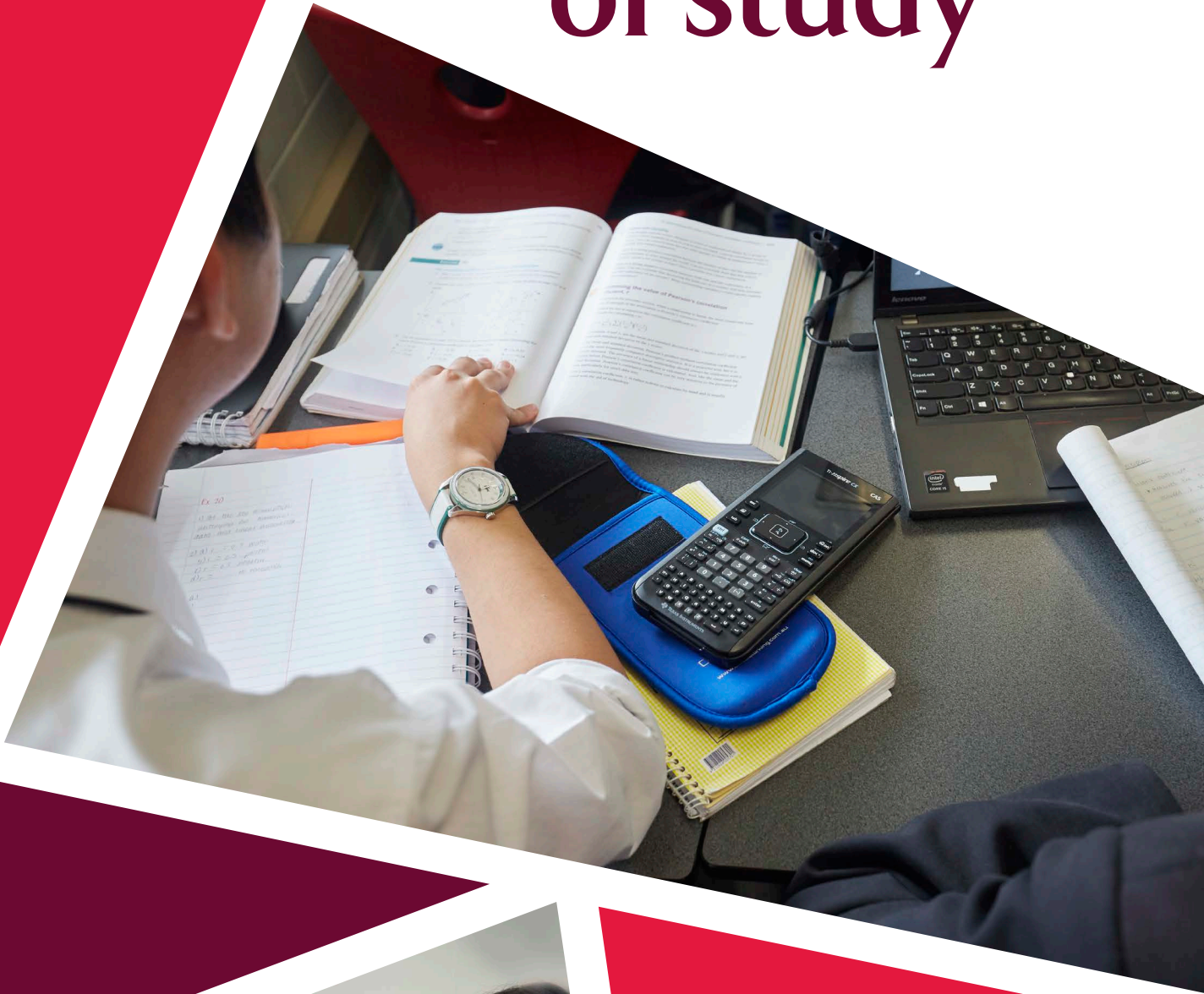




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# Selecting a Year 10 or Year 11 program of study





# Choosing your senior school pathway starts here

This guide provides information on how to select a program of study for Year 10 or Year 11.



It outlines what subjects you must do and identifies how many subjects you are free to choose. The guide is designed to ensure that your selection of subjects meets the requirements of the VCE or the VCAL and should be read carefully before beginning to make decisions about your program of study.

Once you have read this guide and know how many subjects you need to choose, you are advised to look through the Year 10 to 12 Course Guide provided online via the College website. In the Course Guide each subject offered by the College has its own page where you can find out what is taught, how the subject is assessed and where the subject can take you in the future.

All students will select their subjects and program of study online, working with their Learner Mentor, on Course Selection Day.

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## Curriculum overview Years 10 - 12

**The Year 10–12 learning and teaching program at Caroline Chisholm Catholic College offers numerous pathways and a variety of courses of study for students.**

Students may pursue a learning program in any or a combination of the following in their final years of schooling:

### **1. The Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE)**

The VCE is typically a two year program of study undertaken during the final two years of secondary education.

It is a recognised qualification for entry to further studies at university or TAFE or for movement into the workforce.

### **2. The Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning (VCAL)**

The VCAL provides students with practical, hands-on, work-related experience as well as the opportunity to secure certificates and training in areas of interest for their future career and education pathways.

Students who do the VCAL are likely to be interested in entering training at a TAFE Institute, starting an apprenticeship or getting a job after completing secondary school.

However, the VCAL can also provide an alternative pathway to university study.

### **3. Vocational Education and Training (VET)**

VET subjects can be combined with either VCE or VCAL pathways of study. Students completing a VCAL pathway are required to complete some VET units of study.

VET subjects provide a nationally recognised qualification which can be used to gain employment or lead to further study at a TAFE institute after completing secondary school.

Many VET subjects also provide credits towards calculation of the Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank (ATAR).

Students and families should note that additional fees apply for VET studies. See VET handbook for more details.

### **4. University Acceleration Studies**

University acceleration studies offer students an opportunity to undertake university units during Year 12.

The units offered are accredited by the Australian Catholic University or Federation University and provide credit toward future university study as well as providing VCE credit and scored credits towards calculation of the Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank (ATAR).

### **Year 10**

Year 10 provides a foundation for future study in one or more of the programs mentioned above. Students at Year 10 undertake a group of compulsory “core subjects” as well as a selection of “elective subjects”. Students are able to design a course of study that meets their individual future study and career goals.

Students at Year 10 are encouraged to consider VCAL or incorporating Unit 1 and 2 VCE or VET studies as an enhancement to their Year 10 Program.

#### **Year 10 Core Subjects**

- Religious Education (RE)
- English
- Mathematics

#### **Year 10 Elective Subjects**

Selections available in:

- Languages
- Science
- Humanities
- The Arts
- Design & Technologies
- Digital Technologies
- Health and PE

# Year 10–12 pathways

	STANDARD	OPTIONS			VCAL
Year 10	Full Year 10 Program	Year 10 Program with a Unit 1&2 VCE or VET subject			VCAL Foundation Intermediate
Year 11	Full Unit 1&2 Program	Unit 1&2 Program with a Unit 3&4 subject	Unit 1&2 Program with a VET course	Unit 1&2 Program with a Unit 3&4 subject and a VET course	VCAL Foundation Intermediate Senior
Year 12	Full Unit 3&4 Program	Unit 3&4 Program with a VET course	Unit 3&4 Program with a University Acceleration study		VCAL Foundation Intermediate Senior

Students may change pathway at each year level, however students who choose to enter VCAL may not be able to re-enter the VCE Program.

## Selecting a Year 10 or Year 11 Program

### YEAR 10 PROGRAM

In Year 10 students need to select 13 units (6 units in each semester and 1 unit of Religious Education that runs for the whole year).

Some units are compulsory and all Year 10 students must select them, for example:

- all Year 10 students must study RE for the whole year.
- all Year 10 students must study an English for the whole year.
- all Year 10 students must study a Mathematics for the whole year.

To complete a Year 10 Program, students are advised to select at least one unit from:

- Science
- Health and PE
- Humanities
- The Arts or Design and Technologies.

Students in Year 10 are encouraged to consider a Unit 1&2 VCE or VET subject as part of their program of study.

SAMPLE YEAR 10 PROGRAM	
Religious Education (1 unit, year-long)	
English	
Mathematics	
Health and PE (choice)	Science (choice)
Humanities (choice)	Arts/Design & Technologies (choice)
Individual choice	Individual choice
Individual choice	Individual choice

### YEAR 11 (VCE PROGRAM)

For students to receive their VCE Certificate they must satisfactorily complete a minimum of 16 Units including three units from the English group (with at least one at Unit 3 or 4 level) and at least three other sequences of Unit 3&4 studies.

For students to receive an ATAR score VTAC requires students to:

- satisfactorily complete a scored Unit 3&4 English group sequence, and
- three other scored sequences of Unit 3&4 studies (these can include VCE VET Unit 3&4 sequences).

In Year 11 students selecting a program need to select 13 units. (6 units in each semester and 1 unit of Religious Education that runs for the whole year).

Some units are compulsory and all Year 11 students must select them, for example:

- all Year 11 students must study RE for the whole year.
- all Year 11 students must study an English for the whole year.

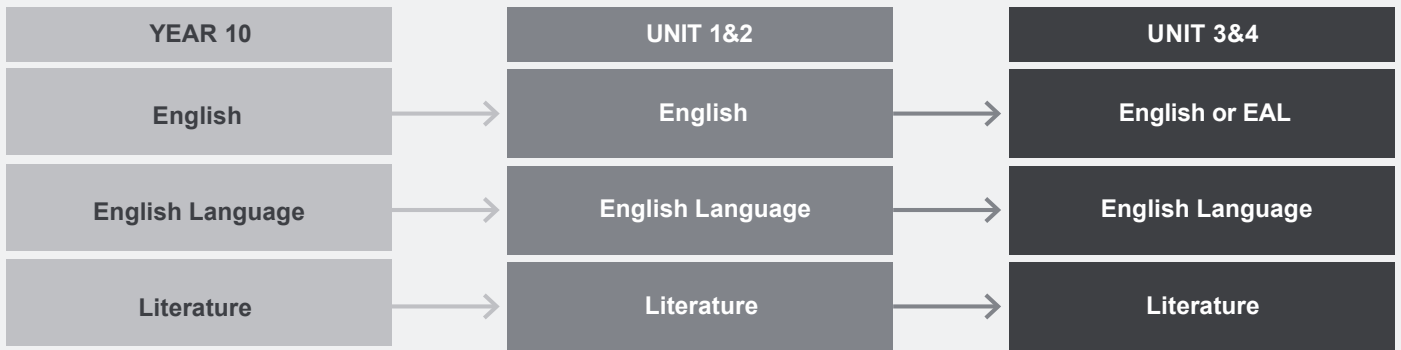
To complete a Year 11 Program, students can select from any of the Unit 1&2 VCE or VET subjects.

SAMPLE YEAR 11 PROGRAM
Religious Education (1 unit, year-long)
English
Individual choice
Individual choice
Individual choice
Individual choice
Individual choice

# English pathways at VCE

English is compulsory for all students completing VCE and they must satisfactorily complete at least three units from the English group, two of which must be a Unit 3–4 sequence.

For the calculation of the ATAR, students must satisfactorily complete both Unit 3&4 of an English sequence. The diagram below represents options for studying English and recommended pathways to best support the assumed knowledge for each English subject. However, students can vary the sequence to best suit their strengths and interest.



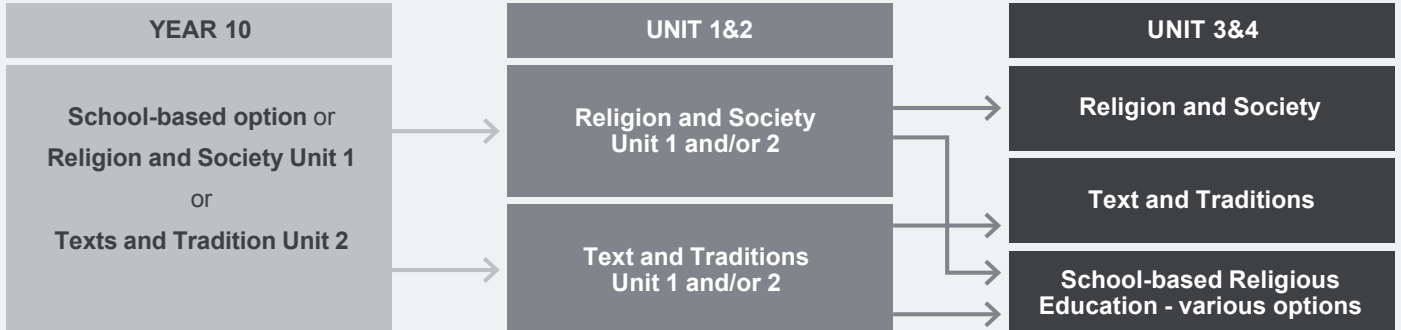
# Religious Education pathways at VCE

Religious Education is compulsory for all students at Caroline Chisholm Catholic College. Students have a variety of pathways to choose from.

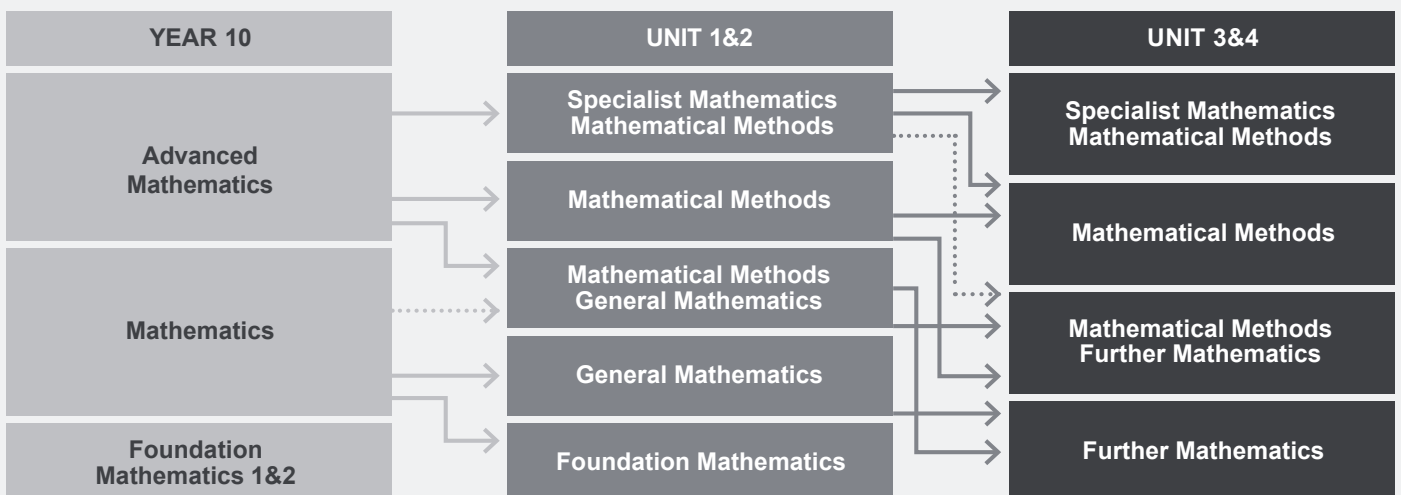
In Year 11 students may study Religion and Society (Unit 2) or Texts and Traditions (Unit 1) as a year-long Religious Education study or select a Unit 1&2 sequence in these subjects. Year 12 students either study school-based Religious Education subject or Religion and Society (Unit 3&4) and/or Texts and Traditions (Unit 3&4).

The diagram below represents the options for studying Religious Education in VCE and the recommended pathways that students can undertake to best support the assumed knowledge for each Religious Education subject.

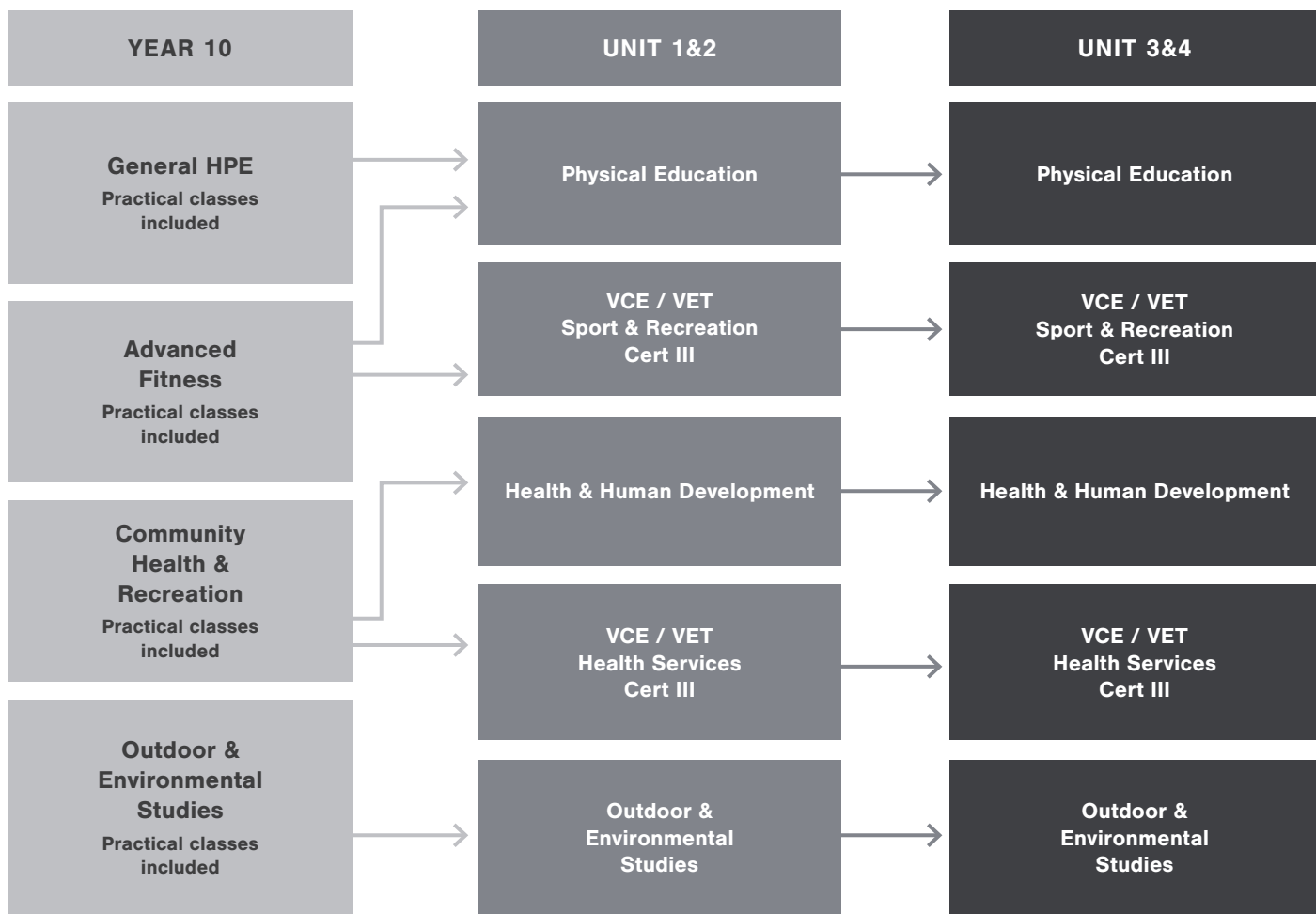
**Note:** Year 12 students may choose to complete the school-based Religious Education subject rather than taking a VCE Unit 3&4 sequence in Religious Education, however a school-based RE subject does not contribute towards the VCE.



# Mathematics pathways at VCE



# HPE Pathways at VCE



## Specialised programs

### Accelerated University Studies

Business

Education

Environmental Science

Exercise Science

Health Sciences

### VET (Vocational Education and Training)

#### ONSITE:

Applied Fashion Design and Technology

Health Service Assistance

Hospitality

Laboratory Skills

Music

Sport and Recreation

#### OFFSITE:

See VET Handbook

### The VCAL (Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning) Program

See VCAL Flyer

# Subject list

## Religious Education

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Journey in Faith  
Religious Education School-based - various options  
Religion and Society  
Religious Education  
Texts and Traditions

## English

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English  
English Language  
Literature

## Design and Technologies

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Food Technology  
Food Studies  
Product Design (Textiles)  
Product Design Technology  
Systems Engineering

## Health & Physical Education

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Advanced Fitness  
Community Health and Recreation  
General Health and Physical Education  
Health and Human Development  
Outdoor and Environmental Studies  
Outdoor Recreation and Environmental Studies  
Physical Education

## Humanities

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Industry and Enterprise  
Accounting  
Accounting and Business Management  
Australian and Global Politics  
Business Management  
Classical Studies  
Economics  
Economics and Politics  
Geography  
History  
History: Twentieth Century  
History: Revolutions  
Legal Studies  
Legal Studies and Politics  
Philosophy  
Sociology

## Languages

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Italian  
Japanese - Second Language  
Vietnamese - Second Language

## Mathematics

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Advanced Mathematics  
Foundation Mathematics  
Further Mathematics  
General Mathematics  
Mathematics (Year 10)  
Mathematical Methods  
Specialist Mathematics  
Elective Computing  
Computing - Informatics  
Computing - Programming  
Computing - Web Programming  
Computing - Software Development

## Music

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Music Craft  
Music Performance

## Performing Arts

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Dance  
Drama  
Theatre Studies

## Science

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Biology  
Chemistry  
Physics  
Psychology

## Visual Arts

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Media  
Photo Art  
Studio Art  
Visual Art  
Visual Communication Design

# Some common questions about the VCE

## **How many VCE Units will I study?**

For most students, their study program typically consists of 24 units; 1 unit in Year 10 (RE group), 13 units in Year 11 and 10 units in Year 12.

## **Are there any compulsory Units in Year 11?**

Yes. A student is required to study a Unit 1&2 English group subject and Units 1 and/or 2 Religion and Society or Texts and Traditions. The other units are of the student's own choice.

## **Are there any compulsory Units in Year 12?**

In Year 12 a student is required to study at least one Unit 3&4 subject from the English Group and either a Unit 3&4 sequence of Religion and Society or Texts and Traditions or a school-based Religious Education subject. The remaining Unit 3&4 sequences are the student's own choice.

## **What must I do to be awarded the Victorian Certificate of Education?**

A student must satisfactorily complete at least 16 Units. These Units must include:

- At least three units from the English group, with at least one unit at Unit 3&4 level.
- At least four sequences of Unit 3&4 studies.

To obtain an ATAR score, satisfactory completion of a scored Unit 3&4 English group sequence is also required.

## **Do I have to complete my VCE with an ATAR score?**

No. An ATAR score or rank is used by universities to determine entry into undergraduate courses. If students are looking to gain entry to a TAFE course or undergraduate course that does not require an ATAR or study scores as a prerequisite then completing VCE without an ATAR score is an option. The benefits of this include modification of coursework. The VCE Coordinator can provide students and parents with further details about this.

## **Can I complete VET Units and the VCE at the same time?**

Caroline Chisholm Catholic College offers VET studies as described in the VET handbook. Students can complete the VCE and a VET at the same time over two years.

## **Can I include VCE Units which are not offered at this College in my study program?**

Yes. Many students choose to study a Language Other Than English (LOTE) outside of school which does contribute to obtaining the VCE. There are benefits of taking on an additional subject in this way, but students need to be realistic about the workload being taken on.

## **Is it possible for me to study a mix of Units 1, 2, 3&4?**

In special circumstances Year 11 students are permitted to select a Unit 3&4 sequence(s). In order to do this, students would need to demonstrate a capacity to employ the organisational and learning skills required to achieve at this level of study. The Units 3&4 subjects would be done in lieu of a Unit 1&2 sequence.

## **What is the best way for me to select my student program?**

You should select your studies on the basis of your interests, abilities, strengths and career ambitions. Your teachers can help you with this. Career information is available at the College from the Careers Coordinator.

## **Can I change my student program once I have handed in the selection form?**

Whilst we are asking students to select their total Year 11 Program this year it is important to realise that this does not mean they are necessarily 'locked in' to that program. There will be one day set aside later this year for students to re-select Units if they have reconsidered their decision. After this re-selection period it will not be possible to change a Unit 1. Unit 2 re-selection will be considered in Term 2.

## **What must I do to satisfactorily complete a Unit?**

To get an 'S' (Satisfactory Completion) for a Unit, you need to demonstrate that you have achieved the set of outcomes specified for the Unit. You will do this by satisfactorily completing the school assessed coursework (SAC) and other tasks set by your teacher. Your teacher will make the decision if you have demonstrated the outcomes for the unit and will speak with you if they have any concerns about your progress.

## **What is school assessed coursework?**

During the course of a Unit, your teacher will ask you to complete several different types of exercises. This is known as Coursework. Many of these exercises will be graded, the marks being used to measure your level of achievement in the Unit. This is your School Assessed Coursework (SAC).

## **Can I complete an SBAT while studying a VCE program?**

Yes. It is possible to complete a traineeship while you are at school. For more information see the Careers Coordinator.

## **What is statistical moderation?**

The grades that you are given in Year 11 are not required by the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority and do not contribute to your Australian Tertiary Admissions Ranking (ATAR), they are used to show you how well you are progressing. In Year 12, the scores that you achieve in certain assessment tasks are sent to the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority (VCAA). These scores may be changed in response to such factors as your examination results and the General Achievement Test (GAT). This is called Statistical Moderation.

## **What must I achieve in Year 11 in order to be promoted to Year 12?**

You are required to satisfactorily complete at least ten approved Year 11 units, including at least one unit of an English group subject. This is the minimum required to allow you to achieve the VCE. In addition, you should have a good attendance record. Promotion is decided by the Deputy Principal (Learning and Teaching) in consultation with the VCE Senior Pathways Coordinator and Director of Campus (Sacred Heart).

## **Are there any prerequisites for Unit 3&4 studies?**

Experience shows that students perform better if they have gained appropriate background in Year 11, before attempting a Unit 3&4 sequence. The Course Guide identifies prior learning for all VCE Unit 3&4 studies.

## **What else do I need to know?**

There is much to learn about the VCE at Caroline Chisholm Catholic College and students will be given information progressively throughout their enrolment at the College. Information about College regulations on assessment, attendance, authentication, dress code, extensions for completing work, lost or damaged work, delay of decision, special provision and many other matters are stated in the VCE Student Handbook and via the intranet. During the year students will be kept informed through the College website, email, Information Bulletins and the College Newsletter.

## **If I have any doubts, what should I do?**

In most cases, your doubts can be cleared up by your teachers. However, always feel free to speak with the VCE Coordinator, Careers Advisor or the Applied Learning Coordinator. You can also contact your Learner Mentor, House Coordinator or the Director of Campus (Sacred Heart). They will all be happy to discuss any matter with you.

# Where to find help

## Resources

### Careers Website:

[carolinechisholmcatholiccollegecareers.com](http://carolinechisholmcatholiccollegecareers.com)

### Year 10–12 College Course Guide

On the College website [cccc.vic.edu.au](http://cccc.vic.edu.au)

### VTAC Website

[vtac.edu.au](http://vtac.edu.au)

The Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC) is the office that administers the application and offer process for places in tertiary courses at university, TAFE and independent tertiary colleges in Victoria.

### VICTER Guide

[vtac.edu.au/pdf/publications/victer2018.pdf](http://vtac.edu.au/pdf/publications/victer2018.pdf)

In this publication, institutions outline the VCE study requirements needed for entry into their courses.

### VCAA Website

[vcaa.vic.edu.au](http://vcaa.vic.edu.au)

The Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority (VCAA) website that provides curriculum, assessment and reporting information for all your VCE, VCAL and VET needs.

### Where to now? publication

[vcaa.vic.edu.au/pages/vce/publications/WhereToNow](http://vcaa.vic.edu.au/pages/vce/publications/WhereToNow)

VCAA guide for students on the range of options available to them in their last two years of secondary school. This publication contains information about VCE and VCE VET studies, the VCAL and school-based apprenticeships and traineeships, and features the success stories of students.

## People to ask

Your Learner Mentor

Your subject teachers

VET Coordinator

Senior Pathways Coordinator

Careers Coordinator

VCAL Coordinator

Deputy Principal  
(Learning and Teaching)

