

MacKillop College

Senior Pathways

Information Session
and
Subject Selection Process



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MacKillop College Prayer

Creator God, today is your gift and your challenge.
Open our hearts to the needs of others;
Help us use today to make a difference to them
and to our world.

Jesus, Word of God, model of what it is to be
human.

May the words we speak bring understanding,
peace and reconciliation.



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MacKillop College Prayer

Spirit of God, source of freedom and joy.
Shape our lives as you shaped the life of Mary
MacKillop: Guide us to be, like her, your
compassion and mercy.

St Joseph

Guide us

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop

Pray for us



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Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority (VCAA)

VCAA offers 2 senior qualifications:

- Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE)
- Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning (VCAL)



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What are the options for students?



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Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE)



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Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE)

- Designed to be completed over 2 years
 - Year 11 – Unit 1 & 2
 - Year 12 – Unit 3 & 4
- Students must complete a minimum of 16 units, which must include:
 - Three units from the English group, two of which must be a Unit 3 & 4 sequence
 - Three sequences of Units 3 & 4 studies, other than English
 - Minimum of 50 hours class time per unit



Assessment Definitions

SAC (School Assessed Coursework):

- Completed in class
- Form of graded assessment used to measure students' performance in any Unit 1, 2, 3 or 4 subject (eg test, essay)



Assessment Definitions

SAT (School Assessed Task):

- Completed in class over an extended period of time, usually several weeks or even months
- SAT's are used in the arts subjects

All SAC's and SAT's are marked internally



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Study Score

- In Unit 3 & 4 subjects, school-based assessments (SACs and SATs) and examinations contribute to a **Study Score**
- Score (0 – 50) which indicates a student's performance in a subject relative to all other students who have taken that same subject
- A study score of 30 means a student is right in the middle of the ranking for a particular subject



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Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank (ATAR)

The ATAR is a **rank** and is determined by adding the **Study Scores** of the best (primary) four Unit 3 & 4 subjects, **including English**, and 10% of the score obtained in the student's fifth and/or sixth subject

NOTE: Students must successfully complete a Unit 3 & 4 from the English group to gain an ATAR score



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ATAR Example

Study	Raw Study Score	Scaled Study Score	Aggregate Contribution
English	42	41	41
Legal Studies	45	45	45
Economics	38	40	40
Health & Human Development	40	37	3.7
Literature	35	34	3.4
Further Maths	46	45	45
Aggregate			178.1
ATAR			96.5



An explanation of Scaling



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VCE Bacalaureate

- Satisfactorily complete VCE (additional recognition)
- Must complete:
 - Unit 3 & 4 of English / English Language / Literature with a study score of 30 or above
 - Unit 3 & 4 Mathematical Methods or Specialist Maths
 - Unit 3 & 4 in a VCE language



Non-Scored Alternative Pathway (VCE Support Program)

- To receive a VCE pass
- To allow entry into courses that do not require an ATAR score
- Alleviates unnecessary stress when an ATAR score is not required
- Complete one subject less to allow additional supervised study time (500 mins per cycle)



***Victorian Certificate
of
Applied Learning
(VCAL)***



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Aim of VCAL

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



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VCAL

The principles underpinning the VCAL are:

- new accredited pathways for secondary students
- tailoring a program to suit students' interests
- personal development
- development of work related and industry specific skills (*Example: Electrical*)



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Statistics (2016)

Schools offering VCAL	448
Catholic Schools offering VCAL	83
Students enrolled	23,784
Students enrolled in Catholic Schools	3,406



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VCAL Levels

Three flexible entry and exit levels: **Foundation**, **Intermediate** and **Senior**

- At **Foundation** level - close supervision and high levels of direction
- At **Intermediate** level – close supervision with independent learning in regard to planning and work activities
- **Senior** level - learning is self-directed with tasks that require leadership and decision making



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VCAL Curriculum

Four Strands:

- Literacy and Numeracy Skills
- Work Related Skills
- Personal Development Skills
- Industry Specific Skills (VET studies)

Additional Studies:

- VET Creative Industries
- Religious Education



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VCAL Subject Selection

- Complete on-line using web preferences
- “**Expression of Interest Form**” must be completed – obtain from the VCAL Leader (Mrs Arends)
- Submit to **VCAL Leader** (JC Office) by
Tuesday 15 August
- You will be required to attend an interview with the VCAL Leader to discuss your application



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***Vocational Education &
Training (VET)
and
School Based Apprenticeships
and Traineeships (SBATs)***



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What is VET?

Vocational Education and Training

- Nationally recognised certificate
- Delivered in schools or TAFE
- Different certificate qualifications
- Recognised in both VCE and VCAL program



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VCE VET Programs

VCE VET Programs on offer at MacKillop:

- Certificate II Business
- Certificate III Music (Technical Production)*
- Certificate II Sport and Recreation

* Partial completion



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VCAL VET Programs

VCE VET Programs on offer at MacKillop:

- Certificate III Music (Technical Production)*
- Certificate II Sport and Recreation
- Certificate II Business
- Certificate III Beauty Services*
- Certificate II Engineering
(Fabrication/Mechanical)

* Partial completion



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VET Off-Campus Programs for VCAL Students

- Engineering (MacKillop)
- Automotive (The Grange)
- Building and Construction (Thomas Carr)
- Electrotechnology (Wyndham Central)
- Wyndham VET Cluster
 - Allied Health
 - Hairdressing
 - Early Childhood Education and Care
 - Catering Operations



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School Based Apprenticeships and Traineeships

- SBATs enable students to gain technical and vocational qualifications whilst completing studies at school (Part-time apprenticeships)
- Attendance at TAFE, 1 day/week or weekly blocks
- Paid work placement, usually one day each per week

Available to those students completing VCAL only



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Sports Education and Development Australia (SEDA)



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SEDA Program

- Program combines VCAL and VET qualifications
- 2 or 3 year Program:
 - Program 1 (Year 11) - MacKillop
 - Program 2 (Year 12) - MacKillop
 - Program 3 (Year 13) – SEDA Group



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Program 1

- VET (Certificate II Sport and Recreation)
 - VCAL



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Program 2

- VET (Certificate III Sport and Recreation)
- VCAL



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Program 3

- VET (Diploma of Sport Development)
- Certificate IV in Fitness



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Curriculum

- Coaching
- Fitness
- Community Programs
- Community Recreation Events
- Outdoor Activities
- Nutrition
- Wellbeing
- Literacy and Numeracy
- Work Skills
- First Aid



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SPORTS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS



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SEDA Selection

- “Expression of Interest Form” must be completed – obtain from Year Level Coordinators
- Submit with ‘SEDA Subject Selection Form’ and ‘Web Preferences Receipt’



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Online Subject Selection Process



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The Process

- Read the *Senior Pathways Handbooks* carefully
- Ask other students about their experience of subjects
- Ask teachers about the curriculum, assessment and homework. (All subjects have a theory component)
- Consult VICTER and think post Year 12



Completing Subject Selection Form

- Complete [VCE Subject Selection Form](#) or [VCAL Subject Selection Form](#) or [SEDA Subject Selection Form](#)
- Follow [Web Preferences Access Guide](#)
- Print the [Web Preference Receipt](#)
- Submit both forms to your Homeroom Teacher



Attendance

- Presence in class is a requirement for gaining VCAL / VCE qualifications. Consistent attendance at school is also vital if students are to reach their potential
- At MacKillop College, an attendance rate of 95% is required for all VCAL / VCE classes in order to pass the unit
- Attendance less than 80% (Approved or unapproved) will result in an 'N' for that unit



Completion of Unit 3 & 4 Subjects

Students receiving:

- less than 60% on their final Unit 1 &/or 2
Semester exam may not be allowed to complete that subject in Unit 3 & 4
- an 'N' - will not be allowed to complete subsequent unit of that subject



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Timeline

- Web preferences closes **Tuesday 15 August**
- Final subject choices will be determined during Term 3, however, some students will not have subject choices finalised until the examinations have been graded
- Students who are required to reselect subjects will have the opportunity to do so **Mid November**



A Final Comment on Subject Selection

- Have clear goals
- Keep selections broad, especially if unsure of your future pathway
- Select subjects:
 - Personal interest and enjoy
 - Known ability and past success in a particular area of study
 - Career aspirations (check pre-requisites)



Senior Pathways Information Night

Tuesday 8 August



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