

Introduction

The Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) is, in general, a two year certificate conducted under the auspices of the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority, a Victorian Government instrumentality. Completion of the VCE may lead to a variety of future options including employment and/or further study at TAFE or University.

The Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning (VCAL) is an accredited senior secondary qualification undertaken in Year 11 and Year 12. It is a course for senior students who want to pursue a pathway into TAFE, apprenticeships, further training or work. It recognises that the VCE certificate does not cater for all students and allows for a learning program to be designed with the students based on hands-on learning, also known as applied learning. This learning program is based on the students' interests at school, outside the school and in their plans for future education or for a career.

Choosing an appropriate course can be a challenging task. This handbook is intended to assist students and parents explore the many options available at MacKillop College. Our guiding principle is to ensure each student achieves their best by recognising their own gifts and talents. We strongly encourage students entering the senior years of schooling to select subjects for which they have demonstrated a propensity and clear capability.

Both the VCE and VCAL reflect the College's commitment to academic rigour and we strive to achieve results for each student that exemplifies excellence for that student. To that end we will guide students into courses that are appropriate to them and will be proactive in ensuring their capacity to undertake selected studies or combinations of subjects prior to the commencement of their final years.

Students and parents need to be aware that the move into senior secondary education has additional responsibilities for students and increased expectations. For example, skills such as time management and organisation will be dependent more on the student's own self-discipline and self motivation than in previous year.

MacKillop College provides course selection and careers advice to all students. However, it is important that, before committing to a particular senior course, students and parents avail themselves of other information beyond this guide. These additional sources may include past and present students, current teachers, other parents, employer groups, tertiary institutions and career centres.

Please Note: The information contained in this Senior Pathways Handbook was correct at the time of printing.

Principal's Message

These final years of study are, for most students, a time of rapid maturation and development. They are years of transition educationally, socially and emotionally. The staff of the College understand that, while tremendously rewarding, the senior years of schooling can be approached with great trepidation by some students and we aim to support all our students as they approach and complete their studies.

We undertake to guide both students and parents/guardians in the subject selection process and the subject matter which will be presented. We will prepare students to achieve the best possible results, those of excellence, at the conclusion of Year 12.

Such results come only with dedication, commitment and consistent application. As a College, we pledge to provide a spiritual, educational and pastoral framework in which to complete your studies and foster a sense of academic rigour. The College's services are at your disposal to assist you in making a smooth transition to what lies before you after leaving the school, whether that is further education, training or employment. We regard ourselves as working in partnership with you, as a young adult, to assist you to make well-informed, appropriate decisions regarding your studies and your future.

We welcome you to this final phase of secondary education and look forward to sharing this exciting journey with you and your parents/guardians. Undertake it with confidence knowing that we all, not only wish you well, but will do our utmost to ensure you do.

Rory Kennedy

Principal

Our Vision Statement

Celebrating all life

Challenging all people

Dreaming the new day

Our Mission Statement

MacKillop is a Catholic college in the Josephite tradition.

Inspired by the spirit of Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop, we strive to:

- encourage individuals to reach their full potential as life-long learners by providing an innovative, challenging and collaborative learning and teaching environment in a rapidly evolving society
- enhance positive relationships in a supportive community by promoting justice and a sustainable future
- support wellbeing by affirming the intrinsic dignity of each individual, embracing diversity and empowering active citizenship
- foster leadership by empowering and developing all members of the school community
- witness to the presence of God amongst us by celebrating our Catholic heritage as a faith community

In this, we seek to be disciples of Jesus, our model for authentic humanity.

Our Educational Principles

Teaching and Learning

- A positive teaching and learning environment is dynamic and adaptive
- Lifelong learners challenge themselves
- Effective teaching is responsive to a rapidly-evolving society

School Community

- A sustainable future is the responsibility of all community members
- Diversity, equity and justice form the basis of a supportive community
- Genuine partnerships between students, families, staff and the wider community promote a positive school environment

Student Wellbeing

- Each student is a global citizen called to respond to the challenges of their time
- Affirming the intrinsic dignity of each person is fundamental to student wellbeing
- An environment that models Catholic values enhances student wellbeing

Leadership and Management

- Leadership takes many forms; all are called to leadership
- Leadership encourages, nurtures and supports
- Effective management enables all members to engage fully in their leadership roles

Education in Faith

- All that we do gives witness to the presence of God
- All are invited to respond to God's call to bring hope to our world
- Our Catholic heritage is celebrated in the tradition of Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop

Glossary of Terms

ATAR – Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank

Assessment Tasks - Tasks used to measure each student’s level of achievement. Assessment tasks designated for Coursework must be part of the regular teaching and learning program and are completed mainly in class time.

Derived Exam Score – VCAA may approve the use of a calculated or anticipated exam score if a student is adversely affected during an examination period.

General Achievement Test (GAT) - All students undertaking VCE Units 3 & 4 will sit a General Achievement Test, which will be used to monitor school assessment and used in the moderation of external examinations.

Outcomes - Achievement requirements for a Unit of Study. Students are required to demonstrate achievement of all outcomes in the unit.

Quality Assurance - The process to assure the quality of delivery and consistency in interpretation of learning outcomes and relevant levels.

Satisfactory Completion - Satisfactory completion of all Units will be based on completion of all the outcomes prescribed for the Unit.

School Assessed Coursework (SAC) – Assessment tasks used to measure each student’s level of achievement. Assessment tasks designated for Coursework must be part of the regular teaching and learning program and must be completed in class.

School Assessed Task (SAT) – Extended assessment tasks to be completed by students undertaking a Units 3 & 4 sequence in *Art, Product Design & Technology (Fibre & Wood), Food Technology, Media and Visual Communication & Design* only. Performance on each task will be summarised by a letter grade from A⁺ to UG and reported to the VCAA. These tasks can be completed in both class and at home. If students are permitted to complete part of the task at home, the “Authentication Record for School Assessed Tasks” needs to be completed on a regular basis.

Semester - Equivalent to half a school year.

Sequence of Units - Most studies are designed as a sequence of four units to be taken in each semester over two years. VCE Units 3 & 4 must be taken as a sequence.

Special Provision - Where illness or other factors affect performance, students may seek special provision.

Study - A sequence of half-year Units in a particular curriculum area, for example: English, Mathematics, Japanese and VCAL Work Related Skills (Intermediate).

Study Design - The study design describes the units available within the Study and prescribes the objectives, areas of study, work requirements and assessment tasks.

Unit - A semester-length component of a Study.

Units 1 & 2 - Units within a VCE study designed to approximate the Year 11 level of difficulty.

Units 3 & 4 - Units within a VCE study designed to approximate the Year 12 level of difficulty.

VCAA - The Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority - responsible for curriculum, assessment, certification and administration of the VCE at Years 10, 11 and 12 levels in Victoria.

VCAL - The Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning.

VCE - Victorian Certificate of Education.

VET – Vocational Education and Training.

VQA - Victorian Qualifications Authority – responsible for the accreditation, registration and certification of all qualifications in Victoria.

Victorian Certificate of Education

The Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) is usually a two-year program of study.

The program is made up of semester (2 Terms) length units. At MacKillop each student is expected to study at most 23 units over the course of their VCE years.

Year 11 Students will study **12 units** over two semesters.

Year 12 students will study at most **12 units** over two semesters.

In order to complete the VCE, students must satisfactorily complete:

- (a) At least 3 units from the English group, with at least one unit at Unit 3 or Unit 4 level;
- (b) At least 3 sequences of Unit 3 & 4 subjects other than English, including VCE VET Units 3 & 4 sequences;
- (c) At least 16 VCE units.

VCE Subjects offered at MacKillop College

Accounting	LOTE – Italian
Art	LOTE – Japanese
Biology	LOTE – French
Business Management	Mathematical Methods
Chemistry	Media
Computing	Music Performance
Dance	Outdoor and Environmental Studies
Drama	Philosophy
Economics	Physical Education
English	Physics
English Language	Product Design and Technology
Environmental Science	Psychology
Food Studies	Religion and Society
Foundation Mathematics	Specialist Mathematics
Further Mathematics	Texts and Traditions
General Mathematics	Theatre Studies
Geography	Visual Communication Design
Health and Human Development	VET – Business
History	VET – Interactive Media Design
Legal Studies	VET – Music (Technical Production)
Literature	VET – Sport and Recreation

At MacKillop College students are required to study at least one unit of Religious Education during each year of their VCE study. For students not studying either Religion and Society 3 & 4 or Texts and Traditions 3 & 4 in Year 12, the Religious Education subject will be a school-based unit that is not accredited towards the VCE.

Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning

The Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning (VCAL) is a hands-on option for Years 11 and 12 students. The VCAL gives you practical work-related experience, as well as literacy and numeracy skills and the opportunity to build personal skills that are important for life and work. Like the Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE), it is a recognised senior secondary qualification.

The VCAL aims to provide students with the skills, knowledge and attitudes to make informed choices about pathways to work and further education.

Students who do the VCAL are likely to be interested in going onto training at a Technical and Further Education (TAFE) institute, starting an apprenticeship, or getting a job after completing school.

The award of satisfactory achievement for a unit is based on a decision that the student has demonstrated achievement of the learning outcomes specified for the unit. Successful completion of all learning outcomes for a VCAL unit may be demonstrated in one integrated assessment activity or spread over a number of different activities. To be awarded an **S**, the student must demonstrate competence on more than one occasion and wherever possible indifferent contexts to make sure the assessment is consistent, fair, valid and reliable.

VCAL - Assessment and Reporting

A range of assessment methods may be applied. These include:

- a portfolio of accumulated evidence
- teacher observation and/or checklists
- evidence accumulated through project or program participation
- awards from recognised programs
- self-assessment inventories
- oral or written reports
- evidence of information and communications technology, including Internet usage.

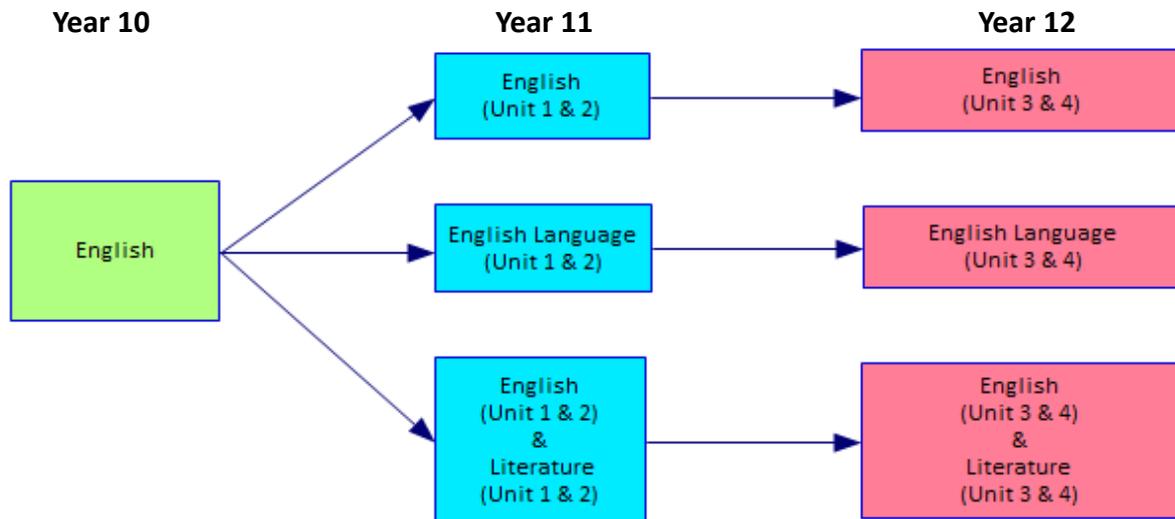
The learning program provides opportunities for students to demonstrate achievement of learning outcomes.

At MacKillop College students are required to study at least one unit of Religious Education during each year of their VCAL study. For students in Year 11, this will be Unit 2 VCE Religion and Society. In Year 12, the Religious Education subject will be a school-based unit that is not accredited towards the VCAL.

Compulsory Subjects for the VCE

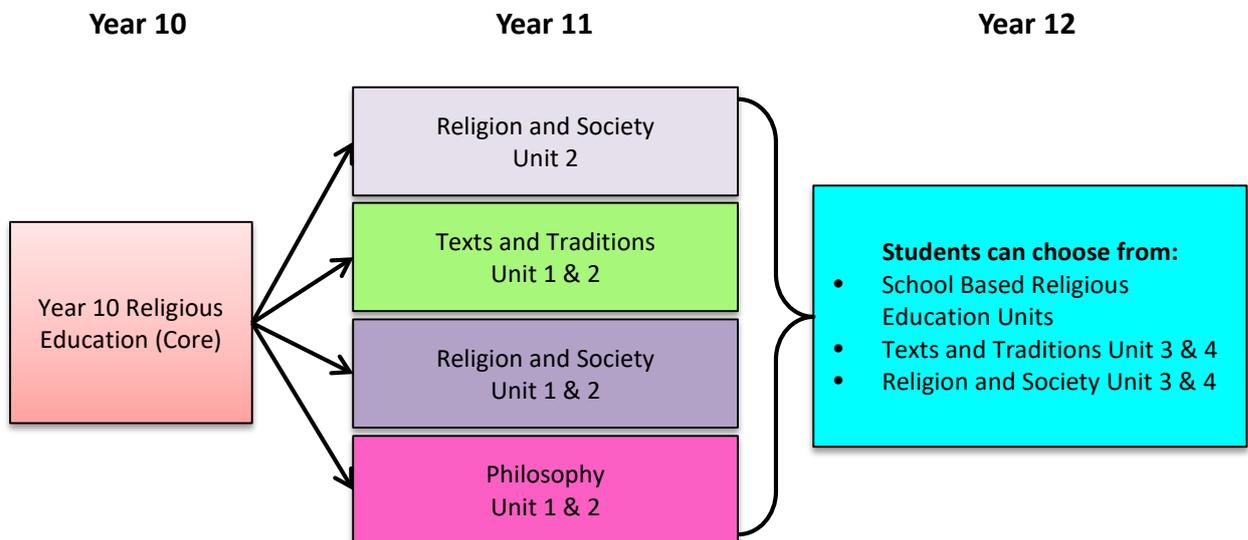
English

English is a compulsory study as part of the VCE. The possible pathways in English are shown below. More detailed information about the English subjects can be found in the Senior Pathways Subject Handbook.



Religious Education

All VCE and VCAL students at MacKillop College undertake the study of Religious Education and complete at least one VCE unit. The possible pathways are shown below. All Unit 3 & 4 sequences are eligible for a Study Score which will count towards the final ATAR score. At Year 12, students can choose to study a school based Religious Education Unit for 1 semester, rather than a VCE Religious Education Unit. More detailed information about the Religious Education subjects can be found in this Handbook.



Compulsory Subjects for the VCAL

a) Literacy and Numeracy Skills

Your VCAL learning program must include literacy and numeracy subjects, such as VCAL Literacy, VCAL Numeracy and VCE Foundation Maths.

b) Work Related Skills (WRS)

In order to develop 'employability' skills VCAL students participate in a structured work placement. You will also study units and modules that will help prepare you for work, for example occupational health and safety and job interview skills.

c) Industry Specific Skills (ISS)

Your VCAL learning program must include industry specific units from Vocational Education and Training (VET) programs or VCE VET. This may include an Australian School Based Apprenticeship (ASBA) or off-campus VET studies.

d) Personal Development Skills (PDS)

As part of your VCAL learning program you must participate in community-based projects, voluntary work and/or structured activities that will help you develop your self-confidence, teamwork skills and other skills important for life and work.

e) Religious Education and Additional Studies

All students undertaking VCAL are required to complete a unit of Religious Education and additional studies as described below:

Year 11	Year 12
VCE Religious Education Unit 2	School Based Religious Education
VET Events Certificate III (partial completion)	VET Events Certificate III (partial completion)

Students completing VCAL at MacKillop College are able to access the following subjects:

VCAL (Foundation) Subjects

Unit 1 & 2 Work Related Skills (Foundation)	Unit 1 & 2 Personal Development Skills (Foundation)
Literacy – Reading and Writing (Foundation)	Unit 1 VCE Foundation Maths
Literacy – Oral Communication (Foundation)	

VCAL (Intermediate) Subjects

Unit 1 & 2 Work Related Skills (Intermediate)	Unit 1 & 2 Personal Development Skills (Intermediate)
Literacy – Reading and Writing (Intermediate)	Unit 1 & 2 VCE Foundation Maths
Literacy – Oral Communication (Intermediate)	

VCAL (Senior) Subjects

Unit 1 & 2 Work Related Skills (Senior)	Unit 1 & 2 Personal Development Skills (Senior)
Literacy – Reading and Writing (Senior)	Numeracy (Senior)
Literacy – Oral Communication (Senior)	

VET Subjects (Industry Specific Skills Strand)

VET – Beauty Services	VET – Sport and Recreation
VET – Interactive Digital Media	VET – Off Campus Course*
VET – Music (Technical Production)	

* An additional fee applies to these programs which must be paid in full in order for enrolment to be completed.

Sports Education and Development Australia (SEDA)

Sports Development Program

SEDA is a provider of senior secondary education and training in partnership with schools. The SEDA Sports Development Program offers a professional qualification for young people wishing to pursue a career in the Sport & Recreation industry. Opportunities for graduates are in the areas of sports management, sports administration, event management, fitness instruction, facility management, coaching and many other areas of the Sport & Recreation Industry.

The program uses an applied learning model, linked closely with major sporting organisations, in the delivery of a Sport & Recreation program for senior students. Students are given the opportunity to access excellent sporting facilities and also get to interact and work with sporting organisation staff. Studies include:

- Sports Management
- Events Management
- Sports Science
- Sports Administration
- Coaching
- Project Management
- Recreation
- Fitness

Training is delivered using a variety of methods including:

- Online
- Lectures
- Practical

The full SEDA Sports Development Program is completed over 3 years. Successful completion of all units by students will make them eligible for the following:

Year 1 Year 11 Entry (MacKillop College)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• VCAL• Certificate III in Community Activity Programs
Year 2 Year 12 (MacKillop College)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• VCAL• Certificate IV in Community Recreation
Year 3 (SEDA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Diploma of Sport Development• Certificate IV in Tertiary Preparation• Certificate IV in Fitness

Upon successful completion of the Diploma course, students will have the opportunity to articulate into further study.

Students also complete one day a week of industry placement (Structured Workplace Learning) during each year of the program.

Prerequisite Criteria for Unit 1 & 2 Subjects

The following provides a list of prerequisite subjects that students must successfully complete before being eligible to study the appropriate Unit 1 & 2 Subject.

Learning Area	Unit 1 & 2 Subject	Prerequisite
English	-	-
Mathematics	Mathematical Methods Specialist Mathematics	Year 10 Maths (Pre-Methods)
Science	-	-
Health & Physical Education	-	-
Humanities	-	-
LOTE	Italian	Year 10 Italian
	French	Year 10 French
	Japanese	Year 10 Japanese
The Arts – Performing	Music Performance	Year 10 Music or AMEB Grade 2 Theory/Practical Equivalent
The Arts – Visual	-	-
Religious Education	-	-
Digital Technologies and Computing	-	-
Design and Technologies	-	-
VET	-	-

Prerequisite Criteria for Unit 3 & 4 Subjects

The following provides a list of prerequisite subjects that students must successfully complete before being eligible to study the appropriate Unit 3 & 4 Subject.

Learning Area	Unit 3 & 4 Subject	Prerequisite
English	English Language	English Language Unit 1 & 2
	Literature	Literature Unit 1 & 2
Mathematics	Further Maths	General Mathematics 1 & 2
		Mathematical Methods Unit 1 & 2
	Mathematical Methods	Mathematical Methods Unit 1 & 2
	Specialist Mathematics	Mathematical Methods Unit 1 & 2
Specialist Mathematics Unit 1 & 2		
Science	Chemistry	Chemistry Unit 1 & 2
	Physics	Physics Unit 1 & 2
Humanities	-	-
Health & Physical Education	-	-
LOTE	French	French Unit 1 & 2
	Italian	Italian Unit 1 & 2
	Japanese	Japanese Unit 1 & 2
The Arts – Performing	Dance	Dance Unit 1 & 2
	Drama	Drama Unit 1&/or 2
	Music Performance	Music Performance 1 & 2
	Theatre Studies	Theatre Studies Unit 1 &/or 2
The Arts – Visual	Art	Art Unit 1 &/or 2
	Media	Media Unit 1 &/or 2
	Visual Communication Design	Visual Communication Design Unit 1 &/or 2
Religious Education	Religion and Society	Texts and Traditions 1 &/or 2 or Religion and Society 1 &/or 2 or Philosophy 1 &/or 2
	Texts and Traditions	Texts and Traditions 1 &/or 2
Digital Technologies and Computing	Informatics	Computing Unit 1 &/or 2
	Software Development	Computing Unit 1 &/or 2
Design and Technologies	Fibre	Fibre Unit 1 &/or 2
	Food Studies	Food and Technology Unit 1 &/or 2
	Wood	Wood Unit 1 &/or 2
VET	Beauty Services	Year 11 Beauty Services
	Interactive Digital Media	Year 11 Interactive Digital Media
	Music (Technical Production)	Year 11 Music (Technical Production)
	Sport & Recreation	Year 11 Sport & Recreation
VCAL	All Subjects	Year 11 VCAL

The Structure of VCE Mathematics

Mathematics is designed to provide access to worthwhile and challenging mathematical learning in a way which takes into account the needs and aspirations of a wide range of students. It is also designed to promote students' awareness of the importance of mathematics in everyday life in a technological society, and confidence in making effective use of mathematical ideas, techniques and processes.

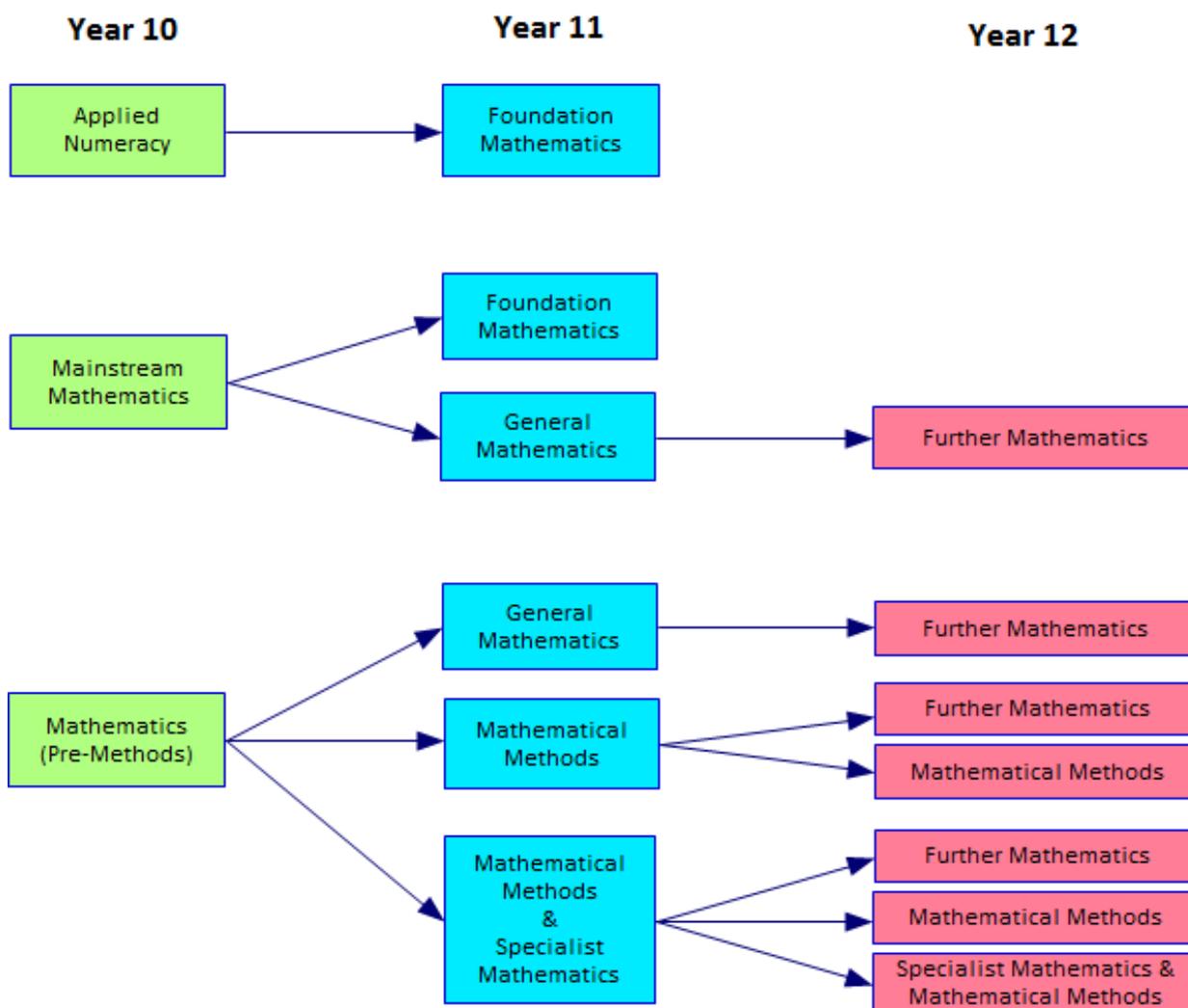
The final subject selection in the Mathematics Learning Area will be determined by consultation within the Learning Area and in conjunction with individual students and their parents.

The study of mathematics at MacKillop College is made up of the following units:

- Foundation Mathematics Units 1 & 2
- General Mathematics Units 1 & 2
- Specialist Mathematics Units 1 & 2
- Mathematical Methods Units 1 & 2
- Further Mathematics Units 3 & 4
- Mathematical Methods Units 3 & 4
- Specialist Mathematics Units 3 & 4

Courses Available

The following chart gives the possible Mathematics courses available to students.



Accounting

Unit 1: Establishing and Operating a Service Business

This unit focuses on the establishment of a small business and the accounting and financial management of the business. Students are introduced to the processes of gathering, recording, reporting and analysing financial data and information used by internal and external users. The cash basis of recording and reporting is used throughout this unit.

Using single entry recording of financial data and analysis of accounting information, students examine the role of accounting in the decision-making process for a sole proprietor of a service business.

Where appropriate, the accounting procedures developed in each area of study should incorporate the application of accounting principles and the qualitative characteristics of accounting information.

Areas of Study

1 Going into business

This area of study students investigate the reasons for establishing as small business, factors that lead to their success or failure, sources of finance and how pre-operational decisions are made.

***Outcome 1:** On completion of this unit the student should be able to describe the resources required, and explain and discuss the knowledge and skills necessary to set up a small business.*

2 Recording financial data and reporting accounting data and information

This area of study focuses on the role of accounting in the generation of financial data and information for the owner of a service business. The focus is on the recording of financial data and reporting of accounting information using a single entry recording system. Students are required to use both manual and ICT methods in the recording and reporting process.

***Outcome 2:** On completion of this unit the student should be able to identify and record the financial data, and report and explain accounting information, for a sole proprietor of a service business.*

Assessment

Students will be required to demonstrate a satisfactory achievement of the specified outcomes for the unit.

Assessment tasks may include:

- Folio of exercises (Manual and ICT based)
- Assignment (Manual and ICT based)
- Tests
- Unit exam

Students will use ICT in at least two of the assessment tasks.

Please Note:

Students must satisfactorily complete Unit 2 Accounting before undertaking Units 3 & 4.

Accounting

Unit 2: Accounting for a Trading Business

This unit focuses on accounting for sole proprietor of a single activity trading business. Students use the single entry recording system for the recording of cash and credit transactions, and the accrual method for determining profit. They use financial and non-financial information to evaluate the performance of a business. Using these evaluations, students suggest strategies to the owner on how to improve the performance of the business.

Students develop their understanding of the importance of ICT in the accounting process by using a commercial accounting software package to record financial transactions and generate accounting reports.

Where appropriate, the accounting procedures developed in each area of study should incorporate the application of accounting principles and the qualitative characteristics of accounting information.

Areas of Study

1 Recording financial data and reporting accounting information

This area of study focuses on recording financial data and reporting accounting information for a single activity sole trader using the single entry accounting system. Both manual and ICT methods of recording and reporting are used.

***Outcome 1:** On completion of this unit the student should be able to record financial data and report accounting information for a sole trader.*

2 ICT in accounting

This area of study requires students to develop an understanding of the role of ICT in the accounting process. Students use a commercial accounting software package to record financial data and report accounting information for a single activity sole trader, and demonstrate their understanding of the importance of ICT in the accounting process.

***Outcome 2:** On completion of this unit the student should be able to record financial data and report accounting information for a single activity sole trader using a commercial accounting software package, and discuss the use of ICT in the accounting process.*

3 Evaluation of business performance

This area of study focuses on an evaluation of the performance of a business using particular criteria such as stock and debtors. Based on this information, students discuss strategies that may improve business performance.

***Outcome 3:** On completion of this unit the student should be able to select and use financial and non-financial information to evaluate the performance of a business and discuss strategies that may improve business performance.*

Assessment

Students will be required to demonstrate a satisfactory achievement of the specified outcomes for the unit.

Assessment tasks may include:

- Folio of exercises
- Case studies
- Tests
- Unit exam

Students will use ICT in at least two of the assessment tasks.

Please Note:

Students must satisfactorily complete Unit 2 Accounting before undertaking Units 3 & 4.

Accounting

Unit 3: Recording and Reporting for a Trading Business

This unit focuses on financial accounting for a single-activity trading business as operated by a sole trader and emphasises the role of accounting as an information system. Students are introduced to the double entry system of recording financial data and will prepare reports using the accrual basis of accounting. The perpetual method of stock recording with the First In, First Out (FIFO) method is used.

Where appropriate, the accounting procedures developed in each area of study should incorporate the application of accounting principles and the qualitative characteristics of accounting information.

Areas of Study

1 Recording financial data

This area of study focuses on the identification and recording of financial data for a single-activity sole trader, using a double entry system. Students discuss the function of various aspects of the accounting system.

***Outcome 1:** On completion of this unit the student should be able to record financial data for a single activity sole trader using a double entry system, and discuss the function of various aspects of this accounting system.*

2 Balance day adjustments and reporting and interpreting accounting information

This area of study focuses on the accounting processes required at balance day, and applying the accrual method in preparation of accounting. Students explain the difference between cash and profit when using reports to make decisions.

***Outcome 2:** On completion of this unit the student should be able to record balance day adjustments and prepare and interpret accounting reports.*

Assessment

Students will be required to demonstrate a satisfactory achievement of the specified outcomes for the unit.

Assessment tasks may include:

- Structured questions
- Folio of exercises (Manual and ICT)
- Test (Manual and ICT)

Accounting

Unit 4: Control and Analysis of Business Performance

This unit provides an extension of the recording and reporting processes from Unit 3 and the use of financial and non-financial information in assisting management in the decision-making process. The unit is based on the double entry accounting system and the accrual method of reporting for a single-activity trading business using the perpetual inventory recording system.

Students investigate the role and importance of budgeting for the business and undertake the practical completion of budgets for cash, profit and financial position. Students interpret accounting information from accounting reports and graphical representations, and analyse the results in order to suggest strategies to the owner on how to improve the performance of the business.

Where appropriate, the accounting procedures developed in each area of study should incorporate the application of accounting principles and the qualitative characteristics of accounting information.

Areas of Study

1 Extension of recording and reporting

This area of study builds on the knowledge of the accounting system developed in Unit 3. Students undertake the process of using double entry accounting and an accrual-based reporting system. They explore alternative depreciation methods in the recording and reporting process.

Outcome 1: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to record financial data using a double entry accounting and report accounting information using an accrual-based system for a single activity sole trader, and discuss the function of various aspects of this accounting system.*

2 Financial planning and decision-making

This of area study focuses on the preparation of budgeted accounting reports and the analysis of financial and non-financial information for a single-activity sole trader. Students evaluate this information and suggest strategies to the owner on how to improve business performance.

Outcome 2: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to prepare budgets and various reports, evaluate the performance of a business using financial and non-financial information and discuss strategies to improve the profitability and liquidity of the business.*

Assessment

Students will be required to demonstrate a satisfactory achievement of the specified outcomes for the unit.

Assessment tasks may include:

- Structured questions
- Folio of exercises (Manual and ICT)
- Test (Manual and ICT)

Contributions to Final Assessment	
Unit 3 School Assessed Coursework	25%
Unit 4 School Assessed Coursework	25%
Unit 3 & 4 Examination	50%

Art

Unit 1 – Artworks, experience and meaning

In this unit students focus on artworks as objects and examine how art elements, art principles, materials and techniques and artistic processes communicate meaning. They examine artists in different societies and cultures, and historical periods, and develop their own viewpoints about the meanings and messages of artworks.

Students explore the practices of artists who have been inspired by ideas relating to personal and cultural identity. They study at least three artists and at least one artwork from each of the selected artists.

Students apply the Structural and Personal Framework to interpret the meanings and messages of artworks and to document the reflection of their own ideas and art making. They learn how to formulate and substantiate personal opinions about artworks. Students explore areas of personal interest and the characteristics of materials, techniques and the art process. They develop an understanding of the use of visual language to document their exploration and development of ideas, techniques and processes in a visual diary.

Areas of Study

1 Artworks and meaning

In this area of study students are introduced to the Structural and the Personal Framework to support the interpretation of the meanings and messages of artworks, both as intended by the artist and as interpreted by the viewer. Students learn that the analysis of an artwork using the Structural Framework can enhance their understanding and interpretation. They gain an understanding that art may reflect the artist's interests, experiences and thinking through applying the Personal Framework to read possible meanings of artworks. They also develop an understanding that the interpretation of the meanings and messages of art may be a personal response by the artist and/or the viewer, and that viewpoints can be substantiated using a range of sources. Students study at least three artists and at least one artwork from each artist to examine both historical and contemporary artworks.

Outcome 1: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to analyse and interpret a variety of artworks using the Structural Framework and the Personal Framework.*

2 Art making and meaning

In this area of study students are encouraged to develop and apply skills while exploring areas of individual interest to create artworks. Students undertake a range of experiences that offer different ways of working and develop an understanding about how to use the art process. They build confidence through the exploration of techniques, materials and processes. Students create and develop a range of visual responses using imagination and observation in a selection of tasks. They investigate the artistic practices of selected artists or styles as inspiration for the development of their own visual responses. Students engage in creative and technical processes with a range of materials and art forms and use a visual diary to document their reflections, exploration of ideas, and experimentation with materials and techniques. They reflect on their own art making and examine how they have developed their visual language. They use the Structural Framework and the Personal Framework to analyse and evaluate their visual responses.

Outcome 2: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to use the art process to create visual responses that demonstrate their personal interests and ideas.*

Assessment

Students will be required to demonstrate a satisfactory achievement of the specified outcomes for the unit.

Assessment tasks may include:

- an extended written response
- an annotated visual report
- an oral presentation
- short-answer responses supported by visual references
- a presentation using digital technologies
- a range of visual responses to a selection of set tasks and documented evidence of the art process

Please Note:

Students must satisfactorily complete Unit 1 &/or 2 Art before undertaking Units 3 & 4.

Art

Unit 2 - Artworks and contemporary culture

In this unit students use the Cultural and the Contemporary Framework to examine the different ways that artists interpret and present social and personal issues in their artistic practice.

Students investigate how artworks can be created as forms of expression for specific cultural and contemporary contexts. Artworks can celebrate specific events, ideas or beliefs or they can commemorate people, institutions, social movements and events. They can reinforce a social group's sense of power and authority or they can challenge social attitudes and assumptions.

Students use the Contemporary Framework to examine artworks from different periods of time and cultures. In current contemporary artistic practice, many artists have reinterpreted traditional art forms and familiar representation, re-examining the traditions of realism and abstraction in conceptual artworks that challenge ideas about art. Contemporary art and ideas may involve diverse and alternative approaches to making and presenting art. These practices may also include practices of appropriation, collaboration, participation and questioning of the notion of authorship of artworks.

Areas of Study

1 Contemporary Artworks and Culture

In this area of study students focus on the ways in which art reflects and communicates the values, beliefs and traditions of the societies for and in which it was created. Particular emphasis is placed on the influence of contemporary materials, techniques, ideas and approaches to making and presenting artworks. Students explore and investigate the ways in which the world has changed and continues to change over time, the factors that influence these changes and their impact on artistic practice. Students focus their research on selected theme/s to compare artworks, artists and their artistic practice. From the range of artists studied, two of the artworks must be based on a common theme.

Outcome 1: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to discuss and compare artworks from different cultures and times using the Cultural Framework and the Contemporary Framework.*

2 Artmaking and contemporary culture

In this area of study students explore areas of personal interest related to culture and contemporary practices. They use the art process and experiment with visual language to develop, present and document their ideas. Observations, imagination, ideas and concepts inspired by cultural or contemporary sources, such as the artists and artworks being studied in Area of Study 1, may be starting points to experiment with techniques, materials, processes and art forms. Students use all the Analytical Frameworks as appropriate to analyse visual qualities, concepts and meaning in their artworks and to document their artistic practice in a visual diary. They reflect on their own art making, and identify and discuss how they have used the art process and developed their visual language. Students examine and discuss their artistic practice and reflect on how cultural and contemporary aspects are evidenced in their artworks.

Outcome 2: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to use the art process to produce at least one finished artwork that explores social and/or personal ideas or issues.*

Assessment

Students will be required to demonstrate a satisfactory achievement of the specified outcomes for the unit.

Assessment tasks may include:

- an extended written response
- an annotated visual report
- an oral presentation
- documentation of the art process using visual language and the Analytical Frameworks.
- short-answer responses supported by visual references
- a presentation using digital technologies
- a range of visual responses including at least one finished artwork

Please Note:

Students must satisfactorily complete Unit 1 &/or 2 Art before undertaking Units 3 & 4.

Art

Unit 3 - Artworks, ideas and values

In this unit students study selected artists who have produced works before 1990 and since 1990. Students use the Analytical Frameworks for analysing and interpreting the meaning of artworks. Applied together, these Analytical Frameworks enable students to appreciate how an artwork may contain different aspects and layers of meaning and to acknowledge the validity of diverse interpretations.

Students link their growing theoretical understanding of art to their own practice. Students apply imagination and creativity to develop their ideas through the art process and visual language. Their art making is supported through investigation, exploration and application of a variety of materials, techniques and processes. Students develop confidence in using the language and content of the Analytical Frameworks in their reflection of the structural, personal, cultural and contemporary aspects of their own developing artworks.

Areas of Study

1 Interpreting art

In this area of study students respond to and critically interpret the meanings and messages of artworks. They develop, examine and analyse their own and others' opinions and use evidence to support different points of view. Students undertake research to support their analysis and critique. Using appropriate terminology, they compare artworks produced before 1990 with artworks produced since 1990.

When selecting artworks for study, it is recognised that the Analytical Frameworks can be applied to all artworks in varying degrees. Students demonstrate depth of analysis by drawing on specific aspects of the frameworks to support their interpretations of artworks.

Outcome 1: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to use the Analytical Frameworks to analyse and interpret artworks produced before 1990 and since 1990, and compare the meanings and messages of these artworks.*

2 Investigation and interpretation through artmaking

In this area of study students use the art process to develop their own art responses inspired by ideas, concepts and observations. They apply imagination and creativity as they explore and develop visual language through the investigation and experimentation of materials, techniques, processes and art forms. Students engage in ongoing exploration, experimentation, reflection, analysis and evaluation as they progressively develop and refine their ideas. They document and analyse their thinking and working practices throughout the art process, using the language and context of selected and identified Analytical Frameworks (pages 10–12) to guide their reflection. They use appropriate technical skill to produce a body of work with at least one finished artwork at the end of Unit 3. Students employ appropriate health, safety and sustainable practices in the development of their practical work.

Outcome 2: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to use the art process to produce at least one artwork, and use the Analytical Frameworks to document and evaluate the progressive development and refinement of their artistic practice.*

Assessment

Students will be required to demonstrate a satisfactory achievement of the specified outcomes for the unit.

Assessment tasks may include:

- Written report
- Extended response
- Short responses
- Structured questions
- Annotated visual report
- A response using digital technologies
- An oral presentation with documented evidence

Art

Unit 4 - Artworks, ideas and viewpoints

In this unit students study artworks and develop and expand upon personal points of view. They support their point of view and informed opinions about art ideas and issues with evidence. They build their learning and conceptual understanding around the discussion of broad themes, ideas and issues related to the role of art in society and consider how ideas and issues are communicated through artworks. They discuss how art may affect and change the way people think.

Students choose an art idea and issue to explore. Students select the artwork/s of at least one artist not previously studied, and use this artwork/s and selected related commentaries and viewpoints to discuss the chosen art idea and related issues. At the end of this unit, students present a body of work and at least one finished artwork accompanied by documentation of artistic practice. Students select appropriate aspects of the Analytical Frameworks as a structure for the reflection and documentation of their artworks.

Areas of Study

1 Discussing Art

In this area of study students discuss art ideas and issues and the varying interpretations about the role of art in society. Students select a statement about an art idea and related issues that they research, analyse and interpret. They refer to a range of resources and viewpoints to examine opinions and arguments, and refer to artists and artworks to support and develop their own ideas. The range of commentaries and viewpoints may both support and challenge the selected art idea and related issues.

Outcome 1: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to examine and analyse an art idea and its related issues to inform their viewpoint.*

2 Realisation and resolution

In this area of study students continue to develop the body of work begun in Unit 3 by using the art process and work toward resolved ideas and concepts leading to at least one finished artwork, in addition to the work that was completed for Unit 3. They reflect on personal concepts and ideas as they progressively develop and refine their artworks. Students continue to use the Analytical Frameworks to document their artistic practice, reflecting on exploration, experimentation, further development, refinement and resolution of a body of work.

Outcome 2: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to apply the art process to progressively communicate ideas, directions and personal concepts in a body of work that includes at least one finished artwork and use selected aspects of the Analytical Frameworks to underpin reflections on their art making.*

Assessment

Students will be required to demonstrate a satisfactory achievement of the specified outcomes for the unit.

Assessment tasks may include:

- Written report
- Extended response
- Short responses
- Body of work presenting explorations within selected art forms and/or media which clearly demonstrates the development of the student's thinking and working practices. At least two finished artworks that resolve the student's intentions are to be produced.
- Structured questions
- Annotated visual report
- Multimedia presentation

Contributions to Final Assessment	
Unit 3 & 4 School Assessed Coursework	20%
School Assessed Task (SAT)	50%
Unit 3 & 4 Examination	30%

Biology

Unit 1: How do living things stay alive?

In this unit students are introduced to some of the challenges to an organism in sustaining life. Students examine the cell as the structural and functional unit of life, from the single celled to the multicellular organism, and the requirements for sustaining cellular processes in terms of inputs and outputs. They analyse types of adaptations that enhance the organism's survival in a particular environment and consider the role homeostatic mechanisms play in maintaining the internal environment. The role of a keystone species in maintaining the structure of an ecosystem is explored.

Areas of Study

1 How do organisms function?

In this area of study students examine the structure and functioning of cells and how the plasma membrane contributes to survival by controlling the movement of substances into and out of the cell. Whether life forms are unicellular or multicellular, or heterotrophic or autotrophic, whether they live in a deep ocean trench, a tropical rain forest, an arid desert or on the highest mountain peak, all individual organisms are faced with the challenge of obtaining nutrients and water, exchanging gases, sourcing energy and having a means of removal of waste products.

Outcome 1: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to investigate and explain how cellular structures and systems*

2 How do living systems sustain life?

In this area of study students examine the structural, physiological and behavioural adaptations of a range of organisms that enable them to survive in a particular habitat and to maintain a viable population size over time. Students consider the distinction between the external and internal environment of an organism and examine how homeostatic mechanisms maintain the internal environment within a narrow range of values for factors including temperature, blood glucose and water balance. They explore the importance and implications of organising and maintaining biodiversity and examine the nature of an ecosystem in terms of the network of relationships within a community of diverse organisms. Students identify a keystone species, explore an organism's relationship to its habitat and evaluate the impact of abiotic factors on the distribution and abundance of organisms within the community. Factors affecting population size and growth are analysed.

Outcome 2: *On completion of this unit the student should be able explain how various adaptations enhance the survival of an individual organism, investigate the relationships between organisms that form a living community and their habitat, and analyse the impacts of factors that affect population growth.*

3 Research Investigation

In this area of study students design and conduct a practical investigation into the survival of an individual or a species. The investigation requires the student to develop a question, plan a course of action to answer the question, undertake an investigation to collect the appropriate primary qualitative and/or quantitative data, organise and interpret the data and reach a conclusion in response to the question.

Outcome 3: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to design and undertake an investigation related to the survival of an organism or species, and draw conclusions based on evidence from collected data.*

Assessment

Students will be required to demonstrate a satisfactory achievement of the specified outcomes for the unit.

Assessment tasks may include:

- A student-designed and/or adapted and/or extended practical investigation
- Response to a media article
- Data analysis
- Test, multiple choices and/or short answer and/or extended response.
- Oral presentation
- Problem solving
- Multimedia or web page presentations
- Annotated poster
- Practical Activities

Biology

Unit 2: How is the continuity of life maintained?

In this unit students examine the transmission of biological information through cell reproduction, the cell cycle and the process of DNA replication in both eukaryotic and prokaryotic organisms. They explore the advantages and disadvantages of sexual and asexual reproduction and the mechanisms for each type of reproduction. The role of stem cells in the growth and development of humans and their potential use in medical therapies is also explored. Students use chromosome theory and terminology from classical genetics to explain the inheritance of characteristics, analyse patterns of inheritance, interpret pedigree charts and predict outcomes of genetic crosses. They explore the relationship between genes, the environment and the regulation of genes in giving rise to phenotypes.

Areas of Study

1 How does reproduction maintain the continuity of life?

In this area of study students consider the need for the cells of multicellular organisms to multiply for growth, repair and replacement. They examine the main events of the cell cycle in prokaryotic and eukaryotic cells. Students investigate and use visualisations and modelling to describe the characteristics of each of the phases in mitosis. Cytokinesis is explained for both plant and animal cells. Students describe the production of gametes in sexual reproduction through the key events in meiosis and explain the differences between asexual and sexual reproduction in terms of the genetic makeup of daughter cells. Students consider the role and nature of stem cells, their differentiation and the consequences for human prenatal development and their potential use to treat injury and disease.

Outcome 1: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to compare the advantages and disadvantages of asexual and sexual reproduction, explain how changes within the cell cycle may have an impact on cellular or tissue system function and identify the role of stem cells in cell growth and cell differentiation and in medical therapies.*

2 How is inheritance explained?

In this area of study students build on their understanding of the nature of genes and the use of genetic language to read and interpret patterns of inheritance and predict outcomes of genetic crosses. Students apply their genetic knowledge to consider the social and ethical implications of genetic applications in society including genetic screening and decision making regarding the inheritance of autosomal and sex-linked conditions.

Outcome 2: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to apply an understanding of genetics to describe patterns of inheritance, analyse pedigree charts, predict outcomes of genetic crosses and identify the implications of the uses of genetic screening and decision making related to inheritance.*

3 Investigation of an issue

The increasing uses and applications of genetics knowledge and reproductive science in society both provide benefits for individuals and populations and raise social, economic, legal and ethical questions. Human cloning, genetic modification of organisms, the use of forensic DNA databanks, assisted reproductive technologies and prenatal and predictive genetic testing challenge social and ethical norms. In this area of study students apply and extend their knowledge and skills developed to investigate an issue involving reproduction and/or inheritance.

Outcome 3: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to design and undertake an investigation related to the survival of an organism or species, and draw conclusions based on evidence from collected data.*

Assessment

Students will be required to demonstrate a satisfactory achievement of the specified outcomes for the unit.

Assessment tasks may include:

- A student-designed and/or adapted and/or extended practical investigation
- Response to a media article
- Data analysis
- Test, multiple choices and/or short answer and/or extended response.
- Oral presentation
- Problem solving
- Multimedia or web page presentations
- Annotated poster
- Practical Activities

Biology

Unit 3: How do cells maintain life?

The cell is a dynamic system of interacting molecules that define life. An understanding of the workings of the cell enables an appreciation of both the capabilities and the limitations of living organisms whether animal, plant, fungus or microorganism. The convergence of cytology, genetics and biochemistry makes cell biology one of the most rapidly evolving disciplines in contemporary biology.

In this unit students investigate the workings of the cell from several perspectives. They explore the importance of the insolubility of the plasma membrane in water and its differential permeability to specific solutes in defining the cell, its internal spaces and the control of the movement of molecules and ions in and out of such spaces. Students consider base pairing specificity, the binding of enzymes and substrates, the response of receptors to signaling molecules and reactions between antigens and antibodies to highlight the importance of molecular interactions based on the complementary nature of specific molecules.

Students study the synthesis, structure and function of nucleic acids and proteins as key molecules in cellular processes. They explore the chemistry of cells by examining the nature of biochemical pathways, their components and energy transformations. Cells communicate with each other using a variety of signaling molecules. Students consider the types of signals, the transduction of information within the cell and cellular responses. At this molecular level students study the human immune system and the interactions between its components to provide immunity to a specific antigen.

Areas of Study

1 How do cellular processes work?

In this area of study students focus on the cell as a complex chemical system. They examine the chemical nature of the plasma membrane to compare how hydrophilic and hydrophobic substances move across it. They model the formation of DNA and proteins from their respective subunits. The expression of the information encoded in a sequence of DNA to form a protein is explored and the nature of the genetic code outlined. Students use the *lac* operon to explain prokaryotic gene regulation in terms of the 'switching on' and 'switching off' of genes.

Students learn why the chemistry of the cell usually takes place at relatively low, and within a narrow range of, temperatures. They examine how reactions, including photosynthesis and cellular respiration, are made up of many steps that are controlled by enzymes and assisted by coenzymes. Students explain the mode of action of enzymes and the role of coenzymes in the reactions of the cell and investigate the factors that affect the rate of cellular reactions.

Outcome 1: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to explain the dynamic nature of the cell in terms of key cellular processes including regulation, photosynthesis and cellular respiration, and analyse factors that affect the rate of biochemical reactions.*

2 How do cells communicate?

In this area of study students focus on how cells receive specific signals that elicit a particular response. Students apply the stimulus-response model to the cell in terms of the types of signals, the position of receptors, and the transduction of the information across the cell to an effector that then initiates a response. Students examine unique molecules called antigens and how they elicit an immune response, the nature of immunity and the role of vaccinations in providing immunity. They explain how malfunctions in signalling pathways cause various disorders in the human population and how new technologies assist in managing such disorders.

Outcome 2: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to apply a stimulus-response model to explain how cells communicate with each other, outline human responses to invading pathogens, distinguish between the different ways that immunity may be acquired, and explain how malfunctions of the immune system cause disease.*

Assessment

Students will be required to demonstrate a satisfactory achievement of the specified outcomes for the unit.

Biology

Unit 4: How does life change and respond to challenges over time?

In this unit students consider the continual change and challenges to which life on Earth has been subjected. They investigate the relatedness between species and the impact of various change events on a population's gene pool. Students examine change in life forms using evidence from palaeontology, biogeography, developmental biology and structural morphology. They explore how technological developments in the fields of comparative genomics, molecular homology and bioinformatics have resulted in evidence of change through measurements of relatedness between species.

Students examine the structural and cognitive trends in the human fossil record and the interrelationships between human biological and cultural evolution. The biological consequences, social and ethical implications, of manipulating the DNA molecule and applying biotechnologies is explored for both the individual and the species.

Areas of Study

1 How are species related?

In this area of study students focus on changes to genetic material over time and the evidence for biological evolution. They investigate how changes to genetic material lead to new species through the process of natural selection as a mechanism for evolution. Students examine how evolutionary biology and the relatedness of species is based upon the accumulation of evidence. They learn how interpretations of evidence can change in the light of new evidence as a result of technological advances, particularly in molecular biology. The human fossil record is explored to identify the major biological and cognitive trends that have led to a complex interrelationship between biology and culture.

Outcome 1: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to analyse evidence for evolutionary change, explain how relatedness between species is determined, and elaborate on the consequences of biological change in human evolution.*

2 How do humans impact on biological processes?

In this area of study students examine the impact of human culture and technological applications on biological processes. They apply their knowledge of the structure and function of the DNA molecule to examine how molecular tools and techniques can be used to manipulate the molecule for a particular purpose. Students describe gene technologies used to address human issues and consider their social and ethical implications. Scientific knowledge can both challenge and be challenged by society. Students examine biological challenges that illustrate how the reception of scientific knowledge is influenced by social, economic and cultural factors.

Outcome 2: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to describe how tools and techniques can be used to manipulate DNA, explain how biological knowledge is applied to biotechnical applications, and analyse the interrelationship between scientific knowledge and its applications in society.*

3 Practical Investigation

A student-designed or adapted investigation related to cellular processes and/or biological change and continuity over time.

Outcome 3: *On the completion of this unit the student should be able to design and undertake an investigation related to cellular processes and/or biological change and continuity over time, and present methodologies, findings and conclusions in a scientific poster.*

Assessment

Students will be required to demonstrate a satisfactory achievement of the specified outcomes for the unit.

Contributions to Final Assessment	
Unit 3 School Assessed Coursework	16%
Unit 4 School Assessed Coursework	24%
Unit 3 & 4 Examination	60%

Business Management

Unit 1: Planning a business

Businesses of all sizes are major contributors to the economic and social wellbeing of a nation. Taking a business idea and planning how to make it a reality are the cornerstones of economic and social development. In this unit students explore the factors affecting business ideas and the internal and external environments within which businesses operate, and the effect of these on planning a business.

Areas of Study

1 The business idea

In this area of study students investigate how business ideas are created and how conditions can be fostered for new business ideas to emerge. Students explore some of the issues that need to be considered before a business can be established.

***Outcome 1:** On completion of this unit the student should be able to describe how and why business ideas are created and developed, and explain the methods by which a culture of business innovation and entrepreneurship may be fostered in a nation.*

2 External environment

Students consider factors from the external environment such as legal, political, social, economic, technological, global and corporate social responsibility factors and the effects these may have on the decisions made when planning a business. Students investigate how the internal environment relates to the external environment and the effects of this relationship on planning a business.

***Outcome 2:** On completion of this unit the student should be able to describe the external environment of a business and explain how the macro and operating factors within it may affect business planning.*

3 Day to day operations

The internal environment affects the approach to and success of business planning. The owner will generally have more control over the activities, functions and pressures that occur within a business. These factors, such as business models, legal business structures and staffing, will also be influenced to some extent by the external environment. Students explore the factors within the internal environment and consider how planning decisions may have an effect on the ultimate success of a business.

***Outcome 3:** On completion of this unit the student should be able to describe the internal business environment and analyse how factors from within it may affect business planning.*

Assessment

Students will be required to demonstrate a satisfactory achievement of the specified outcomes for the unit.

Assessment tasks may include:

- Case study analysis
- Business research report
- Development of a business plan
- Interview and report on contact with business
- Business simulation exercise
- School-based, short-term business activity
- Essay
- Media analysis
- Unit exam

Business Management

Unit 2: Establishing a business

This unit focuses on the establishment phase of a business's life. In this unit students examine the legal requirements that must be satisfied to establish a business. They investigate the essential features of effective marketing and consider the best way to meet the needs of the business in terms of staffing and financial record keeping. Students analyse various management practices in this area by applying this knowledge to contemporary business case studies from the past four years.

Areas of Study

1 Legal requirements and financial considerations

In this area of study students are introduced to the legal requirements and financial considerations that are vital to establishing a business. They also consider the implications for the business if these requirements are not met.

***Outcome 1:** On completion of this unit the student should be able to explain the importance when establishing a business of complying with legal requirements and financial record keeping, and establishing effective policies and procedures.*

2 Marketing a business

In this area of study students develop their understanding that marketing encompasses a wide range of management practices, from identifying the needs of the target market and establishing a brand presence, through to considerations on price, product features and packaging, promotion, place, people, physical evidence and processes. They also consider effective public relations strategies and the benefits and costs these can bring to a business.

***Outcome 2:** On completion of this unit the student should be able to explain the importance of establishing a customer base and a marketing presence to achieve the objectives of the business, analyse effective marketing and public relations strategies and apply these strategies to business-related case studies.*

3 Staffing a business

In this area of study students examine the staffing requirements that will meet the needs and objectives of the business and contribute to productivity and effectiveness. They research the processes undertaken by the business with relation to the recruitment, selection and induction of staff. Students consider the opportunities that the skills and capabilities of staff can contribute to the business, the legal obligations that must be addressed and the relationship between employers and employees within a business.

***Outcome 3:** On completion of this unit the student should be able to discuss the staffing needs for a business and evaluate the benefits and limitations of management strategies in this area from both an employer and an employee perspective.*

Assessment

Students will be required to demonstrate a satisfactory achievement of the specified outcomes for the unit.

Assessment tasks may include:

- Case study analysis
- Business research report
- Development of a business plan
- Interview and report on contact with business
- Business simulation exercise
- School-based, short-term business activity
- Essay
- Media analysis
- Unit exam

Business Management

Unit 3: Managing a business

In this unit students explore the key processes and issues concerned with managing a business efficiently and effectively to achieve the business objectives. Students examine the different types of businesses and their respective objectives. Students investigate strategies to manage both staff and business operations to meet objectives. Students develop an understanding of the complexity and challenge of managing businesses and through the use of contemporary business case studies from the past four years have the opportunity to compare theoretical perspectives with current practice.

Areas of Study

1 Business foundations

This area of study introduces students to the key characteristics of businesses and their stakeholders. Students investigate potential conflicts between and the different demands of stakeholders on a business. They examine a range of management styles and management skills that may be used when managing a business and apply these to contemporary business case studies.

Outcome 1: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to discuss the key characteristics of businesses and stakeholders, and analyse the relationship between corporate culture, management styles and management skills.*

2 Managing employees

In this area of study students investigate essential factors such as motivation and training involved in effectively managing employees during their time at a business to ensure the business objectives are achieved. They consider Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs, Locke and Latham's Goal Setting Theory and Lawrence and Nohria's Four Drive Theory of motivation. Using the theories and motivation strategies, students propose and justify possible solutions to employee management in contemporary business case studies. Students gain an overview of workplace relations, including the main participants and their roles in the dispute resolution process.

Outcome 2: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to explain theories of motivation and apply them to a range of contexts, and analyse and evaluate strategies related to the management of employees.*

3 Operations management

In this area of study students examine operations management and consider the best and most responsible use of available resources for the production of a quality final good or service in a competitive, global environment.

Outcome 3: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to analyse the relationship between business objectives and operations management, and propose and evaluate strategies to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of business operations.*

Assessment

Students will be required to demonstrate a satisfactory achievement of the specified outcomes for the unit. Assessment tasks may include:

- Case study
- Structured questions
- Essay
- Report
- Media analysis

Business Management

Unit 4: Transforming a business

In this unit students consider the importance of reviewing key performance indicators to determine current performance and the strategic management necessary to position a business for the future. Students study a theoretical model to undertake change, and consider a variety of strategies to manage change in the most efficient and effective way to improve business performance. They investigate the importance of leadership in change management. Using a contemporary business case study from the past four years, students evaluate business practice against theory.

Areas of Study

1 Reviewing performance - the need for change

In this area of study students develop their understanding of the need for change. Students investigate the ways a business can search for new business opportunities as a source of future business growth and consider current forces for change on a business. They apply Lewin's Force Field Analysis theory to contemporary case studies and consider approaches to strategic management, using Porter's (1985) Generic Strategies.

***Outcome 1:** On completion of this unit the student should be able to explain the way business change may come about, use key performance indicators to analyse the performance of a business, discuss the driving and restraining forces for change and evaluate management strategies to position a business for the future.*

2 Implementing change

In this area of study students explore how businesses respond to evaluation data. Students consider the importance of leadership in change management, how leaders can inspire change and the effect change can have on the stakeholders in a business. They consider the principles of Senge's Learning Organisation and apply the Three Step Change Model (Lewin) in implementing change in a business. Using a contemporary business case study from the past four years, students evaluate business practice against theory, considering how corporate social responsibility can be incorporated into the change process.

***Outcome 2:** On completion of this unit the student should be able to evaluate the effectiveness of a variety of strategies used by managers to implement change and discuss the effect of change on the stakeholders of a business.*

Assessment

Students will be required to demonstrate a satisfactory achievement of the specified outcomes for the unit. Assessment tasks may include:

- Case study
- Structured questions
- Essay
- Report
- Media analysis

Contributions to Final Assessment	
Unit 3 School Assessed Coursework	25%
Unit 4 School Assessed Coursework	25%
Unit 3 & 4 Examination	50%

Chemistry

Unit 3: How can chemical processes be designed to optimise efficiency?

The global demand for energy and materials is increasing with world population growth. In this unit students compare and evaluate different chemical energy resources, including fossil fuels, biofuels, galvanic cells and fuel cells. They investigate the combustion of fuels, including the energy transformations involved, the use of stoichiometry to calculate the amounts of reactants and products involved in the reactions, and calculations of the amounts of energy released and their representations. Students consider the purpose, design and operating principles of galvanic cells, fuel cells and electrolytic cells. In this context they use the electrochemical series to predict and write half and overall redox equations, and apply Faraday's laws to calculate quantities in electrolytic reactions.

Students analyse manufacturing processes with reference to factors that influence their reaction rates and extent. They investigate and apply the equilibrium law and Le Chatelier's principle to different reaction systems, including to predict and explain the conditions that will improve the efficiency and percentage yield of chemical processes. They use the language and conventions of chemistry including symbols, units, chemical formulas and equations to represent and explain observations and data collected from experiments, and to discuss chemical phenomena.

Areas of Study

1 What are the options for energy production?

In this area of study students focus on analysing and comparing a range of energy resources and technologies, including fossil fuels, biofuels, galvanic cells and fuel cells, with reference to the energy transformations and chemical reactions involved, energy efficiencies, environmental impacts and potential applications. Students use the specific heat capacity of water and thermochemical equations to determine the enthalpy changes and quantities of reactants and products involved in the combustion reactions of a range of renewable and non-renewable fuels.

Outcome 1: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to compare fuels quantitatively with reference to combustion products and energy outputs, apply knowledge of the electrochemical series to design, construct and test galvanic cells, and evaluate energy resources based on energy efficiency, renewability and environmental impact.*

2 How can the yield of a chemical product be optimised?

In this area of study students explore the factors that increase the efficiency and percentage yield of a chemical manufacturing process while reducing the energy demand and associated costs. They investigate how the rate of a reaction can be controlled so that it occurs at the optimum rate while avoiding unwanted side reactions and by-products.

Students explore homogeneous equilibrium systems and apply the equilibrium law to calculate equilibrium constants and concentrations of reactants and products. They investigate Le Chatelier's principle and the effect of different changes on an equilibrium system and make predictions about the optimum conditions for the production of chemicals, taking into account rate and yield considerations.

Students investigate a range of electrolytic cells with reference to their basic design features and purpose, their operating principles and the energy transformations that occur. They examine the discharging and recharging processes in rechargeable cells, and apply Faraday's laws to calculate quantities in electrochemistry and to determine cell efficiencies.

Outcome 2: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to apply rate and equilibrium principles to predict how the rate and extent of reactions can be optimised, and explain how electrolysis is involved in the production of chemicals and in the recharging of batteries.*

Assessment

Students will be required to demonstrate a satisfactory achievement of the specified outcomes for the unit.

Assessment tasks may include:

- Practical work
- Tests
- Structured questions
- Data analysis

Chemistry

Unit 4: How are organic compounds categorised, analysed and used?

The carbon atom has unique characteristics that explain the diversity and number of organic compounds that are found in living tissues and the fuels, foods, medicines and many of the materials we use in everyday life.

Students study the ways in which organic structures are represented and named. They process data from instrumental analyses of organic compounds to confirm or deduce organic structures, and perform volumetric analyses to determine the concentrations of organic chemicals in mixtures. Students consider the nature of the reactions involved to predict the products of reaction pathways and to design pathways to produce particular compounds from given starting materials.

Students investigate key food molecules through an exploration of their chemical structures, the hydrolytic reactions in which they are broken down and the condensation reactions in which they are rebuilt to form new molecules. Students determine the energy released in the combustion of foods.

Areas of Study

1 How can the diversity of carbon compounds be explained and categorised?

In this area of study students explore why such a vast range of carbon compounds is possible. They examine the structural features of members of several homologous series of compounds. Students investigate trends in the physical and chemical properties of various organic families of compounds. They study typical reactions of organic families and some of their reaction pathways, and write balanced chemical equations for organic syntheses.

Students learn to deduce or confirm the structure and identity of organic compounds by interpreting data from mass spectrometry, infrared spectroscopy and proton and carbon-13 nuclear magnetic resonance spectroscopy.

Outcome 1: On completion of this unit the student should be able to compare the general structures and reactions of the major organic families of compounds, deduce structures of organic compounds using instrumental analysis data, and design reaction pathways for the synthesis of organic molecules.

2 What is the chemistry of food?

Food contains various organic compounds that are the source of both the energy and the raw materials that the human body needs for growth and repair. Students study the major components of food with reference to their structures, properties and functions. They examine the hydrolysis reactions in which foods are broken down, the condensation reactions in which new biomolecules are formed and the role of enzymes in the metabolism of food. Students study the role of glucose in cellular respiration and investigate the principles of calorimetry and its application in determining enthalpy changes for reactions in solution.

Outcome 2: On completion of this unit the student should be able to distinguish between the chemical structures of key food molecules, analyse the chemical reactions involved in the metabolism of the major components of food including the role of enzymes, and calculate the energy content of food using calorimetry.

3 Practical Investigation

A student-designed practical investigation related to energy and/or food.

Outcome 3: On the completion of this unit the student should be able to design and undertake a practical investigation related to energy and/or food, and present methodologies, findings and conclusions in a scientific poster.

Assessment

Students will be required to demonstrate a satisfactory achievement of the specified outcomes for the unit.

Assessment tasks may include:

- Practical work
- Data Analysis
- Structured questions
- Tests and Exams

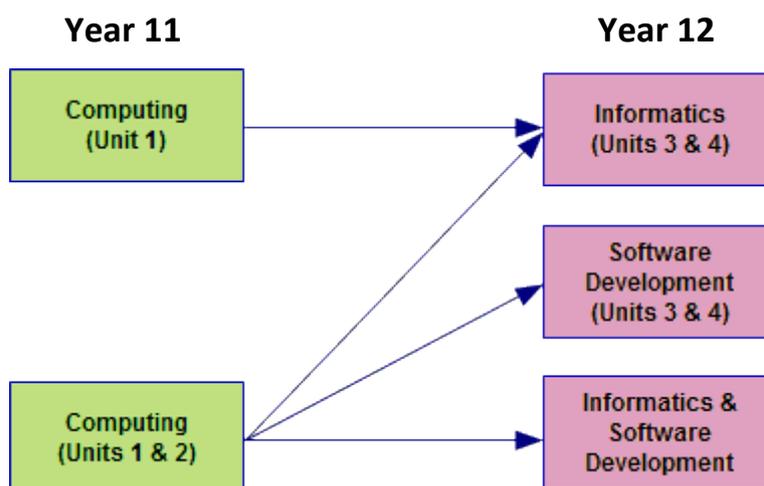
Contributions to Final Assessment	
Unit 3 School Assessed Coursework	16%
Unit 4 School Assessed Coursework	24%
Unit 3 & 4 Examination	60%

Computing

Computing is a constantly evolving field that is not just about being able to use a computer, mobile device or the software contained within; it is about how and why individuals and organisations use data and information, how information systems operate in a networked environment and application design and development techniques.

Students acquire transferable workplace skills that can be used to complement any other VCE or VET study in areas such as web development, programming, spread sheeting, relational database management and problem solving techniques.

At MacKillop, we recommend the following options for studying VCE Computing:



Assessment

Students will be required to demonstrate a satisfactory achievement of the specified outcomes for each unit of study. Assessment for all units of Computing may include any of the following:

- Using outcome-specific tools (programming language, spreadsheet, web development package, database application) in response to a case study
- Folio of tasks
- Tests
- Written reports
- Visual or oral presentations

Please Note:

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While not a prerequisite, it is **strongly recommended** that students undertake **both** Computing Units 1 and 2 if they wish to undertake either of the Unit 3 and 4 sequences.

Computing

Unit 1: Computing

This unit of study focuses on how data, information and networked systems can be used to meet a range of users' current and future needs. Throughout Unit 1, students will acquire transferable workplace skills in a range of software applications, including graphics tools, web authoring software, visualising thinking tools and project management tools.

Areas of Study

1 Data and graphic solutions

In this area of study, students develop an understanding of data and how it can be sourced, secured and interpreted. In developing this understanding, they also explore the risks associated with the acquisition of data and information, as well as the appropriate legal and ethical considerations. Students apply this knowledge to investigate an issue, practice or event and create a graphic solution, such as a chart, animation, map or timeline, which represents their findings.

Outcome 1: *On completion of this unit, the student should be able to acquire, secure and interpret data, and design and develop a graphic solution that communicates the findings on an investigation.*

2 Networks

In this area of study, students develop a technical understanding of wireless networks and how these networks are used to share data and information across local and global networks. They will consider potential threats to network security and how an individual or an organisation's data may be compromised. Students will apply acquired knowledge in order to design wireless networks.

Outcome 2: *On completion of this unit, the student should be able to design a network with wireless capability that meets an identified need or opportunity, explain its configuration and predict risks and benefits for intended users.*

3 Collaboration and communication

In this area of study, students examine how the use of information systems within specified contexts can cause tension and conflict between stakeholders. They learn about design principles and website development skills. Students also learn project management

Outcome 3:

On completion of this unit, the student should be able to design and develop a website collaboratively with others that presents an analysis of a contemporary issue and the team's point of view on the issue.

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Computing

Unit 2: Computing

This unit of study focuses on data and how the application of different types of thinking support the creation of solutions that automate the processing of data. Throughout Unit 2, students will acquire transferable workplace skills in a range of software applications, including programming or scripting languages, data manipulation tools, data visualisation tools and database management software.

Areas of Study

1 Programming

In this area of study, students will develop skills in interpreting requirements and designing solution specifications. They will then apply appropriate methods and techniques in order to complete a series of working modules that demonstrate the features of a programming or scripting language.

Outcome 1: *On completion of this unit, the student should be able to design working modules in response to solution requirements, and use a programming or scripting language to develop the modules.*

2 Data analysis and visualisation

In this area of study, students learn how to access, select and manipulate data from large online data stores, such as the Australian Bureau of Statistics, World Health Organisation and the United Nations. They present the key aspects of the data in an appropriate visual form, such as graphs, charts or infographics, in order to reduce the effort required by readers to interpret information and is clear, usable, relevant and attractive.

Outcome 2: *On completion of this unit, the student should be able to apply the problem-solving methodology and use appropriate software tools to extract relevant data and create a data visualisation that meets a specified user's needs.*

3 Data management

In this area of study, students are introduced to the structure and purpose of relational databases and how they may be applied in a range of settings. They will examine the flexibility of databases by constructing queries and developing input forms and reports. Students will also explore the benefits and risks of using relational database solutions.

Outcome 3: *On completion of this unit, the student should be able apply the problem-solving methodology to create a solution using database management software, and explain the personal benefits and risks of interacting with a database.*

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While not a prerequisite, it is **strongly recommended** that students undertake **both** Computing Units 1 and 2 if they wish to undertake either of the Unit 3 and 4 sequences.

Computing

Unit 3: Informatics

In Informatics Unit 3, students consider data and how it is acquired, managed and interpreted to meet a range of needs. They investigate the way organisations acquire data using websites and apps, and consider the ways in which users interact with these solutions. They use relational database management systems to examine how data can be stored and manipulated. Students also consider the power and risks of using complex data as a basis for decision making. They will also learn how to frame a hypothesis and then select, acquire and organise data from multiple datasets in order to confirm or refute their hypothesis.

Areas of Study

1 Organisations and data management

In this area of study, students investigate why organisations acquire data online and how they structure their data gathering processes. They develop and apply skills in utilising a relational database management system to manipulate data acquired through websites and apps. Students also examine the legal requirements around data acquisition and security.

***Outcome 1:** On completion of this unit, the student should be able to design a solution, develop it using a relational database management system, and diagrammatically represent how users interact with an online solution when supplying data for a transaction.*

2 Data analytics: drawing conclusions

In this area of study, students focus on data analytics, in particular, acquiring, manipulating and interpreting complex data in a range of ways to draw valid conclusions about a hypothesis. This hypothesis may be with field of the student's choice (for example, science, sport, entertainment, etc) and will become the focus of their School Assessed Task. In completing the School Assessed Task, students will develop skills in project management, project planning and data acquisition and manipulation.

***Outcome 2:** On completion of this unit, the student should be able to use a range of appropriate techniques and processes to acquire, prepare, manipulate and interpret complex data to confirm or refute a hypothesis, and formulate a project plan.*

Assessment

The award of satisfactory completion for a unit is based on a decision that the student has demonstrated achievement of the set of outcomes specified for the unit.

Computing

Unit 4: Informatics

In Informatics Unit 4, students focus on strategies and techniques for manipulating, managing and securing data information to meet a range of needs. They will draw on the analysis and conclusion of the hypothesis determined earlier and then design, develop and evaluate an online solution that effectively communicates their findings. Students will continue developing the project management skills acquired in Informatics Unit 3 and assess the effectiveness of their plan. Students will also explore how different organisations manage the storage and disposal of data and information to minimise threats to the integrity and security of data and information.

Areas of Study

1 Data analytics: presenting the findings

In this area of study, students draw on the conclusion they formed to their hypothesis from Unit 3 Outcome 2 and design and develop a multimodal online solution that communicates and substantiates this conclusion. They then evaluate the effectiveness of the solution in communicating the conclusion. Students will learn about generating multiple design ideas and form and apply criteria to select the most appropriate design to be transformed into a solution.

Outcome 1: *On completion of this unit, the student should be able to design, develop and evaluate a multimodal online solution that confirms or refutes a hypothesis, and assess the effectiveness of the project plan in managing progress.*

2 Information management

This area of study focuses on information management and its importance to organisations. They will learn about effective information management strategies, taking key legal obligations of organisations and any ethical dilemmas faced by organisations and individuals regarding security of information into account. Students examine the nature of threats to data and information, whether accidental, deliberate or technical and evaluate the subsequent consequences of ineffective information management strategies.

Outcome 2: *On completion of this unit, the student should be able to compare and contrast the effectiveness of information management strategies used by two organisations to manage the storage and disposal of data and information, and recommend improvements to their current practices.*

Assessment

The award of satisfactory completion for a unit is based on a decision that the student has demonstrated achievement of the set of outcomes specified for the unit.

Contributions to Final Assessment	
School Assessed Coursework	20%
School Assessed Task	30%
Unit 3 and 4 Examination	50%

Computing

Unit 3: Software Development

In Software Development Unit 3, students develop a detailed understanding of the problem-solving methodology in order to create purpose-designed solutions using a programming language. They will examine a range of design representations and interpret these in developing a set of working software modules that demonstrate specific functions of the programming language. Students will also develop skills in analysis, with a focus on an identified need or opportunity. Following this analysis, students will plan and design a purpose-designed solution.

Areas of Study

1 Programming Practice

In this area of study, students examine the features and purposes of different design tools so they can accurately interpret the requirements for working software modules. They interpret given designs and create working modules using a programming language.

***Outcome 1:** On completion of this unit, the student should be able to interpret designs and apply a range of functions and techniques using a programming language to develop working modules.*

2 Analysis and design

In this area of study, students develop skills in analysing real-world needs and opportunities, in relation to solution requirements, constraints and scope. They apply these analysis skills in analysing a self-identified need or opportunity, as part of their School Assessed Task. They apply their knowledge of design tools in order to generate a series of design ideas. Students will develop and apply evaluation criteria in selecting a preferred design idea. They also develop skills in project management.

***Outcome 2:** On completion of this unit, the student should be able to analyse and document a need or opportunity, generate alternative design ideas, represent the preferred solution design and formulate a project plan for creating the solution.*

Assessment

The award of satisfactory completion for a unit is based on a decision that the student has demonstrated achievement of the set of outcomes specified for the unit.

Computing

Unit 4: Software Development

In Software Development Unit 4, students focus on how the information needs of individuals and organisations are met through the creation of software solutions used in a networked environment. They continue to develop skills in the programming language explored in Software Development Unit 3. Students will transform their detailed design from Unit 3 Outcome 2 into a software solution. They will also continue to develop their project management skills, acquired through Unit 3. Students will also explore the relationships between information systems that share data and how that dependency affects the performance of the systems.

Areas of Study

1 Software Solutions

In this area of study, students apply a range of tools and techniques to produce the software solution that was designed during Unit 3 Outcome 2. They will do this by further developing their programming skills, and exploring a range of testing techniques, making appropriate adjustments to their solution as necessary. Students will further develop their project management skills.

Outcome 1: *On completion of this unit, the student should be able to apply stages of the problem-solving methodology to create a solution using a programming language that fulfils identified requirements and assess the effectiveness of the project plan in monitoring progress.*

2 Interactions and impact

In a globalised economy and society, organisations are increasingly dependent on data supplied by other organisations. In this area of study, students examine the interactions between a range of real-world systems that share data and how the performance of one of these systems is dependent on the integrity of the data. They develop knowledge around the factors that influence the integrity of data and consider how using effective information management practices may increase the integrity of supplied data.

Outcome 2: *On completion of this unit, the student should be able to analyse and explain the dependencies between two information systems and evaluate the controls in place in one information system to protect the integrity of its source data.*

Assessment

The award of satisfactory completion for a unit is based on a decision that the student has demonstrated achievement of the set of outcomes specified for the unit.

Contributions to Final Assessment	
School Assessed Coursework	20%
School Assessed Task	30%
Unit 3 and 4 Examination	50%

Dance

Unit 1

In this unit students explore the potential of the body as an instrument of expression. They learn about and develop physical skills. Students discover the diversity of expressive movement by exploring body actions, and commence the process of developing a personal movement vocabulary. They also begin to develop skills in documenting and analysing movement and develop understanding of how choreographers use these processes. Knowledge of physiology, including care and maintenance of the body, is applied to the execution of body actions through the safe application of physical skills. Students develop and perform movement studies and dances with unified compositions created through a range of movement creation processes. They discuss influences on their own dance backgrounds and on the expressive intentions and movement vocabulary in their own dances.

Areas of study

1 Dance perspectives

This area of study focuses on analysis of choreographers' expressive intentions, expressive body actions resulting from movement creation processes, and the physical skills required to safely execute these expressive body actions. Students learn about ways of articulating an expressive intention, analyse and document influences on their own dance making, and consider expressive intentions used by other choreographers. They also learn about ways of documenting movement and writing descriptions using dance terminology and using notation.

Outcome 1: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to describe and document the expressive and technical features of their own and other choreographers' dance works, and discuss influences on their own dance-making.*

2 Choreography and performance

In this area of study, students develop an expressive intention and explore and safely use body actions to communicate this expressive intention when creating dance works. Students use processes such as improvisation, selection, arrangement, refinement and evaluation to explore their chosen expressive intention and develop a personal movement vocabulary for the creation of a solo or group dance work.

Outcome 2: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to choreograph and perform a solo or group dance work and complete structured improvisations.*

3 Dance technique and performance

In this area of study students develop their capacity to expressively execute a range of body actions through the safe use of physical skills. Students learn, rehearse and perform a solo or group dance work which communicates an expressive intention. Student dance technique is developed through regular and systematic training, focusing on personal and learnt movement vocabulary.

Outcome 3: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to safely and expressively perform a learnt solo or group dance work.*

4 Awareness and maintenance of the dancer's body

This area of study focuses on developing in students an understanding of the safe use, maintenance and physiology of the dancer's body. Students develop an understanding of alignment principles, for example the integrated engagement of the muscles of the abdomen to create the core stability needed to facilitate safe placement of the pelvis and spine, enabling ease of movement and efficient use of energy through the torso. Students also study methods of developing physical skills which incorporate safe dance practices.

Outcome 4: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to describe aspects of the physiology, and demonstrate the safe use and maintenance, of the dancer's body.*

Assessment

Assessment tasks for this unit may include the following:

- Written
- Oral
- Multimedia
- Performance

Dance

Unit 2

This unit focuses on expanding students' personal movement vocabulary and choreographic skills through the exploration of the elements of movement: time, space and energy and the study of form. Students apply their understanding of form and the expressive capacity of the elements of movement to the dance-making and performing processes involved in choreographing and performing their own dance works and dance works created by others. Students are also introduced to dance traditions, styles and works which might encompass dance traditions of indigenous cultures or other culturally specific dance through to the works of ballet choreographers, modern dance, early musical theatre/ film choreography and the work of tap/jazz or street performers.

Areas of study

1 Dance perspectives

This area of study focuses on ways the elements of movement – time, space and energy – are manipulated to communicate an expressive intention, and explores the influences on selected dance traditions, styles and works. Students are introduced to the types of group structures choreographers can use to communicate an expressive intention.

Outcome 1: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to analyse use of the elements of movement – time, space and energy – in selected dance traditions, styles and dance works.*

2 Choreography, performance and dance-making analysis

This area of study focuses on the choreographic exploration of the elements of movement and the development of expressive movement vocabulary to communicate the intention of students in the creation and performance of their own works. Students practise the safe physical execution of variations of the elements of movement in structured solo and/or group improvisations. They also explore different types of form and the creation, ordering and linking of sections to create expressive formal structures in a solo or group dance work. Students analyse their dance works, focusing on the description and documentation of movement vocabulary and expressive uses of the elements of movement: time, space and energy.

Outcome 2: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to choreograph and perform a solo or group dance work, complete structured improvisations, and describe the dance-making processes and performance practices used in their own works.*

3 Dance technique, performance and dance analysis

In this area of study students learn, rehearse and perform a learnt solo or group dance work. By using these dance-making processes, students further develop their personal movement vocabulary and understanding of the ways that elements of movement can be used through the expressive execution of body actions and the safe use of physical skills. As students learn the movement vocabulary of the selected work, they also develop their personal movement vocabulary through regular and systematic training. Students analyse processes involved in learning, rehearsing and performing a dance work.

Outcome 3: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to expressively perform a learnt solo or group dance work and analyse the processes used.*

Assessment

Assessment tasks for this unit may include the following:

- Written
- Oral
- Multimedia
- Performance

Please Note:

Students must satisfactorily complete Unit 1 & 2 Dance before undertaking Units 3 & 4.

Dance

Unit 3

This unit focuses on choreography, rehearsal and performance of a solo dance work and involves the execution of a diverse range of body actions and use of performance skills. Students also learn a group dance work created by another choreographer. The dance-making and performance processes involved in choreographing, rehearsing and performing the solo dance work, and learning, rehearsing and performing the learnt group dance work are analysed. This analysis connects each student's own work as a choreographer to the work of professional choreographers. Students further develop their understanding of choreographic skills through an analysis of ways that the expressive intentions chosen by choreographers of twentieth and/or twenty-first century solo dance works are developed through the use of choreographic devices and arrangement of phrases and sections. Students analyse the dance design and use of movement vocabulary of selected works, as well as consider influences on the choreographers' choice of expressive intention, and production aspects of the dance works.

Areas of study

1 Dance perspectives

In this area of study students develop an understanding of the ways choreographers of prescribed twentieth and/or twenty-first century solo dance works arrange selected movement vocabulary into phrases and movement sections to create formal structures to communicate their expressive intention. Students analyse phrasing in selected solo dance works with reference to the choreographers' uses of body actions, physical skills, choreographic devices and choreographic manipulations of the elements of movement. They also analyse the dance design of each work and consider influences on the choreographer's expressive intention.

Outcome 1: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to analyse selected solo dance works.*

2 Choreography, performance and dance-making analysis

In this area of study, students choreograph and perform a solo dance work. They study ways of creating a personal movement vocabulary which is then arranged into phrases and sections to create expressive formal structures to communicate an expressive intention. The student's choice of expressive intention informs the expressive execution of a diverse range of body actions and manipulations of the elements of movement through the safe use of a wide range of physical skills. Students analyse and document the ways that phrases are formed, including use of movement creation processes, choreographic devices, choreographic manipulations of the elements of movement, and the expressive use of body actions through the safe use of physical skills. Students also document and analyse the dance-making processes and performance practices they use.

Outcome 2: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to choreograph, rehearse and perform a solo dance work and analyse the processes and practices used.*

3 Dance technique, performance and analysis

This area of study focuses on expanding the student's physical skills and expressive execution of movement vocabulary to include the safe and accurate execution of group movement sequences, phrases and movement sections of technical complexity in a learnt group dance work. Students continue to undertake regular and systematic dance training as they learn the selected group dance work. They also analyse and document the processes and practices involved in learning, rehearsing and performing the selected dance work.

Outcome 3: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to learn, rehearse and perform a group dance work created by another choreographer and analyse the processes and practices used.*

Assessment

Assessment tasks for this unit may include the following:

- Written
- Oral
- Multimedia
- Performance

Dance

Unit 4

This unit focuses on choreography, rehearsal and performance of a unified solo dance work. When rehearsing and performing this work students focus on expressive and accurate execution of choreographic variations of spatial organisation and demonstration of artistry in performance. Students also document and analyse the dance-making and performance processes involved in the choreography, rehearsal and performance of the solo dance work. Students' understanding of choreographic skills is also developed and refined through an analysis of ways in which the choreographers' intention can be expressed through the manipulation of different types of group structures. These include unison, canon, contrast, symmetrical and asymmetrical groupings and formations. Students also analyse the use of the elements of spatial organisation – direction, level, eye/body focus and dimension – in a group dance work by a twentieth and/or twenty-first century choreographer. Influences on choices made by choreographers in these works are also studied.

Areas of study

1 Dance perspectives

In this area of study students focus on developing an understanding of the ways choreographers of twentieth and/or twenty-first century group dance works choreographically manipulate different types of group structures and the elements of spatial organisation to communicate their expressive intention. Influences on choices made by choreographers of the selected works are analysed.

Outcome 1: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to analyse a selected group dance work.*

2 Choreography, performance and dance-making analysis

This area of study focuses on choreography and performance of a solo dance work. Students explore ways of manipulating the elements of spatial organisation including direction, level, eye/body focus and dimension, and create a unified composition to communicate their chosen expressive intention. Students analyse and document the manipulation of the elements of spatial organisation, and the creation of movement phrases and sections, to create a formal structure and unified composition in their solo dance work. Dance-making processes and performance practices used in the choreography, rehearsal and performance of the student's solo dance work are also identified, documented and analysed. Students present a performance of their solo dance work that demonstrates safe and accurate execution of movement vocabulary, expressive performance practice and artistry.

Outcome 2: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to choreograph, rehearse and perform a solo dance work and analyse the processes and practices used.*

Assessment

Assessment tasks for this unit may include the following:

- Written
- Oral
- Multimedia
- Performance

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Contributions to Final Assessment	
Unit 3 School Assessed Coursework	15%
Unit 4 School Assessed Coursework	10%
Unit 3 & 4 Performance Examination	50%
Unit 3 & 4 Examination	25%

Drama

Unit 1: Dramatic storytelling

This unit focuses on creating, presenting and analysing solo and/or ensemble devised performance/s that includes real or imagined characters and is based on stimulus material that reflects personal, cultural and/or community experiences and stories. This unit also involves analysis of a student's own performance work and of a performance by professional drama practitioners.

Areas of Study

1 Creating a devised performance

This area of study focuses on using play-making techniques to devise and develop solo and/or ensemble performance/s based on a range of stimulus material relevant to the student's personal cultural and/or community experiences and stories. Students explore a range of naturalistic and non-naturalistic performance styles and draw on these styles as they respond to a given structure and stimulus material. The area of study also focuses on recording and documenting the play-making techniques used in the development of this performance work.

***Outcome 1:** On completion of this unit the student should be able to devise and document solo and/or ensemble drama work/s based on experiences and/or stories.*

2 Presenting a devised performance

In this area of study students present a devised solo and/or ensemble performance/s based on a range of stimulus material relevant to the student's personal cultural and/or community experiences and stories, to a live audience. Students present stories and characters to an audience using naturalistic and non-naturalistic performance styles. They also begin to explore and develop skills in establishing and maintaining actor–audience relationships.

***Outcome 2:** On completion of this unit the student should be able to perform a devised drama work/s to an audience.*

3 Analysing a devised performance

This area of study focuses on observation and analysis of the student's own performance work. It involves reflection and documentation of work processes. Students also demonstrate development of understanding of use of expressive skills, stimulus material, conventions, stagecraft, performance styles and approaches to character development through use of drama terminology.

***Outcome 3:** On completion of this unit the student should be able to analyse the development and performance to an audience of their non-naturalistic devised work.*

4 Analysing drama performances presented by other practitioners

In this area of study students observe and analyse a performance by professional or other drama practitioners. Students use language of drama to describe, analyse and evaluate drama performance. Attending and analysing a performance by professional or other drama practitioners provides opportunities to make connections with their own work and to build their experience of how dramatic elements, performance styles, stagecraft, performance and expressive skills can be used and manipulated in performance.

***Outcome 4:** On completion of this unit the student should be able to analyse the portrayal of stories and characters in a drama performance by professional or other drama practitioners.*

Assessment

Students will be required to demonstrate a satisfactory achievement of the specified outcomes for the unit.

Assessment tasks may include the following:

- Written analysis
- Portfolio
- Performance
- Journal entries

Drama

Unit 2: Non-naturalistic Australian drama

This unit focuses on the use and documentation of the processes involved in constructing a devised solo or ensemble performance that uses non-naturalistic performance styles. Students create, present and analyse a performance based on a person, an event, an issue, a place, an artwork, a text and/or an icon from a contemporary or historical Australian context.

Areas of study

1 Using Australia as inspiration

In this area of study students explore the use of a range of stimulus material to create a performance based on a person, an event, an issue, a place, an artwork, text and/or an icon from a contemporary or historical Australian context. As they work with stimulus material and a performance structure students explore ways that play-making techniques, dramatic elements, conventions, performance styles and stagecraft can be used to realise the dramatic potential of the stimulus material and shape dramatic

Outcome 1: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to devise and document the processes used to create a solo or ensemble non-naturalistic performance work.*

2 Presenting a devised performance

In this area of study students present performance/s to a live audience of a devised work based on a person, an event, an issue, a place, an artwork, a text and/or an icon from a contemporary or historical Australian context. The performance should be based on the play-making techniques used to develop work detailed in Outcome 1, and should take place in a performance space appropriate to the theme or subject matter of the drama.

Outcome 2: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to present a performance of a devised non-naturalistic work to an audience.*

3 Analysing a devised performance

This area of study focuses on observation and analysis of a student's own performance work completed earlier in the unit. It involves reflection on, and articulation of, processes used to explore and extract dramatic potential of the stimulus material. Students shape and refine their work, create and manipulate the actor–audience relationship and continue to develop the use of drama language and terminology.

Outcome 3: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to analyse the creation, development and performance to an audience of their non-naturalistic devised work.*

4 Analysing Australian drama performance

In this area of study students focus on observation and analysis of a performance by professional or other drama practitioners. Drama performances by students enrolled at school cannot be analysed for this outcome. Students use drama terminology to describe, analyse and evaluate the use of conventions, performance styles, and dramatic elements in a drama performance.

Outcome 4: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to analyse a performance of an Australian drama work.*

Assessment

Students will be required to demonstrate a satisfactory achievement of the specified outcomes for the unit. Assessment tasks may include the following:

- Written analysis
- Portfolio
- Performance
- Journal entries

Please Note:

Students must satisfactorily complete Unit 1 &/or 2 Drama before undertaking Units 3 & 4.

Drama

Unit 3: Devised non-naturalistic ensemble performance

This unit focuses on non-naturalistic devised ensemble drama. Students explore non-naturalistic performance styles and associated conventions from a diverse range of contemporary and cultural performance traditions and work collaboratively to devise, develop and present an ensemble performance. Students use and manipulate dramatic elements, conventions, performance and expressive skills, performance styles and stagecraft in non-naturalistic ways to shape and enhance the performance. Students also document and evaluate stages involved in the creation, development and presentation of the ensemble performance. Students also analyse a professional performance that incorporates non-naturalistic performance styles and production elements.

Areas of Study

1 Devising and presenting non-naturalistic ensemble performance

This area of study focuses on the development of a devised non-naturalistic ensemble performance. Students examine a range of practitioners working in non-naturalistic performance styles to explore how dramatic work is created. Students work with given stimulus material and guidelines that provide a starting point for the structure of a performance. They apply their knowledge of ways other practitioners work and use play-making techniques to extract dramatic potential from the stimulus, and develop a performance and present character/s in the ensemble performance. When creating their ensemble performance, students develop a story that uses transformations of object, time, place and character. They manipulate dramatic elements, stagecraft and conventions in non-naturalistic ways and consider role and its application to ensemble performance. They establish and manipulate actor–audience relationships in performance.

***Outcome 1:** On completion of this unit the student should be able to develop and present character/s within a devised non-naturalistic ensemble performance.*

2 Responding to devised ensemble performances

This area of study is concerned with the analysis of the ensemble performance devised in Outcome 1. Students describe, reflect upon, interpret, analyse and evaluate the construction and performance of an ensemble performance. They analyse the selection, use and manipulation of play-making techniques, dramatic elements, stagecraft conventions, as well as expressive and performance skills. Students also use the language of drama to discuss their own work and to speculate about the dramatic potential of their own and other stimulus material and resources for developing character/s for ensemble performance.

***Outcome 2:** On completion of this unit the student should be able to analyse the use of processes, techniques and skills to create and present a devised ensemble performance.*

3 Analysing non-naturalistic performance

In this area of study students focus on an analysis of a performance that uses non-naturalistic performance styles selected from the prescribed VCE Drama Unit 3 Playlist. Students analyse the ways that characters are represented in the performance. They also observe and analyse actors' use of performance and expressive skills. They consider how the actor–audience relationship is created and manipulated as well as the ways dramatic elements, conventions and stagecraft are used in the performance.

***Outcome 3:** On completion of this unit the student should be able to analyse and evaluate a non-naturalistic performance.*

Assessment

Students will be required to demonstrate a satisfactory achievement of the specified outcomes for the unit.

Assessment tasks may include the following:

- Written analysis
- Portfolio
- Performance
- Journal Entries

Drama

Unit 4: Non-naturalistic solo performance

This unit focuses on the development and presentation of non-naturalistic devised solo performances. Students explore non-naturalistic performance styles and associated conventions from a diverse range of contemporary and cultural performance traditions. They develop skill in extracting dramatic potential from stimulus material and use dramatic elements, conventions, performance styles and performance and expressive skills to develop and present a short solo performance. These skills are further developed as students create a devised solo performance in response to a prescribed structure. Students also document and evaluate the stages involved in the creation, development and presentation of a solo performance.

Areas of Study

1 Working with stimulus material

In this area of study students develop skills in transformation of character, time, place and object. Students explore playmaking techniques in the development of a short non-naturalistic solo performance. Teachers provide stimulus material appropriate to the size of the task, such as a person, an event, an issue, a place, an image, one word, a definition, a quote, lyrics, a sound or an icon. Students prepare for the task of devising a non-naturalistic solo performance by exploring, experimenting and trialling processes they will employ in Outcome 2. Students begin by exploring and experimenting with a range of play-making techniques to extract dramatic potential from the stimulus material. They devise a solo performance in response to the stimulus, focusing on transformation of character, time, place and object. Students write a short statement that identifies the non-naturalistic qualities of this performance. They then present this solo performance in an informal setting such as in a classroom.

Outcome 1: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to devise a solo performance in response to given stimulus material and describe the non-naturalistic qualities of the performance.*

2 Devising a non-naturalistic solo performance

This area of study is focused on the making and developing of a solo performance in response to a prescribed structure. Students draw on an understanding of traditions of performance from a range of historical, cultural and social contexts. In their solo performance, students use conventions of non-naturalism including transformation of character, time, place and object. They may also use other conventions such as heightened use of language, stillness and silence, exaggerated movement, song, pathos, vignette, voice-over, direct address to the audience, caricature and other conventions as appropriate to the requirements of a prescribed structure.

Outcome 2: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to create, develop and perform a non-naturalistic drama solo in response to a prescribed structure.*

3 Analysing devised non-naturalistic solo performance

In this area of study students analyse and evaluate the creative processes used in the creation, development and presentation of a devised non-naturalistic solo performance. Appropriate drama terminology is used to present analysis and evaluation of performance styles and conventions. Students draw on examples of expressive skills, performance styles, dramatic elements, stagecraft and conventions to support their analysis and evaluation.

Outcome 3: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to analyse and evaluate the creation, development and presentation of a devised non-naturalistic solo performance.*

Assessment

Students will be required to demonstrate a satisfactory achievement of the specified outcomes for the unit. Assessment tasks may include the following:

- Written analysis
- Performance
- Portfolio
- Journal entries

Contributions to Final Assessment	
Unit 3 School Assessed Coursework	30%
Unit 4 School Assessed Coursework	10%
Unit 3 & 4 Performance Examination	35%
Unit 3 & 4 Examination	25%

Economics

Unit 1: The behaviour of consumers and businesses

Economics is interested in the way humans behave and the decisions made to meet the needs and wants of society. In this unit students explore their role in the economy, how they interact with businesses and the way economic models and theories have been developed to explain the causes and effects of human action.

Students explore some fundamental economic concepts. They examine basic economic models where consumers and businesses engage in mutually beneficial transactions and investigate the motivations and consequences of both consumer and business behaviour. They examine how individuals might respond to incentives and how technology may have altered the way businesses and consumers interact. Students are encouraged to investigate contemporary examples and case studies to enhance their understanding of the introductory economic concepts.

Students examine a simple microeconomic model to explain changes in prices and quantities traded. Through close examination of one or more key markets they gain insight into the factors that may affect the way resources are allocated in an economy and how market power can affect efficiency and living standards.

Areas of Study

1 Thinking like an economist

In this area of study students begin to appreciate the contributions of economics as a discipline and investigate some of the factors that motivate people to act in the way they do and the consequences of their actions. Students investigate the key economic questions of what and how much to produce, how to produce and who gets to enjoy the benefits of what is produced. They consider the reasons why people might respond differently to incentives and how this can affect living standards. Students are introduced to some of the tools that economists have developed to help them solve economic problems and apply them to contemporary economic issues.

***Outcome 1:** On completion of this unit the student should be able to describe the basic economic problem, discuss the role of consumers and businesses in the economy and analyse the factors that influence decision making.*

2 Decision making in markets

One of the key tools used to explain how prices change and how resources are allocated is the basic demand and supply model. Using contemporary case-studies students make connections between the theory and the workings of different markets in the Australian and world economy. They develop skills in making predictions and constructing arguments about the possible consequences of key changes in different markets. In studying the operation of markets and using relevant models, students consider one or more of the following markets:

- Agricultural markets such as wool, wheat and beef
- Other commodity markets such as minerals and energy
- Community markets
- The finance market
- The share market
- The labour market
- The property/housing market
- Online markets
- The health market
- Any other relevant market

***Outcome 2:** On completion of this unit the student should be able to explain the role of relative prices and other non-price factors in the allocation of resources in a market-based economy.*

Assessment

Students will be required to demonstrate a satisfactory achievement of the specified outcomes for the unit.

Assessment tasks may include:

- Analysis of written, visual and statistical evidence
- Folio of applied economic exercises
- Problem-solving tasks
- Folio of annotated media commentaries
- Presentations
- A blog
- Structured questions
- Economic simulation activities
- Fieldwork
- Report of an investigation
- Essay
- Debate
- Case studies
- Tests
- A web page
- Media analysis
- Unit exam

Economics

Unit 2: Contemporary economic issues

Students focus on the possible trade-off between the pursuit of growth in incomes and production and the goal of environmental sustainability and long-term economic prosperity. They investigate the importance of economic growth in terms of raising living standards and evaluate how achievement of this goal might result in degradation of the environment and the loss of key resources. Students explore how the benefits of economic growth are shared in an economy and begin to appreciate that efforts to increase economic efficiency might lead to a more inequitable distribution of income. They evaluate the role of government intervention in markets and discuss whether achieving greater equality causes a decline in economic growth and average living standards.

Areas of Study

1 Economic growth, long term economic prosperity and environmental sustainability

In this area of study students consider the meaning and importance of economic growth and its effect on material and non-material living standards. Students investigate the nature of key economic trade-offs; situations where the achievement of one goal may come at the expense of another. Students consider the effect of economic growth on future generations and begin to appreciate some of the current environmental challenges that have been created from past and current economic decisions.

***Outcome 1:** On completion of this unit the student should be able to explain the factors and policies that may influence economic growth and environmental sustainability, and analyse the potential trade-off.*

2 Economic efficiency and equity

In this area of study students consider the nature of the potential trade-off between equity in the distribution of income and the efficiency of resource allocation in Australia. Students analyse the factors that may lead to income disparity in Australia and one other nation, and why the income of some people is below the poverty line. Students evaluate contemporary budgetary policy initiatives and how these may have affected the goals of equity in the distribution of income and efficiency of resource allocation.

***Outcome 2:** On completion of this unit the student should be able to explain the factors and policies that may influence equity in the distribution of income and efficiency of resource allocation, and analyse the potential trade-off.*

3 Global economic issues

Students investigate one or more contemporary global economic issue/s. They examine the selected economic issue/s from the perspective of the relevant stakeholders and evaluate decisions that may have been made with regard to these issue/s. Students consider the economic costs and benefits associated with greater levels of international trade, movement of capital and economic integration.

***Outcome 3:** On completion of this unit the student should be able to explain the factors that may influence a global economic issue/s and evaluate potential consequences associated with actions to address the issue/s.*

Assessment

Students will be required to demonstrate a satisfactory achievement of the specified outcomes for the unit.

Assessment tasks may include:

- Analysis of written, visual and statistical evidence
- Folio of applied economic exercises
- Problem-solving tasks
- Folio of annotated media commentaries
- Presentations
- A blog
- Structured questions
- Economic simulation activities
- Fieldwork
- Report of an investigation
- Essay
- Debate
- Case studies
- Tests
- A web page
- Media analysis
- Unit exam

Economics

Unit 3: Economic Activity

In this unit students investigate the role of the market in allocating resources and examine the factors that are likely to affect the price and quantity traded for a range of goods and services. They develop an understanding of the key measures of efficiency and how market systems can result in efficient outcomes. Students consider contemporary issues to explain the need for government intervention in markets and why markets might fail to maximise society's living standards. They investigate the factors that influence the level of aggregate demand and aggregate supply in the economy and use models and theories to explain how changes in these variables might influence the achievement of the Australian Government's domestic macroeconomic goals and affect living standards. Students investigate the importance of international economic relationships in terms of their influence on Australia's living standards.

Areas of Study

1 An introduction to microeconomics: The market system, resource allocation and government intervention

In this area of study students investigate the role of the market in answering the key economic questions of what and how much to produce, how to produce and for whom to produce. They investigate some of the key factors that influence the level of demand and supply in the economy and how these might lead to changing prices and the movement of land, labour and capital to those areas of production that generate the most value for society. Students use models to make predictions and to consider the role of markets in achieving economic efficiency.

Outcome 1: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to explain how markets operate to allocate resources, and discuss the effect of government intervention on market outcomes.*

2 Domestic macroeconomic goals

In this area of study students investigate the Australian Government's domestic macroeconomic goals of low inflation, strong and sustainable economic growth and full employment and why these goals are pursued. They consider the role of key economic agents using a simple circular flow model of the macroeconomy. They identify and analyse contemporary aggregate demand and aggregate supply factors that may influence the achievement of domestic macroeconomic goals in the past two years, and consider how achievement of the goals may affect material and non-material living standards.

Outcome 2: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to analyse key contemporary factors that may have influenced the Australian Government's domestic macroeconomic goals over the past two years and discuss how achievement of these goals may affect living standards.*

3 Australia and the world economy

Students examine the reasons why countries engage in international transactions such as the exchange of goods and services and the movement of savings and investment capital, and evaluate how these transactions might affect living standards. Students apply their knowledge of demand and supply models to explain movements in the exchange rate, and discuss the effects of changing currency values on the achievement of the Australian Government's domestic macroeconomic goals.

Outcome 3: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to explain the factors that may influence Australia's international transactions and evaluate how international transactions and trade liberalisation may influence the current account balance, the Australian Government's domestic macroeconomic goals and living standards in Australia.*

Assessment

Students will be required to demonstrate a satisfactory achievement of the specified outcomes for the unit.

Assessment tasks include:

- A folio of applied economic exercises
- An essay
- A report
- Media analysis
- A case study
- structured questions.

Economics

Unit 4: Economic Management

Students develop an understanding of how the Australian Government can alter the composition and level of government outlays and receipts to directly and indirectly influence the level of aggregate demand and the achievement of domestic macroeconomic goals. Students examine the role of the Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA) with a focus on its responsibility to alter the cost and availability of credit in the economy. Students consider each of the transmission mechanisms through which changes to interest rates can affect the level of aggregate demand in the economy and how these changes might affect the achievement of the Australian Government's domestic macroeconomic goals. Students examine and analyse the effects of the last two Australian Government budgets, and how particular initiatives have helped to stabilise the level of aggregate demand and influenced the achievement of domestic macroeconomic goals. Students investigate the role of both market-based and interventionist approaches to managing the supply side of the economy. They evaluate these policy responses in terms of their effect on incentives and consider how they increase competition and efficiency in the economy. Students assess the role of microeconomic reform in terms of its effect on economic prosperity and the achievement of the Australian Government's domestic macroeconomic goals.

Areas of Study

1 Aggregate demand policies and domestic economic stability

In this area of study students examine how the Australian Government and its statutory authority, the RBA, can utilise budgetary and monetary policy respectively to influence the level of aggregate demand in the economy. They evaluate the relative effectiveness of each policy by focusing on their strengths and weaknesses and explain how each policy has been utilised by the Australian Government in the past two years.

Outcome 1: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to discuss the nature and operation of aggregate demand policies and analyse how the policies may influence the Australian Government's domestic macroeconomic goals and living standards.*

2 Aggregate supply policies

In this area of study students examine the important role of aggregate supply policies in creating a stronger macroeconomic environment so that domestic macroeconomic goals can be more easily achieved. They investigate the different approaches that government may take to promoting competition and efficiency. Students evaluate each of these approaches, highlighting their strengths and weaknesses and drawing conclusions about the short-term and long term consequences in terms of the domestic macroeconomic goals and living standards.

Outcome 2: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to discuss the nature and operation of aggregate supply policies and analyse how the policies may influence the Australian Government's domestic macroeconomic goals and living standards.*

Assessment

Students will be required to demonstrate a satisfactory achievement of the specified outcomes for the unit.

Assessment tasks include:

- Report
- Essay
- Structured questions
- Problem-solving exercises
- Folio of applied economic exercises
- Folio of media commentaries

Contributions to Final Assessment	
Unit 3 School Assessed Coursework	25%
Unit 4 School Assessed Coursework	25%
Unit 3 & 4 Examination	50%

English

The English language is central to the way in which students understand, critique and appreciate their world and to the ways in which they participate socially, economically and culturally in Australian society. The study of English encourages the development of literate individuals capable of critical and imaginative thinking, aesthetic appreciation and creativity. The diversity of students' different social and cultural backgrounds is recognised in this study as well as the fostering of students' self-esteem by enabling them to use the English language confidently. Language development is treated as an integrated process which brings together the skills of reading, writing, speaking, listening and thinking.

Unit 1

In this unit, students read and respond to texts analytically and creatively. They analyse arguments and the use of persuasive language in texts and create their own texts intended to position audiences. Students develop their skills in creating written and spoken texts.

Areas of Study

1 Reading and creating texts

In this area of study, students explore how meaning is created in a text. Students identify, discuss and analyse decisions authors have made. They explore how authors use structures, conventions and language to represent characters, settings, events, explore themes and build the world of the text for the reader. Students investigate how the meaning of a text is affected by the contexts in which it is created and read. They consider the similarities and differences between texts, developing awareness that some features are specific to texts, while others are similar across texts. Students develop the ability to respond to texts in written and spoken forms. They develop analytical responses dealing with the ways in which texts convey meaning and various points of view on key issues. In developing creative responses to texts, students explore how purpose and audience affect the choices they make as writers in developing ideas and planning work, as well as the choices they make about structure, conventions and language to develop voice and style.

Outcome 1: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to produce analytical and creative responses to texts.*

2 Analysing and presenting argument

In this area of study, students focus on the analysis and construction of texts that attempt to influence an audience. Students read a range of texts that attempt to position audiences in a variety of ways. They explore the use of language for persuasive effect and the structure and presentation of argument. They consider different types of persuasive language, including written, spoken and visual, and combinations of these, and how language is used to position the reader. Students practise written analysis of the presentation of argument and the use of language to position the intended audience. They craft and present reasoned, structured and supported arguments and experiment with their own use of language to position audiences.

Outcome 2: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to analyse how argument and persuasive language can be used to position audiences, and create their own texts intended to position audiences.*

Assessment

Satisfactory completion of the outcomes specified for the unit.
There will be a written examination at the end of the unit.

English

Unit 2

In this unit students compare the presentation of ideas, issues and themes in texts. They analyse arguments presented and the use of persuasive language in texts and create their own texts intended to position audiences. Students develop their skills in creating written, spoken and multimodal texts.

Areas of Study

1 Reading and comparing texts

In this area of study, students explore how comparing texts can provide a deeper understanding of ideas, issues and themes. They investigate how the reader's understanding of one text is broadened and deepened when considered in relation to another text. Students explore how features of texts, including structures, conventions and language convey ideas, issues and themes that reflect and explore the world and human experiences, including historical and social contexts. Students produce a written comparison of selected texts, discussing important similarities and differences, and exploring how the texts deal with similar or related ideas, issues or themes from different perspectives. They develop an understanding of the choices available to writers and creators of texts, and the ways in which comparing texts can offer an enriched understanding of ideas, issues or themes.

Outcome 1: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to compare the presentation of ideas, issues and themes in two texts.*

2 Analysing and presenting argument

In this area of study students build on their understanding of argument and the use of persuasive language in texts that attempt to influence an audience. Students consider a range of texts where the primary purpose is to convince an audience to share a point of view. They develop an understanding of how texts are constructed for specific persuasive effects by identifying and discussing the impact of argument and persuasive language used to influence an audience. Students practise developing and presenting reasoned points of view on issues of contemporary social relevance. In constructing arguments, students focus on the logical development of their own ideas and select evidence and language to support their arguments.

Outcome 2: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to identify and analyse how argument and persuasive language are used in texts that attempt to influence an audience, and create a text which presents a point of view.*

Assessment

Satisfactory completion of the outcomes specified for the unit.
There will be a written examination at the end of the unit.

English

This study aims to enable all students to develop their critical understanding and control of the English language and to employ them effectively for a range of purposes so that they can use it in a wide range of situations, ranging from the personal and informal to more public occasions, and to develop a level of competence adequate for the demands of post-school employment, further education, and participation in a democratic society.

Students have different social and cultural backgrounds. This study is designed to recognise and value this diversity and to foster self-esteem in all students by enabling them to use the English language confidently.

Unit 3

The focus of this unit is on reading and responding to texts analytically and creatively, both orally and in writing. Students analyse how authors create meaning and the different ways in which texts can be interpreted. They analyse arguments and the use of persuasive language in texts.

Areas of Study

1 Reading and creating texts

In this area of study students identify, discuss and analyse how the features of selected texts create meaning and how they influence interpretation. In identifying and analysing explicit and implied ideas and values in texts, students examine the ways in which readers are invited to respond to texts. Students prepare sustained analytical interpretations of selected texts, discussing how features of the texts create meaning, and using textual evidence to support their responses. Students also present sustained creative responses to selected texts, demonstrating their understanding of the world of the texts and how texts construct meaning. In developing a creative response, they explore issues of purpose and audience and make key choices about structure, conventions and language. They develop a credible and effective voice and style and use the chosen features of the selected text to offer an interpretation of that text.

Outcome 1: *On completion of this unit students should be able to produce an analytical interpretation of a selected text and a creative response to a different selected text.*

2 Analysing argument

In this area of study students analyse and compare the use of argument and language in texts that debate a topical issue. The texts must have appeared in the media since 1 September of the previous year. Students read and view media texts in a variety of forms, including print, non-print and multimodal, and develop their understanding of the way in which language and argument complement one another in positioning the reader. Considering information about the purpose, audience and context of a text, students explore the argument of a persuasive piece, and the way written, spoken and visual language is used. Students develop written and spoken critical analyses of the use of argument and language in these texts, including analysis of the quality of the reasoning presented and the use of features intended to position audiences. They compare different written texts presenting argument on similar ideas or issues, considering the different ways authors use language to express arguments.

Outcome 2: *On completion of this unit students should be able to analyse and compare the use of argument and persuasive language in texts that present a point of view on an issue currently debated in the media.*

Assessment

Satisfactory completion of the outcomes specified for the unit.

There will be a practice written examination at the end of the unit.

English

Unit 4

In this unit students compare the presentation of ideas, issues and themes in texts. They also create an oral presentation intended to position audiences about an issue currently debated in the media.

Areas of Study

1 Reading and comparing texts

In this area of study students explore the meaningful connections between two texts. They analyse texts, including the interplay between character and setting, voice and structure, and how ideas, issues and themes are conveyed. Students produce a written analysis comparing the selected texts, discussing important similarities and differences and exploring how the texts deal with similar or related ideas, issues or themes from different perspectives to reflect particular values. Students will apply the conventions of written analysis and textual evidence.

Outcome 1: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to produce a detailed comparison which analyses how two selected texts present ideas, issues and themes.*

2 Presenting argument

In this area of study students build their understanding of both the analysis and construction of texts that attempt to influence audiences. They use their knowledge of argument and persuasive language as a basis for the development of their own persuasive texts in relation to a topical issue that has appeared in the media since 1 September of the previous year. Students use their understanding of argument and language as the basis for the development of an oral presentation of their points of view, designed specifically to position an audience.

Outcome 2: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to construct a sustained and reasoned point of view on an issue currently debated in the media.*

Assessment

Satisfactory completion of the outcomes specified for the unit.

Contributions to Final Assessment	
Unit 3 School Assessed Coursework	25%
Unit 4 School Assessed Coursework	25%
Unit 3 & 4 Examination	50%

English as an Additional Language

EAL Students (Students from Non-English Speaking Backgrounds)

EAL is integrated with the study of English. Other than the addition of a third Area of Study in Unit 3 ('Listening to text'), EAL students are expected to achieve the same learning outcomes as in English, but they will complete different assessment tasks for Units 3 & 4, with a different allocation of coursework marks. EAL is suitable for students who typically have English language proficiency at a minimum International English Language Testing System (IELTS) of level 4 or its equivalent.

Criteria for Eligibility

A student will be considered eligible for EAL status if both of the following conditions are satisfied:

- The student has been a resident in Australia for a period of not more than seven calendar years immediately prior to January 1 of the year in which the study is taken at Unit 3 & 4

and

- English has been the student's major language of instruction for a total period of not more than seven years prior to the commencement of the year in which the study is taken at Units 3 & 4.

Areas of Study

3 Listening to text

In this area of study students develop and refine their listening skills. They listen to a range of spoken texts and use active listening strategies to understand information, ideas and opinions presented in texts. Students develop skills to understand spoken texts on a literal and inferential level, demonstrating an understanding of how spoken texts construct meaning for a variety of listeners. This understanding includes the relationship between the speaker/s and their audience, the purpose of the spoken text and the speaker's views and attitudes and how these affect the structure and language of the spoken text. Students demonstrate their understanding through a range of spoken, written and visual forms, including class discussion, note-taking and responses to short-answer questions.

Outcome 3: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to comprehend a spoken text.*

Assessment

Satisfactory completion of the outcomes specified for the unit.

Contributions to Final Assessment	
Unit 3 School Assessed Coursework	25%
Unit 4 School Assessed Coursework	25%
Unit 3 & 4 Examination	50%

English Language

Unit 1: Language and Communication

The focus of this unit is language and its use in communication. The use of language is an essential aspect of human behaviour, the means by which individuals relate to the world, to each other, and to the community of which they are members. This unit focuses on the nature and functions of language itself and the way language is organised so that it provides its users with the means by which they can make sense of their experience and have contact with others. It enables students to explore the informational and expressive functions of language, the nature of language as a highly elaborate system of signs, the development of language in an individual, and the relationship between speech and writing as the dominant modes of use.

Areas of study

1 The nature and functions of language

This area of study provides students with an understanding of the nature of language and how language can be used for a variety of functions. It also explores the properties that distinguish human communication as unique.

***Outcome 1:** On completion of this unit the student should be able to identify and describe primary aspects of the nature and functions of human language.*

2 Language acquisition

This area of study focuses on the developmental stages of child language acquisition and what children need to learn as they develop from babyhood to early adolescence. In addition to words and their meanings, children learn to use the phonological and grammatical conventions of the language, as well as the appropriate use of these conventions in different social situations.

***Outcome 2:** On completion of this unit the student should be able to describe what children learn when they acquire language and discuss a range of perspectives on how language is acquired.*

Assessment

Students will be required to demonstrate a satisfactory achievement of the specified outcomes for the unit.

Assessment tasks include:

- Test
- Short-answer questions
- Written analysis of written and spoken discourse
- Essay

Please Note:

Students must satisfactorily complete Units 1 & 2 English Language before undertaking Units 3 & 4.

English Language

Unit 2: Language Change

The focus of this unit is language change. Languages are dynamic and change is an inevitable and a continual process. Engaging with texts from the past can show us how all subsystems of the language system are affected – phonetics and phonology, morphology and lexicology, syntax, discourse and semantics – as well as how English has transformed over the centuries and how it continues to evolve today. This unit explores how the global spread of English has led to a diversification of the language, and to English now being used by more people as an additional or a foreign language than as a first language. Students consider the cultural repercussions of the spread of English.

Areas of study

1 English across time

This area of study introduces the idea of language families, in particular the Indo-European language family, of which English is a member. It examines the origins of English as a Germanic language and traces its development from Old through to Early Modern English, and the establishment of a standard language in the eighteenth century. The development of Australian English is explored. The general concept of standardization and the notion of ‘correct English’ are examined, emphasizing that standard languages do not arise because of any inherent quality, but more as geographical and historical accidents.

Outcome 1: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to describe language change as represented in a range of texts and analyse a range of attitudes to language change.*

2 Englishes in contact

This area of study considers the effects of the global spread of English by learning about both the development and decline of languages as a result of English contact, the elevation of English as a global lingua franca, and the significant repercussions of language contact.

Students explore factors that contributed to the spread of English in the past, such as trade and colonization, and the consequences of the growth of English as an additional or foreign language. Students develop an understanding of how change to a language has significant repercussions for its users’ cultural identity and worldview.

Outcome 2: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to describe and explain the effects of the global spread of English in terms of both conformity and diversity, through a range of spoken and written texts.*

Assessment

Students will be required to demonstrate a satisfactory achievement of the specified outcomes for the unit.

Assessment tasks include:

- Test
- Short-answer questions
- Written analysis of written and spoken discourse
- Essay

Please Note:

Students must satisfactorily complete Units 1 & 2 English Language before undertaking Units 3 & 4.

English Language

Unit 3: Language variation and social purpose

The focus of this unit is English language in the Australian social setting, along a continuum of informal and formal registers. Language is a means of social interaction where we communicate information, ideas, attitudes, prejudices and ideological stances through written and spoken texts. Students examine the stylistic features of formal and informal language in both spoken and written modes. How texts are influenced by the situational and cultural contexts in which they occur is considered. Students examine how function, field, mode, setting and the relationships between participants all contribute to a person's language choice, as do the values, attitudes and beliefs held by participants and the wider community.

Areas of Study

1 Informal language

This area of study allows students to consider the features and functions of informal language in written, spoken and electronic interactions, understanding that the situational and cultural context of an exchange determines the language used. Students investigate how informal language can be used to meet participants' positive face needs (the need to be liked, respected and treated as a member of a group), how informal language choices can build rapport by encouraging inclusiveness, intimacy, solidarity and equality, and how informal language features such as slang and swearing patterns are particularly important in encouraging linguistic innovation and in-group membership.

***Outcome 1:** On completion of this unit the student should be able to identify and analyse distinctive features of informal language in written and spoken texts.*

2 Formal language

This area of study focuses on the way speakers and writers choose from a repertoire of language in order to achieve a particular purpose. As with informal language, the situational and cultural context determines whether people use formal language and in what mode they choose to communicate.

Students investigate how formal language can be used to meet participants' negative face needs: the need to be autonomous and act without imposition from others. Texts in which speakers and writers use formal language to clarify, manipulate or obfuscate, particularly in public language, are examined. Students learn that formal language enables users to carefully negotiate social taboos through the employment of euphemisms, non-discriminatory language and political correctness.

***Outcome 2:** On completion of this unit the student should be able to identify and analyse distinctive features of formal language in written and spoken texts.*

Assessment

Students will be required to demonstrate a satisfactory achievement of the specified outcomes for the unit. Assessment tasks will take any one or a combination of the following formats:

- Short answer test
- Folio
- Analytical commentary of written and spoken discourse
- Essay

English Language

Unit 4: Language variation and identity

The focus of this unit is on the role of language in establishing and challenging different identities. Students examine both print and digital texts to consider the ways different identities are constructed.

Students explore how our sense of who we are is constantly evolving and responding to the situations in which we find ourselves and is determined not only by how we see ourselves, but by how others see us. Through our language we establish how we are unique as individuals, as well as signalling our membership of particular groups.

Areas of Study

1 Language variation in Australian society

This area of study enables students to understand the range of language varieties that exist in contemporary Australian society and the contributions these varieties make to a shared identity.

***Outcome 1:** On completion of this unit the student should be able to investigate and analyse varieties of Australian English and attitudes towards them.*

2 Individual and group identities

In this area of study students focus on the role of language in reflecting and constructing individual and group identities. They learn that language users are able to play different roles within speech communities and are able to construct their identities through subconscious and conscious language variation according to age, gender, occupation, interests, aspiration and education. Students learn how language can function as a social disadvantage for people in different language communities and how social attitudes, personal associations and prejudices of individual speakers can lead to discrimination against use of non-standard dialects and accents.

***Outcome 2:** On completion of this unit the student should be able to analyse how people's choice of language reflects and constructs their identities.*

Assessment

Students will be required to demonstrate a satisfactory achievement of the specified outcomes for the unit.

Assessment tasks will include any one or a combination of the following formats:

- Short answer test
- Folio
- Analytical commentary of written and spoken discourse
- Essay

Contributions to Final Assessment	
Unit 3 School Assessed Coursework	25%
Unit 4 School Assessed Coursework	25%
Unit 3 & 4 Examination	50%

Environmental Science

Unit 1: How are Earth's systems connected?

In this unit students examine Earth as a set of four interacting systems: the atmosphere, biosphere, hydrosphere and lithosphere. Students apply a systems perspective when exploring the physical requirements for life in terms of inputs and outputs, and consider the effects of natural and human-induced changes in ecosystems. They investigate the physical environment and its components, the function of local ecosystems and the interactions that occur in and between ecological components over different timescales. Students consider how the biotic and abiotic components of local ecosystems can be monitored and measured.

Areas of Study

1 How is life sustained on Earth?

Life on Earth is dependent on four major inputs: energy, nutrients, air and water. In this area of study students examine the processes and interactions occurring within and between Earth's four systems – the atmosphere, biosphere, hydrosphere and lithosphere – that affect the availability, accessibility and usability of these inputs for life. They examine the outputs of processes and interactions occurring within and between the four systems, and distinguish between outputs that can be reused as inputs and those that require treatment as wastes.

***Outcome 1:** On completion of this unit the student should be able to compare the processes and timeframes for obtaining the key inputs required for life on Earth, describe strategies for the minimisation of waste product outputs, and explain how Earth's four systems interact to sustain life.*

2 How is Earth a dynamic system?

In this area of study students explore changes in systems that can occur over different time scales (short, medium or long term), have cyclic or unpredictable patterns, and can be caused by natural- or human-induced factors. They examine the flow of matter and energy in selected environmental events and phenomena with reference to natural and unpredictable or abrupt environmental changes in Earth's four systems. Students learn how environmental changes may be monitored and measured. They collect and analyse primary and secondary data to determine the linear, non-linear or cyclical patterns that may be evident.

***Outcome 2:** On completion of this unit the student should be able to describe the flow of matter and energy, nutrient exchange and environmental changes in ecosystems across Earth's four systems over different time scales.*

3 Practical Investigation

Ecosystems are subject to change in response to biotic or abiotic disturbances, or changes in the frequency at which they are disturbed, affecting the atmosphere, biosphere, hydrosphere and lithosphere. In this area of study students design and conduct a practical investigation into the monitoring of ecosystems or their components and/or change in ecosystems.

The investigation requires the student to develop a question, plan a course of action that attempts to answer the question, undertake an investigation to collect the appropriate primary qualitative and/or quantitative data, organise and interpret the data and reach a conclusion in response to the question. It may be conducted by the student through laboratory work and/or fieldwork.

***Outcome 3:** On completion of this unit the student should be able to design and undertake an investigation related to ecosystem monitoring and/or change, and draw a conclusion based on evidence from collected data.*

Assessment

Students will be required to demonstrate a satisfactory achievement of the specified outcomes for the unit.

Assessment tasks across all 4 units may include:

- A student-designed and/or adapted and/or extended practical investigation
- Response to a media article
- Data analysis
- Test, multiple choices and/or short answer and/or extended response.
- Oral presentation
- Problem solving
- Multimedia or web page presentations
- Annotated poster
- Practical Activities

Environmental Science

Unit 2: How can pollution be managed?

In this unit students explore the concept of pollution and associated impacts on Earth's four systems through global, national and local perspectives. They distinguish between wastes, contaminants and pollutants and examine the characteristics, measurement and management of pollution. They analyse the effects of pollutants on the health of humans and the environment over time. Students consider the rules for use, treatment and disposal of pollutants and evaluate the different perspectives of those who are affected by pollutants. They explore the significance of technology, government initiatives, communities and individuals in redressing the effects of pollutants, and consider how values, beliefs and evidence affect environmental decision making. Students undertake an in-depth case study of the management strategies that apply to a pollutant of local concern related to ecosystem monitoring and/or change.

Areas of Study

1 When does pollution become a hazard?

In this area of study students examine biotic and abiotic indicators of pollution in various environments. Using selected examples, they distinguish between pollutants that result in bioaccumulation, and air- or water-borne pollutants. Students explore the chemical and physical characteristics, sources and transport mechanisms of pollutants and consider how levels of safety standards are set. They analyse the effects of pollutants on environmental and living systems and consider approaches to monitor and manage pollutants.

Outcome 1: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to compare a selected pollutant that results in bioaccumulation with an air- or water-borne pollutant, with reference to their sources, characteristics and dispersal, explain how they can be measured and monitored, and describe treatment options.*

2 What makes pollution management so complex?

In this area of study, students investigate three pollutants of national or global concern. They explain how pollutants move through, and affect, the atmosphere, biosphere, hydrosphere and lithosphere, and compare treatment and management options for each pollutant. Students also explore the limitations of the categorisation of pollution as air, water and soil pollution.

Outcome 2: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to compare the sources, nature, transport mechanism, effects and treatment of three selected pollutants, with reference to their actions in the atmosphere, biosphere, hydrosphere and lithosphere.*

3 Case Study

Recognition of the impacts on public health and on the environment due to the pollution generated by human activities has grown. A shifting emphasis from pollution management towards pollution prevention also reflects social and behavioural change in responding to pollution as an issue. In this area of study students apply and extend their knowledge and skills to investigate a case study involving the management of a selected pollutant of local interest. Students prepare a communication that explains the relevant scientific concepts, identifies different management options including social, economic, legal and ethical implications, and presents a justified position on a preferred solution. Material for the investigation may be gathered from laboratory work, fieldwork, computer simulations and modelling, literature searches, environmental databases and interviews with experts.

Outcome 3: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to investigate and communicate a substantiated response to an issue involving the management of a selected pollutant of local interest.*

Assessment

Students will be required to demonstrate a satisfactory achievement of the specified outcomes for the unit.

Assessment tasks across all 4 units may include:

- A student-designed and/or adapted and/or extended practical investigation
- Response to a media article
- Data analysis
- Test, multiple choices and/or short answer and/or extended response.
- Oral presentation
- Problem solving
- Multimedia or web page presentations
- Annotated poster
- Practical Activities

Environmental Science

Unit 3: How can biodiversity and development be sustained?

In this unit students focus on environmental management through the examination and application of sustainability principles. They explore the value and management of the biosphere by examining the concept of biodiversity and the services provided to all living things. They analyse the processes that threaten biodiversity and apply scientific principles in evaluating biodiversity management strategies for a selected threatened endemic species. Students use a selected environmental science case study with reference to the principles of sustainability and environmental management to explore management at an Earth systems scale, including impact on the atmosphere, biosphere, hydrosphere and lithosphere.

A student practical investigation related to biodiversity or energy use from an environmental management perspective is undertaken in either Unit 3 or Unit 4, or across both Units 3 and 4, and is assessed in Unit 4, Outcome 3.

Areas of Study

1 Is maintaining biodiversity worth a sustained effort?

Australia is one of seventeen countries described as being 'mega diverse' in terms of its terrestrial and marine life. Although this group of countries accounts for 10 per cent of the global surface, they contain more than 70 per cent of the biodiversity on the planet.

In this area of study students examine biodiversity as a means of investigating the management of a single Earth system – the biosphere. They examine the categories of biodiversity, the role of biodiversity in sustaining ecosystems, the provision of ecosystem services for human well-being and the strategies employed to counteract threats, both natural and human induced, so as to maintain biodiversity in the short, medium and long term. Students investigate through field and practical activities how biodiversity is measured. They examine the effectiveness of management strategies in the context of a selected threatened endemic species, based on scientific evidence, to ensure sustainability of biodiversity.

Outcome 1: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to explain the importance of Earth's biodiversity, analyse the threats to biodiversity, and evaluate management strategies to maintain biodiversity in the context of one selected threatened endemic species.*

2 Is development sustainable?

In this area of study students examine the application of environmental science to sustainability and environmental management. They explore definitions of sustainability and consider how these may be interpreted and applied in addressing environmental issues. Students select one environmental science case study to be studied in depth. The selected case study should have a completed management strategy, including risk assessment. Students assess the environmental impacts and risks associated with the environmental science case study, examine the elements of environmental management and its relationship to sustainability principles, and evaluate the effectiveness of the environmental management plan implemented by the organisation. They determine the stakeholders involved, including community, business, industry and government agency where relevant, and evaluate scientific data related to the monitoring of the case study.

Outcome 2: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to explain the principles of sustainability and environmental management and analyse and evaluate a selected environmental science case study.*

Assessment

Students will be required to demonstrate a satisfactory achievement of the specified outcomes for the unit.

Environmental Science

Unit 4: How can the impacts of human energy use be reduced?

In this unit students analyse the social and environmental impacts of energy production and use on society and the environment. They explore the complexities of interacting systems of water, air, land and living organisms that influence climate, focusing on both local and global scales, and consider long-term consequences of energy production and use. Students examine scientific concepts and principles associated with energy, compare efficiencies of the use of renewable and non-renewable energy resources, and consider how science can be used to reduce the impacts of energy production and use. They distinguish between natural and enhanced greenhouse effects and discuss their impacts on living things and the environment, including climate change.

Measurement of environmental indicators often involves uncertainty. Students develop skills in data interpretation, extrapolation and interpolation, test predictions, and recognise the limitations of provisional and incomplete data. They learn to differentiate between relationships that are correlative and those that are cause-and-effect, and make judgments about accuracy, validity and reliability of evidence.

Areas of Study

1 What is a sustainable mix of energy sources?

Students examine the concepts associated with the use of different forms of energy by human societies. Focus moves from understanding the relationship between the uses of local sources of energy to examining the global impacts of these uses, including consideration of the consequences over short, medium and long time scales. Students investigate through field and practical activities the extent, availability, consequences, and alternative forms of energy available while considering the environmental, social and ethical challenges involved.

Outcome 1: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to compare the advantages and disadvantages of a range of energy sources, evaluate the sustainability of their use, and explain the impacts of their use on society and the environment.*

2 Is climate predictable?

In this area of study students investigate the astronomical, solar, and Earth systems and human-based factors that have altered important relationships between the energy, water and nutrient cycles, resulting in the enhanced greenhouse effect and climate change. They compare natural and enhanced greenhouse effects and their significance for sustaining ecological integrity.

Outcome 2: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to explain the causes and effects of changes to Earth's climate, compare methods of measuring and monitoring atmospheric changes, and explain the impacts of atmospheric changes on living things and the environment.*

3 Practical Investigation

The investigation requires the student to identify an aim, develop a question, formulate a hypothesis and plan a course of action to answer the question and that complies with safety and ethical guidelines. The student then undertakes an experiment or sampling exercise that involves the collection of primary qualitative and/or quantitative data, analyses and evaluates the data, identifies limitations of data and methods, links experimental results to science ideas, reaches a conclusion in response to the question and suggests further investigations which may be undertaken.

Outcome 3: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to design and undertake a practical investigation related to biodiversity or energy use from an environmental management perspective, and present methodologies, findings and conclusions in a scientific poster.*

Assessment

Students will be required to demonstrate a satisfactory achievement of the specified outcomes for the unit.

Contributions to Final Assessment	
Unit 3 School Assessed Coursework	16%
Unit 4 School Assessed Coursework	24%
Unit 3 & 4 Examination	60%

Food Studies

Unit 1: Food origins

This unit focuses on food from historical and cultural perspectives. Students investigate the origins and roles of food through time and across the world. They explore how humanity has historically sourced its food, examining the general progression from hunter-gatherer to rural-based agriculture, to today's urban living and global trade in food. Students consider the origins and significance of food through inquiry into particular food-producing regions of the world.

This unit looks at Australian indigenous food prior to European settlement and how food patterns have changed since, particularly through the influence of food production, processing and manufacturing industries and immigration. Students investigate cuisines that are part of Australia's culinary identity today and reflect on the concept of an Australian cuisine. They consider the influence of technology and globalisation on food patterns.

Areas of Study

1 Food around the world

In this area of study students explore the origins and cultural roles of food, from early civilisations through to today's industrialised and global world. Through an overview of the earliest food production regions and systems, students gain an understanding of the natural resources, climatic influences and social circumstances that have led to global variety in food commodities, cuisines and cultures with a focus on one selected region other than Australia. The practical component explores the use of ingredients available today that were used in earlier cultures. It also provides opportunities for students to extend and share their research into the world's earliest food-producing regions, and to demonstrate adaptations of selected food from earlier cuisines.

Outcome 1: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to identify and explain major factors in the development of a globalised food supply, and demonstrate adaptations of selected food from earlier cuisines through practical activities.*

2 Food in Australia

In this area of study students focus on the history and culture of food in Australia. They look at indigenous food prior to European settlement and the attempts of the first non-indigenous settlers to establish a secure and sustainable food supply. Students consider the development of food production, processing and manufacturing industries and conduct a critical inquiry into how Australian food producers and consumers today have been influenced by immigration and other cultural factors. Students conduct research into foods and food preparation techniques introduced by immigrants over time and consider the resurgence in interest in indigenous food practices, while reflecting on whether Australia has developed a distinctive cuisine of its own.

Outcome 2: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to describe patterns of change in Australia's food industries and cultures, and use foods indigenous to Australia and those introduced through migration in the preparation of food products.*

Assessment

Students will be required to demonstrate a satisfactory achievement of the specified outcomes for the unit.

Assessment tasks may include:

- a range of practical activities, with written records
- practical demonstration
- Tests (practical, short and/or extended answer)
- Short written reports / knowledge check questions
- Oral reports supported by visual presentations
- Production work

NB: Practical work comprises approximately one-third of the course.

Please Note:

Students must satisfactorily complete Unit 1 &/or 2 Food Studies before undertaking Units 3 & 4.

Food Studies

Unit 2: Food makers

In this unit students investigate food systems in contemporary Australia. Students gain insight into the significance of food industries to the Australian economy and investigate the capacity of industry to provide safe, high-quality food that meets the needs of consumers. They use practical skills and knowledge to produce foods and consider a range of evaluation measures to compare their foods to commercial products. They consider the effective provision and preparation of food in the home, and analyse the benefits and challenges of developing and using practical food skills in daily life. In demonstrating their practical skills, students design new food products and adapt recipes to suit particular needs and circumstances. They consider the possible extension of their role as small-scale food producers by exploring potential entrepreneurial opportunities.

Areas of Study

1 Food industries

In this area of study students focus on commercial food production in Australia, encompassing primary production and food processing and manufacturing, and the retail and food service sectors. Students apply an inquiry approach, with emphasis on the ever-changing and dynamic nature of our food industries and their ongoing importance to Australia's economy. Students investigate the characteristics of the various food industries and identify current and future challenges and opportunities. They consider the influences on food industries, and in turn how they influence people. Students investigate new food product development and innovation, and the processes in place to ensure a safe food supply. Students undertake a practical component, creating new food products using design briefs, and applying commercial principles such as research, design, product testing, production, evaluation and marketing.

Outcome 1: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to describe Australia's major food industries, analyse relationships between food suppliers and consumers, discuss measures in place to ensure a safe food supply and design a brief and a food product that demonstrates the application of commercial principles.*

2 Food in the home

In this area of study students further explore food production, focusing on domestic and small-scale food production. Students compare similar products prepared in different settings and evaluate them using a range of measures. They consider the influences on the effective provision and preparation of food in the home. Their practical skills are extended through designing and adapting recipes, encompassing a range of dietary requirements commonly encountered by the food service sector and within families. Students propose and test ideas for applying their food skills to entrepreneurial projects that potentially may move their products from a domestic or small-scale setting to a commercial context.

Outcome 2: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to compare and evaluate similar foods prepared in different settings, explain the influences on effective food provision and preparation in the home, and design and create a food product that illustrates potential adaptation in a commercial context.*

Assessment

Students will be required to demonstrate a satisfactory achievement of the specified outcomes for the unit.

Assessment tasks may include:

- Designing and developing a solution in response to a design brief, including practical work
- a range of practical activities, with written records
- Tests (practical, short and/or extended answer)
- Short written reports / knowledge check questions
- Oral reports supported by visual presentations
- Production work

NB: Practical work comprises approximately one-third of the course.

Please Note:

Students must satisfactorily complete Unit 1 &/or 2 Food Studies before undertaking Units 3 & 4.

Food Studies

Unit 3: Food in daily life

This unit investigates the many roles and everyday influences of food. Area of Study 1 explores the science of food: our physical need for it and how it nourishes and sometimes harms our bodies. Students investigate the physiology of eating and appreciating food, and the microbiology of digestion. They also investigate the functional properties of food and the changes that occur during food preparation and cooking. They analyse the scientific rationale behind the Australian Dietary Guidelines and the Australian Guide to Healthy Eating and develop their understanding of diverse nutrient requirements.

Area of Study 2 focuses on influences on food choice: how communities, families and individuals change their eating patterns over time and how our food values and behaviours develop within social environments. Students inquire into the role of food in shaping and expressing identity and connectedness and the ways in which food information can be filtered and manipulated. They investigate behavioural principles that assist in the establishment of lifelong, healthy dietary patterns.

The practical component of this unit enables students to understand food science terminology and to apply specific techniques to the production of everyday food that facilitates the establishment of nutritious and sustainable meal patterns.

Areas of Study

1 The science of food

In this area of study students focus on the science of food. They investigate the physiology of eating and microbiology of digesting, and the absorption and utilisation of macronutrients. They investigate food allergies, food intolerances and the microbiology of food contamination. By identifying evidence-based principles, students develop their capacity to analyse advice on food choices. Students learn and apply food science terminology relating to chemical changes that occur during food preparation and cooking, and undertake hands-on experimentation to demonstrate techniques and effects. They apply knowledge in the safe production of nutritious meals.

Outcome 1: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to explain the processes of eating and digesting food and absorption of macronutrients, explain causes and effects of food allergies, food intolerances and food contamination, analyse food selection models, and apply principles of nutrition and food science in the creation of food products.*

2 Food choice, health and wellbeing

In this area of study students focus on patterns of eating in Australia and the influences on the food we eat. Students look at relationships between social factors and food access and choice, as well as the social and emotional roles of food in shaping and expressing identity, and how food may link to psychological factors. They inquire into the role of media, technology and advertising as influences on the formation of food habits and beliefs, and investigate the principles of encouraging healthy food patterns in children. In this area of study students undertake a practical component developing a repertoire of healthy meals suitable for children and families.

Outcome 2: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to explain and analyse factors affecting food access and choice, analyse the influences that shape an individual's food values, beliefs and behaviours, and apply practical skills to create a range of healthy meals for children and families.*

Assessment

Students will be required to demonstrate a satisfactory achievement of the specified outcomes for the unit.

Assessments may include:

- A range of practical activities with written records
- a short written report: media analysis, research inquiry, structured questions, case study analysis
- an annotated visual report
- an oral presentation or a practical demonstration
- a video or podcast

Food Studies

Unit 4: Food issues, challenges and futures

In this unit students examine debates about global and Australian food systems. Area of Study 1 focuses on issues about the environment, ecology, ethics, farming practices, the development and application of technologies, and the challenges of food security, food safety, food wastage, and the use and management of water and land.

Students research a selected topic, seeking clarity on current situations and points of view, considering solutions and analysing work undertaken to solve problems and support sustainable futures.

Area of Study 2 focuses on individual responses to food information and misinformation and the development of food knowledge, skills and habits to empower consumers to make discerning food choices. Students consider how to assess information and draw evidence-based conclusions. They apply this methodology to navigate contemporary food fads, trends and diets. They practise and improve their food selection skills by interpreting food labels and analysing the marketing terms used on food packaging.

Areas of Study

1 Environment and ethics

In this area of study students address debates concerning Australian and global food systems, relating to issues on the environment, ethics, technologies, food access, food safety, and the use of agricultural resources. Students conduct a critical inquiry into a range of debates through identifying issues involved, forming an understanding of current situations and considering possible futures. They research one selected debate in depth, seeking clarity on disparate points of view, considering proposed solutions and analysing work undertaken to solve problems and support sustainable futures. Students will consider environmental and ethical issues relating to the selected debate and apply their responses in practical ways.

Outcome 1: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to explain a range of food systems issues, respond to a selected debate with analysis of problems and proposals for future solutions, apply questions of sustainability and ethics to the selected food issue and develop and create a food repertoire that reflects personal food values and goals.*

2 Navigating food information

In this area of study students focus on food information and misinformation and the development of food knowledge, skills and habits. Students learn to assess information and draw evidence-based conclusions to navigate contemporary food fads, trends and diets. They investigate a selected food fad, trend or diet and assess its credibility and the reliability of its claims, taking into consideration the evidenced-based recommendations of the Australian Dietary Guidelines and the Australian Guide to Healthy Eating. Students practise and improve their food selection skills by interpreting food labels and interrogating the marketing terms on food packaging.

Outcome 2: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to explain a variety of food information contexts, analyse the formation of food beliefs, evaluate a selected food trend, fad or diet and create food products that meet the Australian Dietary Guidelines.*

Assessment

Students will be required to demonstrate a satisfactory achievement of the specified outcomes for the unit.

Assessments may include:

- A range of practical activities with written records
- A written report
- a short written report: media analysis, research inquiry, structured questions, case study analysis
- an annotated visual report
- an oral presentation or a practical demonstration
- a video or podcast

Contributions to Final Assessment	
Unit 3 School Assessed Coursework	30%
Unit 4 School Assessed Coursework	30%
Unit 3 & 4 Examination	40%

Foundation Mathematics

Units 1 & 2

This course provides for the continuing mathematical development of students entering VCE who need mathematical skills to support their other VCE subjects, including VET studies, and who do not intend to undertake Units 3 & 4 studies in VCE Mathematics in the following year. Foundation Mathematics Units 1 & 2 does not provide a basis for undertaking Units 3 & 4 studies in Mathematics.

In Foundation Mathematics there is a strong emphasis on using mathematics in practical contexts relating to everyday life, recreation, work and study. Students are encouraged to use appropriate technology in all areas of their study.

Learning activities and assessment tasks include the use of mathematics relating to familiar situations, personal work and study, eg, costing of an eighteenth birthday party, budgeting for a holiday, a survey of types of television programs, mathematics encountered in sport.

Areas of Study

1 Space, shape and design

This area of study covers the geometric properties of lines and curves, shapes and objects and their graphical and diagrammatic representations with attention to scale and drawing conventions used in domestic, societal, industrial and commercial plans, maps and diagrams.

2 Patterns and number

This area of study covers estimation, the use and application of different forms of numbers and calculations and the representation of patterns and generalisations in number including formulas and other algebraic expressions in every day contexts.

3 Data

This area of study covers collection, presentation and analysis of gathered and provided data from community, work, recreation and media contexts, including consideration of suitable forms of representation and summaries.

4 Measurement

This area of study covers the use and application of the metric system in a variety of domestic, societal, industrial and commercial contexts, including consideration of accuracy.

The following Outcomes encompass all of the selected areas for each Unit.:

Outcome 1: On completion of this unit the student should use and apply a range of mathematical concepts, skills and procedures from selected areas of study to solve problems based on a range of everyday and real-life contexts.

Outcome 2: On completion of this unit the student should be able to apply mathematical procedures to solve practical problems in both familiar and new contexts, and communicate their results.

Outcome 3: On completion of this unit the student should be able to select and use technology to solve problems in practical contexts.

Assessment

Students will be required to demonstrate a satisfactory achievement of the specified outcomes for the unit.

Assessment tasks include:

- Tests
- Investigations and Projects
- Assignments
- Examinations

Further Mathematics

Unit 3 & 4

Further Mathematics can be taken alone or with Mathematical Methods Units 3 & 4. The assumed knowledge for Further Mathematics Units 3 & 4 is drawn from General Mathematics Units 1 & 2 course. Students who have completed any unit of Mathematical Methods Units 1 & 2 will also have had access to this assumed knowledge. The course is intended to provide general preparation for employment and further study, in particular where data analysis is important.

Area of Study 1 – Unit 3

Core

1 Data Analysis

This area of study covers the investigation of data distributions and association between two variables. It also covers investigation and modelling of linear associations and time series data.

2 Recursion and Financial Modelling

This topic covers the use of first-order linear recurrence relations and technology to model and analyse a range of financial situations, and solve related problems involving interest, appreciation and depreciation, loans annuities and perpetuities.

Applications

3 Network and Decision mathematics

This module covers definition and representation of different kinds of undirected and directed graphs, Eulerian trails and circuits, bridges, Hamiltonian paths and cycles, and the use of networks to the model and solve problems involving travel, connection, flow, matching, allocation and scheduling.

4 Matrices

This module covers definition of matrices, different types of matrices, matrix operations, transition matrices and the use of first-order linear matrix recurrence relations to model a range of situations and solve related problems.

The following Outcomes encompass all of the selected areas for each Unit:

Outcome 1: On completion of each unit the student should be able to define and explain key terms and concepts and apply related mathematical techniques and models in routine contexts.

Outcome 2: On completion of each unit the student should be able to select and apply the mathematical concepts, models and techniques in a range of contexts of increasing complexity.

Outcome 3: On completion of each unit the student should be able to select and appropriately use numerical, graphical, symbolic and statistical functionalities of technology to develop mathematical ideas, produce results and carry out analysis in situations requiring problem solving, modelling or investigative techniques or approaches.

Students will be required to demonstrate a satisfactory achievement of the specified outcomes for the unit.

Assessment tasks include:

- Application Tasks
- Modelling or Problem Solving Tasks
- Examinations

Contributions to Final Assessment	
Unit 3 & 4 School Assessed Coursework	34%
Unit 3 & 4 Examination 1	33%
Unit 3 & 4 Examination 2	33%

General Mathematics

Units 1 & 2

This course provides a study for a broad range of students. This course leads to Further Mathematics Units 3 & 4. It can be taken on its own or in conjunction with Mathematical Methods Units 1 & 2.

Areas of Study

1 Algebra and Structure

This area of study covers representation and manipulation of linear relations and equations, including simultaneous linear equations, and their applications in a range of contexts.

2 Arithmetic and number

This area of study covers mental, by hand and technology assisted computation with rational numbers, practical arithmetic and financial arithmetic, including estimation, order of magnitude and accuracy.

3 Discrete Mathematics

This area of study covers matrices, graphs and networks, and number patterns and recursion, and their use to model practical situations and solve a range of related problems.

4 Geometry, Measurement and Trigonometry

This area of study covers shape, measurement and trigonometry and their application to formulating and solving two and three dimensional problems involving length, angle, area and surface area, volume and capacity and similarity and the application of linear scale factors to measurement.

5 Graphs of linear and non-linear relations

This area of study covers continuous models involving linear and non-linear relations and their graphs, linear inequalities and programming and variation.

6 Statistics

This area of study covers the representation, analysis and comparison of data distributions and investigates relationships between two numerical variables, including an introduction to correlation.

The following Outcomes encompass all of the selected areas for each Unit:

Outcome 1: On completion of this unit the student should be able to define and explain key concepts as specified in the selected content from the areas of study and apply a range of related mathematical routines and procedures.

Outcome 2: On completion of this unit the students should be able to select and apply mathematical facts, concepts, models and techniques from the topics covered in the unit to investigate and analyse extended application problems in a range of contexts.

Outcome 3: On completion of this unit the student should be able to select and use numerical, graphical, symbolic and statistical functionalities of technology to develop mathematical ideas, produce results and carry out analysis in situations requiring problem-solving, modelling or investigative techniques or approaches.

Assessment

Students will be required to demonstrate a satisfactory achievement of the specified outcomes for the unit.

Assessment tasks include:

- Tests
- Problem solving tasks
- Examinations

General Mathematics (Specialist)

Units 1 & 2

This course is designed to provide access to worthwhile and challenging mathematical learning in a way which takes into account the needs and aspirations for those students who intend to complete Unit 3 & 4 Specialist Mathematics. It is designed to promote students' awareness of the importance of mathematics in everyday life in a technological society, and confidence in making effective use of mathematical ideas, techniques and processes.

General Mathematics (Specialist) leads to Mathematical Methods (CAS) Units 3 & 4. It is required that this course be taken in conjunction with Mathematical Methods (CAS) Units 1 & 2.

Areas of Study

1 Algebra and structure

This area of study covers logic and algebra and transformations, trigonometry and matrices.

2 Arithmetic and number

This area of study covers number systems and recursion and the principles of counting.

3 Discrete mathematics

This area of study covers graph theory.

4 Geometry, measurement and trigonometry

This area of study covers geometry in the plane and proof and vectors in the plane.

5 Graphs of linear and non-linear relations

This area of study covers graphs of non-linear relations and kinematics.

6 Statistics

This area of study covers simulation, sampling and sampling distributions.

The following Outcomes encompass all of the selected areas for each Unit:

Outcome 1: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to define and explain key concepts in relation to the topics from the selected areas of study, and apply a range of related mathematical routines and procedures.*

Outcome 2: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to apply mathematical processes in non-routine contexts, and analyse and discuss these applications of mathematics in at least three areas of study.*

Outcome 3: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to use technology to produce results and carry out analysis in situations requiring problem-solving, modelling or investigative techniques or approaches in at least three areas of study.*

Assessment

Students will be required to demonstrate a satisfactory achievement of the specified outcomes for the unit.

Assessment tasks include:

- Tests
- Analysis Task
- Examination

Geography

Unit 1: Hazards and disasters

In this unit students undertake an overview of hazards before investigating two contrasting types of hazards and the responses to them by people. Hazards represent the potential to cause harm to people and or the environment whereas disasters are judgments about the impacts of hazard events. Hazards include a wide range of situations including those within local areas, such as fast moving traffic or the likelihood of coastal erosion, to regional and global hazards such as drought and infectious disease. Students examine the processes involved with hazards and hazard events, including their causes and impacts, human responses to hazard events and interconnections between human activities and natural phenomena. This unit investigates how people have responded to specific types of hazards, including attempts to reduce vulnerability to, and the impact of, hazard events.

Students undertake fieldwork in this unit and report on fieldwork using provided structure.

Areas of Study

1 Characteristics of hazards

In this area of study students examine hazards and hazard events before engaging in a study of at least two specific hazards at a range of scales. They study one from at least two different types of hazards from the list provided, for example, coastal hazards and an alien animal invasion, or floods and oil spills. The selection of hazards should allow students to use visual representations and topographical maps at various scales and undertake fieldwork.

***Outcome 1:** On completion of this unit the student should be able to analyse, describe and explain the nature of hazards and impacts of hazard events at a range of scales.*

2 Responses to hazards and disasters

In this area of study students explore the nature and effectiveness of specific measures such as prediction and warning programs, community preparedness and land use planning, as well as actions taken after hazards become harmful and destructive disasters. They study natural and human factors influencing the nature of human responses, considering the scale of the hazard, levels of risk due to hazards, past experiences and perceptions of similar hazards and hazard events, the economic choices available to government organisations and communities to take action, available technological resources and the ability to plan and develop effective prevention and mitigation measures. Students investigate the human responses to the hazards selected in Area of Study 1, with reference to a variety of locations.

***Outcome 2:** On completion of this unit the student should be able to analyse and explain the nature, purpose and effectiveness of a range of responses to selected hazards and disasters*

Assessment

Students will be required to demonstrate a satisfactory achievement of the specified outcomes for the unit.

Assessment tasks may include:

- Recording and Reporting on data collected in the field
- Data processing and presentation – maps, graphs, annotated visual display
- Research Reports
- Written Responses
- Group work
- PowerPoint presentations
- Unit exam

Geography

Unit 2: Tourism

In this unit students investigate the characteristics of tourism, with particular emphasis on where it has developed, its various forms, how it has changed and continues to change and its impacts on people, places and environments. They select contrasting examples of tourism from within Australia and elsewhere in the world to support their investigations. Tourism involves the movement of people travelling away from and staying outside of their usual environment for more than 24 hours but not more than one consecutive year. Over one billion tourists a year cross international boundaries with greater numbers involved as domestic tourists within their own countries. The Asia and the Pacific hosts 23 per cent of international arrivals. The scale of tourist movements since the 1950s and its predicted growth has had and continues to have a significant impact on local, regional and national environments, economies and cultures. The travel and tourism industry is directly responsible for one in every twelve jobs globally and generates around 5 per cent of its GDP. The study of tourism at local, regional and global scales emphasises the interconnection within and between places. There is an interconnection between places tourists originate from and their destinations through the development of communication and transport infrastructure, employment, together with cultural preservation and acculturation. The growth of tourism at all scales requires careful management to ensure environmentally sustainable and economically viable tourism.

Areas of Study

1 Characteristics of tourism

In this area of study students examine the characteristics of tourism, the location and distribution of different types of tourism and tourist destinations and the factors affecting different types of tourism. Students support this investigation with contrasting examples from within Australia and elsewhere in the world. They investigate in detail at least one tourism location using appropriate fieldwork techniques, and one other location elsewhere in the world. The selection of examples should allow students to work with a range of information sources, for example statistical data, digital images, streamed video and a variety of maps at various scales, as well as undertake fieldwork.

Outcome 1: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to analyse, describe and explain the nature of tourism at a range of scales.*

2 Impact of tourism

In this area of study students explore the environmental, economic and socio-cultural impacts of different types of tourism. They investigate at least one tourism location, using appropriate fieldwork techniques, and another elsewhere in the world. Students evaluate the effectiveness of measures taken to enhance the positive impacts and/or to minimise the negative impacts at these locations. This fieldwork site could be the same location used for Area of Study 1. They investigate the interconnection of the two selected locations with their surrounding region and national context.

Outcome 2: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to analyse and explain the impacts of tourism on people, places and environments and evaluate the effectiveness of strategies for managing tourism.*

Assessment

Students will be required to demonstrate a satisfactory achievement of the specified outcomes for the unit.

Assessment tasks may include:

- Recording and Reporting on data collected in the field
- Data processing, analysis and presentation.
- Research Reports
- Written Responses
- Tests
- Oral presentations
- Unit exam

Health and Human Development

Unit 1: The Health and Development of Australia's Youth

In this unit students are introduced to the concepts of health and individual human development. The World Health Organisation (WHO) defines health as 'a state of complete physical, mental and social well-being and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity.' Individual human development is lifelong and continuous; students will begin to look at physical, social, emotional and intellectual development that occurs across the lifespan.

The health and individual human development of Australia's youth is focused upon in this unit. There are many factors that influence the health and individual human development of youth, including nutrition for the provision of energy and growth as well as food behaviours and their impact on youth. Students will look at a range of health issues that impact on both immediate and longer term health and individual human development of youth.

Areas of Study

1 Understanding youth health and human development

In this area of study students develop an understanding of the concepts of youth health and individual human development, and explore the interrelationships that exist within and between them. Students become aware of the differing methods for measuring health status and develop a greater understanding of the health status of youth.

Outcome 1: *On the completion of this unit the student should be able to describe the dimensions of, and the interrelationship within and between, youth health and individual human development and analyse the health status of Australia's youth using appropriate measurements.*

2 Youth issues

In this area of study students develop an understanding of a range of determinants and their ability to influence youth health and individual human development. Students explore the importance of nutrition and the developmental functions it performs in the body, including the consequences of nutritional imbalance on the health and individual human development of youth.

Students investigate in detail one health issue relevant to youth. They explore the impact of this health issue on all dimensions of youth health and individual human development. They develop an understanding of how determinants of health act as risk and/or protective factors in relation to their selected health issue. Students form conclusions about personal, community and government strategies and programs designed to influence and promote youth health and individual human development.

Outcome 2: *On completion of this unit students should be able to describe and explain the factors that impact on the health and individual development of Australia's youth, outline health issues relevant to Australia's youth and, in relation to a specific health issue, analyse strategies or programs that have an impact on youth health and development.*

Assessment

Students will be required to demonstrate a satisfactory achievement of the specified outcomes for the unit. Assessment tasks may include:

- Case study analysis
- Data analysis
- Visual presentation
- Blog
- Test
- Oral presentation
- Written response

Health and Human Development

Unit 2: Individual Human Development and Health Issues

This unit focuses on the health and individual human development for the lifespan stages of prenatal, childhood and adulthood. Health and development during childhood has also been identified as having a significant impact on both health and development throughout the rest of the lifespan. There are many determinants of health and development of Australia's children; however, social factors such as family and community are crucial, as children develop through their relationships with others.

The lifespan stage of adulthood represents a period of great diversity. The health and individual human development of this group can vary considerably and is influenced by a range of determinants, which include physical environment, biological, behavioural and social.

In this unit students identify issues that affect the health and individual human development of Australia's mothers and babies, children and adults. Students investigate health issues in detail and analyse personal, community and government strategies and programs that affect the health and individual human development of mothers and babies, children and adults.

Areas of Study

1 Prenatal health and individual development

In this area of study students develop understanding of the health and individual human development of Australia's unborn children. Students study the physical changes that occur from conception to birth. Students investigate how determinants, including physical environment, biological, behavioural and social, influence prenatal health and individual human development.

Outcome 1: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to describe and explain factors that affect the health and individual human development during the prenatal stage.*

2 Child health and individual development

The focus of this area of study is the development of students' understanding of the health and individual human development of Australia's children. Students study the period from birth to approximately twelve years. They explore the physical, social, emotional and intellectual changes that occur from birth to late childhood. Students investigate how determinants, including physical environment, biological, behavioural and social, influence child health and development.

Outcome 2: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to describe and explain factors that affect the health and individual human development of Australia's children.*

3 Adult health and individual development

The focus of this area of study is the development of students' understanding of the health and individual human development of Australia's adults, including older adults. Students explore the physical, social, emotional and intellectual changes that occur during adulthood. They describe the health status of Australia's adults, including the various determinants that have an impact on health and individual human development.

Outcome 3: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to describe and explain the factors that affect the health and individual human development of Australia's adults.*

Assessment

The majority of the assessment will be completed in class and within a limited time frame. Students will be required to demonstrate a satisfactory achievement of the specified outcomes for the unit. Assessment tasks include:

- Case study analysis
- Data analysis
- Visual presentation
- Blog
- Oral presentation
- Test
- Written response

Health and Human Development

Unit 3: Australia's Health

Australians generally enjoy good health and are among the healthiest people in the world. The health status of Australians can be measured in many ways, such as consideration of burden of disease, health adjusted life expectancy, disability adjusted life years (DALYs), life expectancy, under-five mortality rate, mortality and morbidity rates, incidence and prevalence of disease. Despite Australia's good health status, there is still potential for improvements. The National Health Priority Areas (NHPAs) initiative provides a national approach that aims to improve health status in the areas that contribute most of the burden of disease in Australia. Regardless of how health is measured, health is not shared equally by all Australians. Different levels of health are experienced by different groups, which can be attributed to the determinants of health, including the physical environment, biological, behavioural and social.

Funding for the Australian health system involves a combination of both government and nongovernment sources. The Australian Government makes a significant contribution to the health system through the funding of Medicare. Both government and non-government organisations play an important role in the implementation of a range of initiatives designed to promote health in Australia.

Areas of Study

1 Understanding Australia's health

In this area of study students develop an understanding of the health status of Australians by investigating the burden of disease and the health of population groups in Australia. Students use key health measures to compare health in Australia and analyse how determinants of health, including the physical environment, biological, behavioural and social, contribute to variations in health status.

The NHPAs initiative seeks to bring a national health policy focus to diseases or conditions that have a major impact on the health of Australians. The NHPAs represent the disease groups with the largest burden of disease and potential costs (direct, indirect and intangible) to the Australian community. Students examine the development of the NHPAs and their relationship to burden of disease in Australia. They analyse initiatives designed to promote health relevant to the NHPAs, and come to understand that nutrition is an important factor for a number of the NHPAs.

Outcome 1: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to compare the health status of Australia's population with that of other developed countries, compare and explain variations in health status of population groups within Australia and discuss the role of the National Health Priority Areas in improving Australia's health status.*

2 Promoting health in Australia

This area of study examines different models of health and health promotion. Students investigate the roles and responsibilities of governments in addressing health needs and promoting health for all through the provision of a national health system and health promotion initiatives. They examine the role of government and non-government organisations in providing programs and support for the promotion of healthy eating.

Outcome 2: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to discuss and analyse approaches to health and health promotion, and describe Australia's health system and the different roles of government and non-government organisations in promoting health.*

Assessment

Students will be required to demonstrate a satisfactory achievement of the specified outcomes for the unit.

Assessment tasks include:

- Case study analysis
- Data analysis
- Media analysis
- Reports - written and oral
- Structured questions

Health and Human Development

Unit 4: Global Health and Human Development

This unit takes a global perspective on achieving sustainable improvements in health and human development. In the context of this unit human development is about creating an environment in which people can develop to their full potential and lead productive, creative lives in accord with their needs and interests. It is about expanding people's choices and enhancing capabilities (the range of things people can be and do), having access to knowledge, health and a decent standard of living, and participating in the life of their community and decisions affecting their lives. Sustainability 'implies meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs'.

The United Nations (UN) human development work is encapsulated in the Millennium Development Goals, where the world's countries have agreed to a set of measurable goals and targets for combating poverty, hunger, disease, illiteracy, environmental degradation and discrimination against women. A significant focus of the Millennium Development Goals is reducing the inequalities that result in human poverty and lead to inequalities in health status and human development.

The World Health Organization (WHO) is the directing and coordinating authority for international health within the United Nations. Both the WHO and the UN have a range of strategies aimed at reducing global burdens of disease and promoting human development through the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals. The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) manages the Australian Government's overseas aid program. DFAT aims to reduce poverty in developing countries and improve human development, with a focus on assisting developing countries to achieve the Millennium Development Goals. Non-government organisations also play a role in promoting sustainable human development.

Areas of Study

1 Introducing global health and human development

This area of study explores global health, human development and sustainability. Students identify similarities and differences in the health status between people living in developing countries and Australians, and analyse reasons for the differences. The role of the United Nations Millennium Development Goals is investigated in relation to achieving sustainable improvements in health status and human development.

Outcome 1: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to analyse factors contributing to variations in health status between Australia and developing countries, evaluate progress towards the United Nations' Millennium Development Goals.*

2 Promoting global health and human development

This area of study explores the role of international organisations including the UN and WHO in achieving sustainable improvements in health and human development. Students consider strategies designed to promote health and sustainable human development globally, as well as Australia's contribution to international health programs and contributions to non-government organisations.

Outcome 2: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to describe and evaluate programs implemented by international and Australian government and non-government organisations and analyse the interrelationships between health, human development and sustainability.*

Assessment

Students will be required to demonstrate a satisfactory achievement of the specified outcomes for the unit.

Assessment tasks include:

- Case study analysis
- Reports - written and oral
- Media analysis
- Data analysis
- Structured questions

Contributions to Final Assessment	
Unit 3 School Assessed Coursework	25%
Unit 4 School Assessed Coursework	25%
Unit 3 & 4 Examination	50%

History

Unit 1: Twentieth Century History (1918 – 1939)

In Unit 1 students explore the nature of political, social and cultural change in the period between the world wars. World War One is regarded by many as marking the beginning of twentieth century history since it represented such a complete departure from the past and heralded changes that were to have an impact for decades to come. The post-war treaties ushered in a period where the world was, to a large degree, reshaped with new borders, movements, ideologies and power structures. These changes affected developments in Europe, the USA, Asia, Africa and the Middle East. Economic instability caused by the Great Depression also contributed to the development of political movements. Despite ideals about future peace, reflected in the establishment of the League of Nations, the world was again overtaken by war in 1939.

The period after World War One was characterised by significant social and cultural change in the contrasting decades of the 1920s and 1930s. New fascist governments used the military, education and propaganda to impose controls on the way people lived, to exclude particular groups of people and to silence criticism. In Germany, the persecution of the Jewish people became intensified. In the USSR, millions of people were forced to work in state-owned factories and farms and had limited personal freedom. Japan became increasingly militarised and anti-western. In the USA, the consumerism and material progress of the 1920s was tempered by the Great Crash of 1929. Writers, artists, musicians, choreographers and filmmakers reflected, promoted or resisted political, economic and social changes.

Areas of Study

3 Ideology and conflict

This area of study focuses on the events, ideologies and movements of the period after World War One; the emergence of conflict; and the causes of World War Two. The students investigate the impact of the treaties which ended the Great War and which redrew the map of Europe and broke up the former empires of the defeated nations. They consider the aims, achievements and limitations of the League of Nations.

***Outcome 1:** On completion of this unit the students should be able to explain the consequences of the peace treaties which ended World War One, the impact of ideologies on nations and the events that led to World War Two.*

4 Social and cultural change

This area of study focuses on the on the social life and cultural expression in the 1920s and 1930s and their relation to the technological, political and economic changes of the period. Students explore particular forms of cultural expression from the period in one or more of the following contexts: Italy, Germany, Japan, USSR and/or USA.

***Outcome 2:** On completion of this unit the students should be able to explain patterns of social life and cultural change in one or more contexts, and analyse the factors which influenced changes to social life and culture, in the inter-war years.*

Assessment

Students will be required to demonstrate a satisfactory achievement of the specified outcomes for the unit. Assessment tasks include:

- A historical inquiry
- An analysis of primary resources
- An analysis of historical interpretation
- An essay
- Unit exam

History

Unit 2: Twentieth Century History (1945 - 2000)

In Unit 2 students explore the nature and impact of the Cold War and challenges and changes to existing political, economic and social arrangements in the second half of the twentieth century.

The establishment of the United Nations in 1945 was intended to take an internationalist approach to avoiding warfare, resolving political tensions and addressing threats to human life and safety. The Universal Declaration of Human Rights adopted in 1948 was the first global expression of human rights.

Despite internationalist moves, the second half of the twentieth century was dominated by the competing ideologies of democracy and communism, setting the backdrop for the Cold War.

The period also saw challenge and change to the established order in many countries. The continuation of moves towards decolonisation led to independence movements in former colonies in Africa, the Middle East, Asia and the Pacific. New countries were created and independence was achieved through both military and diplomatic means. Old conflicts also continued and terrorism became increasingly global. The second half of the twentieth century also saw the rise of social movements that challenged existing values and traditions, such as the civil rights movement, feminism and environmental movements.

Areas of Study

3 Competing ideologies

This area of study focuses on causes and consequences of the Cold War; the competing ideologies that underpinned events, the effects on people, groups and nations, and the reasons for the end of this sustained period of ideological conflict.

Outcome 1: *On completion of this unit the students should be able to explain the ideological divisions in the post-war period and analyse the nature, development and impact of the Cold War on nations and people, in relation to one or more particular conflicts in the period.*

4 Challenge and Change

In this area of study, students focus on the ways in which traditional ideas, values and political systems were challenged and changed by individuals and groups in a range of contexts during the period 1945 to 2000. Students explore the causes of significant political and social events and movements, and their consequences for nations and people.

Outcome 2: *On completion of this unit the students should be able to explain the causes and nature of challenge and change in relation to two selected contexts in the second half of the twentieth century and analyse the consequences for nations and people.*

Assessment

Students will be required to demonstrate a satisfactory achievement of the specified outcomes for the unit. Assessment tasks include:

- A historical inquiry
- An analysis of primary resources
- An analysis of historical interpretation
- An essay
- Unit exam

History

Unit 1: Global Empires - The making of empires (1400 – 1775)

The Early Modern era, 1400 –1775, was a time of transition between medieval feudalism and the modern, secular nation-state. At the dawn of the era, international trade was dominated by three powerful empires – the Venetian Empire, China under the Ming dynasty and the Ottoman Empire – who between them controlled key industries, commodities and trade hubs including the Silk Road. Emerging powers Portugal, Spain, France, Britain and the Netherlands sought to circumvent the power of these established empires by gaining access to goods through alternative means and routes. By harnessing new knowledge and technology, they launched voyages of exploration to the Asia-Pacific, the Americas and Africa.

Around the same time, new ideas were emerging to disrupt traditional beliefs and institutions. The Ptolemaic model, which placed Earth at the centre of the universe, was challenged by Copernicus and taken up by Galileo and other scholars of the Scientific Revolution (c. 1550 –c. 1700). The Catholic Church was threatened by both new scientific knowledge and the Protestant Reformation (1517–c. 1648) which questioned Rome’s divine authority. The new paradigm of empiricism questioned assumptions and beliefs about godly intervention in the natural world. Gutenberg’s printing press (c. 1450) allowed ordinary people, for the first time in history, to circulate ideas without mediation by officials, leading the way for new debates about individualism, rights and liberties during the Enlightenment (c. 1650 –1790s).

The key idea, however, to give impetus to new global empires was mercantilism. As the feudal era gave way to the early stages of capitalism, European powers began to gain imperial control through monopolies, subsidies and East India companies, which extracted profit from new colonial possessions.

This unit examines how the Portuguese, Spanish, French, British and Dutch empires harnessed new ideas and technologies to usurp the power of the established empires of Venice, China and the Ottoman Empire, thus entrenching their ideas and influence across the globe.

Areas of Study

1 Exploration and expansion

In this area of study students examine the reasons for voyages of exploration mounted by European empires in the Early Modern period and the impact of these voyages on the expansion of empires.

***Outcome 1:** On completion of this unit the students should be able to explain the reasons for European voyages of exploration and analyse the motivations of new globally oriented empires.*

Areas of Study

2 Disruptive ideas

In this area of study students examine how new ideas of the Early Modern period challenged old certainties and assisted in the expansion of empires.

***Outcome 2:** On completion of this unit the students should be able to explain how new ideas and discoveries challenged old certainties and strengthened European empires.*

Assessment

Students will be required to demonstrate a satisfactory achievement of the specified outcomes for the unit. Assessment tasks include:

- A historical inquiry
- An analysis of primary resources
- An analysis of historical interpretation
- An essay
- Unit exam

History

Unit 2: Global Empires – Empires at work (1400 – 1775)

In this unit students explore the operation of European colonies and the challenges they faced from within and without.

In the Early Modern period, 1400 –1775, new empires began to establish colonies and to trade on a global scale. Britain, France, the Netherlands, Spain, Portugal, Russia and the Ottoman Empire gained colonial possessions in a number of continents. The Mughals in India and the Ming and Qing dynasties in China gained control over vast territories but these were regional rather than global in reach.

Through the ‘Columbian exchange’ that followed Christopher Columbus’ arrival in the New World, technologies, plants, animals, culture and diseases began to travel between continents. Gradually, humans began to be traded as commodities too, as the triangular slave trade across the Atlantic drew in nearly all of the major empires. This trafficking in human misery was not ended until the abolition movements of the Modern era.

Despite their profitability, colonies brought a number of difficulties. Indigenous peoples resisted colonisation, settler societies were complex and unpredictable and colonies were a drain on resources. Rival powers jostled for advantage, alliances and resources. The many wars waged between Early Modern empires culminated in all-out global warfare in the Seven Years’ War (1754– 63). Britain’s success in this war led to a period of dominance which lasted well into the twentieth century.

Areas of Study

1 New colonies, new profits

In this area of study, students investigate how and why new colonies were established by European empires and the significance of new global systems of exchange. They explore how Early Modern imperialism expressed itself in a variety of strategic, commercial, religious and cultural ways, studying in depth at least one European colony in the Americas, Africa or the Caribbean.

Outcome 1: *On completion of this unit the students should be able to analyse the methods used by European powers to establish colonies and the historical significance of new global systems of exchange.*

2 Challengers of empires

In this area of study students investigate the difficulties faced by colonial powers and their effectiveness at dealing with these challenges.

Outcome 2: *On completion of this unit the students should be able to analyse the effectiveness of a global empire in dealing with colonial challenges and assess the empire’s global standing by 1775.*

Assessment

Students will be required to demonstrate a satisfactory achievement of the specified outcomes for the unit. Assessment tasks include:

- A historical inquiry
- An analysis of primary resources
- An analysis of historical interpretation
- An essay
- Unit exam

History

Unit 3: Australian History – Transformations: Colonial society to nation

In this unit students explore the transformation of the Port Phillip District (later Victoria) from the 1830s through to the end of the tumultuous gold rush decade in 1860. They consider the dramatic changes introduced as the British colonisers swiftly established themselves, taking possession of the land and then its newly discovered mineral riches.

Students examine transformations in the way of life of the Aboriginal peoples and to the environment as the European society consolidated itself. They also consider how new visions for the future created by the gold rush and the Eureka rebellion further transformed the new colony.

Students explore the type of society Australians attempted to create in the early years of the newly federated nation. Much of the legislation debated and passed by the Commonwealth Parliament was relatively advanced and Australia was seen as a social laboratory exploring new forms of rights and benefits for its citizens. Students evaluate the effect that Australian involvement in World War One had on the country's egalitarian and socially progressive aspirations.

Areas of Study

1 The reshaping of Port Philip District/Victoria 1834 – 1860

In this area of study students explore how the Aboriginal and the British arrival's understanding of land management and land ownership differed. They investigate the demographic and political consequences of the gold rushes and examine the responses of and outcomes for Aboriginal people following the arrival of the pastoral and gold rush colonists.

Outcome 1: *On completion of this unit the students should be able to analyse the nature of change in the Port Phillip District/Victoria in the period 1834–1860.*

2 Making a people and a nation 1890 – 1920

In this area of study students discuss the visions which drove the formation of the Australian nation and the measures which were introduced between Federation and 1914 to implement this vision. Students also examine how participation in World War One affected Australia's vision for the new nation.

Outcome 2: *On completion of this unit the students should be able to analyse the visions and actions that shaped the new nation from 1890 to 1920, and the changes and continuities to these visions that resulted from participation in World War One.*

Assessment

Students will be required to demonstrate a satisfactory achievement of the specified outcomes for the unit. Assessment tasks include:

- A historical inquiry
- An analysis of primary resources
- An analysis of historical interpretation
- An essay

History

Unit 4: Australian History – Transformations: Old certainties and new visions

In this unit students investigate the continuing development of the nation in the early part of the twentieth century and the dramatic changes that occurred in the latter part of the century. After World War One the process of nation building was renewed. However, world events soon intruded again into the lives of all Australians. The economic crisis of the 1930s followed by another world war redirected the nation's priorities for a time as it struggled to regain economic stability and defeat its military enemies. The experience of both the Depression and World War Two gave rise to renewed thinking by Australians about how to achieve the type of society envisaged at the time of Federation. In Area of Study 1 students focus on one of the crises faced by the nation: The Great Depression 1929 –1939 or World War Two 1939 –1945.

In Area of Study 2 students explore social, economic and political changes in the latter part of the twentieth century that collectively challenged and/or overturned much of Australia's earlier carefully constructed social and economic fabric. Students examine two changes drawn from: Australia's involvement in the Vietnam War, Aboriginal land rights, equality for women, new patterns of immigration and/or a global economy.

Areas of study

1 Crises that tested the nation 1929 – 1945

This area of study allows students to explore Australia's involvement in external crises between 1929 and 1945. They examine the social, economic and political consequences these crises had on the nation and investigate how these affected the cohesion of the nation. In this area of study, students focus on one of the crises faced by the nation: The Great Depression 1929 –1939 or World War Two 1939 –1945.

Outcome 1: *On completion of this unit the students should be able to analyse the social, economic and political consequences of a crisis on the nation.*

2 Voices for change 1965 – 2000

In this area of study students focus on the changes which were sought in Australian society between 1965 and 2000 and why. They discuss the debates generated about change and examine the extent to which significant change was achieved. In this area of study, students examine two changes drawn from: Australia's involvement in the Vietnam War, Aboriginal land rights, equality for women, new patterns of immigration and/or a global economy.

Outcome 2: *On completion of this unit the students should be able to analyse and evaluate two key social, economic and political changes in late twentieth century Australia.*

Assessment

Students will be required to demonstrate a satisfactory achievement of the specified outcomes for the unit. Assessment tasks include:

- A historical inquiry
- An analysis of primary resources
- An analysis of historical interpretation
- An essay

Contributions to Final Assessment	
Unit 3 School Assessed Coursework	25%
Unit 4 School Assessed Coursework	25%
Unit 3 & 4 Examination	50%

History

Unit 3 & 4 Revolutions

In Units 3 and 4 Revolutions students investigate the significant historical causes and consequences of political revolution. Revolutions represent great ruptures in time and are a major turning point which brings about the collapse and destruction of an existing political order resulting in a pervasive change to society. Revolutions are caused by the interplay of ideas, events, individuals and popular movements. Their consequences have a profound effect on the political and social structures of the post-revolutionary society. Revolution is a dramatically accelerated process whereby the new order attempts to create political and social change and transformation based on a new ideology.

Progress in a post-revolutionary society is not guaranteed or inevitable. Post-revolutionary regimes are often threatened internally by civil war and externally by foreign threats. These challenges can result in a compromise of revolutionary ideals and extreme measures of violence, oppression and terror.

In these units students develop an understanding of the complexity and multiplicity of causes and consequences in the revolutionary narrative. They construct an argument about the past using primary sources as evidence and evaluate the extent to which the revolution brought change to the lives of people. They consider how perspectives of the revolution give an insight into the continuity and change experienced by those who lived through dramatic revolutionary moments. Students evaluate historical interpretations about the causes and consequences of revolution and the effects of change instigated by the new order.

Two revolutions will be studied, one for Unit 3 and one for Unit 4:

- The French Revolution of 1789
- The Russian Revolution of October 1917

For the two selected revolutions, both areas of study must be undertaken. Students are expected to demonstrate a progression from Unit 3 to Unit 4 in historical understanding and skills.

History

Unit 3: The French Revolution

Areas of Study

1 Revolutionary ideas, leaders, movements and events

The time period for this area of study is 1781 to 4 August 1789 (Necker's Compte Rendu to the 4 August 1789). The unit will look at the chronology of key events and factors which contributed to the revolution, the causes of tensions and conflicts generated in the old regime that many historians see as contributing to the revolution; for example, rising and unfulfilled class expectations, fluctuations in economic activity, and perceived social or economic inequality. We will also look at the crisis that contributed to revolution such as the harvest crisis and state bankruptcy in the French economy and the ideas and ideologies utilised in revolutionary struggle; for example, ideas of liberty, equality, fraternity. This unit also covers the roles of revolutionary individuals and groups in bringing about change like Sièyes, Lafayette and Mirabeau.

Outcome 1: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to evaluate the role of ideas, leaders, movements and events in the development of the revolution. To achieve this outcome the student will draw on knowledge and related skills outlined in area of study 1*

2 Creating a new society

The time period for this area of study is 5 August 1789 to 1795 (Declaration of the Rights of Man and Citizen to the dissolution of the Convention Year 111 (1795)). This unit will cover the contribution of individuals and groups to the creation of the new society for example, in Danton, Marat and Robespierre. We will cover the cause of difficulties or crises faced by the revolutionary groups as the new state was consolidated through the revolutionary war in France, as well as the response of the key revolutionary individuals, groups, governments and parties to the difficulties that they encountered as the new state was consolidated like the Jacobin Terror imposed throughout France. The compromise of revolutionary ideals during the authoritarian rule of the Committee of Public Safety in France and finally the changes and continuities that the revolution brought about in the structure of government, the organisation of society, and its values, and the distribution of wealth and conditions of everyday life.

Outcome 2: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to analyse the challenges facing the emerging new order, and the way in which attempts were made to create a new society, and evaluate the nature of the society created by the revolution*

Assessment

Students will be required to demonstrate a satisfactory achievement of the specified outcomes for the unit.

Assessment tasks include:

- Analysis of a written and visual representation relating to the role of ideas, leaders, movements and events in the development of the revolution
- Research report relating to the challenges facing the emerging new order, and the way in which attempts were made to create a new society, and evaluate the nature of the society created by the revolution

History

Unit 4: The Russian Revolution

Areas of Study

1 Revolutionary ideas, leaders, movements and events

The time period for this area of study is 1905 to October 1917 (Bloody Sunday to the Bolshevik Revolution). The unit will look at the chronology of key events and factors which contributed to the revolution, the causes of tensions and conflicts generated in the old regime that many historians see as contributing to the revolution; for example, the social and economic impact of World War I on Tsarist Russia. We will cover the ideas and ideologies utilised in revolutionary struggle for example, Marxist ideas, and the role of revolutionary individuals and groups in bringing about change; for example Kerensky, Trotsky, Lenin, the Socialist Revolutionaries, Mensheviks and Bolsheviks.

Outcome 1: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to evaluate the role of ideas, leaders, movements and events in the development of the revolution. To achieve this outcome the student will draw on knowledge and related skills outlined in area of study 1*

2 Creating a new society

The time period for this area of study is Russian Revolution November 1917 to 1924 (Initial decrees to the death of Lenin). This unit will cover the contribution of individuals and groups to the creation of the new society for example, the contribution of individuals and groups to the creation of the new society; for example Trotsky and Lenin. The cause of difficulties or crises faced by the revolutionary groups or governments as a new state was consolidated; for example Foreign Intervention in Russia. We will cover the response of the key revolutionary individuals, groups, governments or parties to the difficulties that they encountered as the new state was consolidated like the power of Red Guard, the impact of Civil War, and War Communism in Russia. Finally the compromise of revolutionary ideals; for example, the NEP in Russia and the Red Guard and the changes and continuities that the revolution brought about in the structure of government, the organisation of society, and its values, and the distribution of wealth and conditions of everyday life.

Outcome 2: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to analyse the challenges facing the emerging new order, and the way in which attempts were made to create a new society, and evaluate the nature of the society created by the revolution*

Assessment

Students will be required to demonstrate a satisfactory achievement of the specified outcomes for the unit.

Assessment tasks include:

- Essay related to challenges facing the emerging new order, and the way in which attempts were made to create a new society, and evaluate the nature of the society created by the revolution
- Historiographical exercise related to ideas, leaders, movements and events in the development of the revolution

Contributions to Final Assessment	
Unit 3 School Assessed Coursework	25%
Unit 4 School Assessed Coursework	25%
Unit 3 & 4 Examination	50%

Legal Studies

Unit 1: Criminal Law in action

In this unit students examine the need for laws in society. They investigate the key features of criminal law, how it is enforced and adjudicated and possible outcomes and impacts of crime. Through a consideration of contemporary cases and issues, students learn about different types of crimes and explore rights and responsibilities under criminal law. Students also consider the role of parliament and subordinate authorities in law-making, as well as the impact of the Victorian Charter of Rights and Responsibilities on law enforcement and adjudication in Victoria.

Students investigate the processes and procedures followed by courts in hearing and resolving criminal cases. They explore the main features and operations of criminal courts and consider the effectiveness of the criminal justice system in achieving justice.

Areas of Study

1 Laws in society

This area of study focuses on the role of the law and the need for effective laws, as well as the concept that the law confers rights and responsibilities on members of society in their dealings with each other. Students investigate the differences between legal and non-legal rules through a consideration of who makes, interprets and enforces rules and to who they apply. Students gain an understanding of the role of parliament and subordinate authorities in law-making and the types of laws each create.

Outcome 1: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to explain the need for effective laws and describe the main sources and types of laws in society.*

2 Criminal law

This area of study focuses on an investigation of the importance of criminal law by investigating its principles, types of crime and their enforcement, and possible outcomes. Students consider a range of illustrative criminal cases to assist them in their understanding of the different categories of crime and related defences. They investigate the individual's rights and responsibilities in dealing with police. Students discuss the purposes of sanctions, the types of sanctions that may be imposed and sentencing trends and approaches. They compare one aspect of sentencing in Victoria with that of an internal jurisdiction.

Outcome 2: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to explain the key principles and types of criminal law, apply the key principles to relevant cases, and discuss the impact of criminal activity on the individual and society.*

3 The criminal courtroom

This area of study focuses on the Victorian court hierarchy, its processes and procedures. Students investigate procedures that are used prior to bringing a criminal case to trial, as well as the role and jurisdiction of the courts in hearing criminal cases. The adversarial nature of criminal courts is examined, as well as consideration of the role and operation of juries in criminal cases. Students focus on the concept of a fair trial or hearing and the rights in criminal proceedings protected by the Victorian Charter of Rights and Responsibilities.

Outcome 3: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to describe the processes for the resolution of criminal cases, and discuss the capacity of these processes to achieve justice.*

Assessment

Students will be required to demonstrate a satisfactory achievement of the specified outcomes for the unit.

Assessment tasks may include:

- Structured assignment
- Mock court or role-play
- Essays and tests
- Folios and reports
- Case study
- Unit Exam

Legal Studies

Unit 2: Issues in civil law

The civil law regulates the rights and responsibilities that exist between individuals, groups and organisations. Students examine the rights that are protected by civil law, as well as the obligations that laws impose. They investigate types of civil laws and related cases and issues and develop an appreciation of the role of civil law in society and how it affects them as individuals.

This unit also focuses on the effective resolution of civil disputes through judicial determination and alternative methods in courts, tribunals and independent bodies. Students examine these methods of dispute resolution and evaluate their effectiveness. They focus on cases that have a broader impact on the legal system and on the right of individuals. Students develop an appreciation of the role played by such cases and undertake an analysis of relevant legal issues.

Areas of Study

1 Civil law

This area of study focuses on an investigation of the importance of civil rights, with students learning to distinguish between civil and criminal law. Students develop an understanding of the process of law-making by judges and courts through the operation of the doctrine of precedent and through statutory interpretation. They explore torts and their related defences. Throughout this area of study students apply civil law principles to relevant cases and issues.

Outcome 1: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to explain the principles of civil law, law-making by courts, and elements of torts, and apply these to relevant cases.*

2 Civil law in action

This area of study investigates the role and operation of dispute resolution bodies and methods employed in resolving civil disputes. For those disputes that proceed to court, students examine the purpose and operation of civil pre-trial procedures and the adversarial nature of a civil trial, and evaluate the methods of dispute resolution.

Outcome 2: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to explain and evaluate the processes for the resolution of civil disputes.*

3 The law in focus

This area of study allows students to undertake a detailed investigation of a specific area of the law. One or more of the following areas could be considered:

- Contract law
- Family law
- Consumer protection laws
- Workplace laws
- Wills and inheritance
- Sports and the law
- Tenancy law
- Environmental law
- Any other relevant area of civil law

Outcome 3: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to explain one or more area/s of civil law, and discuss the legal system's capacity to respond to issues and disputes related to the selected area/s of law.*

4 A question of rights

This area of study examines an instance where an individual or group has suffered an abuse of their rights and sought redress through the court system. Students examine an Australian case and develop an understanding of ways in which individuals can shape the law, and examine instances of people being empowered by the legal system.

Outcome 4: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to describe an Australian case illustrating rights issues, and discuss the impact of the case on the legal system and the rights of individuals.*

Assessment

Students will be required to demonstrate a satisfactory achievement of the specified outcomes for the unit.

Assessment tasks may include:

- Structured assignment
- Folios and reports
- Case study
- Mock court or role-play
- Essays and tests
- Unit Exam

Legal Studies

Unit 3: Law-making

The purpose of this unit is to enable students to develop an understanding of the institutions that determine our laws, and their law-making powers and processes. They undertake an informed evaluation of the effectiveness of law-making bodies and examine the need for the law to keep up to date with changes in society.

Central to the investigation of law-making is the role played by the Commonwealth Constitution. Students develop an understanding of the importance of the Constitution in their lives and on society as a whole, and undertake a comparative analysis with another country. They learn of the importance of the role played by the High Court of Australia in interpreting and enforcing the Constitution, and ensuring that parliaments do not act outside their areas of power nor infringe protected rights.

Students investigate the nature and importance of courts as law-makers and undertake an evaluation of their effectiveness as law-making bodies. They also investigate the relationships that exist between parliaments and courts.

Areas of Study

1 Parliament and the citizen

This area of study focuses on the principles that underpin the Australian parliamentary system as well as an investigation of parliament as a law-making body. Students explore the factors that may influence parliament in bringing about changes in the law and evaluate the overall effectiveness of parliament as a law-making body.

***Outcome 1:** On completion of this unit the student should be able to explain the structure and role of Parliament, including its processes and effectiveness as a law-making body, describe why legal change is needed, and the means by which such change can be influenced.*

2 Constitution and the protection of rights

This area of study enables students to investigate the role of the Commonwealth Constitution in establishing and restricting the jurisdiction of the law-making powers of Parliament. Students examine the methods used to change the Constitution and analyse the impact of such changes. They investigate the role of the High Court with respect to law-making powers and the protection of rights contained by the Constitution. An exploration of the importance of the Constitution in protecting rights will enable students to develop an awareness of the rights and responsibilities of Australian citizens.

***Outcome 2:** On completion of this unit the student should be able to explain the role of the Commonwealth Constitution in defining law-making powers within a federal structure, analyse the means by which law-making powers may change, and evaluate the effectiveness of the Commonwealth Constitution in protecting human rights.*

3 Role of the courts in law-making

This area of study focuses on developing an understanding of the role that courts play in developing law. Students investigate the doctrine of precedent and statutory interpretation and consider their operation and effect. They evaluate the effectiveness of courts as a law-making body.

***Outcome 3:** On completion of this unit the student should be able to describe the role and operation of courts in law-making, evaluate the effectiveness as law-making bodies and discuss their relationship with Parliament.*

Assessment

Students will be required to demonstrate a satisfactory achievement of the specified outcomes for the unit.

Assessment tasks may include:

- A case study
- Structured questions
- Tests
- Essays
- Reports and folios

Legal Studies

Unit 4: Resolution and justice

The legal system provides mechanisms by which legal disputes of both a criminal and civil nature can be resolved in a fair and just manner. This unit examines the institutions that adjudicate criminal cases and civil disputes. Students investigate the processes and procedures followed in courtrooms and develop an understanding of the adversary system of trial and the jury system, as well as pre-trial and post-trial procedures that operate within the Victorian legal system. Using the elements of an effective legal system, students consider the extent to which court processes and procedures contribute to the effective operation of the legal system. They also consider reforms or changes that could further improve its effective operation.

Areas of Study

1 Dispute resolution methods

This area of study focuses on the jurisdiction of selected courts in the Victorian court hierarchy, and develops an understanding of the need for a hierarchy of courts. Students examine the methods of dispute resolution used by courts and Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (VCAT) as a means of resolving civil disputes, and the way the institutions operate to resolve disputes. Throughout their investigation, students compare and evaluate the operation of these dispute resolution methods.

Outcome 1: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to describe and evaluate the effectiveness of institutions and methods for the determination of criminal cases and resolution of civil disputes.*

2 Court processes and procedures, and engaging in justice

This area of study focuses on the major features of the adversary system of trial, and aided by a comparison with the inquisitorial system of trial, evaluate the adversarial approach to dispute resolution. Students also examine criminal and civil pre-trial and post-trial procedures. They investigate the role of criminal and civil juries, consider their strengths and weaknesses, and suggest reforms and alternatives applicable to the current jury system.

Outcome 2: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to explain the processes and procedures for the resolution of criminal cases and civil disputes, and evaluate their operation and application, and evaluate the effectiveness of the legal system.*

Assessment

Students will be required to demonstrate a satisfactory achievement of the specified outcomes for the unit.

Assessment tasks may include:

- A case study
- Structured questions
- Tests
- Essays
- Reports and folios

Contributions to Final Assessment	
Unit 3 School Assessed Coursework	25%
Unit 4 School Assessed Coursework	25%
Unit 3 & 4 Examination	50%

Literature

Unit 1

In this unit students focus on the ways in which the interaction between text and reader creates meaning. Students' analyses of the features and conventions of texts help them develop increasingly discriminating responses to a range of literary forms and styles. Students respond critically, creatively and reflectively to the ideas and concerns of texts and gain insights into how texts function as representations of human experience. They develop familiarity with key terms, concepts and practices that equip them for further studies in literature. They develop an awareness of how the views and values that readers hold may influence the reading of a text.

Areas of Study

1 Reading practices

In this area of study students consider how language, structure and stylistic choices are used in different literary forms and types of text. They consider both print and non-print texts, reflecting on the contribution of form and style to meaning. Students reflect on the degree to which points of view, experiences and contexts shape responses to text. They engage with other views about texts and develop an awareness of how these views may influence and enhance their own reading of a text. They develop an awareness of initial readings of texts against more considered and complex responses to texts.

Outcome 1: *On completion of this unit students should be able to respond to a range of texts and reflect on influences shaping these responses. To achieve this outcome students will draw on key knowledge and key skills outlined in Area of Study 1.*

2 Ideas and concerns in texts

In this area of study students investigate the ideas and concerns raised in texts and the ways social and cultural contexts are represented. They consider how texts may reflect or comment on the interests of individuals and particular groups in society and how texts may support or question particular aspects of society. Students learn to select and discuss aspects of the texts that facilitate their interpretation and understanding of the point of view being presented. They consider those facets of human experience that are seen as important within the texts and those that are ignored or disputed. They examine the ways texts explore different aspects of the human condition.

Outcome 2: *On completion of this unit students should be able to analyse the ways in which a selected text reflects or comments on the ideas and concerns of individuals and particular groups in society. To achieve this outcome students will draw on key knowledge and key skills outlined in Area of Study 2.*

Assessment

Students will be required to demonstrate a satisfactory achievement of the specified outcomes for the unit.

Please Note:

Students must satisfactorily complete Units 1 & 2 Literature before undertaking Units 3 & 4.

Literature

Unit 2

In this unit students explore the ways literary texts connect with each other and with the world. They deepen their examination of the ways their own culture and the cultures represented in texts can influence their interpretations and shape different meanings. Drawing on a range of literary texts, students consider the relationships between authors, audiences and contexts. Ideas, language and structures of different texts from past and present eras and/or cultures are compared and contrasted. Students analyse the similarities and differences across texts and establish connections between them. They engage in close reading of texts and create analytical responses that are evidence-based. By experimenting with textual structures and language features, students understand how imaginative texts are informed by close analysis.

Areas of Study

1 The text, the reader and their contexts

In this area of study students focus on the interrelationships between the text, readers and their social and cultural contexts. Students reflect upon their own backgrounds and experience in developing responses to texts from a past era and/or another culture. Students explore the text to understand its point of view and what it reflects or comments on. They identify the language and the representations in the text that reflect the period or culture, its ideas and concepts. Students develop an understanding that contextual meaning is already implicitly or explicitly inscribed in a text and that textual details and structures can be scrutinised to illustrate its significance. They examine and reflect on how the reader's interpretation is influenced by what they bring to the text. Students develop the ability to analyse language closely, recognising that words have historical and cultural import.

Outcome 1: *On completion of this unit students should be able to analyse and respond critically and creatively to the ways a text from a past era and/or a different culture reflect or comment on the ideas and concerns of individuals and groups in that context. To achieve this outcome students will draw on key knowledge and key skills outlined in Area of Study 1.*

2 Exploring connections between texts

In this area of study students focus on the ways that texts relate to and influence each other. Students learn that meanings of texts are evolving and open to a range of interpretations and change in relation to other texts. Students consider how the reading of a text can change according to the form of the text and its context. They investigate and analyse how different interpretations of texts are influenced by language features and structures.

Outcome 2: *On completion of this unit students should be able to compare texts considering the dialogic nature of texts and how they influence each other. To achieve this outcome students will draw on key knowledge and key skills outlined in Area of Study 2.*

Assessment

Students will be required to demonstrate a satisfactory achievement of the specified outcomes for the unit.

Please Note:

Students must satisfactorily complete Units 1 & 2 Literature before undertaking Units 3 & 4.

Literature

Unit 3

In this unit students consider how the form of a text affects meaning, and how writers construct their texts. They investigate ways writers adapt and transform texts and how meaning is affected as texts are adapted and transformed. They consider how the perspectives of texts may inform or influence adaptations. Students draw on their study of adaptations and transformations to develop creative responses to texts. Students develop their skills in communicating ideas in both written and oral forms.

Areas of Study

1 Adaptations and transformations

In this area of study students focus on how the form of text contributes to the meaning of the text. Students develop an understanding of the typical features of a particular form of text and how the conventions associated with it are used, such as the use of imagery and rhythm in a poem or the use of setting, plot and narrative voice in a novel. Students use this understanding to reflect upon the extent to which changing the form of the text affects its meaning. By exploring adaptations, students also consider how creators of adaptations may emphasise or understate perspectives, assumptions and ideas in their presentation of a text.

Outcome 1: *On completion of this unit students should be able to analyse the extent to which meaning changes when a text is adapted to a different form. To achieve this outcome students will draw on key knowledge and key skills outlined in Area of Study 1.*

2 Creative response to texts

In this area of study students focus on the imaginative techniques used for creating and recreating a literary work. Students use their knowledge of how the meaning of texts can change as form changes to construct their own creative transformations of texts. They learn how writers develop images of people and places, and they develop an understanding of language, voice, form and structure. Students draw inferences from the original text and speculate about the writer's purpose. In their adaptation of the tone and the style of the original text, students develop an understanding of the concerns and attitudes explored. Students develop an understanding of the various ways in which authors craft texts. They reflect critically upon their own responses as they relate to the text, and discuss the purpose and context of their creations.

Outcome 2: *On completion of this unit students should be able to respond creatively to a text and comment on the connections between the text and the response. To achieve this outcome students will draw on key knowledge and key skills outlined in Area of Study 2.*

Assessment

Students will be required to demonstrate a satisfactory achievement of the specified outcomes for the unit.

Literature

Unit 4

In this unit students develop critical and analytic responses to texts. They consider the context of their responses to texts as well as the ideas explored in the texts, the style of the language and points of view. They investigate literary criticism informing both the reading and writing of texts. Students develop an informed and sustained interpretation supported by close textual analysis. For the purposes of this unit, literary criticism is characterised by extended, informed and substantiated views on texts and may include reviews, peer-reviewed articles and transcripts of speeches. Specifically, for Unit 4 Outcome 1, the literary criticism selected must reflect different perspectives, assumptions and ideas about the views and values of the text/s studied.

Areas of Study

1 Literary perspectives

In this area of study students focus on how different readings of texts may reflect the views and values of both writer and reader. Students consider the ways in which various interpretations of texts can contribute to understanding. They compare and analyse two pieces of literary criticism reflecting different perspectives, assumptions and ideas about the views and values of the text studied. Students identify the issues, ideas and contexts writers choose to explore, the way these are represented in the text/s and the cultural, social, historical and ideological contexts in which they were created. Students enquire into the ways readers may arrive at differing interpretations about a text and the grounds on which they are developed. Through close attention to two pieces of literary criticism reflecting different perspectives, students develop their own response to a text.

Outcome 1: *On completion of this unit students should be able to produce an interpretation of a text using different literary perspectives to inform their view. To achieve this outcome students will draw on key knowledge and key skills outlined in Area of Study 1.*

2 Close analysis

In this area of study students focus on detailed scrutiny of the language, style, concerns and construction of texts. Students attend closely to textual details to examine the ways specific features and/or passages in a text contributes to their overall interpretations. Students consider features of texts including structure, context, ideas, images, characters and situations, and the language in which these are expressed. They develop their interpretations using detailed reference to the text, logical sequencing of ideas and persuasive language.

Outcome 2: *On completion of this unit students should be able to analyse features of texts and develop and justify interpretations of texts. To achieve this outcome students will draw on key knowledge and key skills outlined in Area of Study 2.*

Assessment

Students will be required to demonstrate a satisfactory achievement of the specified outcomes for the unit.

Contributions to Final Assessment	
Unit 3 School Assessed Coursework	25%
Unit 4 School Assessed Coursework	25%
Unit 3 & 4 Examination	50%

LOTE – Language Other Than English

Units 1 - 4: Italian / Japanese / French

The areas of study for LOTE comprise themes and topics, text types, kinds of writing, vocabulary and grammar. They are common to all four units of the LOTE study, and are designed to be drawn upon in an integrated way, as appropriate to the linguistic needs of the student, and the outcomes for the unit.

The themes and topics are the vehicle through which the student will demonstrate achievement of the outcomes, in the sense that they form the subject of the activities and tasks that the student undertakes.

The text types, kinds of writing, vocabulary and grammar are linked, both to each other, and to the themes and topics. Together, as common areas of study, they add a further layer of definition to the knowledge and skills required for successful achievement of the outcomes.

The common areas of study provide the opportunity for the student to build upon what is familiar, as well as develop knowledge and skills in new and more challenging areas.

Unit 1 & 2 Prerequisites

This course is intended for students who have studied **Italian / Japanese / French** for a period of four years or more and have ideally received a grade of 60% or better at the end of Year 10.

Unit 3 & 4 Prerequisites

This course is intended for students who have studied **Italian / Japanese / French** for a period of five years or more and have ideally received a grade of 60% or better at the end of Year 11.

Areas of Study

The areas of study for **Italian / Japanese / French** comprise themes and topics, grammar, text types, vocabulary and kinds of writing.

There are three prescribed themes:

- The individual
- The **Italian / Japanese / French** - speaking communities
- The changing world

The themes have a number of prescribed topics and suggested sub-topics. The topics provide particular perspectives for each theme and the sub-topics expand on the topics.

Please Note:

Students must satisfactorily complete Units 1 & 2 LOTE before undertaking Units 3 & 4.

LOTE – Language Other Than English

Unit 1: Italian / Japanese / French

For this unit students are required to demonstrate achievement of three outcomes.

Outcome 1: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to establish and maintain a spoken or written exchange related to personal areas of experience*

Outcome 2: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to listen to, read and obtain information from written and spoken texts.*

Outcome 3: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to produce a personal response to a text focusing on real or imaginary experience.*

Assessment

Students will be required to demonstrate a satisfactory achievement of the specified outcomes for the unit.

Assessment tasks may include:

- Informal conversation
- Reply to personal letter/email/fax
- Listen to spoken or written texts to obtain information to complete notes, charts or tables in **Italian / Japanese / French** or English
- Oral presentation
- Review
- Article

It is expected that the student responds in Italian / Japanese / French to all assessment tasks selected for Outcomes 1 and 3. One of the two tasks for Outcome 2 requires one response in Italian / Japanese / French and one in English.

LOTE – Language Other Than English

Unit 2: Italian / Japanese / French

For this unit students are required to demonstrate achievement of three outcomes.

Outcome 1: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to participate in a spoken or written exchange related to making arrangements and completing transactions*

Outcome 2: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to listen to, read, and extract and use information and ideas from spoken and written texts.*

Outcome 3: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to give expression to read or imaginary experience in written or spoken form*

Assessment

Students will be required to demonstrate a satisfactory achievement of the specified outcomes for the unit.

Assessment tasks may include:

- Formal letter, or fax, or email
- Role-play
- Interview
- Listen to spoken and read texts and reorganise information and ideas in a different text type
- Journal entry
- Personal account
- Short story

It is expected that the student responds in Italian / Japanese / French to all assessment tasks selected.

LOTE – Language Other Than English

Unit 3: Italian / Japanese / French

For this unit students are required to demonstrate achievement of three outcomes.

Outcome 1: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to express ideas through the production of original texts*

Outcome 2: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to analyse and use information from spoken texts.*

Outcome 3: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to exchange information, opinions and experiences*

Assessment

Students will be required to demonstrate a satisfactory achievement of the specified outcomes for the unit.

Assessment tasks may include:

- A 250 word (500 *ji* Japanese) personal or imaginative written piece
- A response to specific questions, messages or instructions, extracting and using information requested
- A three- to four-minute role-play, focusing on the resolution of an issue

LOTE – Language Other Than English

Unit 4: Italian / Japanese / French

For this unit students are required to demonstrate achievement of two outcomes.

Outcome 1: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to analyse and use information from written texts*

Outcome 2: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to respond critically to spoken and written texts which reflect aspects of the language and culture of Italian / Japanese / French - speaking communities*

Assessment

Students will be required to demonstrate a satisfactory achievement of the specified outcomes for the unit.

Assessment tasks may include:

- A response to specific questions, messages or instructions, extracting and using information requested
- A 250-300 word (or 600 *ji* Japanese) informative, persuasive or evaluative written response, for example, report, comparison or review
- A three to four minute interview on an issue related to texts studied

Contributions to Final Assessment	
Unit 3 School Assessed Coursework	25%
Unit 4 School Assessed Coursework	25%
Unit 3 & 4 Examinations <ul style="list-style-type: none">• An Oral Examination (Approximately 15 minutes)• A Written Examination (3 hours)	50%

Mathematical Methods

Units 1 & 2

Mathematical Methods Units 1 & 2 is designed for preparation for Mathematical Methods Units 3 & 4. The focus for Unit 1 & 2 is the study of simple algebraic functions, and the areas of study are 'Functions and graphs', 'Algebra', 'Calculus' and 'Probability and statistics'. Students are expected to be able to apply techniques, routines and processes involving rational and real arithmetic, algebraic manipulation, equation solving, graph sketching, differentiation with and without the use of technology. The appropriate use of computer algebra system (CAS) technology to support and develop the teaching and learning of mathematics, and in related assessments, is to be incorporated throughout the unit. Other technologies such as spreadsheets, dynamic geometry or statistical analysis software may also be used, as appropriate, for various topics from within the areas of study for the course.

Areas of Study

1 Functions and graphs

This area of study covers graphical representation of functions of a single real variable and the study of key features of graphs of functions such as axis intercepts, domain (including maximal and implied domain) and range of a function, asymptotic behaviour, periodicity and symmetry.

2 Algebra

This area of study supports material in the 'Functions and graphs', 'Calculus' and 'Probability and statistics' areas of study. The focus is on the algebra of polynomial functions, transformations of the plane, exponential functions, logarithmic functions and inverse functions.

3 Calculus

This area of study covers constant and average rates of change and an introduction to instantaneous rate of change of a function in familiar contexts, including graphical and numerical approaches to estimating and approximating these rates of change. A study of a first principles approach to differentiation, differentiation and anti-differentiation of polynomial functions and power functions by rule, and related applications, including the analysis of graphs.

4 Probability and statistics

This area of study covers introductory probability theory, including the concept of events, probability and representation of finite sample space and events using various forms such as lists, grids, Venn Diagrams, Karnaugh Maps, tables and tree diagrams. A study of complementary, mutually exclusive, conditional and independent events including rules for computation of probabilities for compound events, introductory counting principles and techniques and their application to probability and the law of total probability in the case of two events

The following Outcomes encompass all of the selected areas for each Unit.:

Outcome 1: On completion of this unit the student should be able to define and explain key concepts as specified in the content from the areas of study, and apply a range of related mathematical routines and procedures.

Outcome 2: On completion of this unit the student should be able to apply mathematical processes in non-routine contexts, and analyse and discuss these applications of mathematics.

Outcome 3: On completion of this unit the student should be able to select and use numerical, graphical, symbolic and statistical functionalities of technology to develop mathematical ideas, produce results and carry out analysis in situations requiring problem-solving, modelling or investigative techniques or approaches.

Assessment

Students will be required to demonstrate a satisfactory achievement of the specified outcomes for the unit.

Assessment tasks may include:

- Tests
- Modelling or problem-solving tasks
- Examinations

Mathematical Methods

Unit 3 & 4

This study follows directly from Mathematical Methods Units 1 & 2 and will assume knowledge normally acquired in these units. Units 3 & 4 consist of the areas of study 'Functions and graphs', 'Calculus', 'Algebra' and 'Probability and statistics'. Students are expected to be able to apply techniques, routines and processes involving rational and real arithmetic, algebraic manipulation, equation solving, graph sketching, differentiation and integration with and without the use of technology, as applicable. The appropriate use of computer algebra system (CAS) to support and develop the teaching and learning of mathematics, and in related assessments, is to be incorporated throughout the course. This will include the use of computer algebra technology to assist in the development of mathematical ideas and concepts, the application of specific techniques and processes to produce required results and its use as a tool for systematic analysis in investigative, problem-solving and modelling work.

Areas of Study

1 Functions and graphs

This area of study covers transformations of the plane and the behaviour of some elementary functions of a single real variable, including key features of their graphs such as axis intercepts, stationary points, points of inflection, domain (including maximal and implied domain), co-domain and range, asymptotic behaviour and symmetry. The behaviour of these functions and their graphs is to be linked to applications in practical situations.

2 Algebra

This area of study covers the algebra of functions, including composition of functions, simple functional equations, inverse functions and the solution of equations. This study includes the identification of appropriate solution processes for solving equations, and systems of simultaneous equations, presented in various forms.

3 Calculus

This area of study covers graphical treatment of limits, continuity and differentiability of functions of a single real variable and differentiation, anti-differentiation and integration of these functions. This material is linked to applications in practical situations.

4 Probability and statistics

This area of study covers discrete and continuous random variables, their representation using tables, probability functions; the calculation and interpretation of central measures and measures of spread; and statistical inference for sample proportions. The focus is on understanding the notion of a random variable, related parameters, properties and application and interpretation in context for a given probability distribution.

The following Outcomes encompass all of the selected areas for each Unit.:

Outcome 1: On completion of each unit the student should be able to define and explain key concepts as specified in the content from the areas of study, and apply a range of related mathematical routines and procedures.

Outcome 2: On completion of each unit the student should be able to apply mathematical processes in non-routine contexts, including situations requiring problem-solving, modelling or investigative techniques approaches, and analyse and discuss these applications of mathematics.

Outcome 3: On completion of each unit the student should be able to select and appropriately use numerical, graphical, symbolic and statistical functionalities of technology to develop mathematical ideas, produce results and carry out analysis in situations requiring problem-solving, modelling or investigative techniques or approaches.

Assessment

Students will be required to demonstrate a satisfactory achievement of the specified outcomes for the unit.

Assessment tasks may include:

- Application Tasks
- Examinations
- Modelling problem-solving tasks

Contributions to Final Assessment	
Unit 3 & 4 School Assessed Coursework	34%
Unit 3 & 4 Examination 1 – Technology Free Exam	22%
Unit 3 & 4 Examination 2	44%

Media

Unit 1: Representation and Technologies of Representation

The purpose of this unit is to enable students to develop an understanding of the relationship between the media, technology and the representations present in media forms. The unit involves the study of the implications of media technology for the individual and society. Students develop practical and analytical skills, including an understanding of the contribution of codes and conventions to the creation of meaning in media products, the role and significance of selection processes in their construction, and the creative and cultural implications of new media technologies.

Areas of Study

1 Representations

This area of study focuses on an analysis of media representations and how such representations present, for example, events, people, places and organisations. The media represent reality to audiences through the essential elements of selection, construction and representation. Each media form and process constructs an image or representation of an event, idea or story and represents it in a way which is different from the audience's direct experience of reality.

Outcome 1: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to describe the construction of specific media representations and explain how the process of representation reproduces the world differently from direct experience of it.*

2 Technologies of representation

This area of study focuses on the production of representations by students in two or more media forms. Students analyse how the application of the different media technologies affects the meanings that can be created in the representations. The implications for the distribution and/or consumption of these representations are also discussed.

Outcome 2: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to construct media representations in two or more media forms and compare these representations that are produced by the application of different media technologies.*

3 New media

This area of study focuses on the social consequences of the emergence of new media technologies. The creative implications of new media technologies are considered in the context of the capabilities of the technologies, their relationship with existing media, how they provide alternative means of representation and distribution of media products. Their cultural significance is investigated in terms of how they challenge and alter our perception of the world through the media products that can be produced and consumed, and the changes, possibilities and concerns that may arise in society.

Outcome 3: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to discuss creative and cultural implications of new media technologies for the production and consumption of media products.*

Assessment

Students will be required to demonstrate a satisfactory achievement of the specified outcomes for the unit.

Assessment tasks may include:

- personal assignment
- video production
- production creation
- print layouts
- posters
- tests
- written responses

Please Note:

Students must satisfactorily complete Unit 1 &/or 2 Media before undertaking Units 3 & 4.

Media

Unit 2: Media Production and the Media Industry

This unit will enable students to develop their understanding of the specialist production stages and roles within the collaborative organisation of media production. Students develop practical skills through undertaking assigned roles during their participation in specific stages of a media production and analyse issues concerning the stages and roles in the media production process. Students also develop an understanding of media industry issues and developments relating to production stages and roles and the broader framework within which Australian media organisations operate.

Areas of Study

1 Media production

This area of study focuses on media production undertaken by students within a collaborative context and the student's explanation of the process. Students develop an understanding that as each media product progresses through the various stages of production, the work practices and conventions of each specific stage and role help shape the nature of the final media product.

Outcome 1: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to demonstrate specialist production skills within collaborative media production, and explain and reflect on the media production process.*

2 Media industry production

This area of study focuses on the national, international and global media industry issues and the developments in the media industry and their impact on the media production stages, and specialist roles within these stages. Students learn that the degree of specialisation among production personnel varies according to the scale and context of the media production process, and that specialist stages and roles require different skills and training.

Outcome 2: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to discuss media industry issues and developments relating to the production stages of a media product, and describe specialist roles within the media industry.*

3 Australian media organisations

This area of study focuses on an analysis of Australian media organisations within the social, industrial and global framework within which they operate. Students learn that media products are produced for audiences within a cultural, aesthetic, legal, political, economic, institutional and historical framework.

Outcome 3: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to describe characteristics of Australian media organisations and discuss the social and industrial framework within which such organisations operate.*

Assessment

Students will be required to demonstrate a satisfactory achievement of the specified outcomes for the unit.

Assessment tasks for this unit are selected from the following:

- audio-visual or video sequences
- print layouts
- posters
- oral reports
- photographs
- multimedia sequences or presentations
- written responses

Please Note:

Students must satisfactorily complete Unit 1 &/or 2 Media before undertaking Units 3 & 4.

Media

Unit 3: Narrative and Media Production Design

This unit provides students with opportunities to develop their understanding of production and story elements and to recognise the role and significance of narrative organisation in fictional film, radio or television programs. In this context students also consider how production and story elements structure narratives to engage an audience. Students also develop practical skills through undertaking exercises related to aspects of the design and production process. They design a media production for a specific media form with the relevant specifications presented as a written planning document with visual representations.

Areas of Study

1 Narrative

In this area of study students analyse the narrative organisation of fictional film, television or radio drama texts. They undertake the study of at least two texts in the same media form.

Outcome 1: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to analyse the nature and function of production and story elements in narrative media texts, and discuss the impact of these elements on audience engagement.*

2 Media production skills

This area of study focuses on the development of specific media production skills and technical competencies using media technologies and processes in one or more media forms. Students plan, undertake and evaluate two production exercises to develop skills appropriate to the technical equipment, applications and media processes available to them. Each media production exercise is accompanied by a statement of intention and an evaluation specific to the exercise. Through the completion of production exercises, students develop an understanding of the possibilities and limitations of production equipment, processes and applications; acquire skills to enable the use of specific media technologies; and explore aesthetic and structural qualities and characteristics of media products in media forms. Students' production skills inform the development of their media production design plan and the subsequent media production developed in Unit 4.

Outcome 2: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to use a range of technical equipment, applications and media processes and evaluate the capacity of these to present ideas, achieve effects and explore aesthetic qualities in media forms.*

3 Media production design

This area of study focuses on the preparation of a media production design plan in a media form. The design of a media production is an essential and creative stage of the production process. The media production design plan should be related to one of the investigated media products and include audio, visual and/or text components as appropriate.

Outcome 3: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to prepare and document a media production design plan in a selected media form for a specified audience.*

Assessment

Students will be required to demonstrate a satisfactory achievement of the specified outcomes for the unit. Assessment tasks include the preparation of a media production design plan incorporating specifications appropriate for the chosen media product.

Media

Unit 4: Media: Process, influence and society's values

This unit allows students to further develop practical skills in the production of media products and to realise a production design. Organisational and creative skills are refined and applied throughout this process. In this unit students also analyse the ways in which media texts are shaped by social values and the influence of social values in the representations and structure of a media text. The role and influence of the media is also critically analysed in this unit.

Areas of Study

1 Media process

In this area of study students complete a media product based on a media production design plan completed in Unit 3. Each medium has a specific production process and set of work practices that are both appropriate to the particular medium and to the type of product being produced within that form. Each type of media product, however, requires the integration of a variety of skills, management and organisational techniques to move from planning documentation through production and postproduction processes to a completed media product. These vary depending on the nature of the product.

Outcome 1: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to produce a media product for an identified audience from the media production design plan prepared by the student in Unit 3.*

2 Media texts and society's values

In this area of study students focus on the relationship between society's values and media texts. Media representations reflect and mediate ideas from particular economic, social, cultural, political or institutional points of view. Students undertake the study of an identified significant idea, social attitude or discourse located in a range of media texts to critically analyse its representation in the media.

Outcome 2: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to discuss and analyse the construction, distribution and interpretation of society's values as represented in media texts.*

3 Media influence

This area of study focuses on an analysis of media influence. Students explore the complexity of the relationship between the media, its audiences and the wider community in terms of the nature and extent of the media's influence. Students examine arguments and evidence arising from a range of historical and contemporary developments that offer a range of perspectives about the nature, characteristics and extent of media influence on individuals and society at large. Theories of media influence and communication models are underpinned by academic approaches, including the political economy model, the effects tradition and the cultural studies model.

Outcome 3: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to analyse and present arguments about the nature and extent of media influence.*

Assessment

Students will be required to demonstrate a satisfactory achievement of the specified outcomes for the unit.

Assessment tasks may include:

- One production piece eg Photographs, Short film, Magazine\Newspaper
- School Assessed Tasks

Contributions to Final Assessment	
Unit 3 & 4 School Assessed Coursework	18%
School Assessed Tasks (SAT)	37%
Unit 3 & 4 Examination	45%

Music Performance

Units 1 – 4

Music Performance Units 1 to 4 aims to broaden and enrich students' musical experience, to assist students to develop personal awareness of the expressive and aesthetic qualities of music and to encourage a life-long engagement with music and music making.

Music performance involves synthesis of knowledge of the music work/s being performed including their structure, style and context and their expressive qualities. Performance also requires the use of an instrument to interpret and realise the work, and knowledge and understanding of how to use an instrument/s to produce and manipulate sound. Performers use musicianship skills along with instrumental techniques to present musically engaging performances.

Through research and analysis of performances by leading practitioners, students become aware of ways that performance conventions, musical nuance and effective communication between performers and audience can facilitate engaging, exciting and meaningful performances. Students expand their musical vocabulary and develop language to articulate their awareness and understanding of the impact that interpretative decisions have on the music they perform, listen to and analyse.

Performance Examination

In Units 3 & 4 students choose whether they will present their external end-of-year performance examination program as a member of a group OR as a soloist. The program must be based on requirements for the end-of-year performance examination for group and solo contexts, in the *Prescribed List of Group Works* or the *Prescribed List of Notated Solo Works* for the selected instrument as published annually on the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority website.

Please Note:

- Students must satisfactorily complete Units 1 & 2 Music Performance before undertaking Units 3 & 4 or have completed AMEB Grade 4 Theory/Practical Equivalent
- It is advised and encouraged that all students studying Units 1 – 4 of Music Performance receive guidance from an instrumental teacher who is a specialist in their chosen instrument.

Music Performance

Unit 1: Music Performance

This unit focuses on building students' performance and musicianship skills to present performances of selected group and solo music works using one or more instruments. They study the work of other performers and explore strategies to optimise their own approach to performance. They identify technical, expressive and stylistic challenges relevant to works they are preparing for performance and endeavour to address these challenges. Students develop their listening, aural, theoretical and analytical musicianship skills and apply this knowledge when preparing and presenting performances.

Areas of Study

1 Performance

In this area of study students prepare performances by selecting, researching and learning solo and group works. They perform regularly in a variety of contexts and use these performances to explore ways of expressively shaping their chosen works and communicating their artistic intentions to an audience. They develop their individual instrumental and musicianship skills through regular practice and develop group skills through rehearsal and performance with other musicians.

***Outcome 1:** On completion of this unit the student should be able to prepare and perform a practised program of group and solo works.*

2 Preparing for performance

This area of study focuses on developing students' capabilities to present musically engaging and technically competent group and solo performances. Students research the selected works to help identify and systematically practise relevant material and processes that will enhance their ability to realise the character and style of the selected group and solo works. As students develop and practise rehearsal strategies, they trial the use of techniques and conventions. They systematically develop their capacity to use aural, technical and interpretative musicianship skills to enhance their performance.

***Outcome 2:** On completion of this unit the student should be able to demonstrate and discuss techniques relevant to the performance of selected works.*

3 Music language

This area of study focuses on developing understanding of music language used for interpretation and critical listening. Students study concepts in isolation, from a theoretical perspective and in the contexts of performing and interpretation. This approach develops students' general musicianship and enables them to apply their knowledge when they learn, interpret, rehearse and perform music works. Students develop their ability to hear, identify and sing fundamental components of music language including intervals, scales and triads. They also re-create and extend short melodic and rhythmic phrases, sing and play from sight and memory, and practise and refine their ability to notate music by hand.

***Outcome 3:** On completion of this unit the student should be able to identify, re-create, extend and notate music language components and short phrases, and describe ways elements of music may be interpreted.*

Assessment

Students will be required to demonstrate a satisfactory achievement of the specified outcomes for the unit. Assessment tasks may include:

- Performances of three works including at least three group works and three solo works with accompaniment as appropriate
- A demonstration of technical work and exercises
- A performance of unprepared material
- Aural, written and practical tasks

Music Performance

Unit 2: Music Performance

This unit focuses on building performance and musicianship skills. Students present performances of selected group and solo music works using one or more instruments and take opportunities to perform in familiar and unfamiliar venues and spaces. They study the work of other performers and refine selected strategies to optimise their own approach to performance. They identify technical, expressive and stylistic challenges relevant to works they are preparing for performance. Students develop their listening, aural, theoretical and analytical musicianship skills and apply this knowledge when preparing and presenting performances.

Areas of Study

1 Performance

In this area of study students prepare for their performances by selecting, researching, interpreting and learning solo and group works. Students perform regularly in a variety of contexts and use these performances to explore and build on ways of expressively shaping their chosen works and communicating their artistic intentions to an audience. They develop their individual instrumental and musicianship skills through regular practice and develop and implement group skills through rehearsal and performance with other musicians.

Outcome 1: On completion of this unit the student should be able to prepare and perform a program of group and solo works.

2 Preparing for performance

This area of study focuses on continual development of students' capabilities to present musically engaging and technically competent group and solo performances. Students develop knowledge of the works they are preparing by identifying and systematically practising relevant material and processes that will enhance their ability to realise the character and style of selected group and solo works. As students undertake individual practice and group rehearsals, they trial the use of strategies, techniques and conventions to enhance their performance. They also systematically develop their capacity to use aural, technical and interpretative musicianship skills to enhance their performance.

Outcome 2: On completion of this unit the student should be able to demonstrate and discuss techniques relevant to performance of selected works.

3 Music language

Students study concepts in isolation, from a theoretical perspective and in the contexts of performing and interpretation. They build their general musicianship ability, identifying specific applications for their skills in learning, rehearsal and performance contexts. Students develop their ability to identify, sing, play, and write fundamental components of music language, including intervals, scales and triads. They also re-create and extend short melodic and rhythmic phrases, singing and playing from sight and memory, and practise and refine their ability to notate music by hand.

Outcome 3: On completion of this unit the student should be able to re-create, extend and notate music language components and short phrases, and describe ways elements of music may be interpreted.

4 Organisation of sound

This area of study focuses on creating original work as a composition or an improvisation informed by analysis of a work/s being prepared for performance. Students study and listen to a wide variety of music. They explore a range of strategies within a selected stylistic framework to explore creative possibilities and generate and extend music ideas.

Outcome 4: On completion of this unit the student should be able to devise a composition or an improvisation that uses music language evident in work/s being prepared for performance.

Assessment

Students will be required to demonstrate a satisfactory achievement of the specified outcomes for the unit. Assessment tasks may include:

- Performances of works including at least 3 group and 3 solo works with accompaniment as appropriate
- Performance of unprepared material
- Composition
- Aural, written and practical tasks
- Demonstration and explanation of technical work and exercises

Music Performance

Unit 3: Music Performance

This unit focuses on building and refining performance and musicianship skills. Students focus on either group or solo performance and begin preparation of a performance program they will present in the end-of-year examination. As part of their preparation, students will also present performances of both group and solo music works using one or more instruments and take opportunities to perform in familiar and unfamiliar venues and spaces. They study the work of other performers and refine selected strategies to optimise their own approach to performance. They identify technical, expressive and stylistic challenges relevant to works they are preparing for performance and endeavour to address these challenges. Students develop their listening, aural, theoretical and analytical musicianship skills and apply this knowledge when preparing and presenting performances.

Areas of Study

1 Performance

In this area of study students prepare performances by selecting, researching, interpreting and learning solo and group works. Where students have completed Units 1 and/or 2, works selected for performance in this area of study should be different to those works selected for Outcome 1 in those units. Students perform regularly in a variety of contexts and use these performances to explore and build on ways of expressively shaping their chosen works and communicating their artistic intentions to an audience. They develop their individual instrumental and musicianship skills through regular practice and develop and implement group skills through rehearsal with other musicians.

Outcome 1: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to prepare and perform a program of group and solo works, and demonstrate a diverse range of techniques and expressive qualities and an understanding of a wide range of music styles and performance conventions.*

2 Preparing for performance

This area of study focuses on continual development of students' capabilities to present musically engaging and technically competent group and solo performances. Students develop knowledge of the works they are preparing to perform and systematically practise relevant material and processes that will enhance their ability to realise the character and style of selected group and solo works. As students develop and practise rehearsal strategies, they trial the use of techniques and conventions. They systematically develop their capacity to use aural, technical and interpretative musicianship skills to enhance their performance.

Outcome 2: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to demonstrate and discuss techniques relevant to performance of selected works.*

3 Music language

In this area of study students continue to systematically develop understanding of music language used for performance, interpretation and critical listening. They develop and refine their ability to identify, recognise, notate and transcribe short music excerpts, as well as to re-create short sections of music by singing, humming and/or playing. Students practise and refine their ability to notate music by hand. They further develop their understanding of ways elements of music can be interpreted in the performance of music works.

Outcome 3: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to identify, re-create, notate and transcribe short excerpts of music, and discuss the interpretation of expressive elements of music in pre-recorded works.*

Assessment

Students will be required to demonstrate a satisfactory achievement of the specified outcomes for the unit.

Assessment tasks may include:

- Performances of works
- A demonstration and explanation of technical work and exercises
- A performance of unprepared material
- Aural, written and practical tasks

Music Performance

Unit 4: Music Performance

This unit focuses on further development and refinement of performance and musicianship skills. Students focus on either group or solo performance and continue preparation of a performance program they will present in the end-of-year examination. All students present performances of both group and solo music works using one or more instruments and take opportunities to perform in familiar and unfamiliar venues and spaces. Through analyses of other performers' interpretations and feedback on their own performances, students refine their interpretations and optimise their approach to performance. They continue to address challenges relevant to works they are preparing for performance and to strengthen their listening, aural, theoretical and analytical musicianship skills.

Areas of Study

1 Performance

In this area of study students prepare performances by selecting, researching, learning and interpreting solo and group works. Works selected for performance should complement those works selected for Outcome 1 in Unit 3. Students perform regularly in a variety of contexts and use these performances to explore and consolidate their understanding of ways they can expressively shape their chosen works and communicate their artistic intentions to an audience. They develop their individual instrumental and musicianship skills through regular practice and develop and implement group skills through rehearsal with other musicians.

Outcome 1: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to prepare and perform informed interpretations in a program of group and solo works, and demonstrate a diverse range of techniques, expressive qualities and understanding of a wide range of music styles and performance conventions.*

2 Preparing for performance

This area of study focuses on continual development of students' capabilities to present musically engaging and technically competent group and solo performances. Students develop knowledge of the works they are preparing to identify and systematically practise relevant material and processes that will enhance their ability to realise the character and style of selected group and solo works. As students develop and practise rehearsal strategies, they trial the use of techniques and conventions. They systematically develop and refine their capacity to use aural, technical and interpretative musicianship skills to enhance their performance.

Outcome 2: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to demonstrate and discuss techniques relevant to refining the performance of selected works.*

3 Music language

In this area of study students continue to systematically develop their understanding of music language used for performance, interpretation, critical listening and analysis. They develop and refine their ability to identify, recognise, notate and transcribe short music excerpts, as well as to re-create short sections of music by singing, humming and/or playing. Students practise and refine their ability to notate music by hand. They further develop their understanding of ways expressive elements of music can be interpreted in the performance of music works.

Outcome 3: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to identify, re-create, notate and transcribe short excerpts of music, and discuss the interpretation of expressive elements of music in pre-recorded works.*

Assessment

Students will be required to demonstrate a satisfactory achievement of the specified outcomes for the unit.

Assessment tasks may include:

- Performances of works
- Demonstration and explanation of technical work and exercises
- Performance of unprepared material
- Aural, written and practical tasks

Contributions to Final Assessment	
Unit 3 School Assessed Coursework	20%
Unit 4 School Assessed Coursework	10%
End of Year Performance Examination	50%
End of Year Aural and Written Examination	20%

Outdoor and Environmental Studies

Unit 1: Exploring Outdoor Experiences

This unit examines some of the ways in which humans understand and relate to nature through experiences of outdoor environments. The focus is on individuals and their personal responses to and experiences of outdoor environments. Through outdoor experiences, students develop practical skills and knowledge to help them interact sustainably in outdoor environments.

Areas of Study

1 Motivations for outdoor experience

This area of study focuses on students' experiences to investigate motivations for, and responses to, nature and outdoor experiences. Students learn to plan for and engage in safe participation in outdoor experiences and develop practical skills related to minimal impact travelling and living.

***Outcome 1:** On completion of this unit the student should be able to describe motivations for participation in and personal responses to outdoor environments, with reference to specific outdoor experiences.*

2 Experiencing outdoor environments

This area of study broadens the focus of students from personal responses to the ways in which others respond to, understand and value outdoor experiences and outdoor environments. Through investigations of specific outdoor environments, students analyse ways of experiencing and knowing outdoor environments. Students consider factors that affect access to outdoor experiences, and describe the effect of different technologies on outdoor experiences, examining how all of these influence the ways humans understand nature.

***Outcome 2:** On completion of this unit the students should be able to describe ways of knowing and experiencing outdoor environments and evaluate factors that influence outdoor experiences, with reference to specific outdoor experiences.*

Assessment

Students will be required to demonstrate a satisfactory achievement of the specified outcomes for the unit.

Assessment tasks may include:

- Journal of outdoor experiences
- Case study analysis
- Oral presentations
- Short reports of outdoor experiences
- Tests
- Written responses
- Exam

Proposed Practical Experiences

- Portsea – Snorkelling, Seal Swim, SCUBA Diving (2 days)
- Bacchus Marsh - Rock Climbing and bushwalking (2 days)
- Werribee Pool
- Indoor Rock Climbing

Please Note:

In order to receive a satisfactory result for Unit 1, students **must** attend each of the practical experiences. These are designed so students can enrich their understanding and link theory into practice in a range of outdoor environments. A medical certificate must be presented if a student is absent that covers them for the duration of the experience.

Outdoor and Environmental Studies

Unit 2: Discovering outdoor environments

This unit focuses on the characteristics of outdoor environments and different ways of understanding them, as well as the human impacts on outdoor environments. Students study nature's impact on humans, as well as the ecological, social and economic implications of human impact on outdoor environments. Students develop a clear understanding of the impact of technologies and changing human lifestyles on outdoor environments.

Areas of Study

1 Investigating outdoor environments

This area of study provides an introduction to the characteristics of a variety of outdoor environments. Students investigate different types of outdoor environments so they can observe and experience how changes to nature affect people. They develop practical skills for safe and sustainable participation in outdoor experiences.

***Outcome 1:** On completion of this unit the student should be able to describe the characteristics of different outdoor environments and analyse a range of understandings of these environments, with reference to specific outdoor experiences.*

2 Impacts on outdoor environments

In this area of study, students focus on human activities undertaken in outdoor environments and their impacts on those environments. Although environmental impacts include both natural and human-induced changes on components of the environment, the focus here is on human impact – both positive and negative. Students investigate and model individual and group responsibilities for activities in outdoor environments, including codes of conduct for recreational activities and community-based environmental action to promote positive impacts on outdoor environments.

***Outcome 2:** On completion of this unit the student should be able to evaluate human impacts on outdoor environments and analyse procedures for promoting positive impacts, with reference to specific outdoor experiences.*

Assessment

Students will be required to demonstrate a satisfactory achievement of the specified outcomes for the unit. Assessment tasks may include:

- Case study analysis
- Oral presentations
- Short reports of outdoor experiences
- Tests
- Written responses
- Exam

Proposed Practical Experiences

- Mount Stirling – XC Skiing (3 days)
- Surf Coast day excursion – Stand Up Paddle boarding and Mountain Bike Riding
- Werribee River - Canoeing
- You Yangs - Orienteering

Please Note:

In order to receive a satisfactory result for Unit 2, students **must** attend each of the practical experiences. These are designed so students can enrich their understanding and link theory into practice in a range of outdoor environments. A medical certificate must be presented if a student is absent that covers them for the duration of the experience.

Outdoor and Environmental Studies

Unit 3: Relationships with outdoor environments

The focus of this unit is the ecological, historical and social contexts of relationships between humans and outdoor environments in Australia. Case studies of impacts on outdoor environments are examined in the context of the changing nature of human relationships with outdoor environments in Australia.

Students consider a number of factors that influence contemporary relationships with outdoor environments. They also examine the dynamic nature of relationships between humans and their environment.

Students are involved in one or more experiences in outdoor environments, including in areas where there is evidence of human interaction. Through these practical experiences students are provided with the basis for comparison and reflection, and opportunities to develop theoretical knowledge and skills about specific natural environments.

Areas of Study

1 Historical relationships with outdoor environments

This area of study explores how Australians have understood and interacted with outdoor environments over time. Students examine the unique nature of Australian outdoor environments and investigate a range of human relationships with outdoor environments, from various Indigenous cultural experiences, through to the influence of a number of major events and issues subsequent to European settlement.

***Outcome 1:** On completion of this unit the student should be able to explain and evaluate how relationships with Australian outdoor environments have changed over time, with reference to specific outdoor experiences.*

2 Contemporary relationships with outdoor environments

In this area of study students examine current relationships between humans and outdoor environments. They examine a number of ways outdoor environments are portrayed in different media; the dynamic nature of relationships between humans and their environment; and the social, cultural, economic and political factors that influence these relationships.

Students engage in practical outdoor experiences that enable them to collect information about, and reflect on and analyse, contemporary relationships with outdoor environments.

***Outcome 2:** On completion of this unit the student should be able to analyse and evaluate the factors influencing contemporary societal relationships with outdoor environments, with reference to specific outdoor experiences.*

Assessment

Students will be required to demonstrate a satisfactory achievement of the specified outcomes for the unit.

Assessment tasks may include:

- case study
- oral presentation
- multimedia presentation
- tests
- written analysis and evaluation
- data analysis

Please Note:

In order to receive a satisfactory result for Unit 3 & 4, students **must** attend each of the practical experiences. These are designed so students can enrich their understanding and link theory into practice in a range of outdoor environments. A medical certificate must be presented if a student is absent that covers them for the duration of the experience.

Outdoor and Environmental Studies

Unit 4: Sustainable outdoor relationships

In this unit students explore the sustainable use and management of outdoor environments. They examine the contemporary state of environments in Australia, consider the importance of healthy outdoor environments, and examine the issues in relation to the capacity of outdoor environments to support the future needs of the Australian population.

Students examine the importance of developing a balance between human needs and the conservation of outdoor environments and consider the skills needed to be environmentally responsible citizens. They investigate current agreements and environmental legislation, as well as management strategies and policies for achieving and maintaining healthy and sustainable environments in contemporary Australian society.

Areas of Study

1 Healthy outdoor environments

This area of study explores the contemporary state of environments in Australia and the importance of natural environments for individuals and society. Students examine the nature of sustainability and, using key indicators, evaluate the health of outdoor environments. They investigate current and potential impacts of damage to outdoor environments.

Outcome 1: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to evaluate the contemporary state of Australian outdoor environments, and analyse the importance of healthy outdoor environments and sustainability for individuals and society, with reference to specific outdoor experiences.*

2 Sustainable outdoor environments

This area of study focuses on the sustainability of environments in order to support the future needs of ecosystems, individuals and society, and the skills needed to be an environmentally responsible citizen. Students investigate at least two case studies of conflicts of interest between people involved in uses of outdoor environments, and develop a clear understanding of the methods and processes used to resolve these conflicts. Students develop an understanding that management strategies and policies, together with legislation and agreements, contribute to maintaining the health and sustainability of outdoor environments in contemporary Australian society.

Outcome 2: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to analyse conflicts of interest over the use of outdoor environments, and evaluate practices and strategies for sustaining outdoor environments, with reference to specific outdoor experiences.*

Assessment

Students will be required to demonstrate a satisfactory achievement of the specified outcomes for the unit.

Assessment tasks may include:

- case study
- oral presentations
- multimedia presentation
- tests
- written analysis and evaluation
- data analysis

Proposed Practical Experiences

- Cape Otway – Bushwalking, Surfing and Historical Tour (2 days)
- Otway (Forrest) – Mountain Bike Riding, Otway Fly Zip Line and Tree Top Walk (2 days)
- Mount Buller – Downhill Skiing and Snowboarding (3 days)

Contributions to Final Assessment	
Unit 3 School Assessed Coursework	25%
Unit 4 School Assessed Coursework	25%
Unit 3 & 4 Examination	50%

Philosophy

Unit 1: Existence, knowledge and reasoning

This unit engages students with fundamental philosophical questions through active, guided investigation and critical discussion of two key areas of philosophy: epistemology and metaphysics. The emphasis is on philosophical inquiry – ‘doing philosophy’ – and hence the study and practice of techniques of logic are central to this unit. As students learn to think philosophically, appropriate examples of philosophical viewpoints and arguments, both contemporary and historical, are used to support, stimulate and enhance their thinking about central concepts and problems. Students investigate relevant debates in applied epistemology and metaphysics, and consider whether the philosophical bases of these debates continue to have relevance in contemporary society and our everyday lives.

Areas of Study

1 Metaphysics

Metaphysics is the study of the basic structures and categories of what exists, or of reality. It is the attempt to work out a logical account of everything that we know or believe about existence, including all our scientific knowledge.

This area of study introduces students to metaphysical problems through a study of questions associated with selected themes.

Outcome 1: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to analyse metaphysical problems, evaluate viewpoints and arguments arising from these, and identify philosophical problems in relevant contemporary debates.*

2 Epistemology

This area of study introduces students to basic epistemological problems through a study of questions associated with selected themes. Students also consider philosophical problems in contemporary debates, including the implications of accepting particular views about knowledge; for example, what are the implications for the authority of science from a position that knowledge, belief and truth are relative to different cultures? Does considering this implication lead to a revision of the initial position?

Outcome 2: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to analyse epistemological problems, evaluate viewpoints and arguments arising from these, and analyse philosophical problems in relevant contemporary debates.*

3 Introduction to logic and reasoning

This area of study introduces students to the distinctive nature of philosophical thinking and a variety of approaches to philosophical inquiry. They practise some basics of formal and informal logic and other techniques of critical thinking, such as analogy, that are essential to the study of problems in metaphysics and epistemology. They explore cognitive biases and consider any implications for approaching problems in epistemology and metaphysics, for example the relation between confirmation bias, science and pseudo-science, and attribution bias and questions of causality.

Outcome 3: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to apply methods of philosophical inquiry to the analysis of philosophical viewpoints and arguments, including those in metaphysics and epistemology.*

Assessment

Students will be required to demonstrate a satisfactory achievement of the specified outcomes for the unit.

Assessment tasks may include:

- essay
- written analysis
- short-answer responses
- test
- written reflection
- written exercises
- presentations (oral, multimedia)
- dialogue (oral, written)

Philosophy

Unit 2: Questions of value

This unit invites students to explore these questions in relation to different categories of value judgment within the realms of morality, political and social philosophy and aesthetics. Students also explore ways in which viewpoints and arguments in value theory can inform and be informed by contemporary debates.

Areas of Study

1 Ethics and moral philosophy

In this area of study students are introduced to key debates in moral philosophy that stretch back thousands of years. The laws of our society reflect a position that murder and theft are wrong, but a philosopher is interested in the justifications for these convictions. Is morality a matter of personal prejudice or can we give good reasons for holding particular moral beliefs? Are there fundamental moral beliefs which should be universally binding, or are they preferences that develop in response to particular cultural contexts?

In this area of study students are concerned with discovering if there are basic principles and underlying ideas of morality and assessing ethical viewpoints and arguments according to standards of logic and consistency.

Philosophical methods may be used to address everyday dilemmas, as well as issues debated in the media and important moral challenges of our times.

Outcome 1: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to analyse problems in ethics and moral theory and related contemporary debates, evaluate viewpoints and arguments in response to these problems, and discuss the interplay between philosophical thinking and contemporary ethical and moral debates.*

2 Further problems in value theory

In addition to discussing ethical and moral value, philosophers consider a range of other types of values, including social, political and aesthetic value. This area of study provides students with an introduction to some of these questions and the ways in which philosophers have addressed them. Students explore how philosophical methods can be brought to bear on a range of questions regarding value.

Outcome 2: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to analyse selected problems in value theory, evaluate viewpoints and arguments in response to these problems, and discuss philosophical issues in the context of relevant contemporary debates.*

3 Techniques of reasoning

In this area of study students develop their abilities to analyse philosophical arguments, apply techniques of logic, construct and manipulate chains of reasoning, identify and describe reasoning errors, including common fallacies, and analyse and develop analogies in response to philosophical problems.

Outcome 3: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to apply methods of philosophical inquiry to the analysis of philosophical viewpoints and arguments, including those in value theory.*

Assessment

Students will be required to demonstrate a satisfactory achievement of the specified outcomes for the unit.

Assessment tasks may include:

- essay
- written analysis
- short-answer responses
- test
- written reflection
- written exercises
- presentations (oral, multimedia)
- dialogue (oral, written)

Philosophy

Unit 3: Minds, bodies and persons

This unit considers basic questions regarding the mind and the self through two key questions: Are human beings more than their bodies? Is there a basis for the belief that an individual remains the same person over time? Students critically compare the viewpoints and arguments put forward in set texts from the history of philosophy to their own views on these questions and to contemporary debates.

It is important for students to understand that arguments make a claim supported by reasons and reasoning, whereas a viewpoint makes a claim without necessarily supporting it with reasons or reasoning. Philosophical debates encompass philosophical questions and associated viewpoints and arguments within other spheres of discourse such as religion, psychology, sociology and politics.

Areas of Study

1 Minds and bodies

In this area of study students explore the ways in which ancient and modern thinkers have deployed the concepts of 'psyche' (usually translated as 'soul') and 'mind' in the context of these debates. From the 6th and 5th centuries BCE, the term psyche was used by ancient thinkers to speak of the distinguishing mark of living things, that is, when exploring what it is that distinguishes a living from a non-living thing. It is not equivalent to modern concepts of the mind nor to what is today commonly thought of as the soul. Students explore the concept of psyche and its relationship to body as found in ancient texts, and the concept of mind and its relationship to body in modern texts.

Students examine the views of those who deny the existence of anything that falls outside the scope of physics, as well as those who have argued that the psyche or the mind is something quite different from the physical body, and can exist independently of it. Students apply their understanding of key concepts and arguments to an investigation of contemporary debates, such as whether there can be artificial intelligence or what the implications of a materialist/physicalist position are for the existence of free will.

***Outcome 1:** On completion of this unit the student should be able to discuss concepts relating to the mind, psyche and body, and analyse and evaluate viewpoints and arguments concerning the relationship between the mind and body, and psyche and body, found within and across the set texts and in contemporary debates.*

2 Personal identity

In this area of study students explore selected theories of personal identity and the arguments for and against them, including theories that the continuity of self is illusory. In doing so, students consider the convergences in thinking on this issue between some Western philosophers and thinkers in the Buddhist tradition and the ethical implications of such scepticism about personal identity. Students will consider how thought experiments can be used to explore and challenge theories of personal identity. Students apply their understanding of philosophical concepts and problems related to personal identity to analyses of contemporary debates such as organ transplants and cloning.

***Outcome 2:** On completion of this unit the student should be able to analyse, compare and evaluate theories of personal identity in the set texts and discuss related contemporary debates.*

Assessment

Students will be required to demonstrate a satisfactory achievement of the specified outcomes for the unit.

Assessment tasks may include:

- essay
- written analysis
- short-answer responses
- test
- written reflection
- written exercises
- presentations (oral, multimedia)
- dialogue (oral, written)

Philosophy

Unit 4: The good life

This unit considers the crucial question of what it is for a human to live well. What does an understanding of human nature tell us about what it is to live well? What is the role of happiness in a well lived life? Is morality central to a good life? How does our social context impact on our conception of a good life? In this unit, students explore texts by both ancient and modern philosophers that have had a significant impact on contemporary western ideas about the good life.

Students critically compare the viewpoints and arguments in set texts from both ancient and modern periods to their own views on how we should live, and use their understandings to inform their analysis of contemporary debates.

Areas of Study

1 Conceptions of the good life

This area of study exposes students to philosophical debates and perspectives on the nature of the good life through a study of philosophical texts from ancient, modern and contemporary sources. As they reflect on the implications of accepting the views and arguments presented by these thinkers, they develop their own critical responses to the authors' viewpoints and arguments.

***Outcome 1:** On completion of this unit the student should be able to analyse, compare and evaluate the philosophical viewpoints and arguments in the set texts in relation to the good life.*

2 Living the good life in the twenty-first century

In this area of study students develop and justify responses to debates on consumerism, technology and our obligations to others in relation to the good life. They explore the interplay between the changing conditions of contemporary life and our ability to live a good life, considering how the strength of the interplay is dependent not only on the nature of developments in contemporary life but on the conception of the good life.

***Outcome 2:** On completion of this unit the student should be able to discuss contemporary debates related to the good life and the interplay between social and technological developments and conceptions of the good life.*

Assessment

Students will be required to demonstrate a satisfactory achievement of the specified outcomes for the unit.

Assessment tasks may include:

- Tests
- Practical Laboratory Reports
- Case Study Analysis
- Written Report
- Exam

Contributions to Final Assessment	
Unit 3 School Assessed Coursework	25%
Unit 4 School Assessed Coursework	25%
Unit 3 & 4 Examination	50%

Physical Education

Unit 1: The human body in motion

In this unit students explore how the musculoskeletal and cardiorespiratory systems work together to produce movement. Through practical activities students explore the relationships between the body systems and physical activity, sport and exercise, and how the systems adapt and adjust to the demands of the activity. Students investigate the role and function of the main structures in each system and how they respond to physical activity, sport and exercise. They explore how the capacity and functioning of each system acts as an enabler or barrier to movement and participation in physical activity.

Using a contemporary approach, students evaluate the social, cultural and environmental influences on movement. They consider the implications of the use of legal and illegal practices to improve the performance of the musculoskeletal and cardiorespiratory systems, evaluating perceived benefits and describing potential harms. They also recommend and implement strategies to minimise the risk of illness or injury to each system.

Areas of Study

1 How does the musculoskeletal system work to produce movement?

In this area of study students examine the musculoskeletal system of the human body and how the muscles and bones work together to produce movement. They explore the major components of the musculoskeletal system and their contributions and interactions during physical activity, sport and exercise. Students evaluate the social, cultural and environmental influences on movement, and how the capacity and functioning of the muscular and skeletal systems may act as an enabler or barrier to participation in physical activity.

Sedentary behaviour, overtraining and participation at the elite and recreational level are investigated as possible causes of illness and injury to the musculoskeletal system. Students consider a variety of legal and illegal practices and substances used to enhance performance from an ethical and a biophysical perspective.

***Outcome 1:** On completion of this unit students should be able to collect and analyse information from, and participate in, a variety of practical activities to explain how the musculoskeletal system functions and its limiting conditions, and evaluate the ethical and performance implications of the use of practices and substances that enhance human movement.*

2 How does the cardiorespiratory system function at rest and during physical activity?

In this area of study students examine the cardiovascular and respiratory systems of the human body and how the heart, blood vessels and lungs function at rest and during physical activity. Through practical activities students explore the structure and function of the cardiorespiratory system and their contributions and interactions during physical activity, sport and exercise. Enablers and barriers to the capacity and functioning of the cardiovascular and respiratory systems are investigated from a sociocultural, environmental and physical perspective. Students explore the ethical and performance considerations of the use of a variety of legal and illegal practices and substances specific to each system.

***Outcome 2:** On completion of this unit students should be able to collect and analyse information from, and participate in, a variety of practical activities to explain how the cardiovascular and respiratory systems function and the limiting conditions of each system, and discuss the ethical and performance implications of the use of practices and substances to enhance the performance of these two systems.*

Assessment

Students will be required to demonstrate a satisfactory achievement of the specified outcomes for the unit.

Assessment tasks may include:

- Tests
- Practical Laboratory Reports
- Case Study Analysis
- Written Report
- Exam

Physical Education

Unit 2: Physical activity, sport and society

This unit develops students' understanding of physical activity, sport and society from a participatory perspective. Students are introduced to types of physical activity and the role participation in physical activity and sedentary behaviour plays in their own health and wellbeing as well as in other people's lives in different population groups. Through a series of practical activities, students experience and explore different types of physical activity promoted in their own and different population groups. They gain an appreciation of the level of physical activity required for health benefits. Students investigate how participation in physical activity varies across the lifespan. They explore a range of factors that influence and facilitate participation in regular physical activity. They collect data to determine perceived enablers of and barriers to physical activity and the ways in which opportunities for participation in physical activity can be extended in various communities, social, cultural and environmental contexts. Students investigate individual and population-based consequences of physical inactivity and sedentary behaviour. They then create and participate in an activity plan that meets the physical activity and sedentary behaviour guidelines relevant to the particular population group being studied.

Areas of Study

1 What are the relationships between physical activity, sport, health and society?

In this area of study students focus on the role of physical activity, sport and society in developing and promoting healthy lifestyles and participation in physical activity across the lifespan. Students explore the social, cultural and historical influences on participation in various forms of physical activity, including sport. They investigate at the individual and population levels the physical, social, mental and emotional benefits of participation in regular physical activity and the potential negative physical, social, mental and emotional consequences of physical inactivity and sedentary behaviour, including hypokinetic diseases such as Type 2 diabetes and obesity. Students investigate sociocultural factors that influence physical activity and consider opportunities and barriers to participation for various population groups and settings. They create and implement an individual activity plan that meets the physical activity and sedentary behaviour guidelines.

Outcome 1: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to collect and analyse data related to individual and population levels of participation in physical activity and sedentary behaviour to create, undertake and evaluate an activity plan that meets the physical activity and sedentary behaviour guidelines for an individual or a specific group.*

2 What are the contemporary issues associated with physical activity and sport?

In this area of study students focus on a range of contemporary issues associated with physical activity and/or sport at the local, national and global level. They investigate in detail one issue relevant to physical activity and/or sport. Students select and explore one issue from a social-ecological perspective to evaluate the affect of individual, social, policy and physical environmental factors on participation in physical activity. Students develop an understanding of the historical, and current perspectives of the issue and forecast future trends. They form conclusions in relation to the impact these factors have on physical activity and sport in society.

Outcome 2: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to apply a social-ecological framework to research, analyse and evaluate a contemporary issue associated with participation in physical activity and/or sport in a local, national or global setting.*

Assessment

Students will be required to demonstrate a satisfactory achievement of the specified outcomes for the unit.

Assessment tasks may include:

- Tests
- Practical Laboratory reports
- Data Analysis
- Written Report
- Exam

Physical Education

Unit 3: Physical activity participation and physiological performance

This unit introduces students to an understanding of physical activity and sedentary behaviour from a participatory and physiological perspective. Students apply various methods to assess physical activity and sedentary levels, and analyse the data in relation to adherence to Australia's Physical Activity and Sedentary Behaviour Guidelines.

Students study and apply the social-ecological model to identify a range of Australian strategies that are effective in promoting participation in some form of regular activity.

Students investigate the contribution of energy systems to performance in physical activity. In particular, they investigate the characteristics of each system and the interplay of the systems during physical activity. Students explore the multi-factorial causes of fatigue and consider different strategies used to delay and manage fatigue and to promote recovery.

Areas of Study

1 Monitoring and promotion of physical activity

This area of study uses subjective and objective methods for assessing the student's own and another cohort's physical activity and sedentary levels. Students analyse the advantages and limitations of each of these methods to determine the most appropriate measure for a given setting. Students identify components of the social-ecological model to assist in the critique of government and non-government strategies aimed at increasing physical activity within the population.

Outcome 1: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to analyse individual and population levels of sedentary behaviour and participation in physical activity, and evaluate initiatives and strategies that promote adherence to Australia's Physical Activity and Sedentary Behaviour Guidelines.*

2 Physiological responses to physical activity

In this area of study students explore the various systems and mechanisms associated with the energy required for human movement. They consider the cardiovascular, respiratory and muscular systems and the roles of each in supplying oxygen and energy to the working muscles. They examine the way in which energy for activity is produced via the three energy systems and the associated fuels used for activities of varying intensity and duration. Students also consider the many contributing factors to fatigue as well as recovery strategies used to return to pre-exercise conditions. Through practical activities students explore the relationship between the energy systems during physical activity.

Outcome 2 : *On completion of this unit the student should be able to use data collected in practical activities to analyse how the major body and energy systems work together to enable movements to occur, and explain the fatigue mechanisms and recovery strategies.*

Assessment

The award of satisfactory completion for a unit is based on a decision that the student has demonstrated achievement of the set of outcomes specified for the unit. This decision will be based on the teacher's assessment of the student's overall performance on assessment tasks designated for the unit.

Physical Education

Unit 4: Enhancing performance

Improvements in performance, in particular fitness, depend on the ability of the individual or coach to gain, apply and evaluate knowledge and understanding of training. Students undertake an activity analysis. Using the results of the analysis, they then investigate the required fitness components and participate in a training program designed to improve or maintain selected components. Athletes and coaches aim to continually improve and use nutritional, physiological and psychological strategies to gain advantage over the competition. Students learn to critically evaluate different techniques and practices that can be used to enhance performance, and look at the rationale for the banning or inclusion of various practices from sporting competition.

Areas of Study

1 Planning, implementing and evaluating a training program

This area of study focuses on the components of fitness and assessment of fitness from a physiological perspective. Students consider the manner in which fitness can be improved by the application of appropriate training principles and methods. Students conduct an activity analysis of an elite athlete to determine the fitness requirements of a selected sport. They participate in fitness testing and an individual training program and evaluate this from a theoretical perspective.

Outcome 1: On completion of this unit the student should be able to plan, implement and evaluate training programs to enhance specific fitness components.

2 Performance enhancement and recovery practices

This area of study explores nutritional, physiological and psychological strategies used to enhance performance. Students examine legal and illegal substances and methods of performance enhancement and develop an understanding of different anti-doping codes. Students consider strategies used to promote recovery, including nutritional, physiological and psychological practices.

Outcome 2: On completion of this unit the student should be able to analyse and evaluate strategies designed to enhance performance or promote recovery.

Assessment

The award of satisfactory completion for a unit is based on a decision that the student has demonstrated achievement of the set of outcomes specified for the unit. This decision will be based on the teacher's assessment of the student's overall performance on assessment tasks designated for the unit.

Contributions to Final Assessment	
Unit 3 School Assessed Coursework	25%
Unit 4 School Assessed Coursework	25%
Unit 3 & 4 Examination	50%

Physics

Unit 1: What ideas explain the physical world?

In this unit students explore how physics explains phenomena, at various scales, which are not always visible to the unaided human eye. They examine some of the fundamental ideas and models used by physicists in an attempt to understand and explain the world. Students consider thermal concepts by investigating heat, probe common analogies used to explain electricity and consider the origins and formation of matter.

Students use thermodynamic principles to explain phenomena related to changes in thermal energy. They apply thermal laws when investigating energy transfers within and between systems, and assess the impact of human use of energy on the environment. Students examine the motion of electrons and explain how it can be manipulated and utilised. They explore current scientifically accepted theories that explain how matter and energy have changed since the origins of the Universe.

Areas of Study

1 How can thermal effects be explained?

In this area of study students investigate the thermodynamic principles related to heating processes, including concepts of temperature, energy and work. Students examine the environmental impacts of Earth's thermal systems and human activities with reference to the effects on surface materials, the emission of greenhouse gases and the contribution to the enhanced greenhouse effect. They analyse the strengths and limitations of the collection and interpretation of thermal data in order to consider debates related to climate science.

Outcome 1: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to apply thermodynamic principles to analyse, interpret and explain changes in thermal energy in selected contexts, and describe the environmental impact of human activities with reference to thermal effects and climate science concepts.*

2 How do electric circuits work?

In this area of study students develop conceptual models to analyse electrical phenomena and undertake practical investigations of circuit components. Concepts of electrical safety are developed through the study of safety mechanisms and the effect of current on humans. Students apply and critically assess mathematical models during experimental investigations of DC circuits.

Outcome 2: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to investigate and apply a basic DC circuit model to simple battery-operated devices and household electrical systems, apply mathematical models to analyse circuits, and describe the safe and effective use of electricity by individuals and the community.*

3 What is matter and how is it formed?

In this area of study students explore the nature of matter, and consider the origins of atoms, time and space. They examine the currently accepted theory of what constitutes the nucleus, the forces within the nucleus and how energy is derived from the nucleus.

Outcome 3: *On completion of this unit the student should be able explain the origins of atoms, the nature of subatomic particles and how energy can be produced by atoms.*

Assessment

Students will be required to demonstrate a satisfactory achievement of the specified outcomes for the unit.

Assessment tasks may include:

- A student-designed and/or adapted and/or extended practical investigation
- Response to a media article
- Data analysis
- Test, multiple choices and/or short answer and/or extended response.
- Oral presentation
- Problem solving
- Multimedia or web page presentations
- Annotated poster
- Practical Activities

Please Note:

- Students must satisfactorily complete Units 1 & 2 Physics before undertaking Units 3 & 4.
- Students must undertake a minimum of General Mathematics in conjunction with Physics.

Physics

Unit 2: What do experiments reveal about the physical world?

In this unit students explore the power of experiments in developing models and theories. They investigate a variety of phenomena by making their own observations and generating questions, which in turn lead to experiments. Students make direct observations of physics phenomena and examine the ways in which phenomena that may not be directly observable can be explored through indirect observations.

In the core component of this unit students investigate the ways in which forces are involved both in moving objects and in keeping objects stationary. Students choose one of twelve options which enables the student to pursue an area of interest by investigating a selected question.

Areas of Study

1 How can motion be described and explained?

In this area of study students explore the effects of balanced and unbalanced forces on motion. They use mathematical models and concepts of energy transfers and transformations to analyse motion. Students model how the mass of finite objects can be considered to be at a point called the centre of mass. They describe and analyse graphically, numerically and algebraically the motion of an object, using specific physics terminology and conventions.

Outcome 1: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to investigate, analyse and mathematically model the motion of particles and bodies.*

2 Physics Options

Twelve options are available for selection, each option is based on a different observation of the physical world. Students choose one of twelve options related to astrobiology, astrophysics, bioelectricity, biomechanics, electronics, flight, medical physics, nuclear energy, nuclear physics, optics, sound and sports science.

Outcome 2: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to describe and explain the concepts of their option by drawing on the key knowledge and applying the key science skills related to their option.*

3 Practical Investigation

Systematic experimentation is an important aspect of physics inquiry. In this area of study students design and conduct a practical investigation related to knowledge and skills developed in Unit 2. The investigation requires the student to develop a question, plan a course of action that attempts to answer the question, undertake an investigation to collect the appropriate primary qualitative and/or quantitative data, organise and interpret the data, and reach a conclusion in response to the question.

Outcome 3: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to design and undertake an investigation of a physics question related to the scientific inquiry processes of data collection and analysis, and draw conclusions based on evidence from collected data.*

Assessment

Students will be required to demonstrate a satisfactory achievement of the specified outcomes for the unit.

Assessment tasks across all 4 units may include:

- A student-designed and/or adapted and/or extended practical investigation
- Response to a media article
- Data analysis
- Test, multiple choices and/or short answer and/or extended response.
- Oral presentation
- Problem solving
- Multimedia or web page presentations
- Annotated poster
- Practical Activities

Please Note:

- Students must satisfactorily complete Units 1 & 2 Physics before undertaking Units 3 & 4.
- Students must undertake a minimum of General Mathematics in conjunction with Physics.

Physics

Unit 3: How do fields explain motion and electricity?

In this unit students explore the importance of energy in explaining and describing the physical world. They examine the production of electricity and its delivery to homes. Students consider the field model as a construct that has enabled an understanding of why objects move when they are not apparently in contact with other objects. Applications of concepts related to fields include the transmission of electricity over large distances and the design and operation of particle accelerators. They explore the interactions, effects and applications of gravitational, electric and magnetic fields. Students use Newton's laws to investigate motion in one and two dimensions, and are introduced to Einstein's theories to explain the motion of very fast objects. They consider how developing technologies can challenge existing explanations of the physical world, requiring a review of conceptual models and theories. Students design and undertake investigations involving at least two continuous independent variables.

Areas of Study

1 How do things move without contact?

In this area of study students examine the similarities and differences between three fields: gravitational, electric and magnetic. Field models are used to explain the motion of objects when there is no apparent contact. Students explore how positions in fields determine the potential energy of an object and the force on an object. They investigate how concepts related to field models can be applied to construct motors, maintain satellite orbits and to accelerate particles.

***Outcome 1:** On completion of this unit the student should be able to analyse gravitational, electric and magnetic fields, and use these to explain the operation of motors and particle accelerators and the orbits of satellites.*

2 How are fields used to move electrical energy?

The production, distribution and use of electricity has had a major impact on human lifestyles. In this area of study students use empirical evidence and models of electric, magnetic and electromagnetic effects to explain how electricity is produced and delivered to homes. They explore magnetic fields and the transformer as critical to the performance of electrical distribution systems.

***Outcome 2:** On completion of this unit the student should be able to analyse and evaluate an electricity generation and distribution system.*

Assessment

Students will be required to demonstrate a satisfactory achievement of the specified outcomes for the unit.

Physics

Unit 4: How can two contradictory models explain both light and matter?

A complex interplay exists between theory and experiment in generating models to explain natural phenomena including light. Wave theory has classically been used to explain phenomena related to light; however, continued exploration of light and matter has revealed the particle-like properties of light. On very small scales, light and matter – which initially seem to be quite different – have been observed as having similar properties.

In this unit, students explore the use of wave and particle theories to model the properties of light and matter. They examine how the concept of the wave is used to explain the nature of light and explore its limitations in describing light behaviour. Students further investigate light by using a particle model to explain its behaviour. A wave model is also used to explain the behaviour of matter which enables students to consider the relationship between light and matter. Students learn to think beyond the concepts experienced in everyday life to study the physical world from a new perspective.

Areas of Study

1 How can waves explain the properties of light?

In this area of study students use evidence from experiments to explore wave concepts in a variety of applications. Wave theory has been used to describe transfers of energy, and is important in explaining phenomena including reflection, refraction, interference and polarisation. Do waves need a medium in order to propagate and, if so, what is the medium? Students investigate the properties of mechanical waves and examine the evidence suggesting that light is a wave. They apply quantitative models to explore how light changes direction, including reflection, refraction, colour dispersion and polarisation.

Outcome 1: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to apply wave concepts to analyse, interpret and explain the behaviour of light.*

2 How are light and matter similar?

In this area of study students explore the design of major experiments that have led to the development of theories to describe the most fundamental aspects of the physical world – light and matter. When light and matter are probed they appear to have remarkable similarities. Light, which was previously described as an electromagnetic wave, appears to exhibit both wave-like and particle-like properties. Findings that electrons behave in a wave-like manner challenged thinking about the relationship between light and matter, where matter had been modelled previously as being made up of particles.

Outcome 2: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to provide evidence for the nature of light and matter, and analyse the data from experiments that supports this evidence.*

3 Practical Investigation

The investigation requires the student to develop a question, formulate a hypothesis and plan a course of action to answer the question and that complies with safety and ethical guidelines. Students then undertake an experiment that involves the collection of primary quantitative data, analyse and evaluate the data, identify limitations of data and methods, link experimental results to science ideas, reach a conclusion in response to the question and suggest further investigations that may be undertaken. The student is expected to design and undertake an investigation involving two continuous independent variables.

Outcome 3: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to design and undertake a practical investigation related to waves or fields or motion, and present methodologies, findings and conclusions in a scientific poster.*

Assessment

Students will be required to demonstrate a satisfactory achievement of the specified outcomes for the unit.

Contributions to Final Assessment	
Unit 3 School Assessed Coursework	16%
Unit 4 School Assessed Coursework	24%
Unit 3 & 4 Examination	60%

Product Design and Technology (Wood or Fibre)

Unit 1: Product re-design and sustainability

Design often involves the refinement and improvement of existing products. This unit focuses on the analysis, modification and improvement of a product design with consideration of the materials used and issues of sustainability. It provides a structured approach towards the design process, and looks at examples of design practice used by a designer, and analysis and evaluation of a design.

Knowledge of material use and suitability for particular products is essential in product design. Additionally, knowledge of the source, origin and processing of materials is central to sustainable practices. Students are introduced to the Product design process, intellectual property and Product design factors.

Areas of Study

1 Product re-design for improvement

This unit focuses on redesigning an existing product/design, its production and developing evaluation criterion. Students cultivate skills in developing a design brief for the modification and improvement of a product design and determine at least three points of significant difference to the original design. They will use a range of communication methods to convey ideas and options, and devise a production work plan and timeline. Students develop an understanding of 'intellectual property' (in particular, protection of design ideas) in Australia. One of the alterations should aim to improve the products sustainability.

Outcome 1: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to re-design a product using suitable materials with the intention of improving aspects of the product's aesthetics, functionality or quality, including consideration of sustainability.*

2 Producing and evaluating a re-designed product

Students will develop knowledge and skills in understanding the properties and characteristics of materials, their selection and use. They will apply a range of techniques and processes to safely use materials, tools, equipment and machines to produce the product designed in Unit 1, Outcome 1. They develop risk assessment knowledge of the production process, record their progress and critically analyse and evaluate the redesigned product.

Outcome 2: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to use and evaluate materials, tools, equipment and processes to make a re-designed product or prototype, and compare the finished product with the original design.*

Assessment

Students will be required to demonstrate a satisfactory achievement of the specified outcomes for the unit.

Assessment tasks may include:

- Design folios;
- Production plans
- Production tasks
- Annotated visual displays
- Multimedia presentations
- Tests (short answer)
- Short written reports (materials testing activities, industry visits, product evaluation reports)
- Oral reports
- Practical demonstrations

Please Note:

Students must satisfactorily complete Unit 1 &/or 2 Product Design and Technology before undertaking Units 3 & 4.

Product Design and Technology (Wood or Fibre)

Unit 2: Collaborative Design

In this unit, the student works both individually and as a member of a small design team to address a problem, need or opportunity that requires a product within a product range or based on a theme, or component of a group product. This provides the student with the opportunity to work with others while taking responsibility for particular aspects of the design and production processes. This mirrors professional design practise where designers often work within a multidisciplinary team to develop solutions to design problems.

Areas of Study

1 Designing within a team

This unit focuses on students working as members within a design team to generate a product range or a number of products based on a common theme; or contribute to the design and development of a group project with component parts. This is developed as a group design brief, evaluation criterion, design options, material tests and risk assessment, in planning for their work.

***Outcome 1:** On completion of this unit the student should be able to design and plan a product, a product range or a group product with component parts in response to a design brief based on a common theme, both individually and within a team*

2 Producing and evaluating a collaboratively designed product

In this area of study, students will apply knowledge, skills, techniques and processes to produce their team product designed in Area of Study 1. Each student in the team individually and safely manufactures one of the product range or part of the team product, using tools, equipment, machines and materials. Effectiveness of the production will be evaluated against the production plan, and evaluation criterion. The unit also includes consideration of social, economic, ethical and environmental factors and issues related to design and the selection of materials and processes.

***Outcome 2:** On completion of this unit the student should be able to justify, manage and use appropriate production processes to safely make a product and evaluate, individually and as a member of a team, the materials used, and the suitability of a product or components of a group project against the design brief.*

Assessment

Students will be required to demonstrate a satisfactory achievement of the specified outcomes for the unit.

Assessment tasks may include:

- Design folios;
- Production plans
- Production tasks
- Annotated visual displays
- Multimedia presentations
- Tests (short answer)
- Short written reports (materials testing activities, industry visits, product evaluation reports)
- Oral reports
- Practical demonstrations

Please Note:

Students must satisfactorily complete Unit 1 &/or 2 Product Design and Technology before undertaking Units 3 & 4.

Product Design and Technology (Wood or Fibre)

Unit 3: Applying the product design process

In this unit, students design and develop a product that meets the needs and expectations of a client and/or end-user developed through a design process. This process is often influenced by a range of complex factors. These include purpose, function and context of the product; human-centred design factors; innovation and creativity; visual, tactile and aesthetic factors; sustainability concerns; economic limitations; legal responsibilities; material characteristics and properties; and technology.

Areas of Study

1 The designer, client and/or end-user in product development

This area of study focuses on the role of the designer, including how a designer develops a solution to a design problem. Students gain an understanding of how a designer gains information about the needs and requirements for a product that is to be developed, which includes functional, aesthetic and other aspects, and how these are expressed in a design brief. Students also gain an understanding of the structure of a design brief, and how evaluation criteria can be developed from the brief.

Outcome 1: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to explain the roles of the designer, client and/or end-user/s, the Product design process and its initial stages, including investigating and defining a design problem, and explain how the design process leads to product design development.*

2 Product development in industry

This area of study focuses on the factors, processes and systems that influence the design and development of products within industrial settings. Students investigate the use of computer-aided design and manufacture and emerging technologies used in industry. They develop an understanding of a range of issues relating to marketing, innovation, designing, research and development, obsolescence and sustainability in an industrial manufacturing context.

Outcome 2: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to explain and analyse influences on the design, development and manufacture of products within industrial settings.*

3 Designing for others (Folio for School Assessed Task)

This area of study is assessed as part of the School Assessed Task (SAT). Students investigate a client and/or end-user's needs, prepare a design brief, devise evaluation criteria, carry out research and propose a series of design options. They justify the choice of a preferred design option and develop a work plan, and commence production of the product. After commencing production, students document their progress and explain and justify production modifications.

In Fibre, this folio includes samples of various practical techniques which have been considered for the design.

Outcome 3: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to present a folio that documents the Product design process used while working as a designer to meet the needs of a client and/or end-user, and commence production of the designed product.*

Assessment

Students will be required to demonstrate a satisfactory achievement of the specified outcomes for the unit.

Assessment tasks may include:

- Development of a design brief
- Report in multimedia format
- Tests (short answer)
- Short written report

Please Note:

Students must satisfactorily complete Units 1 or 2 Product Design and Technology (Wood or Fibre) before undertaking Units 3 & 4.

Product Design and Technology (Wood or Fibre)

Unit 4: Product Development and Evaluation

In this unit, students use evaluation methods to make judgments about product design and development. Students continue to develop and manufacture the product designed in Unit 3, and record the production processes and modifications to the work plan and product. They evaluate the effectiveness and efficiency of techniques they used and the quality of their product with reference to evaluation criteria. Students record and monitor the production processes and modifications to the production plan and development. They highlight the product's features to the client and/or end-user and explain its care requirements.

Areas of Study

1 Product analysis and comparison

This area of study examines the design factors that influence the success or otherwise of commercially available products. Students develop an understanding of what people value and how they make judgments about products using qualitative and quantitative methods, and consider the impacts and consequences of product design success and failure.

Outcome 1: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to compare, analyse and evaluate similar commercial products, taking into account a range of factors and using appropriate techniques.*

2 Product Manufacture (Production Work for School Assessed Coursework)

This area focuses on the skills, production techniques and processes employed to make a product to suit the needs of a client and/or end-user. They monitor and record their progress and make modifications if necessary in consultation with the client and/or end-user.

Outcome 2: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to safely apply a range of production skills and processes to make the product designed in Unit 3, and manage time and resources effectively and efficiently.*

3 Product evaluation

In this area of study students use evaluation criteria, carry out checks and tests, and gain client and/or end-user feedback to determine how well their product meets the requirements outlined in the design brief developed in Unit 3. Students highlight features of the product they have designed and made in a presentation for their client and/or end-user. They advise on methods of caring for the product to prolong its life and maintain its appearance and function.

Outcome 3: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to evaluate the outcomes of the design, planning and production activities, explain the product's design features to the client and/or an end-user and outline its care requirements.*

Assessment

Students will be required to demonstrate a satisfactory achievement of the specified outcomes for the unit.

Assessment tasks may include:

- Report in multimedia format
- Tests (short answer)
- Short written report
- Design folio, production work and an evaluation report - School Assessed Task (SAT)

Contributions to Final Assessment	
Unit 3 & 4 School Assessed Coursework	20%
School Assessed Task (SAT)	50%
Unit 3 & 4 Examination	30%

Psychology

Unit 1: How are behaviour and mental processes shaped?

Human development involves changes in thoughts, feelings and behaviours. In this unit students investigate the structure and functioning of the human brain and the role it plays in the overall functioning of the human nervous system. Students explore brain plasticity and the influence that brain damage may have on a person's psychological functioning. They consider the complex nature of psychological development, including situations where psychological development may not occur as expected. Students examine the contribution that classical and contemporary studies have made to an understanding of the human brain and its functions, and to the development of different psychological models and theories used to predict and explain the development of thoughts, feelings and behaviours.

Areas of Study

1 How does the brain function?

Advances in brain research methods have led to new ways of understanding the relationship between the mind, brain and behaviour. In this area of study students examine how our understanding of brain structure and function has changed over time and how the brain enables us to interact with the external world around us. They analyse the roles of specific areas of the brain and the interactions between different areas of the brain that enable complex cognitive tasks to be performed. Students explore how brain plasticity and brain damage can affect a person's functioning.

Outcome 1: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to describe how understanding of brain structure and function has changed over time, explain how different areas of the brain coordinate different functions, and explain how brain plasticity and brain damage can change psychological functioning.*

2 What influences psychological development?

The psychological development of an individual involves complex interactions between biological, psychological and social factors. In this area of study students explore how these factors influence different aspects of a person's psychological development. They consider the interactive nature of hereditary and environmental factors and investigate specific factors that may lead to development of typical or atypical psychological development in individuals, including a person's emotional, cognitive and social development and the development of psychological disorders.

Outcome 2: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to identify the varying influences of nature and nurture on a person's psychological development, and explain different factors that may lead to typical or atypical psychological development.*

3 Student-directed research investigation

In this area of study students apply and extend their knowledge and skills developed to investigate a question related to brain function and/or psychological development. Students analyse the scientific evidence that underpins the research in response to a question of interest. They then communicate the findings of their research investigation and explain the psychological concepts, outline contemporary research and present conclusions based on the evidence.

Outcome 3: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to investigate and communicate a substantiated response to a question related to brain function and/or development, including reference to at least two contemporary psychological studies and/or research techniques.*

Assessment

Students will be required to demonstrate a satisfactory achievement of the specified outcomes for the unit.

Assessment tasks may include:

- A student-designed and/or adapted and/or extended practical investigation
- Response to a media article
- Data analysis
- Test, multiple choices and/or short answer and/or extended response.
- Oral presentation
- Problem solving
- Multimedia or web page presentations
- Annotated poster
- Practical Activities

Psychology

Unit 2: How do external factors influence behaviour and mental processes?

A person's thoughts, feelings and behaviours are influenced by a variety of biological, psychological and social factors. In this unit students investigate how perception of stimuli enables a person to interact with the world around them and how their perception of stimuli can be distorted. They evaluate the role social cognition plays in a person's attitudes, perception of themselves and relationships with others. Students explore a variety of factors and contexts that can influence the behaviour of an individual and groups. They examine the contribution that classical and contemporary research has made to the understanding of human perception and why individuals and groups behave in specific ways.

Areas of Study

1 What influences a person's perception of the world?

Human perception of internal and external stimuli is influenced by a variety of biological, psychological and social factors. In this area of study students explore two aspects of human perception – vision and taste – and analyse the relationship between sensation and perception of stimuli. They consider how biological, psychological and social factors can influence a person's perception of visual and taste stimuli, and explore circumstances where perceptual distortions of vision and taste may occur.

***Outcome 1:** On completion of this unit the student should be able to compare the sensations and perceptions of vision and taste, and analyse factors that may lead to the occurrence of perceptual distortions.*

2 How are people influenced to behave in particular ways?

A person's social cognition and behaviour influence the way they view themselves and the way they relate to others. In this area of study students explore the interplay of biological, psychological and social factors that shape the behaviour of individuals and groups. They consider how these factors can be used to explain the cause and dynamics of particular individual and group behaviours, including attitude formation, prejudice, discrimination, helping behaviour and bullying. Students examine the findings of classical and contemporary research as a way of theorising and explaining individual and group behaviour.

***Outcome 2:** On completion of this unit the student should be able to identify factors that influence individuals to behave in specific ways, and analyse ways in which others can influence individuals to behave differently.*

3 Student directed practical investigation

In this area of study students design and conduct a practical investigation related to external influences on behaviour. The investigation requires the student to develop a question, plan a course of action to answer the question, undertake an investigation to collect the appropriate primary qualitative and/or quantitative data, organise and interpret the data and reach a conclusion in response to the question. The investigation relates to knowledge and skills developed in Areas of Study 1 and/or 2 and is undertaken by the student using either quantitative or qualitative methods, including experiments, surveys, questionnaires, observational studies and/or rating scales.

***Outcome 3:** On completion of this unit the student should be able to design and undertake a practical investigation related to external influences on behaviour, and draw conclusions based on evidence from collected data.*

Assessment

Students will be required to demonstrate a satisfactory achievement of the specified outcomes for the unit.

Assessment tasks may include:

- A student-designed and/or adapted and/or extended practical investigation
- Response to a media article
- Data analysis
- Test, multiple choices and/or short answer and/or extended response.
- Oral presentation
- Problem solving
- Multimedia or web page presentations
- Annotated poster
- Practical Activities

Psychology

Unit 3: How does experience affect behaviour and mental processes?

The nervous system influences behaviour and the way people experience the world. In this unit students examine both macro-level and micro-level functioning of the nervous system to explain how the human nervous system enables a person to interact with the world around them. They explore how stress may affect a person's psychological functioning and consider the causes and management of stress. Students investigate how mechanisms of memory and learning lead to the acquisition of knowledge, the development of new capacities and changed behaviours. They consider the limitations and fallibility of memory and how memory can be improved. Students examine the contribution that classical and contemporary research has made to the understanding of the structure and function of the nervous system, and to the understanding of biological, psychological and social factors that influence learning and memory.

Areas of Study

1 How does the nervous system enable psychological functioning?

In this area of study, students explore the role of different branches of the nervous system in enabling a person to integrate, coordinate and respond to internal and external sensory stimuli. They explore the specialised structures and functioning of neurons that allow the nervous system to transmit neural information. Students evaluate how biological, psychological and social factors can influence a person's nervous system functioning. In particular, they consider the ways in which stress can affect the mind and body, the role that the nervous system plays in these processes and how stress can be managed.

***Outcome 1:** On completion of this unit the student should be able to explain how the structure and function of the human nervous system enables a person to interact with the external world and analyse the different ways in which stress can affect nervous system functioning.*

2 How do people learn and remember?

Memory and learning are core components of human identity: they connect past experiences to the present and shape futures by enabling adaption to daily changes in the environment. In this area of study students study the neural basis of memory and learning and examine factors that influence the learning of new behaviours and the storage and retention of information in memory. They consider the influence of biological, psychological and social factors on the fallibility of memory.

***Outcome 2:** On completion of this unit the student should be able to apply biological and psychological explanations for how new information can be learnt and stored in memory, and provide biological, psychological and social explanations of a person's inability to remember information.*

Assessment

The award of satisfactory completion for the unit is based on students' demonstrated achievement of the set of outcomes specified for the unit.

Psychology

Unit 4: How is wellbeing developed and maintained?

In this unit students examine the nature of consciousness and how changes in levels of consciousness can affect mental processes and behaviour. They consider the role of sleep and the impact that sleep disturbances may have on a person's functioning. Students explore the concept of a mental health continuum and apply a biopsychosocial approach, as a scientific model, to analyse mental health and disorder. They use specific phobia to illustrate how the development and management of a mental disorder can be considered as an interaction between biological, psychological and social factors. Students examine the contribution that classical and contemporary research has made to the understanding of consciousness, including sleep, and the development of an individual's mental functioning and wellbeing.

Areas of Study

1 How do levels of consciousness affect mental processes and behaviour?

In this area of study students focus on states of consciousness and the relationship between consciousness and thoughts, feelings and behaviours. They explore the different ways in which consciousness can be studied from physiological and psychological perspectives and how states of consciousness can be altered. Students consider the nature and importance of sleep and apply biological, psychological and social factors to analyse the effects of sleep disturbances on psychological functioning, including mood, cognition and behaviour.

Outcome 1: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to explain consciousness as a continuum, compare theories about the purpose and nature of sleep, and elaborate on the effects of sleep disruption on a person's functioning.*

2 What influences mental wellbeing?

In this area of study, students examine what it means to be mentally healthy. They explore the concept of a mental health continuum and factors that explain how location on the continuum for an individual may vary over time. Students apply a biopsychosocial approach to analyse mental health and mental disorder, and evaluate the roles of predisposing, precipitating, perpetuating and protective factors in contributing to a person's mental state. Specific phobia is used to illustrate how a biopsychosocial approach can be used to explain how biological, psychological and social factors are involved in the development and management of a mental disorder. Students explore the concepts of resilience and coping and investigate the psychological basis of strategies that contribute to mental wellbeing.

Outcome 2: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to explain the concepts of mental health and mental illness including influences of risk and protective factors, apply a biopsychosocial approach to explain the development and management of specific phobia, and explain the psychological basis of strategies that contribute to mental wellbeing.*

3 Practical investigation

The investigation relates to knowledge and skills developed across Units 3 and 4, and is undertaken by the student using an appropriate experimental research design involving independent groups, matched participants, repeated measures or a cross-sectional study.

Outcome 3: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to design and undertake a practical investigation related to external influences on behaviour, and draw conclusions based on evidence from collected data.*

Assessment

The award of satisfactory completion for the unit is based on students' demonstrated achievement of the set of outcomes specified for the unit.

Contributions to Final Assessment	
Unit 3 School Assessed Coursework	16%
Unit 4 School Assessed Coursework	24%
Unit 3 & 4 Examination	60%

Religious Education - School Based Units (Year 12 only)

The school based Religious Education Units are non-VCE units. During first semester, students can choose one of the following three units to study. Each unit will have two assessment tasks. Alternatively, students can select VCE based Religious Education units if they choose.

Option 1: Jesus Christ. Superstar or Swear Word?

During this unit, students will research, describe and analyse a range of scriptural perspectives on the identity and mission of Jesus of Nazareth and explore developments in the Christian community's understanding of the historical Jesus and the Christ of Faith. It will provide students with an opportunity to explore, express and extend their personal understandings, beliefs and questions about Jesus Christ.

This unit will address the following essential questions:

- What do we know about Jesus of Nazareth?
- What does it mean to say that Jesus was a man?
- What does it mean to say Jesus was the Son of God?
- What relevance does Jesus have to my life?

Option 2: Living on the Edge! A Response to Social Injustice

In this unit students will investigate justice issues facing our world today: their causes, the associated problems and their impact on humankind and human dignity. Students will explore Church teachings and scripture relevant to these issues and explore practical Christian responses. The concept of service will be examined in terms of our individual and collective responsibility and the Christian call to think globally and act locally.

This unit will address the following essential questions:

- What is justice? What is social justice/injustice? What do each of these look like in our world?
- How are we to respond to social injustice? What scripture and Church documents ground and guide a Christian response?
- What difference can one person make – how am I to act as a global citizen?

Option 3: Tweeting God! Communicating with the Divine

In this unit students will explore ways to deepen and nurture their relationship with God using electronic devices and technologies. The tools and technologies of the 21st century will be utilized to develop silence and stillness, and to explore the presence of God in students' lives and throughout history by engagement with art, literature, film, poetry and music. Students will explore the different traditions of Christian spirituality and deepen their understanding of them as a means of exploring, responding to and touching the presence of God in human experience.

This unit will address the following essential questions:

- How has the human quest to encounter the mystery of God who is both within and beyond, been expressed throughout history, and in the present?
- How can we express the sacred in our own lives?
- How can we use 21st century tools to experience the sacred and scripture in prayer?
- How do I use electronic devices and technologies to slow down and cultivate inner silence and stillness?

Religion and Society

Unit 1: The role of religion in society

In this unit students explore the origins of religions and their role in the development of society, identifying their nature and purpose over time. They investigate the contribution of religion generally to the development of human society. They also focus on the role of religious traditions over time in shaping personal and group identity. Students examine how individuals, groups and new ideas have affected and continue to affect religious traditions. The unit provides an opportunity for students to understand the often complex relationships that exist between individuals, groups, new ideas, religious traditions and the Australian society in which they live.

Areas of Study

1 The nature and purpose of religion

In this area of study students are introduced to the nature and purpose of religion in general, exploring the role of religion in shaping and giving expression to spiritual experience. They identify the aspects common to religions, explore the interrelation of these aspects generally and explain why these aspects are common to all religions studied. They also explore how these aspects may vary between religions.

Outcome 1: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to discuss the nature and purpose of religion and explain the aspects of religion.*

2 Religion through the Ages

In this area of study students investigate how society and religion influence each other, and the roles of religion in society. They consider the factors that influence these roles and the effect that developments in society might have on religion.

Spirituality and religion have been an integral part of the development of human societies as cultural knowledge and understanding is passed from generation to generation through a process of socialisation. As people spread across the globe they encountered and exchanged religious and cultural ideas. Over time, religious traditions have encountered challenging philosophical and spiritual movements, political regimes, legal structures, scientific ideas, colonisation, national myths, globalisation, secularisation, technological developments and historical events. These encounters have led to religious traditions taking various roles to endorse, modify or resist the spread of ideas and movements in society.

Outcome 2: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to discuss the changing roles and influence of religion in society.*

3 Religion in Australia

In this area of study students consider religions in Australia, past and present, and the influences on Australian religious composition, in particular migration and secularisation. They explore how the communities and later institutions of these religions perceived themselves and expressed their collective identity in Australia. This expression of collective identity may have been cohesive or diverse, with different religious communities and their distinctive identities contributing to the whole identity of the religious tradition. Students also examine the influence of religion on the personal identity of members. They explore the influence of religions on the development of social infrastructure in Australia, and consider factors such as the laws governing the provision of education and welfare. This exploration should include the interfaith and ecumenical initiatives between and within religions in Australia.

Outcome 3: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to discuss the presence of religion in Australia, past and present.*

Assessment

Students will be required to demonstrate achievement through assessment tasks which may include:

- reports
- identification exercises
- an essay
- annotated charts
- debates
- analytical exercises
- written exercises

Religion and Society

Unit 2: Religion and ethics

Ethics is concerned with discovering the perspectives that guide practical moral judgment. Studying ethics involves identifying the arguments and analysing the reasoning, and any other influences, behind these perspectives and moral judgments. An important influence on ethical perspective is the method of ethical decision-making, made up of concepts, principles and theories. In this unit students study in detail various methods of ethical decision-making in at least two religious traditions and their related philosophical traditions. They explore ethical issues in the light of their investigations into ethical decision-making and ethical perspectives, and moral judgments in society.

Areas of Study

1 Ethical decision-making and moral judgment

In this area of study students are introduced to the nature of ethical decision-making in societies where multiple worldviews coexist. Ethical decision-making involves the selection of methods which have guiding concepts, principles and theories. Students explore concepts that underpin ethical decision-making and influences on practical moral judgment.

Methods of ethical decision-making such as 'ought' ethics, character ethics and outcome ethics are discussed, as well as theories leading to and derived from these methods. These methods and their supporting theories are based on various sources of ethical authority. Ethical methods and practical moral judgment are subject to varying emphases on factors such as duties, outcomes, laws (secular and religious), divinity, social order and social norms, tradition, reason, love, fear, absolutism, relativism, subjectivism, emotionalism, social justice, institutions, the common good, natural law, poetic justice, anarchy, 'scientism', and pragmatism.

Outcome 1: On completion of this unit the student should be able to explain the variety of influences on ethical decision making and moral judgment in societies where multiple worldviews coexist.

2 Religion and ethics

In this area of study students examine religious ethical perspectives and other influences on moral judgments of at least two religious traditions in societies where multiple worldviews coexist. They also explore the philosophical traditions which have contributed to each religion's understanding of ethics. Certain authorities, values, norms, ideas, and ethical principles inform broad ethical perspectives and in turn moral judgments within religious and philosophical traditions. Other aspects of religion, in particular beliefs and texts, inform the decision-making process for religious traditions.

Outcome 2: On completion of this unit the student should be able to explain two or more debates on ethical issues in societies in which multiple worldviews coexist.

3 Ethical issues in society

In this area of study students build on the knowledge explored in Areas of Study 1 and 2. Focusing on two or more ethical issues, students apply this knowledge to an examination of debates about ethical issues conducted in the public arena of societies in which multiple religious and non-religious worldviews coexist. The analysis should explain why the issue is regarded as an ethical issue, identify contributors to the debate, including religious traditions, consider the influence of participants' contributions, and investigate the basis of ethical perspectives and moral judgments used in the debates, including the ethical methods involved in the decision-making process.

Outcome 3: On completion of this unit the student should be able to explain two or more debates on ethical issues in societies in which multiple worldviews coexist.

Assessment

Students will be required to demonstrate achievement through assessment tasks which may include:

- reports
- identification exercises
- an essay
- annotated charts
- debates
- analytical exercises
- written exercises
- role-plays

Religion and Society

Unit 3: The search for meaning

In this unit, students study the purposes of religion generally and then consider the religious beliefs developed by one or more than one religious tradition or denomination in response to the big questions of life. Students study how particular beliefs within a religious tradition/s or denomination/s may be expressed through the other aspects of religion, and explore how this is intended to foster meaning for adherents. Students then consider the interaction between significant life experience and religion.

Areas of Study

1 Responding to the search for meaning

In this area of study students are introduced to the nature and purpose of religion in the human search for meaning. This is a general study of religion. Students are introduced to the purpose of religion in societies in which multiple worldviews coexist through the study in detail of a range of beliefs of one or more than one religious tradition or denomination. Beliefs are ideas that answer the big questions of life according to a religious worldview. In this area of study students relate the beliefs to certain categories and explore the connection of the beliefs to each other.

Outcome 1: On completion of this unit the student should be able to discuss and analyse the nature and purpose of religion and religious beliefs.

2 Expressing meaning

In this area of study students build on the knowledge of religious beliefs from Area of Study 1. Beliefs are intended to achieve their full meaning when they are expressed through the other aspects of religion. Students study how the meaning of belief is expressed through other aspects of religion. They consider the role of the aspects of religion in general. Students then explore at least two beliefs studied in Area of Study 1, as they are expressed in the other aspects of the selected religious tradition/s or denominations. They examine how the selected beliefs and their expression in each of the other aspects are intended by the selected religious tradition/s or denomination/s to engender and nurture meaning.

Outcome 2: On completion of this unit the student should be able to examine how beliefs and their expression in other aspects of religion is intended to respond to the search for meaning.

3 Significant life experience, religious belief and faith

In this area of study students focus on the interplay between religious beliefs and significant life experiences of members. Students consider the relationship between different types of significant life experience and religious beliefs generally. They then undertake a detailed study of one particular significant life experience of a member of a religious tradition or denomination. One or more than one religious tradition or denomination is studied, with an individual selected from each. The significant life experience may be a single event at a particular time or occur over an extended period, and has to be one that informed, reinforced or changed the person's understanding and expression of the meaning of their religious beliefs. Students investigate what happens to an individual's adherence to and understanding of the relevant religious beliefs and related expressions as a result of a significant life experience.

Outcome 3: On completion of this unit the student should be able to discuss and analyse the interplay between religious beliefs and their expression through related aspects and significant life experience.

Assessment

Students will be required to demonstrate achievement through assessment tasks which may include:

- reports
- a case study
- an essay
- structured questions
- analytical exercises
- extended responses

Religion and Society

Unit 4: Religion, challenge and change

This unit focuses on the dynamic interaction over time of religious traditions and the societies of which they are a part. Religious traditions are living institutions that participate and contribute in many ways, both positively and negatively, to wider societies – stimulating and supporting society; as levers for change themselves and embracing or resisting forces for change within society. In this unit, students explore challenge for religion generally over time and then undertake a study of challenge and change for one or more than one religious tradition or denomination.

Areas of Study

1 Challenge and response

In this area of study students investigate how and why religious traditions as a whole, or their denominations, have taken steps from their inception to the present to respond to challenges in the categories of theology, ethics and continued existence.

Students consider how some aspects of religion are more likely to be involved when taking a stance, such as distinctive beliefs, rituals, religious practices, the interpretation of texts, the application of ethical principles, the nature and role of authority, and the manner of participation within the social structure of a religious tradition or denomination. Students study one or more than one religious tradition or denomination and develop an overview of at least four significant challenges and the stances and supporting responses taken by the religious tradition/s or denomination/s. Each of the four challenges will encompass one or more than one of the categories of: theology, ethics or continued existence, but as a whole will cover all categories.

Outcome 1: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to discuss, analyse and compare stances and supporting responses taken by religions as they are challenged.*

2 Interaction of religion and society

Students study one or more than one religious tradition or denomination. For each tradition or denomination selected, they examine in detail one significant challenge that has engaged the religious tradition or denomination and society. Religious traditions and denominations are in a continual interactive process of engagement and negotiation with their members and with the trends, ideas, events, and innovations found in wider society that can affect one or more aspects of religion and form the broader context of a challenge. Specific people or groups in a religious tradition or denomination, and/or in wider society, may advocate for change or resistance. These sources influence religious traditions and denominations to adopt stances for change, against change or of indifference to the challenge. Stances and supporting responses to the challenge may vary as interactions continue throughout the challenge and the results may or may not produce the desired effects.

Students investigate the broader context leading to the challenge, the sources of the challenge, and the stances and supporting responses adopted by the religious tradition or denomination to the challenge. They also examine the impact of the responses.

Outcome 2: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to discuss the interactions within a religious tradition or denomination and between a religious tradition or denomination and wider society in relation to a significant challenge, and examine the effects of these interactions.*

Assessment

Students will be required to demonstrate achievement through assessment tasks which can include:

- reports
- a case study
- an essay
- structured questions
- analytical exercises
- extended responses

Contributions to Final Assessment	
Unit 3 School Assessed Coursework	25%
Unit 4 School Assessed Coursework	25%
Unit 3 & 4 Examination	50%

Specialist Mathematics

Units 1 & 2

Specialist Mathematics Units 1 and 2 provide a course of study for students who wish to undertake an in-depth study of mathematics, with an emphasis on concepts, skills and processes related to mathematical structure, modelling, problem solving and reasoning. This study has a focus on interest in the discipline of mathematics in its own right and investigation of a broad range of applications, as well as development of a sound background for further studies in mathematics and mathematics related fields.

Mathematical Methods Units 1 and 2 and Specialist Mathematics Units 1 and 2, taken in conjunction, provide a comprehensive preparation for Specialist Mathematics Units 3 and 4.

Areas of Study

1 Algebra and structure

This area of study covers logic and algebra and transformations, trigonometry and matrices.

2 Arithmetic and number

This area of study covers number systems and recursion and the principles of counting.

3 Discrete mathematics

This area of study covers graph theory.

4 Geometry, measurement and trigonometry

This area of study covers geometry in the plane and proof and vectors in the plane.

5 Graphs of linear and non-linear relations

This area of study covers graphs of non-linear relations and kinematics.

6 Statistics

This area of study covers simulation, sampling and sampling distributions.

The following Outcomes encompass all of the selected areas for each Unit:

Outcome 1: On completion of this unit the student should be able to define and explain key concepts in relation to the topics from the selected areas of study, and apply a range of related mathematical routines and procedures.

Outcome 2: On completion of this unit the student should be able to apply mathematical processes in non-routine contexts, and analyse and discuss these applications of mathematics in at least three areas of study.

Outcome 3: On completion of this unit the student should be able to use technology to produce results and carry out analysis in situations requiring problem-solving, modelling or investigative techniques or approaches in at least three areas of study.

Assessment

Students will be required to demonstrate a satisfactory achievement of the specified outcomes for the unit.

Assessment tasks include:

- Tests
- Analysis Task
- Examination

Specialist Mathematics

Units 3 & 4

Specialist Mathematics must be taken in conjunction with Mathematical Methods Units 3 & 4. Students are expected to be able to apply techniques, routines and processes involving rational, real and complex arithmetic, algebraic manipulation, diagrams and geometric constructions, solving equations, graph sketching, differentiation and integration related to the area of study, as applicable, both with and without the use of technology.

Areas of Study

1 Functions, relations and graphs

This area covers simple power functions, reciprocal functions of quadratic and circular functions, inverse circular functions, relations representing circles, ellipses and hyperbolas in cartesian and parametric forms, graphical representation of these functions and relations, and the analysis of key features of their graphs.

2 Algebra

This area covers the expression of simple rational and partial fractions; complex numbers, including polar form; regions and paths in the complex plane; factorisation of polynomial functions over the complex field and an informal treatment of the fundamental theorem of algebra.

3 Calculus

This area covers advanced calculus techniques for analytic and numeric differentiation and integration of a broad range of functions, and combinations of functions; and their application in a variety of theoretical and practical situations, including curve sketching, evaluation of area and volumes, the solution of differential equations and kinematics.

4 Vectors

This area covers the arithmetic and algebra of vectors, linear dependence and independence of a set of vectors, proof of geometric results using vectors and vector representation of curves in the plane.

5 Mechanics

This area covers statics and an introduction to Newtonian mechanics, for both constant and variable acceleration.

6 Probability and Statistics

This area covers statistical inference related to the definition and distribution of sample means, simulations and confidence interval.

The following Outcomes encompass all of the selected areas for each Unit:

Outcome 1: *On completion of each unit the student should be able to define and explain key concepts and apply a range of related mathematical routines and procedures. It is expected that students will be able to use technology as applicable in the solution of problems, as well as apply routines and procedures by hand.*

Outcome 2: *On completion of each unit the student should be able to apply mathematical processes, with an emphasis on general cases, in non-routine contexts, and analyse and discuss these applications of mathematics.*

Outcome 3: *On completion of each unit the student should be able to select and appropriately use a computer algebra system and other technology to develop mathematical ideas, produce results and carry out analysis in situations requiring problem-solving, modelling or investigative techniques or approaches.*

Assessment

Students will be required to demonstrate a satisfactory achievement of the specified outcomes for the unit.

Assessment tasks may include:

- Application Tasks
- Modelling / Problem Solving Tasks
- Examinations

Contributions to Final Assessment	
Unit 3 & 4 School Assessed Coursework	34%
Unit 3 & 4 Examination 1 – Technology Free Exam	22%
Unit 3 & 4 Examination 2	44%

Texts and Traditions

Unit 1: Texts in Traditions

This unit examines the place of texts and their literary forms within a religious tradition. Story-telling is one of the major literary forms in religious traditions; other forms include law, prophecy, sacred songs, reflection and instruction. This unit explores the importance of texts at the source of a tradition and how we might find and describe their meaning for the earlier and continuing tradition.

Areas of Study

1 Exploring literary forms

Many religious traditions are based on an extensive series of writings which are carefully preserved within sacred books. The audience for whom the text was originally written was able to receive sacred teachings through a variety of literary forms. Different sacred texts and religious traditions put greater or lesser emphasis on different literary forms.

Ancient writings confront the modern reader with many unknowns. They remain, nonetheless, rich stores of the wisdom and spiritual insight at the source of the traditions that created them. The collection of the variety of literary forms into one larger body of sacred texts gives further meaning to each individual text.

This area of study focuses on how texts function as literature in themselves and as part of a wider body of religious writing.

Outcome 1: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to recognise and explain different literary forms and analyse their role within a tradition's scriptures.*

2 The formation and exegesis of text

The origins of some ancient texts are obscure while others are located within a defined historical event or events. As the texts exist within the sacred books, they appear within a particular historical and cultural setting which contributes to their meaning for the religious tradition. In this study, textual analysis involves an understanding of this historical and cultural setting, giving students an insight into the understanding of the text intended by its writers. The process of searching for and giving expression to the meaning of text is called exegesis.

This area of study focuses on the cultural setting in which the tradition has placed selected texts and on the meaning which the founding tradition attached to the texts.

Outcome 2: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to apply basic exegetical methods against the cultural background in which the texts are located.*

3 Later uses and interpretations of sacred texts

This area of study focuses on interpretations of selected texts at points later than the original founding tradition. These interpretations can issue from sources which might carry authority through an instituted teaching office, scholarship, or charismatic leadership, or artistic insight. These later interpretations may be modern or from an earlier point in history.

Outcome 3: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to discuss understandings and interpretations of sacred text.*

Assessment

Students will be required to demonstrate achievement through assessment tasks which may include:

- summaries
- textual commentaries
- oral presentations
- exegetical exercises
- essays
- short reports
- comparative tables
- short-answer questions

Texts and Traditions

Unit 2: Texts in Society

In this unit texts are studied as a means of investigating themes such as justice, racism and gender roles. Some of the texts may call for change in attitudes and values; others may call for changes in social, religious and political institutions. Some texts may justify or support existing social, religious and political institutions.

In this unit of study students consider the social context within which the texts were produced, the conditions under which they are currently read, the reasons for reading them, and the kinds of authority attributed to them by traditions. They also look at the ways in which the texts shape, and are shaped by, the content of the message contained in them.

Areas of Study

1 Sacred texts in the past

To understand a sacred text, it should, if possible, be seen in its historical context. Sacred texts are the products of certain times and places. While certain themes are universal and timeless, it is important to understand the social contexts in which texts have evolved.

Outcome 1: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to understand the origin and development of selected texts that express a tradition's relationship to society.*

2 Sacred texts today

Sacred texts have an impact on the attitudes and values of people living today. This impact can be felt directly by individuals as they read the texts, and it can be felt through various aspects of the traditions themselves. Religious traditions today refer to sacred texts for guidance. In varying degrees, the texts are seen as authoritative and as providing sources of debate, inspiration, guidance or instruction, for example on issues such as ecology, racism or other social questions.

Outcome 2: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to understand the type of authority that a tradition attributes to its sacred texts, and how these texts affect the tradition's understanding of its relationship to society today.*

3 Comparing religious traditions

Misunderstanding and conflict is sometimes generated by the way different religious traditions view each other and their perceived relationship with each other. An understanding of the content of the sacred texts of each tradition on common social issues may encourage tolerance and acknowledgment of differences. Examples of common social issues are social structures, justice, authority, ecology, gender roles. Students may select other important social issues that are of particular interest to them.

Outcome 3: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to discuss the similarities and differences between the ways sacred texts of two or more religious traditions view a particular social theme.*

Assessment

Students will be required to demonstrate achievement through assessment tasks which may include:

- summaries
- textual commentaries
- oral presentations
- exegetical exercises
- essays
- short reports
- comparative tables
- short-answer questions

Texts and Traditions

Unit 3: Texts and the Early Tradition

The texts of a particular religious tradition can be seen to be foundational in that they recount specific events, narratives, laws and teachings that describe the beginnings and initial development of a religious tradition's history. In this unit, students explore the history and culture from which the tradition being studied was formed. They gain an understanding that the historical milieu of these beginnings lent shape and content to the texts themselves.

Areas of Study

1 The background of the tradition

In this area of study students undertake a social and historical study of the tradition. This area of study examines texts relating to the origin and early development of the selected tradition, focusing on events, people and places important to the development of the religious tradition. Students become familiar with the foundational period of the selected tradition by drawing background information from a range of foundational texts, documentation outside of the tradition, and contemporary academic sources.

Outcome 1: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to identify and explain social and cultural contexts that influenced the early development of the religious tradition.*

2 Thematic and literary aspects of the set texts

Students examine issues that relate to the writing of texts; for example, purpose, authorship and intended audience. Students also develop a knowledge of the set text in terms of its literary structure, forms and techniques and major themes. These major themes should stem from the passages for special study but be applicable to the entire set text. The structure can be looked at from the point of view of the text as a whole or in the way one part follows another.

Outcome 2: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to discuss major themes of the set text, and analyse its literary structure and issues related to the writing of the set text.*

3 Interpreting texts

Teachings within texts may be presented in the form of proverbs, codes of law, rules of behaviour, collections of sayings or accounts of the lives of significant individuals, or other recognisable literary forms. Texts have been developed in certain historical, political and social contexts. Socio-historical criticism would understand that these situations affect understanding of the meaning, purpose and teachings of those texts. The process of searching for and giving expression to the meaning of text is called exegesis. In exegetical study, students analyse a text in the light of scholarship and their growing knowledge of the background to the text. This analysis should then lead to a synthesis of ideas regarding the teaching purpose of any particular text within its original setting.

Outcome 3: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to apply exegetical methods to develop an interpretation of some of the passages for special study, and discuss the nature of, and challenges to, exegetical method.*

Assessment

Students will be required to demonstrate achievement through assessment tasks which can include:

- summaries
- textual commentaries
- oral presentations
- exegetical exercises
- essays
- short reports
- comparative tables
- short-answer questions

Texts and Traditions

Unit 4: Texts and their Teachings

Some texts are regarded as essential for the continuation of a tradition because they function as a means of communicating teachings or understandings about the relationship between the human and the transcendent. These understandings are often expressed through religious ideas, beliefs or social themes in the particular texts. With the passing of time, some of the themes contained in the foundational texts have been reinterpreted at different times in the tradition. In this unit a significant idea, belief or social theme contained in the set text will be studied, and the interpretation of the text in the light of the idea, belief or theme considered.

Areas of Study

1 Interpreting Texts

This area of study continues with the development of the knowledge and skills required for students to write competent exegeses of passages from the set texts. Students produce exegetical exercises which demonstrate developing skills. After having completed this area of study, students should be able to write exegeses for all the passages for special study, drawing on the key knowledge and key skills for this outcome. As exegesis is further developed, students consider how the religious, historical, political, social and cultural conditions within which the set text developed affect the reader's understanding of the meaning, function and teachings of the text.

Outcome 1: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to apply exegetical methods to develop an interpretation of all the passages for special study*

2 Religious ideas, beliefs and themes

Students investigate a significant religious idea, belief or social theme arising out of the passages for special study; this idea, belief or theme is then investigated over the entire set text. They demonstrate understanding of the particular idea, issue or theme in its original historical, social and religious contexts. They also examine the way this text has been interpreted by the religious tradition at a later time in history. Consideration is given to the impact on the tradition of these interpretations.

Outcome 2: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to discuss a significant religious idea, belief or social theme in the set text, and analyse and evaluate how related passages from the set text have been interpreted within the tradition at a later stage in the light of the particular idea, belief or theme.*

Assessment

Students will be required to demonstrate achievement through assessment tasks which can include:

- essay
- report
- exegetical task
- extended responses
- short-answer questions

Contributions to Final Assessment	
Unit 3 School Assessed Coursework	25%
Unit 4 School Assessed Coursework	25%
Unit 3 & 4 Examination	50%

Theatre Studies

Unit 1: Pre-Modern theatre

This unit focuses on the application of acting and other stagecraft in relation to theatrical styles of the pre-modern era. Students work with playscripts from the pre-modern era of theatre, focusing on works created up to 1920 in both their written form and in performance. They also study theatrical and performance analysis and apply these skills to the analysis of a play in performance. Periods from the pre-modern era of theatre include Ancient Greek, Roman, Liturgical drama such as morality/miracle/mystery plays, Italian and the Commedia Dell'Arte, Elizabethan and Shakespearean, Restoration comedies and dramas, Neo-classical, Spanish and French, Naturalism/Realism, and non-Western theatre such as Beijing Opera, Noh theatre, Bunraku and Kabuki and other traditional indigenous theatre forms.

Areas of Study

1 Pre-modern theatre

In this area of study students explore playscripts from the pre-modern era of theatre, that is, works prior to the 1920's. Students study playscripts from at least three distinct theatrical periods. They learn about contexts, cultural origins, theatrical styles, use of stagecraft and performance possibilities for each of the selected playscripts. Through practical workshops students gain knowledge of how these periods have shaped and contributed to the world of pre-modern theatre.

***Outcome 1:** On completion of this unit the student should be able to identify and describe the distinguishing features of pre-modern theatre playscripts.*

2 Interpreting playscripts

This area of study focuses on the presentation of playscripts from the pre-modern era of theatre. Students apply acting and other stagecraft to interpret playscripts from at least three distinct theatrical periods from the pre-modern era. Students learn how acting and other stagecraft can be informed by different theatrical styles and contexts. They also learn about processes of developing character, the effect the audience has on acting and the use of acting skills to enhance text interpretation. Through rehearsals and performance students gain knowledge of how these playscripts can be interpreted.

***Outcome 2:** On completion of this unit the student should be able to apply acting and other stagecraft to interpret playscripts from the pre-modern era.*

3 Analysing a play in performance

This area of study focuses on an analysis of a professional performance of a playscript. Students explore the nature of theatrical analysis including theatrical styles, audience perspective, acting skills, use of other stagecraft and the ways in which the contexts of a playscript have been interpreted through performance.

***Outcome 3:** On completion of this unit the student should be able to analyse a performance of a playscript.*

Assessment

Students will be required to demonstrate a satisfactory achievement of the specified outcomes for the unit. Assessment tasks may include the following:

- Written analysis
- Portfolio
- Performance
- Journal entries

Please Note:

Students must satisfactorily complete Unit 1 &/or 2 Theatre Studies before undertaking Units 3 & 4.

Theatre Studies

Unit 2: Modern theatre

In this unit students study theatrical styles and stagecraft through working with playscripts in both their written form and in performance with an emphasis on the application of stagecraft. Students work with playscripts from the modern era focusing on works from the 1920's to the present. They study theatrical analysis and production evaluation and apply these skills to the analysis of a play in performance.

Theatrical movements in the modern era include Epic Theatre, Constructivist theatre, Theatre of the Absurd, Political theatre, Feminist theatre, Expressionism, Eclectic theatre (contemporary theatre that incorporates a range of theatrical styles), Physical theatre, Verbatim theatre, Theatre in Education.

Areas of Study

1 Modern theatre

This area of study focuses on an exploration of playscripts from the modern era of theatre, that is, works from the 1920's to the present. Students study at least three distinct theatrical movements from this era and playscripts associated with each movement. Students learn about the contexts, origins, theatrical styles, production processes, use of stagecraft and performance possibilities of each playscript. Through practical workshops involving the application of stagecraft, students gain knowledge of how each movement has shaped and contributed to the world of modern theatre.

Outcome 1: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to identify and describe the distinguishing features of modern era theatre playscripts.*

2 Interpretation through stagecraft,

In this area of study students apply stagecraft to realise playscripts from at least three distinct theatrical movements from the modern era. They also learn how stagecraft is informed by and contributes to the development of different theatrical styles, and consider ways the application of stagecraft is itself shaped by the contexts of the playscripts. Through working collaboratively, students gain an understanding of how stagecraft is applied in a production process to interpret playscripts.

Outcome 2: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to apply stagecraft to interpret playscripts from the modern era.*

3 Analysing a play in performance

This area of study focuses on an analysis and evaluation of a professional performance of a playscript. Students explore the nature of theatrical analysis and production evaluation, including the application of stagecraft and its effect on an audience.

Outcome 3: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to analyse and evaluate stagecraft in a performance of a playscript.*

Assessment

Students will be required to demonstrate a satisfactory achievement of the specified outcomes for the unit.

Assessment tasks may include:

- Written analysis
- Portfolio
- Performance
- Journal entries

Please Note:

Students must satisfactorily complete Unit 1 &/or 2 Theatre Studies before undertaking Units 3 & 4.

Theatre Studies

Unit 3: Playscript interpretation

In this unit students develop an interpretation of a playscript through the stages of the theatrical production process: planning, development and presentation. Students specialise in two areas of stagecraft, working collaboratively in order to realise the production of a playscript. They use knowledge they develop from this experience to analyse the ways stagecraft can be used to interpret previously unseen playscript excerpts. Students also attend a performance selected from the prescribed VCE Theatre Studies Unit 3 Playlist and analyse and evaluate the interpretation of the playscript in the performance. Stagecraft includes: acting, direction, stage management, publicity and marketing, theatre technologies, set, costume, lighting, make-up, properties, lighting and sound design.

Areas of Study

1 Production process

This area of study focuses on the development of skills that contribute to the interpretation of a playscript. Students work collaboratively to contribute to the development of a production. As a member of the production team, students undertake exercises and tasks throughout the stages of the production process leading to the development of a playscript.

Outcome 1: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to apply stagecraft to interpret a playscript for performance to an audience.*

2 Theatrical interpretation

In this area of study students explore how stagecraft can be applied across the stages of the production process to interpret the theatrical possibilities of excerpts from a playscript. Students interpret previously unseen playscript excerpts and other stimulus material, formulating and justifying possible theatrical responses and documenting their interpretation. The documentation should include written material and annotated illustrations as appropriate to support interpretive choices.

Outcome 2: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to document an interpretation of excerpts from a playscript and explain how stagecraft can be applied in the interpretation.*

3 Production analysis

In this area of study students analyse and evaluate an interpretation of a playscript in a production. They analyse and evaluate the relationship between the written playscript and its interpretation on stage. Students also evaluate way individuals, for example, the director, the lighting designer or the stage manager, have contributed to the performance through the application of stagecraft. Students study how the theatrical styles implied in the written playscript are interpreted when the play is performed to an audience.

Outcome 3: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to analyse and evaluate the interpretation of a written playscript in production to an audience.*

Assessment

Students will be required to demonstrate a satisfactory achievement of the specified outcomes for the unit.

Assessment tasks may include:

- Folio of material on two areas of stagecraft
- Written analysis
- Performance

Theatre Studies

Unit 4: Performance Interpretation

In this unit students study a scene and associated monologue from the *Theatre Studies Stagecraft Examination Specifications* published annually by the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority, and develop a theatrical treatment that includes the creation of a character by an actor, stagecraft possibilities, and appropriate research. Students interpret a monologue from within a specified scene using selected areas of stagecraft to realise their interpretation.

Areas of Study

1 Monologue interpretation

This area of study focus the interpretation of a monologue from a playscript selected from the monologue list. Students select a monologue from the list and study the text, context, intended meanings and theatrical styles of the monologue, the scene in which it is embedded and the playscript. Students apply their selected areas of stagecraft to realise and present their interpretation of the monologue. They also consider relationships between acting, direction and design.

Outcome 1: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to interpret a monologue from a playscript and justify their interpretive decisions.*

2 Scene interpretation

In this area of study students develop a theatrical treatment that outlines an interpretation of a monologue and a prescribed scene. Students focus on the ways in which the scene could be approached as a piece of theatre, including its context, influences, structure, characters, themes, images and ideas, its theatrical possibilities, styles and the ways in which their selected stagecraft could be employed to convey its intended meanings.

Outcome 2: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to develop a theatrical treatment that presents an interpretation of a monologue and its prescribed scene.*

3 Performance analysis

In this area of study students focus on the analysis and evaluation of the acting and design in a production selected from the prescribed VCE Theatre Studies Unit 4 Playlist. Students attend a production and evaluate the interrelationships between acting, direction, design and the theatrical style/s utilised in the production. They refine their understanding of the language, terminology and expressions associated with analysing theatrical productions.

Outcome 3: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to analyse and evaluate acting in a production.*

Assessment

Students will be required to demonstrate a satisfactory achievement of the specified outcomes for the unit.

Assessment tasks may include:

- Written analysis
- Tests
- Performance

Contributions to Final Assessment	
Unit 3 School Assessed Coursework	30%
Unit 4 School Assessed Coursework	15%
End of Year Monologue Performance Examination	25%
End of Year Written Examination	30%

Visual Communication Design

Unit 1: Introduction to Visual Communication Design

This unit focuses on using visual language to communicate messages, ideas and concepts. This involves acquiring and applying design thinking skills as well as drawing skills to make messages, ideas and concepts visible and tangible. Students practise their ability to draw what they observe and they use visualisation drawing methods to explore their own ideas and concepts. Students develop an understanding of the importance of presentation drawings to clearly communicate their final visual communications.

Areas of Study

1 Drawing as a means of communication

Students use observational drawings as a starting point for visualising new design possibilities. They creatively use a range of media to generate drawings that represent alternative visualisations. Freehand visualisation drawing methods are used to make thinking visible and to communicate ideas.

***Outcome 1:** On completion of this unit the student should be able to create drawings for different purposes using a range of drawing methods, media and materials.*

2 Design elements and design principles

This area of study focuses on the experimentation, exploration and application of design elements and principles through manual freehand drawing, the use of ICT and, where appropriate, other methods of electronic image generation such as photography and photocopying.

***Outcome 2:** On completion of this unit the student should be able to explore and apply design elements and principles to satisfy a stated purpose.*

3 Visual Communication Design in context

Through a case study approach, students explore how visual communications have been influenced by social and cultural factors and past and contemporary visual communication practices. Students consider the works of key designers in terms of visual language and the use of materials, methods, media, design elements, design principles and presentation formats. This area of study introduces students to the design process stage of research.

***Outcome 3:** On completion of this unit the student should be able to describe how a visual communication has been influenced by past and contemporary practices, and by social and cultural factors.*

Assessment

Students will be required to demonstrate a satisfactory achievement of the specified outcomes for the unit.

Assessment tasks may include:

- Folio of observational, visualisation and presentation drawings created using manual and/or digital methods
- Final presentations created using manual and/or digital methods
- Written report of a case study
- Annotated visual report of a case study
- Oral report of a case study supported by written notes and/or visual materials

Please Note:

Students must satisfactorily complete Unit 1 &/or 2 Visual Communication Design before undertaking Units 3 & 4.

Visual Communication Design

Unit 2: Applications of Visual Communication Design

Students use presentation drawing methods that incorporate the use of technical drawing conventions to communicate information and ideas associated with the environmental or industrial fields of design. They investigate how typography and imagery are used in visual communication design.

Areas of Study

1 Technical drawing in context

This area of study focuses on the acquisition and application of presentation drawing skills that incorporate the use of technical drawing conventions. These drawings present information and ideas associated with a specific design field. One of the following design fields is selected for detailed study:

- Environmental design or
- Industrial/product design.

They acquire knowledge and skills related to technical drawing conventions and apply these when representing forms using two- and three-dimensional presentation drawings appropriate to the selected field.

Outcome 1: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to create presentation drawings that incorporate relevant technical drawing conventions and effectively communicate information and ideas for a selected design field.*

2 Type and imagery

In this area of study students develop knowledge and skills in manipulating type and images when communicating ideas and concepts in the design field of communication. Students develop and apply skills in selecting and manipulating type to evoke different moods and emotions, and use a range of manual and digital methods when creating and manipulating images.

Outcome 2: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to manipulate type and images to create visual communications suitable for print and screen-based presentations, taking into account copyright.*

3 Applying the design process

Students respond to a given brief addressing communication, environmental or industrial fields of design that outlines the messages or information to be conveyed to a target audience.

Outcome 3: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to engage in stages of the design process to create a visual communication appropriate to a given brief.*

Assessment

Students will be required to demonstrate a satisfactory achievement of the specified outcomes for the unit.

Assessment tasks may include:

- Folio of technical drawings created using manual and/or digital methods
- Folio of typography and image ideas and concepts created using manual and digital methods
- Written and/or oral descriptions and analysis of historical and contemporary design examples
- Folio demonstrating the design process created using manual and/or digital methods
- Final presentations of visual communications.

Please Note:

Students must satisfactorily complete Unit 1 &/or 2 Visual Communication Design before undertaking Units 3 & 4.

Visual Communication Design

Unit 3: Design Thinking and Practise

In this unit students gain an understanding of the process designers employ to structure their thinking and communicate ideas with clients, target audiences, other designers and specialists. Through practical investigation and analysis of existing visual communications, students gain insight into how the selection of methods, media, materials and the application of design elements and design principles can create effective visual communications for specific audiences and purposes. They investigate and experiment with the use of manual and digital methods, media and materials to make informed decisions when selecting suitable approaches for the development of their own design ideas and concepts.

Areas of Study

1 Analysis and practise in context

In this area of study students explore a range of existing visual communications in the communication, environmental and industrial design fields. The focus of each design field is:

- Communication – the design and presentation of visual information to convey ideas and concepts
- Environmental – the design and presentation of visual information for built/constructed environments
- Industrial – the design and presentation of visual information for manufactured products.

Students analyse how design elements, design principles, methods, media and materials are used in visual communications in these fields to achieve particular purposes for targeted audiences.

***Outcome 1:** On completion of this unit the student should be able to create visual communications for specific contexts, purposes and audiences that are informed by their analysis of existing visual communications.*

2 Design industry practise

In this area of study students investigate how the design process is applied in industry to create visual communications. Students develop an understanding of the processes and practices used to support collaboration between clients, designers and specialists when designing and producing these visual communications.

***Outcome 2:** On completion of this unit the student should be able to describe how visual communications are designed and produced in the design industry and explain factors that influence these practices.*

3 Developing a brief and generating ideas

In this area of study students gain a detailed understanding of three stages of the design process: development of a brief, research and the generation of ideas. Students develop an understanding of the contents of a brief and the critical role that it plays in forming the direction and boundaries for their research and generation of ideas. They apply this knowledge when developing a single brief that proposes and defines two distinct communication needs for a real or imaginary client.

***Outcome 3:** On completion of this unit the student should be able to apply design thinking skills in preparing a brief, undertaking research and generating a range of ideas relevant to the brief.*

Assessment

Students will be required to demonstrate a satisfactory achievement of the specified outcomes for the unit.

Examples of assessment tasks may include:

- Student sourced graphic communications such as floor plans, poster designs, and product designs. Presentation of a report that analyses the audience, the materials used in this production, and the application of design elements and principles.
- Invited designers will present to the students based on industry experience. Students will produce a written report based on this presentation.
- Design and generate visual communication drawings that reflect development through the design process. Students will then produce a written design brief.

Visual Communication Design

Unit 4: Design Development and Presentation

The focus of this unit is the development of design concepts and two final presentations of visual communications to meet the requirements of the brief. This involves applying the design process twice to meet each of the stated needs.

Areas of Study

1 Development of design concepts

In this area of study students focus on the design process stages of the development of concepts and refinement. Using separate design processes, students develop and refine design concepts that satisfy each of the needs of the brief established in Unit 3. When selecting ideas to develop as concepts, students must ensure that each idea is discernibly different in intent and presentation format. Students manipulate and apply design elements and design principles to create concepts that attract the interest of their target audience and convey the messages, ideas and information required to satisfy the brief.

Outcome 1: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to develop distinctly different design concepts for each need, and select and refine for each need a concept that satisfies each of the requirements of the brief.*

2 Final presentations

This area of study focuses on the final stage in the design process, the resolution of presentations. Students produce two final visual communication presentations, which are the refinements of the concepts developed in Outcome 1. This involves selecting and applying materials, methods, media, design elements and design principles appropriate to the designs and selected presentation formats.

Outcome 2: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to produce final visual communication presentations that satisfy the requirements of the brief.*

3 Evaluation and explanation

In this area of study students devise a pitch to present and explain their visual communications. Their pitch is informed by an evaluation of the ways that the final visual communications meet the requirements of the brief and the design decisions made throughout the design process. Students explain their thinking behind each visual communication and the reasons for their selection and use of particular materials, media and methods, design elements, design principles, and presentation formats. They draw on their annotations and reflections assembled during the design process to evaluate the effectiveness of their design solutions in relation to the requirements of the brief. Students consider client responses to their pitch. They may respond to questions and offer further clarification of their visual communication.

Outcome 3: *On completion of this unit the student should be able to devise a pitch to present and explain their visual communications to an audience and evaluate the visual communications against the brief.*

Assessment

Students will be required to demonstrate a satisfactory achievement of the specified outcomes for the unit.

Assessment tasks may include:

- using manual and electronic production systems and applying visual communication production process to design a final presentation(s) that satisfies a specified communication need(s) demonstrating development and refinement of design ideas

Contributions to Final Assessment	
Unit 3 School Assessed Coursework	20%
Unit 4 School Assessed Coursework	5%
School Assessed Task (SAT)	40%
Unit 3 & 4 Examination	35%

VCE VET Program Structure

Introduction

VCE VET programs are Vocational Education and Training programs approved by the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority (VCAA) and accredited by the Victorian Qualifications Authority (VQA).

VCE VET programs lead to nationally recognised qualifications, thereby offering students the opportunity to gain both the VCE and a nationally accredited vocational education and training certificate.

VCE VET programs:

- are fully recognised within the Unit 1 – 4 structure of the VCE and therefore contribute towards satisfactory completion of the VCE. VCE VET units have equal status with other VCE studies
- function within the National Training Framework.

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)

Aims

The aims of the VCE VET programs are to:

- provide participants with the knowledge and skills to achieve competencies that will enhance their employment prospects in related industries
- enable participants to gain a recognised credential and make a more informed choice of vocation or career paths

Assessment

VCE VET programs have specific requirements regarding demonstration of competence and appropriate assessment of competence.

Scored Assessment

Selected VCE VET programs have a study score component based on the designated Unit 3 & 4 sequence of their program. Scored assessment is comprised of:

- School Assessed Coursework - a set of coursework tasks set by the assessor
- an examination set by the VCAA.

The study score can contribute directly to the ATAR as one of the students primary four scaled studies or as the fifth or sixth study.

It is important to note that the Units 3 & 4 sequences of VCE VET programs are not designed as stand-alone studies. In order to receive the VET qualification, students must undertake the entire Units 1 to 4 structure of a VCE VET program.

VCE VET - Business

VCE VET Business provides students with Units 1 – 4 VCE (with a study score contributing to their ATAR) as well as Certificate II in Business. Business is studied in conjunction with the full VCE allowing students to achieve their VCE and their VET certificate concurrently.

The certificate of Business is designed to provide students with a range of operational management and work place skills which will enable them to continue through advanced post-secondary education or apply the skills in a business situation.

Units 1 & 2 – Certificate II in Business (BSB20115)

On successful completion of this program students are eligible for:

- The award of BSB20115 Certificate II in Business
- Recognition for two VCE units at Unit 1 & 2 level

Students must achieve the following units of competence in order to be successfully awarded Certificate II in Business.

Units of Competence

1. Core

Unit Code	Unit Name	Nominal Hours
BSBWHS201A	Contributes to health and safety of self and others	20
Total		20

2. Electives

Unit Code	Unit Name	Nominal Hours
BSBCUS201B	Deliver a service to customers	40
BSBIND201A	Work effectively in a business environment	30
BSBWOR204A	Use business technology	20
BSBITU203A	Communicate electronically	20
BSBITU201A	Produce simple word processed documents	60
BSBWOR202A	Organise and complete daily work activities	20
BSBCMM201A	Communicate in the workplace	40
BSBWOR203B	Work effectively with others	15
BSBINM202	Handle Mail	15
BSBSUS201	Participate in environmentally suitable work practices	20
BSBINM201	Process and maintain workplace information	20
Total		300

Assessment

Students will be assessed on their performance on a minimum of two of the assessment tasks selected from:

- Work performance
- Work project
- Product
- Portfolio
- End of semester exam

VCE VET - Business

Unit 3 & 4 - Certificate III in Business (BSB30115) - Partial completion

Students will complete Units 3 & 4 of Business together with achieving the following units of competence from Certificate III in Business.

On successful completion of this two year program, students will:

- Receive a study score towards their ATAR
- Receive recognition for four VCE VET units: two at unit 1 & 2 and two at unit 3 & 4
- Be awarded the VCE VET Certificate II in Business (BSB20115)
- Be awarded a Statement of Attainment documenting achievement of units of competence that can contribute to completion of BSB30115 Certificate III in Business.

Units of Competence

Unit Code	Unit Name	Nominal Hours
BSBWOR301B	Organise personal work priorities and development	30
BSBINM301A	Organise workplace information	30
BSBITU306A	Design and produce business documents	80
BSBCUS301B	Deliver and monitor a service to customers	35
BSBPRO301A	Recommend products and services	20
Total		195

Assessment

Students will be assessed on their performance on a minimum of two of the assessment tasks selected from:

- Work performance
- Work project
- Product
- Portfolio
- Examination

Contributions to Final Assessment	
Unit 3 & 4 School Assessed Coursework	66%
Unit 3 & 4 Examination	34%

VCE VET - Interactive Digital Media

The Certificate III in Media is part of a Vocational Education and Training in Schools program. Interactive Digital Media is studied in conjunction with the full VCE or VCAL allowing students to achieve their VCE or VCAL and their VET certificate concurrently.

The Certificate of Interactive Digital Media is designed to provide students with the knowledge and skills to achieve competencies that will enhance their employment prospects in the media and media related industries. The Certificate can provide pathways into job roles such as community radio or television production assistant, editing assistant and interactive media author assistant. NOTE: The 2017 course is currently under review and will be released by the VCAA later in 2016.

Units 1 & 2 – Certificate III Media (CUF30107) – Partial completion

On successful completion of this program students are eligible for:

- The award of a partial completion of a CUF30107 Certificate III Media
- Recognition for two VCE VET at Unit 1 & 2 level
- Receive recognition of one VCAL unit when a student has been assessed as competent in units totalling 90 nominal hours

Students must achieve the following units of competence in order to be successfully awarded a partial completion of Certificate III in Media.

Units of Competence

1. Core

Unit Code	Unit Name	Nominal Hours
BSBCRT301A	Develop and extend critical and creative thinking skills	40
CUFIND301B	Work effectively in the screen and media industries	20
CUSOHS301A	Follow OHS procedures	20
CUFDIG303A	Produce and prepare photo images	20
Total		100

2. Electives

Unit Code	Unit Name	Nominal Hours
CUFSOU301A	Prepare audio assets	30
CUFDIG201A	Maintain Interactive content	30
BSBDES201A	Follow a design process	40
Total		100

The VCE VET Unit 1 & 2 sequence incorporates core units in preparing video assets, exploring and applying the creative design process to 2D forms, creating visual design component and authoring interactive sequences.

Assessment

Students must demonstrate competency by completing practical and theory based outcomes for each module. Assessment will be school based.

VCE VET - Interactive Digital Media

This course is designed for students who are continuing their VCE VET Interactive Digital Media studies from Year 11. If successfully completed, students will be eligible to receive Certificate III in Media at the conclusion of their studies in Year 12. They will also receive Units 3 & 4 VCE VET Interactive Digital Media.

At Year 12, the course concentrates on developing skills and work habits related to the creation of media products containing 2D animation, writing content and copy, designing different interactive presentations, preparing design concepts and components for media products, preparing video for different purposes and creating interactive media product.

Units 3 & 4 – Certificate III in Media (CUF30107)

On successful completion of this program students are eligible for:

- The award of CUF30107 Certificate III in Media
- Students will be eligible for credit of two units at Units 1 & 2 level and two units at Units 3 & 4 level
- Receive recognition of one VCAL unit when a student has been assessed as competent in units totalling 90 nominal hours

Units of Competence

Unit Code	Unit Name	Nominal Hours
CUFANM301A	Create 2D digital animations	35
CUFWRT301A	Write content for a range of media	40
BSBDES302A	Explore and apply the creative design process to 2D forms	50
CUFDIG302A	Author interactive sequences	40
CUFDIG301A	Prepare video assets	30
CUFDIG304A	Create visual design components	30
Total		225

Assessment

Students must demonstrate competency by completing practical and theory based outcomes for each unit. Assessment will be school based. Students wanting access to the study score must be able to be assessed against all the units of competence designated as the Unit 3 & 4 scored sequence in the same enrolment year.

Contributions to Final Assessment	
Unit 3 & 4 School Assessed Coursework	66%
Unit 3 & 4 Examination	34%

Please Note:

Students seeking a study score to contribute towards their ATAR must satisfactorily complete Unit 1 & 2 VCE VET Interactive Digital Media before undertaking Unit 3 & 4.

VCE VET - Music (Technical Production)

The Certificate III in Music (Technical Production) has been developed in conjunction with music industry professionals and is delivered over two years. The program sets out to provide students with a range of competencies that are considered by the Music Industry to be a relevant and useful preparation to pursue a career or further study in industries such as music, radio, television, media or entertainment. VET Music (Technical Production) is studied in conjunction with the full VCE or VCAL programs, which allow students to achieve their VCE or VCAL and their VET certificate concurrently.

Units 1 & 2 – Certificate III in Technical Production (CUS30209) - Partial Completion

On successful completion of this program students are eligible for:

- The award of a partial certificate in CUS30209 Certificate III Technical Production
- Receive recognition for three VCE VET at Unit 1 & 2 level
- Receive recognition of one VCAL unit when a student has been assessed as competent in units totalling 90 nominal hours

Students must achieve the following units of competence and those offered at Unit 3 & 4 in order to be successfully awarded CUS30209 Certificate III Technical Production

Units of Competence

1. Core

Unit Code	Unit Name	Nominal Hours
BSBWOR203A	Work Effectively with others	15
CUECOR01C	Manage own work and learning	10
CUEIND01C	Source and apply entertainment knowledge	10
CUOSH301A	Follow Occupational Health and Safety procedures	10
CUFCMP301A	Implement copyright arrangements	20
CUFSOU204A	Perform basic sound editing	30
Total		95

2. Electives

Unit Code	Unit Name	Nominal Hours
CUSMCP301A	Compose simple songs or musical pieces	35
SITXEVT002A	Provide event staging support	30
CUESMPF202A	Incorporate music technology into performance	35
CUSSOU201A	Assist with sound recordings	35
Total		135

Assessment

Students must demonstrate competency by completing practical and theory based outcomes for each Unit of Competence. Assessment will be school based.

VCE VET - Music (Technical Production)

The Certificate III in Music (Technical Production) has been developed in conjunction with music industry professionals. The program sets out to provide students with a range of competencies that are considered by the music industry to be a relevant and useful preparation to pursue a career or further study in industries such as music, radio, television, media or entertainment. VET Music (Technical Production) is studied in conjunction with the full VCE or VCAL programs, which allow students to achieve their VCE or VCAL and their VET certificate concurrently.

Units 3 & 4 – Certificate III in Technical Production (CUS30209)

On successful completion of this program, students will:

- Receive the award of CUS30209 Certificate III in Technical Production
- Receive recognition of up to five VCE VET units: three at unit 1 & 2 and a Unit 3 & 4 sequence
- Receive recognition of one VCAL unit when a student has been assessed as competent in units totaling 90 nominal hours

Units of Competence

Unit Code	Unit Name	Nominal Hours
CUSSOU301A	Provide sound reinforcement	40
CUSSOU302A	Record and mix a basic music demo	40
CUESOU07B	Apply a general knowledge of audio to work activities	40
CUESOU08B	Select and manage microphone and other audio input sources	30
CUSSOU303A	Set up and disassemble audio equipment	40
Total		190

Assessment

Students must demonstrate competency by completing practical and theory based outcomes for each unit. Assessment will be school based with an external examination for those students wishing to obtain a study score. A study score is available to students who successfully complete all aspects of VCE assessment.

Contributions to Final Assessment	
Coursework Tasks	66%
Written Examination	34%

Please Note:

Students must satisfactorily complete Unit 1 & 2 VCE VET – Music (Technical Production) before undertaking Unit 3 & 4.

VCE VET - Sport and Recreation

The Certificate II in Sport & Recreation is part of a Vocational Education and Training in Schools program. Parts of the program are offered as credit transfers from VCE units studied in Years 11 and 12. Sport & Recreation is studied in conjunction with the full VCE or VCAL allowing students to achieve their VCE or VCAL and their VET certificate concurrently.

The Certificate in Sport & Recreation is designed to provide students with a range of competencies which are considered by the Sport and Recreation Industry to be a relevant and useful preparation for employment in the industry. Students develop a wide-ranging foundation in entry level training for all sectors of the Sport and Recreation industry.

Units 1 & 2 – Certificate III in Sport & Recreation (SIS30513) – Partial Completion

On successful completion of this program students are eligible for:

- The award of SIS30513 Certificate III in Sport & Recreation – (Partial)
- Recognition for two VCE VET at Unit 1 & 2 level
- Receive recognition of one VCAL unit when a student has been assessed as competent in units totalling 90 nominal hours

Students must achieve the following units of competence in order to be successfully awarded a partial Certificate III in Sport & Recreation

Units of Competence

1. Core

Unit Code	Unit Name	Nominal Hours
BSBWOR301	Organise personal work priorities and development	30
BSBCRT301A	Develop and extend critical and creative thinking skills	40
SISXCCS201A	Provide customer service	15
HLTAID003	Provide first aid	18
SISXEMR201A	Respond to emergency situations	18
SISXWHS101	Follow work health and safety policies	10
ICAWEB201A	Use social media tools for collaboration and management	20
Total		151

2. Electives

Unit Code	Unit Name	Nominal Hours
SISSSCO101	Develop and update knowledge of coaching practices	30
Total		30

Assessment

Students must demonstrate competency by completing practical and theory based outcomes for each Unit. Assessment will be school based.

VCE VET - Sport and Recreation

Certificate III in Sport and Recreation provides students with the skills and knowledge to work in the Sport and Recreation industry in areas such as maintaining grounds and playing surfaces, providing customer service, housekeeping or administrative service. Possible job outcomes for a student with this qualification may include the provision of sport and recreation programs, grounds and facilities maintenance and working in the service industry in locations such as a fitness centre, outdoor sporting ground or aquatic centres.

Units 3 & 4 – Certificate III in Sport & Recreation (SIS30510)

On successful completion of this program students will:

- Receive the award of SIS30513 Certificate III Sport & Recreation
- Receive recognition for four VCE VET Units: two at Unit 1 & 2 and two at Unit 3 & 4
- Receive recognition of one VCAL unit when a student has been assessed as competent in units totalling 90 nominal hours

Units of Competence

1. Core

Unit Code	Unit Name	Nominal Hours
SISSTP303A	Conduct basic warm up and cool down programs	30
SISXCAI303A	Plan and conduct sport and recreation sessions	20
SISXCAI306A	Facilitate groups	25
SITXCOM401	Manage conflict	20
SISXRSK301A	Undertake risk analysis of activities	20
SISXRES301A	Provide public education on the use of resources	25
Total		140

2. Electives

Unit Code	Unit Name	Nominal Hours
SISSSCOF202	Officiate games or competitions	50
SISOF101	Develop and update officiating knowledge	30
Total		80

Assessment

Students must demonstrate competency by completing practical and theory based outcomes for each Unit.

Contributions to Final Assessment	
Coursework Tasks	66%
Written Examination	34%

Please Note:

Students seeking a study score to contribute towards their ATAR must satisfactorily complete Unit 2 VCE VET - Sport & Recreation before undertaking Unit 3 & 4.

VCAL VET Program Structure

Introduction

VCAL students are required to undertake a VET program accredited by the Victorian Qualifications Authority (VQA).

VCAL VET programs lead to nationally recognised qualifications, thereby offering students the opportunity to gain both the VCAL and a nationally accredited vocational education and training certificate.

Aims

The aims of the VCAL VET programs are to:

- provide participants with the knowledge and skills to achieve competencies that will enhance their employment prospects in related industries
- enable participants to gain a recognised credential and make a more informed choice of vocation or career paths

Assessment

VCAL VET programs have specific requirements regarding demonstration of competence and appropriate assessment of competence.

All VCAL students **MUST** undertake a work placement program which sanctions students to match their VET course with their Industry Placement (Structured Work Placement – SWL), as required. Failure to meet this requirement will result in not meeting the VCAL requirements of the VCAA VCAL certificate.

VET - Beauty Services

The Certificate III in Beauty Services (SIB30110) is a nationally recognised qualification developed as part of the national Beauty Industry Training Package. Certificate III in Beauty Services is delivered over two years and includes designing and applying make-up, workplace communication, operations and sales skills, manicure and pedicure services, waxing and lash and brow tinting.

On successful completion of this program students will receive Certificate III in Beauty Services (SIB30110) and will be able to provide beauty services including:

• Manicure and pedicure	• Waxing & tinting
• Make up application	• Eyelash and brow treatment

Certificate III in Beauty Services (SIB30110)

Units of Competence

1. Core

Unit Code	Unit Name	Nominal Hours
SIBBCCS301A	Apply the principles of skin biology to beauty treatments	15
SIBBRES201A	Research and apply beauty industry information	20
SIBXCCS201A	Conduct financial transactions	25
SIBXCCS202A	Provide service to clients	30
SIRXCLM001A	Organise and maintain work areas	20
SIRXCOM001A	Communicate in the workplace	40
SIRXIND001A	Work effectively in a retail environment	45
SIRXOHS001A	Apply safe working practices	20
SIRXSL001A	Sell products and service	20
	Total	245

2. Electives

Unit Code	Unit Name	Nominal Hours
SIBBCCS302A	Advice on beauty services	30
SIBBFAS201A	Demonstrate retail skin care products	25
SIBBFAS302A	Provide lash and brow treatments	15
SIBBHRS301A	Perform waxing treatments	85
SIBXFAS201A	Design and apply make-up	40
SIRXICT001A	Operate retail technology	20
SIRXINV001A	Perform stock control procedures	35
SIRXMER001A	Merchandise product	30
SIBBNLS201A	Work in a nail services framework	15
SIBBNLS202A	Provide manicure and pedicure services	30
SIRXRPK002A	Recommend hair, beauty and cosmetic products and services	25
SIBXFAS202A	Design and apply make-up for photography	30
	Total	380

Assessment

Students must demonstrate competency by completing practical and theory based outcomes for each module. Assessment will be school based. Scored Assessment is not available for this subject.

Certificate II in Engineering Studies

The Certificate II in Engineering Studies has been developed to provide pre-employment training and pathways in the engineering, manufacturing or related industries and accommodate entry into the wider engineering industry.

Year 1 – Certificate II in Engineering Studies (22209VIC) - Partial Completion

On successful completion of this program students are eligible for:

- The award of a partial certificate in 22209VIC Certificate II in Engineering Studies
- Receive recognition of one VCAL unit when a student has been assessed as competent in units totalling 90 nominal hours

Students must achieve the following units of competence and those offered at Year 2 in order to be successfully awarded 22209VIC Certificate II Engineering Studies

Units of Competence

Unit Code	Unit Name	Nominal Hours
MEM13014A	Apply principles OH&S in the work environment	10
MEM16006A	Organise and communicate information	20
MEM16008A	Interact with computing technology	20
MEM18001C	Use hand tools	20
MEM18002B	Use power tools/hand held operations	20
VU20909	Develop an individual career plan for the engineering industry	20
VU20912	Perform basic machining processes	40
VU20912	Apply basic fabrication techniques	40
Total		190

Assessment

Students must demonstrate competency by completing practical and theory based outcomes for each Unit of Competence. Assessment will be school based.

Certificate II in Engineering Studies

The Certificate II in Engineering Studies has been developed to provide pre-employment training and pathways in the engineering, manufacturing or related industries and accommodate entry into the wider engineering industry.

Year 2 – Certificate II in Engineering Studies (22209VIC)

On successful completion of this program students are eligible for:

- The award of 22209VIC Certificate II in Engineering Studies
- Receive recognition of one VCAL unit when a student has been assessed as competent in units totalling 90 nominal hours

Units of Competence

Unit Code	Unit Name	Nominal Hours
VU20910	Produce basic engineering sketches and drawings	20
MEM12024A	Perform computations	30
VU20911	Handle engineering material	20
MSS402040A	Apply 5S procedures	40
MSAENV272B	Participate in environmentally sustainable work practices	30
VU20903	Produce basic engineering components and products using fabrication or machining	60
Total		200

Assessment

Students must demonstrate competency by completing practical and theory based outcomes for each Unit of Competence. Assessment will be school based.

VET – Off Campus

VCAL students may apply to complete the VET courses listed below through the Wyndham Cluster and Trade Training Centres. Students are responsible for their own transport from the relevant campus however a bus will operate taking students to the various campuses. Students who study VET Off-Campus are expected to keep up-to-date with their school work in all subjects.

Certificate	Venue	Year
Allied Health - General	The Gordon (Werribee)	Year 1 & 2
Automotive	The Grange	Year 1 & 2
Building & Construction Carpentry (Pre-Apprenticeship)	Thomas Carr College	Year 1 & 2
Building & Construction Bricklaying (Pre-Apprenticeship)	Thomas Carr College	Year 1 & 2
Community Services Work	Werribee SC	Year 1
	Manor Lakes College	Year 2
Early Childhood Education and Care	Wyndham Central	Year 1
	WECC/Wayaperri	Year 2
Electrotechnology	Wyndham Central	Year 1 & 2
Engineering (Mechanical)	MacKillop College	Year 1 & 2
Engineering (Fabrication)	MacKillop College	Year 1 & 2
Furniture/Cabinet Making	Thomas Carr College	Year 1 & 2
Hairdressing (one year program)	The Grange	Year 1
Horticulture (one year program)	Werribee Park	Year 1
Laboratory Skills	Hoppers Crossing SC	Year 1
Plumbing	The Gordon (Werribee)	Year 1 & 2

An additional fee applies to these programs which must be paid in full prior to the 2017 school year commencing in order for the enrolment to be completed.

Please consult the VET Leader for any course that is not listed that you may have an interest in pursuing.

NOTE: This list is based on 2016 electives as the 2017 offerings are still being developed

VCAL - Literacy and Numeracy Skills Strand

Introduction

The Curriculum in this Learning Program will provide literacy and numeracy skills development and experiences that are important for the vocational, employability and personal development outcomes of VCAL.

Aims

Study in this strand is designed to:

- develop knowledge, skills and understanding relevant to reading, writing and oral communication in the social contexts of family, employment, further learning and community
- develop knowledge, skills and understanding relevant to the practical application of numeracy in the contexts of home, work and the community

Literacy Skills purpose statement

The purpose of literacy curriculum selected for this strand is to enable the development of skills, knowledge and attitudes in literacy that allow progression in the main social contexts of family, employment, further learning and citizenship.

Literacy skills corresponding with these social contexts include literacy for self-expression, practical purposes, knowledge and public debate.

Literacy includes reading, writing and oral communication skills.

Numeracy Skills purpose statement

Numeracy is the ability to use mathematical skills in order to carry out purposes and functions within society related to designing, measuring, constructing, using graphical information, money, time and travel, and the underpinning skills and knowledge for further study in mathematics or related fields.

Curriculum selected for numeracy in this strand should develop skills to facilitate the practical application of mathematics at home, work and in the community.

Achievement at each level

Curriculum selected for the literacy skills component of the Learning Program must be at the award level. Literacy at the award level indicates capabilities that are important for achievement in all curriculum areas of the VCAL Learning Program.

One credit will be awarded for the successful completion of one VCE or VCAL unit that totals approximately 100 nominal hours. Students must successfully attain a minimum of two credits in this strand for each award level that they undertake - one literacy and one numeracy credit. The literacy unit must be at the award level. The numeracy unit does not have to be selected at the award level and can make up one of the five units that are not award level credits.

VCAL - Industry Specific Skills Strand

Introduction

The Curriculum in this Learning Program will provide vocational skills development and experiences that are important for the vocational and employability outcomes of the VCAL.

One credit will be given for the successful completion of accredited vocational education and training units or modules that total approximately 90 nominal hours. Students must successfully complete a minimum of one credit in the Industry Specific Skills strand to meet the minimum VCAL course requirements.

Curriculum selected for this strand can include:

- VCE units such as Design and Technology units (in Foundation level only)
- VCE VET units
- A combination of selected units or modules of VET certificates that are in total approximately 90 nominal hours. Examples include:
 - Certificates III in Music (Technical Production)
 - Certificate III in Beauty Services
 - Certificate II in Sport and Recreation

Aims

Study in this strand is designed to:

- develop key knowledge and key skills in a vocational context that assists the student in making informed choices regarding further learning and/or employment
- provide vocational experiences relevant to student interests and abilities
- provide pathways to further study through credit gained that articulates into VCE or VET courses.

Industry Specific Skills purpose statement

The purpose of the Industry Specific Skills strand is to enable the development of skills, knowledge and attitudes related to one or more vocational contexts in preparation for progression to further learning or employment. Whilst specific VET units can be curriculum components of this strand, the Learning Program should focus on the orientation towards a number of vocational contexts in order for students to make informed choices as to the pathway options available to them through the VCE, VET and employment.

Curriculum selected for the Learning Program should provide a range of experiences within a particular industry sector to assist students to make informed decisions for future pathways choices and to promote the student's employability skills. It is not specifically intended that students will graduate as qualified in an occupational area, but that they will have gained highly relevant experience and developed employability skills for an industry sector.

VCAL - Work Related Skills Strand

Introduction

The Work Related Skills Units have been developed to recognise learning not recognised within other qualifications that is valued within community and work environments as preparation for employment. Locally developed curriculum that uses different social and work contexts to develop the interests and employability skills of young people can be selected for inclusion in the Work Related Skills Units.

Aims

The 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 occupational health and safety awareness
- develop and apply transferable skills for work related contexts.

The VCAL Work Related Skills Units are:

- Work Related Skills Unit 1 & 2 (Foundation)
- Work Related Skills Unit 1 & 2 (Intermediate)
- Work Related Skills Unit 1 & 2 (Senior)

Each level of the Unit One Work Related Skills is designed to achieve learning outcomes important for occupational health & safety and the development of career goals. At Unit Two it is designed to achieve learning outcomes important for work related skills, employability skills and career goals.

If a student is undertaking work placement as part of their VCAL Learning Program, they must undertake the Work Related Skills Unit One and/or an appropriate accredited Occupational Health and Safety unit of competence prior to commencement of the work placement.

The Work Related Skills units at each level reflect the progression in skills, knowledge and attitude development of work related skills. For example:

- at Foundation level, a 'basic work related activity' means a single or basic grouping of activities at Certificate I level conducted under close supervision with access to high levels of direction
- at Intermediate level, a 'work related goal' means work undertaken at Certificate II level conducted under supervision and reasonably autonomous in regard to planning and work activities
- at Senior level, a 'complex work-related project' involves work undertaken at Certificate II/III level, conducted under supervision and autonomous in regard to planning and work activities

Curriculum selected for this strand must be drawn from nationally recognised certificates or training package qualifications at the intermediate and senior level. At the foundation level curriculum selected can be drawn from either nationally recognised certificates or training package qualifications or a VCE unit that has a vocational focus e.g. VCE Design and Technology.

Work Related Skills VCAL units can be delivered through work placement in community settings.

Work Related Skills purpose statement

The Work Related Skills Units are designed for use within the Work Related Skills Strand of VCAL. The purpose of the Work Related Skills Strand is to develop skills, knowledge and attitudes valued within community and work environments as a preparation for employment. The development of employability skills within this strand provides learners with a capacity to consider and choose from the range of pathways open to them. The development of Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) knowledge provides learners with the necessary preparation for the workplace.

The Key Competencies that are the basis of the Work Related Skills Units are as follows:

- collecting, analysing and organising information
- communicating ideas and information
- planning and organising activities
- working with others and in teams
- using mathematical ideas and techniques
- solving problems

VCAL - Personal Development Skills Strand

Introduction

The Personal Development Skills units have been developed to recognise learning, not recognised within other qualifications, that is valued within the community and that develops the knowledge, skills and attributes identified in this strand.

The units enable students to develop personal development skills through participation in locally developed curriculum. Locally developed programs must enable the achievement of the Personal Development Skills unit learning outcomes.

Aims

The Personal Development Skills units are designed to develop:

- self-awareness
- improved health and wellbeing
- commitment to, and achievement of, personal goals
- social and community awareness
- civic and civil responsibility

The Personal Development Skills Strand is designed at three levels – Foundation, Intermediate and Senior. These levels reflect the progression in knowledge, skills and attributes relating to personal development.

Two units exist in each level. Unit One focuses on the development of appropriate knowledge, skills and attributes in relation to self, personal organisation, planning skills, problem solving and interpersonal skills. This can be achieved through participation in activities related to person, health and wellbeing, educational, social or family experiences of a practical nature. Unit Two focuses on the development of appropriate knowledge, skills and attributes in relation to community engagement, social awareness, interpersonal skills, planning and organisational skills.

Many youth development programs delivered by VCAL providers will involve students in out of provider activities and/or community based projects. Learning programs that incorporate a youth development philosophy will require a commitment to flexible learning and delivery.

Personal Development Skills Purpose Statement

The purpose of the Personal Development Skills Strand is to develop knowledge, skills and attributes that lead towards the development of self, understanding social responsibility, participating in and building community, civic and civil responsibility and improved self-confidence and self-esteem. The development of knowledge, skills and attributes in this strand underpins the development of skills in the three other VCAL curriculum strands.

Personal development includes self-esteem and personal qualities developed through valuing personal achievement and contributions for the benefit of the community or personal growth. This may involve demonstration of leadership, teamwork skills, accepting responsibility for goal achievement and reflecting on knowledge and skills for decision making and problem solving. Locally designed programs can be developed to enable students to meet the learning outcomes of a Personal Development Skills VCAL unit.

Gaining credit/s toward the award of the VCAL

Students must successfully complete a minimum of one VCAL Personal Development Skills unit at the award level (or above) they are enrolled in to meet the VCAL course requirements.