Choosing a VCE Course

- What are my Gifts?
- What “work callings” operate in my family?
- The VCE Certificate opens many more doors than does a “Year 10 Certificate”.
- More than just a requirement for tertiary study.
VCE REQUIREMENTS

• Satisfactory (S) completion of **16 Units** over the Senior School years.

• An “S” in 3 out of the 4 VCE “English” units, but University entrance requires an “S” in units 3 and 4 of an **English** study.

• A minimum of 3 unit 3/4 sequences (can all be VCE-VET [Vocational Educational Training] courses).

• This means a minimum of 4 Year-12 (3/4) studies = 8 units.
Tertiary Entrance Requirements

- Determined by your performance in school assessment tasks (SACs, SATs) and end of year exams in VCE 3/4 Studies.
- Results in a percentage rank called the Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR)
- The ATAR determines a student’s place in the state for that year.
- Selection into about 80% of courses uses the ATAR as sole selection criterion.
How is the ATAR Calculated?

- Uses only Unit 3/4 VCE and or VCE/VET 3/4 scaled study scores. Study scores (out of 50) are scaled up or down depending on “difficulty”.

- The scaled score for English or Literature (the best is included) plus the next best 3 scaled study scores plus 10% of the 5th & 6th scaled study scores.

- Exam performances are critical. So exam technique needs to be a key focus for the rest of your school life!
Tertiary Entrance Requirements II

- All tertiary courses have at least ONE pre-requisite subject. This is English or Literature.

- Some tertiary courses have recommended subjects. Typically “One of…….”

- There maybe other requirements e.g.: medical examination, folio etc.
Some Excellent Resources I

- Mrs. Koole, the Careers Centre and Careers Newsletter emailed to parents and students fortnightly and also on the MECS website.
- Please email Mrs Koole at any time with questions or to make an appointment: akoole@meecs.vic.edu.au
- The VCAA publication “Where to now?”
Some Excellent Resources II

  (Note the educational requirements and the employment opportunities.)

- The VTAC (Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre) website (www.vtac.edu.au) and its publications.
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VTAC Guide 2015
You can now download the VTAC Guide 2015. Visit the publications page to download a PDF.

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Click on CourseLink

What's new

For a list of new courses, cancelled courses and course changes since June 2014, check course updates.
To receive regular course updates and other news subscribe to our blog via RSS or email (use the subscription box).

CourseLink

Australian secondary students can use VTAC CourseLink to keep track of courses that interest them. Set up an account or login

Careers Practitioners

Careers Practitioners can access:
- VTAC Careers Practitioners' website
- VTAC CourseLink

Past ATAR/STAT results

Replacement ATAR/STAT results can be obtained by completing a Request form or visiting the VTAC office. You will need photo ID.
Teacher Access
Login & Password required
Initial password VTAC supplied

- VCE and VCAL Teacher Access
- International Baccalaureate Teacher Access

Australian Secondary Student Access

- Victorian Year 11 and year 12 students
  VCE number & PIN required
- Victorian Year 9 and year 10 students
  Register your email account and 4 digit PIN at the prompts
  This will save your program
- Interstate Year 12 students
  Register your email account and 4 digit PIN at the prompts
  Completion of this will allow you to save your work in the programme.

VCAA Number

PIN is your Birthday in ddmm
TWO OPTIONS for Year 10 and 11 Students.

- In the event that you have absolutely no idea of what you might want to study at tertiary level.

- **Option 1:** Build a VCE program and see what tertiary courses can be studied.
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- In the event that you do know exactly what you wish to study at Tertiary level.

- **Option 2:** Consider a specific tertiary course (using VICTER [Victorian Tertiary Entrance Requirements] 2017 downloaded from VTAC) and determine the pre-requisites. Then build a VCE program.
Course CODE endings determine cost.

(CSP (1) = Commonwealth Supported Place, DFP (2) = Domestic Fee Paying includes Independent Tertiary Colleges, FTDBP (4) = Fee type determined by provider.

• E.g. 2800328011 (CSP) or 9150291572 (DFP).

• Most students HECS-HELP, VET FEE-HELP defer- repay when income exceeds $43,150*.

• Applies to Uni. and TAFE.

• Only Australian citizens
Option One

- Log onto VTAC website
- Choose “Course Link”
- Choose Victorian Year 11 / Year 12
- Login using VCE Student number and PIN
- Select “Course Search / Preference Practice”
- Build a course from MECS’s options.
- Select “Course Search” and view all available tertiary courses.
Option Two

• Use “VICTER” option
• Enter your course of interest. Use “The JobGuide” for best terms eg: “Education” (122 courses) rather than “Teaching” (22)
• Look at specific type 1 course information
• Determine pre-requisites
• Now build a course from the MECS’ options.
Choose at least 5 (2 unit) studies from the MECS offerings.

Make sure that compulsory studies are included.

You may choose a first year VCE/VET program-see Mrs. Koole. $250 admin fee.

A second year VET program is equivalent to a VCE-3/4 study - see Mrs. Koole. $100 admin fee.

Ensure that tertiary prerequisite studies are met by checking the VTAC website or with a staff member.
Choosing a 3/4 Study in Year 11

- You may nominate to study **ONE** VCE-3/4 study while in Year 11, subject to staff approval.
- Teacher approval required for VCE Drama, VCE Dance, VCE Music Performance, VCE Studio Arts, VCE LOTE or a VCE-VET 3/4.
Pre-Requisites for VCE 3/4 Enrolment by a Year 11 Student

A Year 11 student may ONLY enroll in ONE VCE 3/4 Study

- **Recommendation** from the teacher.
- **Considerations:** Learning behaviour, academic maturity.
- A **commitment** to attend all classes, exams even those held during the holidays.

- **Approval** from the VCE Coordinator based on:
  - **Academic ability** – minimum “B” average in second semester Y-10 of “like” units.
  - **No detentions** for late or non-submission of work in terms 2-4.
  - **Exemplary** classroom behaviour.
Choosing a VCE-VET Course

- If you wish to begin a VCE-VET course in 2015 see Mrs Koole for information and indicate on the preference sheet. VCE VET options are listed in the Senior School handbook and on the Yarra Valley VET Cluster website (please note: Cert II Business and Cert II Aeroskills are no longer available).

- **Fees:** Admin fee $250, MECS will cover tuition fees up to $1000. If tuition fees are higher than this, parents are required to make up the difference. Materials fees also apply and are payable to the host school. Please see Mrs Koole for an estimate on these.

- If you are continuing with a VCE-VET course in 2015 then please indicate on the preference sheet. Mrs Koole will supply you with an additional VET enrolment form to be completed and returned to her. Admin fee $100, Materials fees apply. Continuation is encouraged (as we feel it is of benefit to the student to complete their certificate), hence the reason why the costs are lower than for first year studies.
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A Cautionary Note..

- Picking a VCE 3/4 Study because it gets “scaled up” is a bad move.
- Studies should be selected by considering the following questions.
  - Do I enjoy this study?
  - Is this a pre-requisite study?
  - Choose your course from the following study options.
- Remember that MECS courses meet all tertiary entrance requirements.
VCAL

- If after considering all the information presented on the VCE you decide that the Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning (VCAL) is a better option for you. See Mrs. Koole.

- Visit the Ranges TEC at the Ranges TEC building in Hightech Place, Lilydale. Mel: 38 E3.

- www.rangestec.vic.edu.au
What Next??

Feel free to talk to the Senior staff here to check Tertiary pre-requisites or to find out about specific VCE courses.

Use the VTAC website at home/school to investigate your options.

VCAA website www.vcaa.vic.edu.au

Fill in the “Subject Selection Form” and submit by next Thursday (7/8/14) to SS Office.