET

Vocational
Education &
Training
certificates

including
School-based
Apprenticeship

VCE VM

Victorian
Certificate of
Education -
Vocational Major

**Entry into
institutions not
requiring an
ATAR**

- Cert II, II, IV, Diploma TAFE Courses
- Traineeships
- Apprenticeships
- Employment

VPC - Victorian Pathways Certificate





Which VCE is right for you?



VCE VCAA Requirements

The minimum VCE requirement is satisfactory completion of **16 units** that must include:

- 3 units from the English group, including a Unit 3–4 sequence
- 3 Unit 3–4 sequences, which can include further sequences from the English group.

CSC VCE Requirements

Example Selection of Year 11 & 12 Subjects

		Subject Compulsory	2nd Subject Selected	3rd Subject Selected	4rd Subject Selected	5th Subject Selected	6th Subject Selected
2025	Year 11 Semester 1	English Literature Unit 1	General Maths Unit 1	Biology Unit 1	Media Studies Unit 1	History Unit 1	HHD Unit 1
	Year 11 Semester 2	English Unit 2	General Maths Unit 2	Biology Unit 2	Media Studies Unit 2	History Unit 2	HHD Unit 2
2026	Year 12 Semester 1	English Unit 3	General Maths Unit 3	Biology Unit 3	Media Studies Unit 3	History Unit 3	Study Period
	Year 12 Semester 2	English Unit 4	General Maths Unit 4	Biology Unit 4	Media Studies Unit 4	History Unit 4	Study Period



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VCE Vocational Major (VM) VCAA Requirements

A **VCE VM** requires a **minimum** of

- 16 units in total (same as standard VCE)
- 3 VCE VM Literacy or units from other studies in the English group (including a Unit 3–4 sequence) or VCE English
- 3 other sequences (6 units) of Units 3 & 4 (same as VCE)
- 2 of VCE VM Numeracy or VCE Mathematics
- 2 of VCE VM Work Related Skills
- 2 of VCE VM Personal Development Skills

Senior FLO at CSC

Flexible Learnign Option

- **Usually aimed at students in year 9, 10 or 11**
- Highly flexible and individualised learning environment
- More intensive wellbeing support to increase engagement and learning outcomes.
- Targeted intervention
- Helps respond to behavioural, therapeutic and learning needs of a young person
- Focus on supporting a student's pathway back into mainstream school, further education, training or employment.
- High student teacher ratios and additional resources that are available to support a student's needs
- Students and families are encouraged to come up and experience FLO in action.

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School Information Night Presentation



SCHOOL-BASED APPRENTICESHIPS AND
TRAINEESHIPS

What is the Head Start Program?

Head Start assists students to gain school-based apprenticeships or traineeships.

The program provides students an opportunity to start an apprenticeship or traineeship while working toward a Year 12 completion.

What is Head Start?



What is a school-based apprenticeship or traineeship?

A school-based apprenticeship or traineeship (SBAT) offers students the option of combining their senior secondary education with part-time employment and skills training.

- Undertaken with a formal training contract with an employer
- Has a training plan registered with the Victorian Registration and Qualifications Authority (VRQA)
- The training must lead to a nationally recognized qualification
- Regular school attendance is combined with a minimum of 1 timetabled day a week of employment and structured training



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Finding the right employer

It can be a long process finding the right employer, some things you can do to assist are:

- Regularly speak with careers and Head Start
- Contact employers to do work experience
- Talk with family and friends to help find an employer
- Keep your resume up to date
- Have notes ready before you speak with an employer



Next Steps

Complete an Expression of Interest form

- Take this home and speak with your parent or guardian
- Read over all the information
- Ask questions next time you see the Head Start Coordinator
- Speak with your teachers and careers team

HEADSTART
APPRENTICESHIPS AND TRAINEESHIPS

STUDENT EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FORM

The HEADSTART program is a supported Apprenticeship and Traineeship program that allows the student to undertake a qualification at the same time as completing their school studies.

Personal Details

Name: _____ Date of Birth: ____/____/____
Address: _____
Mobile Number: _____ Email: _____
School: _____ Year Level: _____ VCE or VCE VM (please circle)
Do you have a USI number? No Yes - please list _____
Do you have any additional needs that we should be aware of? (eg. Medical, learning or physical conditions)
Parent / Guardian Name: _____ Contact Number: _____ Email: _____

Industry Information / Work Experience

Have you completed any of the following?
 SWL SBAT Work Experience Part time/casual employment Volunteer work

Please list details: _____

List any VET subjects completed or currently enrolled in: _____

Why do you want to finish Year 12?

Why are you considering a Head Start Apprenticeship or Traineeship?

What skills do you think you need to complete a Head Start Apprenticeship or Traineeship?

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If you would like more information about Head Start please contact the Head Start Coordinator on the details below:

**THE HEAD *START* COORDINATOR
IN MACEDON RANGES IS**

SONYA CARSON

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CSC Requirements

STANDARD VCE REQUIREMENTS

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Unit 1	An English Subject	Subject 2	Subject 3	Subject 4	Subject 5	Subject 6
Unit 2						

Accelerated Studies

Potential benefits

- Gives you a taste of Year 12
- Can give you a small bonus in your ATAR

Required to:

- Sit end of year exam
- Sit the GAT

Only do a Unit 3 & 4 sequence if:

- You want to
- You have developed good organisation skills
- You have already completed the corresponding Unit 1 & 2 sequence

CSC Requirements

ACCELERATED VCE REQUIREMENTS

ACCELERATED VCE REQUIREMENTS							
Unit 1	An English Subject	Subject 2	Subject 3	Subject 4	Subject 5	Unit 3	Subject 6
Unit 2						Unit 4	

CSC Requirements

VCE VOCATIONAL MAJOR (VM) REQUIREMENTS							
Unit 1	VCE VM Literacy	VCE VM Work Related Skills (WRS)	VCE VM Numeracy	VET subject (optional if undertaking a School-Based Apprenticeship)	VET subject or private study	Unit 3	VCE VM Personal Development Skills (PDS)
Unit 2	or a VCE English					Unit 4	

NOTE: VPC will be delivered in the same classes as VCE VM. Students and their families will be contacted if there's a perceived need to shift to the VPC Curriculum and plans will be negotiated on an individual basis.

CSC Course Selection Handbook

Download a copy:
[CSC website](#) >
Learning >
Course Selection



Course Selection Handbook
2025



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Virtual Schools Victoria



Filling Out The Subject Selection Form

Info will be sent to students school email addresses. Students should have the login info, but if not, they can see their mentor.

Enter via the Senior Subjects Link. Then pick your pathway. Once chosen, make sure you read through the information in the notes and rules tab.

SENIOR SUBJECTS

Open for submission

Choose pathway/stream

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Senior Subjects - VCE and No Acceleration

Senior Subjects - VCE Vocational Major

Senior Subjects - VCE and Acceleration

Filling Out The Subject Selection Form

VCE Pathway

Senior Subjects - VCE and Acceleration

Main Units	Subject	Units
Unit 3/4 subject	No selection	0
English Subject	No selection	0
Preference 3	No selection	0
Preference 4	No selection	0
Preference 5	No selection	0
Preference 6	No selection	0
Total		0

Reserve Units	Subject	Units
Reserve 1	No selection	0
Reserve 2	No selection	0
Reserve 3	No selection	0
Total		0

Cancel Submit

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Notes

Use this form if you plan to do a VCE or VCE/VET program including a Unit 3/4 subject.

Notes

At Castlemaine Secondary College, a Year 11 VCE or VCE/VET program, with a Unit 3/4 sequence, requires the following:

Rules

- A Unit 1/2 English sequence
- A Unit 3/4 sequence
- 4 other Unit 1/2 sequences

Note 1: You cannot study a VET 3/4 sequence without having completed the corresponding 1/2 sequence. However, you can study a VET 1/2 and 3/4 concurrently as two different subjects.

Note 2: It is not recommended to study a Unit 3/4 sequence without having completed the corresponding 1/2 sequence.

Filling Out The Subject Selection Form

VM Pathway



Choice

Peter Pan (Test student Yr11)

Senior Subjects - VCE Vocational Major

Main Units	Subject	Units
VM Numeracy	VM Numeracy 1/2	2
VM Literacy	VM Literacy 1/2	2
Compulsory VM Subject	VM Work Related Skills 1/2	2
Compulsory VM Subject	VM Personal Development Skills 3/4	2
Compulsory VET Subject	VET Cookery 3/4	2
Preference 1	Legal Studies 1/2	2

Reserve Units	Subject	Units
Reserve 1	Art Creative Practice 1/2	2
Reserve 2	Business Management 1/2	2
Reserve 3	Drama 1/2	2
		Total 6

Notes
Rules

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Notes

Use this form if you plan to study VCE VM next year.

To successfully complete a VCE Vocational Major certificate, students must complete the the following subjects by the end of Year 12:

- VM Numeracy (2 units)
- VM Literacy (minimum of 3 units)
- VM Work Related Skills (2 units)
- VM Personal Development (2 units)
- a VET subject (or if you have ALREADY formally organised to do a School Based Apprenticeship instead of a VET subject - please indicate that here) (must obtain 180hours, approx 2 units, of VET to complete a VCE VM)
- one other subject

Note: You cannot study a VET 3/4 sequence without having already completed the corresponding 1/2 sequence. However, you

Filling Out The Subject Selection Form

Once completed, you can print or email your selections to yourself. You can resubmit your preferences as many times as you'd like, but keep in mind that this will close at 4pm on Wednesday 14th of August

Senior Subjects - VCE and Acceleration

Student name: **Peter Pan (Test student Yr11)**

Notes: **Your choices are registered.**

Submitted date: **Tue 6 Jul 2021 18:39:29**

Main units

Main Units	Subject	Units
12GPO	Global Politics 3/4	2
11LIT	Literature 1/2	2
11BIO	Biology 1/2	2
11VMI	VET Music Industry 1/2	2
11LEG	Legal Studies 1/2	2
11MGN	Maths General 1/2	2

Total units: **12**

Reserve units

Reserve Units	Subject	Units
11ART	Art 1/2	2
12EIN	Extended Investigation 3/4	2
11PHO	Studio Arts-Photography 1/2	2

Total units: **6**



What to do next ...

Download the **Year 9-12 Course Selection Handbook 2025** from the College website.

Choose your subjects

- Subject selections open on Thursday 25th of July
- Due on Wednesday August 14th at 4pm

Course Selection Process

Pathway Planning

Course
Info
Session

Subject
Selection

Timetable
Development

Step
Up

Morrisby Career
Portfolios
& Insights

**Pathways
Presentation**
24th of July
7pm

**Subject
Selection**
Due: Wed 14th
Aug at 4pm

2025 course
to be
confirmed

Adjustments
can be made

Work Experience

**Subject
Selections
Open**
25th of July

Individual Pathway
Meetings



Further Advice

- Careers Coordinator - Kerri Aitken
- VCE Coordinator - Kate Young
- VET Coordinator - Cathy Naimo
- VM Coordinator - Kristina Tulen
- Head Start Coordinator - Sonya Carson
- Class and Mentor teachers

[VTAC website](#) - publications & course search
or download the VTAC app onto your phone!





Subject Confirmations

- Student subject confirmations for the following year are dependant on:
 - Timetable constraints
 - Student interest for particular subjects
 - CSC does work with Virtual School Victoria to provide access to subjects that may not offered on site on site
 - Families are usually advised of timetables approximately mid Term 4

