



2025 Course Selection Information

Year 11 into Year 12





Overview

- Outline of the 2025 Year 12 program at CSC
- Advice about selecting a suitable program





What to Consider

- Choosing a Year 12 course is straightforward for many
- For others it can be more difficult to decide
 - Which subject do I drop?
 - Are my subjects right for me?
 - What pre-requisite subjects do I need to ensure greatest scope for course that I am interested in





General Advice

- Know the rules
- Seek advice
- Do your own research
- Choose the subjects you're good at and enjoy
- Make an appointment with Kerri Aitken, Careers Counsellor to discuss pre-requisite subjects for tertiary studies



Programs available at Year 11

VCE

Victorian
Certificate of
Education

Study scores
& ATAR

- University
Courses

VET

Vocational
Education &
Training
certificates

including
School-based
Apprenticeship

VCE VM

Victorian
Certificate of
Education -
Vocational Major

No ATAR

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

VPC - Victorian Pathways Certificate

VCAA Requirements

VCE Certificate Requirements

	3 units of VCE English/Lit/Lang
	Unit 3 & 4 sequence of VCE English
	3 other Unit 3 & 4 sequences of VCE subjects (incl SBAT)
	16 units total (incl SBAT)
<i>ATAR calculation</i> English/Lit/Lang study score + best 3 other study scores + 10% increment of up to 2 other study scores. VET subjects without an exam contribute an increment of 10% of your lowest study score.	

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CSC 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

VCAA Requirements

VCE VM Certificate Requirements

	3 units of VM Literacy or VCE English
	2 units of VM Numeracy or VCE Maths (any level)
	2 units of VM Work Related Skills (any level)
	2 units of VM Personal Development Skills (any level)
	2 units of a VET subject (any level)
	Unit 3 & 4 sequence of VM Literacy or VCE English
	3 other Unit 3 & 4 sequences of VM or VCE subjects (incl SBAT)
	16 units total (incl SBAT)

CSC Requirements

VCE VOCATIONAL MAJOR (VM) REQUIREMENTS							
Unit 1	VCE VM Work Related Skills (WRS)	Unit 3	VCE VM Literacy	VCE VM Numeracy	VCE VM Personal Development Skills (PDS)	VET subject (optional if undertaking a School-Based Apprenticeship)	VET Subject or private study time
Unit 2	or Only if you pass WRS Units 3 & 4 this year, you can choose an alternate VCE or VET subject	Unit 4	or VCE English group subject	or VCE Maths group subject			

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.



Can you switch from a VCE to a VCE VM program?

- Yes - but you will need to complete a course planning session to ensure you can meet the certificate requirements
- Unscored VCE is also an option if exams are presenting as a significant challenge and/or you don't need an ATAR for your preferred pathway

If you'd like to discuss switching from VCE to the VCE VM, please speak to your mentor then Kristina Tulen (VCE VM and VPC Coordinator)



GET A HEAD START ON YOUR CAREER



Education
and Training

/HEADSTART

WHAT IS HEAD START?

Head Start is a pathway allowing students to undertake a school-based apprenticeship or traineeship whilst also progressing towards the completion of their Year 12 qualification

- Students can do this through the VCE VM or VCE program
- Time within the workplace and training can increase each year in order to support significant progression through the apprenticeship or traineeship
- Students will be required to attend Tafe/trade school
- Students will receive an individualised program and timetable

The **Head Start** Coordinator's role is to:

- Identify students and have initial conversations with the student, school and families
- Case manage each participant to ensure they are progressing well
- Assist students and families to identify suitable employers
- Support all parties involved in the SBAT process

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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Higher Education Studies

- Several institutions offer first year university subjects to extend extend high-achieving students
- They are counted as VCE units
- Contribute to the calculation of the ATAR via an increment for a fifth or sixth study.





Open Days

- Essential opportunity to get a taste of Universities and TAFEs you're interested in
- Gain insight into what's involved in particular subjects and where they might lead
- Discover extra-curricular opportunities, exchange programs, industry placements etc
- Choose the "vibe" that excites you the most



Open Days 2024

We have a flyer listing university open days and some questions to ask during your visit.

Lots more information is on the CSC Careers Website which you can access through the college website.

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

Senior Subjects - VCE Vocational Major

Filling Out The Subject Selection Form

VCE Pathway

Senior Subjects - VCE

Main Units	Subject	Units
English Subject	No selection	0
Preference 2	No selection	0
Preference 3	No selection	0
Preference 4	No selection	0
Preference 5	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

Notes

For a VCE or VCE/VET program at Castlemaine Secondary College:

- You must select an English Unit 3/4 sequence and

- Four other Unit 3/4 sequences

Note: 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.

Rules

Filling Out The Subject Selection Form

VM Pathway

Senior Subjects - VCE Vocational Major

Main Units	Subject	Units
Compulsory VM Subject	<input type="text" value="No selection"/>	0
Compulsory Literacy Subject	<input type="text" value="No selection"/>	0
Compulsory Numeracy Subject	<input type="text" value="No selection"/>	0
Compulsory VET Subject	<input type="text" value="No selection"/>	0
Preference 2	<input type="text" value="No selection"/>	0
Total		0

Reserve Units	Subject	Units
Reserve 1	<input type="text" value="No selection"/>	0
Reserve 2	<input type="text" value="No selection"/>	0
Reserve 3	<input type="text" value="No selection"/>	0
Total		0

Notes
Rules

Notes

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

For a Year 12 VM program at Castlemaine Secondary College, students must undertake the following subjects:

- VM Personal Development
- VM Literacy
- VM Numeracy
- a VET subject (if you are ALREADY completing a School Based Apprenticeship in lieu of a VET subject, please select that instead - but only if it has been formally organised).
- One other subject (optional)

Note: 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 (if we are able to run two separate classes of that VET).

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**

CSC Course Selection Handbook

Download a copy:
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Learning >
Course Selection



Course Selection Handbook
2025

Further Advice

At CSC

- Careers Coordinator - Ms Kerri Aitken
- VCE Coordinator - Ms Kate Young
- VET Coordinator - Ms Cathy Naimo
- VM Coordinator - Ms Kristina Tulen
- Class and Mentor teachers

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



Course Selection Process

Pathway Planning

Course
Info
Session

Subject
Selection

Timetable
Development

Step Up

Morrisby
Career
Portfolios
& Insights

**Pathways
Presentation**
31st of July

Careers
Coordinator
-Kerri Aitken

**Subject
Selections Open**
1st of August

Subject Selection
Due: Wed 14th
Aug at 4pm

2025 course to
be confirmed

Adjustments
can be made