



WANGARATTA
HIGH SCHOOL

VCAL (Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning)

Senior Subject Information for 2021

Year 11 & 12 Courses of Study

The VCAL Learning Area



- The Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning (VCAL) is a recognised senior secondary certificate (with three award levels)
- a practical option for students in Years 11 and 12
- designed to prepare students for further education, training or employment by providing work-related experience, literacy and numeracy skills and an opportunity to develop personal skills



VCAL Offerings in 2021



Literacy

Numeracy

Personal
Development

Work Related
Skills

Equivalent Subjects



- Students studying VCAL can continue to study some VCE units to contribute to their certificate
- Literacy – Any VCE English subjects
- Numeracy – Any VCE Mathematics units, Chemistry, Physics, Environmental Science
- Work Related Skills – VCE Product Design and Technology, Studio Art, Systems Engineering
- There is no equivalent for Personal Development as this is a compulsory subject

Student requirements



- A desire to follow a vocational pathway from school
- Independent learner
- High motivation
- A Vocational Education & Training (VET) subject, or school-based apprenticeship



Student Assessment



- Students will complete a range of activities in their lessons to demonstrate their outcomes for each of their studies
- These outcomes are set by VCAA but there is great flexibility in how these outcomes are met, usually by negotiation between teacher and student
- Work is completed both individually and in groups, sometimes in single lessons and other times over weeks
- Assessment is based on evidence in the forms of classroom participation, collation of folios of work, computer-based learning

Vocational Education & Training (VET)



- A certificate which provides the opportunity for training in, and developing skills for, specific career pathways
- Offered through GOTAFE and Wangaratta High School
- Can be obtained through a school-based apprenticeship
- Completed units contribute to the Intermediate and Senior Levels of VCAL



Work Placement



- You will have an opportunity to undertake work placement on a regular basis (usually weekly) in order to gain on-the-job experience
- Must be organised officially through the school
- Supports your learning in VCAL subjects and your VET studies

Where might VCAL lead you?



- VCAL is a pathway to Technical and Further Education (TAFE), apprenticeships/traineeships or employment
- Previous students have followed a range of pathways once they have completed their VCAL certificate, utilising the skills they have developed while participating in the VCAL program
- University study is also an option, depending on the institution, course, and study completed post-school studies (eg: TAFE)

Sample VCAL Program (Senior Level)



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Sessions 1/2	Work Related Skills	Numeracy	VET Day (eg: Building and Construction or school-based apprenticeship)	Literacy	Whole Day Work Placement or second day of school-based apprenticeship
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Sessions 3/4	Personal Development	Private Study		Work Related Skills	
Lunch					
Sessions 5/6	Personal Development	Literacy		Numeracy	

Further Questions



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Other resources:

VCAA Information

<https://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/curriculum/vcal/Pages/AboutVCAL.aspx>