
Nunawading Christian College

Next Step to VCE Information Night





Tonight's program:

1. VCE/ VET/ VCAL - what's the difference
2. The VCE overview
3. The NCC VCE Experience
4. Eunice's Experience
5. What's next for Yr 10 - Class of 2021
6. Q&A

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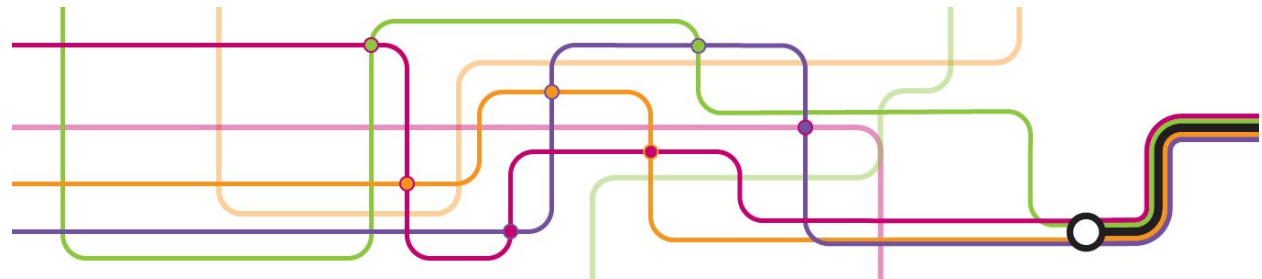
VCE/ VET/ VCAL

What's the difference?

Where to Now 2020

Refer to booklet.

<https://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/studentguides/where-to-now/Pages/Index.aspx>





Where to now? 2020

→ **In Victoria, you have to go to school from the age of 6 until you turn 17 years old. This can include home schooling.**

If you've completed Year 10 but haven't turned 17 yet, you can:

- Stay in school
- Do approved education and training (including TAFE, a traineeship or apprenticeship)
- Work full-time (at least 25 hours a week)
- Do a combination of work and approved education and training

Whichever option you choose, you have to be working and/or studying for at least 25 hours a week.



Where to now? 2020

Options for students:

- **VCE - Victorian Certificate of Education**
 - ◆ Pathway to tertiary education, advanced certificate courses and the workforce
- **VET - Vocational Education Training**
 - ◆ Can be part of VCE or VCAL
 - ◆ Learning in the workplace to prepare for the workforce or further study
- **VCAL - Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning**
 - ◆ Practical work-related experience + literacy and numeracy skills that are important for life and work



The VCE Overview

VCE Jargon

VCE - Victorian Certificate of Education

- Satisfactory completion of 16 's' to receive a VCE (with some prerequisites)
- Student ranking compared to the rest of the state
 - For each subject - study score
 - For whole VCE - ATAR

VCAA - Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority

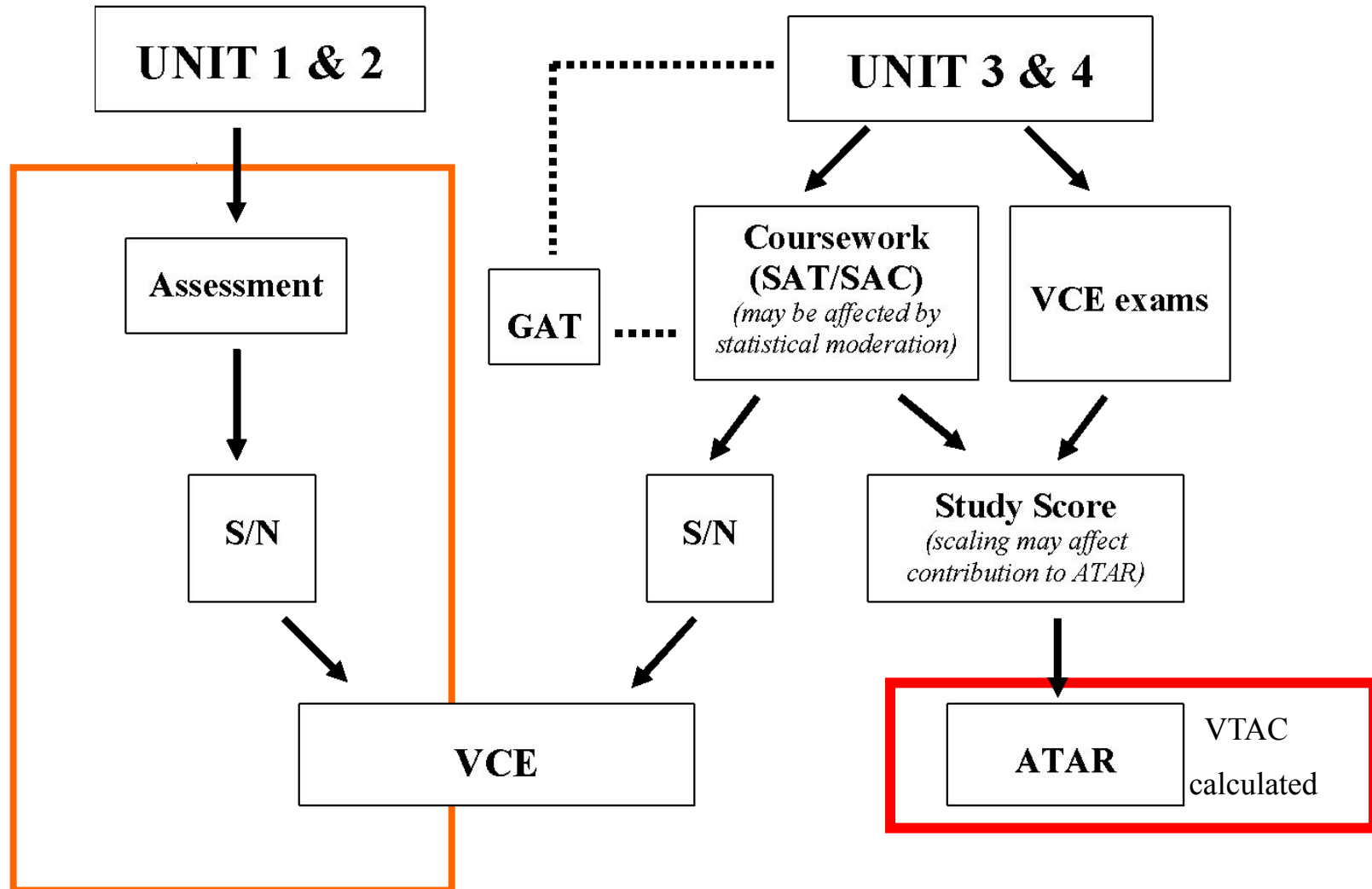
- Role: determine the course content, assessment

For more information, refer to the Nunawading Christian College VCE student handbook online: nunawading.vic.edu.au/vcehandbook



VCE Course Map

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To get a VCE

'S' in 16 units, which must include:

- Minimum of 3 from English Group
- One of the English needs to be from Unit 3 level
 - Need English 3, 4 to receive an ATAR
- 3 other 3,4 sequences (besides English 3,4)



Assessment

S / N / UG / NA - determined by teacher using VCAA criteria

SAC - School Assessed Coursework

SAT - School Assessed Task

- Set and assessed by the subject teacher, statistically moderated by VCAA
- Authentication of student work

Exams - timetable available later, information, examiner's reports and past exams on VCAA website

GAT - General Achievement Test

- Used for derived score and statistical moderation



What is reported to VCAA?

Unit level	Reported by school to VCAA	Contributes to study score
Unit 1&2 (Year 11)	S / N	No
Unit 3&4 (Year 12)	S / N SAC mark SAT mark	Not directly Yes Yes



What is a study score?

A study score shows how well you have performed in a study at Unit 3 and 4 level, compared to everybody else in Victoria who took that study (relative position score).

It is a score from 0 - 50 which shows how a study performed in a VCE study, relative to all other Victorian students enrolled in that same study in a result year.

- Calculated by VCAA
- Derived from SAC, GAT, Exam(s) & Moderation
- Used to calculate your ATAR



Interpreting a study score

50 = Maximum

30 = Mean

23 - 37 = Middle range of students

> 38 = top 15%

For studies with large enrolments (1,000 or more):

- 2% of students will get a score on or above 45
- 9% of students will get a score on or above 40
- 26% of students will get a score on or above 35
- 53% of students will get a score on or above 30
- 78% of students will get a score on or above 25
- 93% of students will get a score on or above 20.



The GAT and External Exams

VCAA sets the timetable

All students enrolled in a Unit 3,4 subject will do the GAT

VCAA set, administer and mark the exams.



ATAR

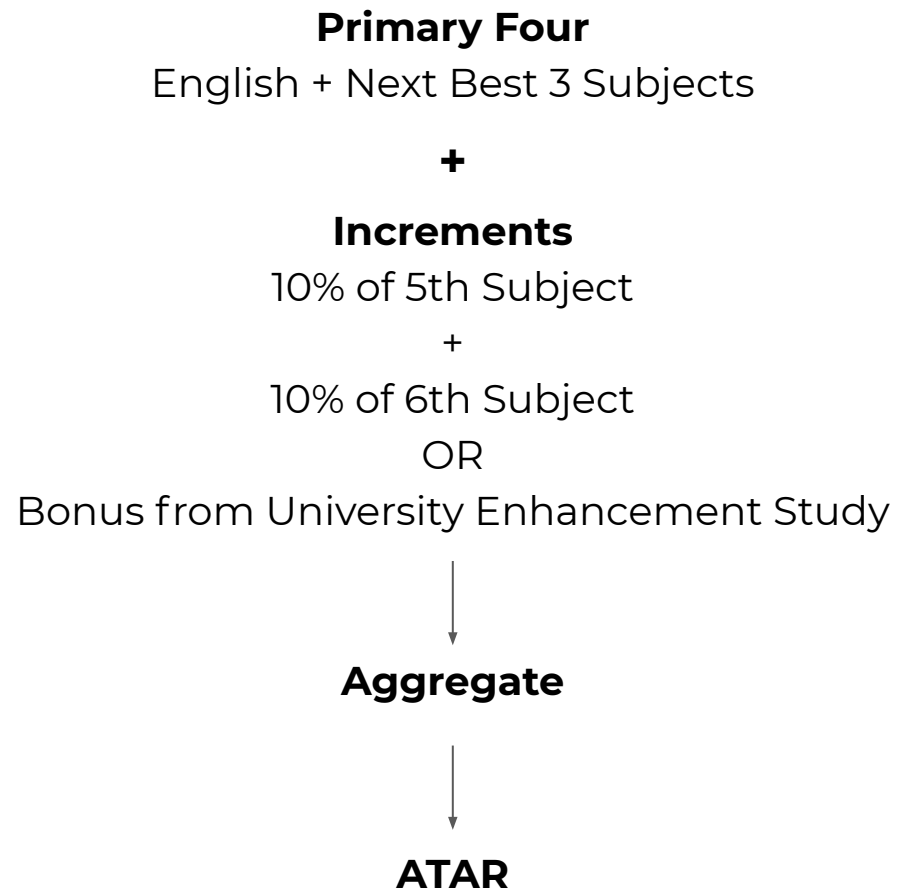
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It is a RANKING (relative position score)

- An ATAR of 75.00 means the aggregate score of the student is better than 75% of other students gaining VCE in Victoria. An ATAR of 90 or above is in the top 10% of state for that aggregate in that year level.



How the ATAR is Composed





Example of ATAR Calculation

English	30
Text & Traditions	35
Accounting	32
Biology	31
Progressive aggregate	128
Further Maths	29 (10% so 2.9 added)
Art	28 (10% so 2.8 added)
Total aggregate	133.7
2010 ATAR	73.80
2012 ATAR	75.10
2016 ATAR	75.45



The NCC Experience - VCE Expectations

Refer to the Nunawading Christian College VCE handbook:
nunawading.vic.edu.au/vcehandbook

Attendance Policy: minimum 80% + SAC attendance policy

Minimum Homework:

- Year 11 (Unit 1,2) 2 hours per night x 5 days
 - Approximately 1.5 - 2 hours per subject
- Year 12 (Unit 3,4) 3 hours per night x 5 days
 - Approximately 2.5 - 3 hours per subject



The NCC Experience: Staff

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- Experienced staff incl VCAA assessors
- Excellent teaching all year - no lessons 'doing nothing'
- Specialist staff trained in their subject area
- Teachers supported by Professional Development and peer collaboration
- Staff know their students and are motivated to meet their needs
- Low staff absenteeism
- Staff share your values and worldview - influences the non-written curriculum and tone in each class
- Cross marking for moderation and fairness
- Regular audits by VCAA - no surprises at external exams



The NCC Experience: Learning Climate

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- Small class sizes
- Positive atmosphere - students thrive and reach their potential
- Non selective: encourage every student to do exams - resilience for life
- Careful timing - course completion allowing for revision
- Students are exam savvy - years of experience with exam strategies, better able to manage anxiety
- Trial exams with feedback - multiple trial exams
- Fair SAC policy (refer to student handbook)
 - Notifications
 - Attendance
 - Practice SACs
 - Exam relevance



The NCC Experience: Strategic

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- VCE Extension Program (+ English modelled in Yr 10)
- Students are exam savvy - years of experience with exam strategies, better able to manage anxiety
- Careful timing - course completion allowing for revision
- Trial exams with feedback - multiple trial exams
- Fair SAC policy (refer to student handbook)
 - Notifications/ Attendance/ Practice SACs/ Exam relevance
- Subject selection is guided to maximise students strengths and option (balance of
- Texts and Traditions - strengthening analysis, writing skills -> positive impact on English
- Maths and Science in Junior school is planned with the end result in mind



NCC Experience: Strategy

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- Ongoing study skills taught in classes
- Edrolo for tutoring and revision online
- Peer tutoring after school on Wednesdays and by appointment
- Staff availability
- School holiday lectures
- English and Text & Traditions 'retreat'
- Staff welcome and work with external tutors to maximise value and effect



The NCC Experience: 2018 Results

Consistently - High proportion of students do very well

10 out of 21 students who completed the VCE at Nunawading Christian College in 2018 achieved an ATAR above 85 (in the top 15% of Victoria)

High Achievers	ATAR
Eunice Lui	96.9
Jeremy Choo	96.1
Philip Morgan	93.5
Georgie Longford	90.45



What's next for Yr 10 Class of 2021

End 2018: Career testing and Work Experience prep

T2W10: Work Experience 24-28 June

T3W1: Work Experience/Career reflection and debrief

T3W2: How to use VTAC

Career Expo Excursion Fri 26th July

T3W3 Subject selection for Yr 11 2020

Selection Night Wed 31 July 7pm