

Selecting a Year 10 or Year 11 program of study

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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

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 may consider incorporating Unit 1 and 2 VCE or VET studies as an enhancement to their Year 10 Program. To be approved for an Accelerated Learning Program (ALP) students will need to meet the recommendations for entry as an ALP. Please check the Year 10-12 Course Guide.

Year 10 Core Subjects

- Religious Education (RE)
- English
- Mathematics

Year 10 Elective Subjects

Selections available in:

- Languages
- Science
- Humanities
- Performing Arts
- Visual Arts
- Music
- 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 Year 10 Program with an Applied Learning focus			
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 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 may consider a Unit 1&2 VCE or VET subject as part of their program of study. Please check entry requirements in the Year 10-12 Course Guide.

YEAR 10 (APPLIED LEARNING FOCUS)

Some students may be interested in incorporating a VET study in their Year 10 program and considering a focus on applied learning in their senior years.

Students may pursue an applied learning focus in Year 10 to see if they might like to continue onto VCAL in Year 11.

Students considering a VET study, and applied learning might consider a program like the one below.

In this program students can choose from a number of subjects specifically designed with an applied learning focus. These include; English Communication, Applied Mathematics, Science Inquiry and Industry & Enterprise Unit 1.

At the completion of Year 10 students can select whether to pursue a VCAL program in Year 11.

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

SAMPLE YEAR 10 PROGRAM (APPLIED LEARNING FOCUS)	
Religious Education : Journey in Faith (1 unit, year-long)	
English & Communication Subject	
Applied Mathematics Subject	
VET Selection - Offsite or On Campus	
Industry & Enterprise Unit 1	Science Inquiry
Health and PE (choice)	Arts/Design & Technologies (choice)
Arts/Design & Technologies (choice)	Individual choice

Selecting a Year 10 Program

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 (must include a Unit 3&4 sequence) 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

Some Year 10 subjects and Unit 1 & 2 subjects have prerequisites or recommendations for entry. Please check the Year 10-12 Course Guide.

Some students may consider adding a Unit 1 & 2 VCE subject to their Year 10 program. To be approved for an Accelerated Learning Program (ALP) students will need to meet the recommendations for entry as an ALP. Please check the Year 10-12 Course Guide.

Specialised programs

VET (Vocational Education and Training)

ONSITE:

Applied Fashion Design and Technology

Applied Languages (Japanese)

Health Services Assistance

Laboratory Skills

Live Production and Services

Music

Music Industry - Sound Production

Small Business

Sport and Recreation

Early Childhood and Care

OFFSITE:

See VET Handbook

The VCAL (Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning) Program

See VCAL Flyer

University Acceleration Studies

See Course Guide

Giving students access to VET studies and VCAL supports students to build their own pathway.



Subject list

Subject	Year 10	Units 1&2	Units 3&4
Religious Education			
Religion and Society	•	•	•
Texts and Traditions	•	•	•
RE: Journey in Faith	•		
RE: Youth Ministry	•		
RE: School-based (various options)			•
Design and Digital Technologies			
Applied Computing		•	
Computing – Data Analytics			•
Computing – Programming	•		
Computing – Programming for the Web	•		
Computing – Software Development			•
Food Studies	•	•	•
Product Design & Technology	•	•	•
Product Design - Experimental Textiles	•		
Product Design - Fashion	•		
Product Design – Textiles		•	•
Systems Engineering	•	•	•
VET Cert II Applied Fashion Design & Technology		•	•
English			
English	•	•	•
English as an Additional Language			•
English Communication	•		
English Language	•	•	•
Literature	•	•	•
Health and Physical Education			
Advanced Fitness	•		
Community Health & Recreation	•		
General Health & Physical Education	•		
Health & Human Development		•	•
Outdoor & Environmental Studies	•	•	•
Physical Education		•	•
VET Cert III Health Services Assistance		•	•
VET Cert III Sport & Recreation		•	•
Humanities			
Accounting		•	•
Accounting & Business Management	•		
Australian & Global Politics		•	
Business Management		•	•
Classical Studies			•
Economics		•	•
Economics & Politics	•		
Geography	•	•	•
Global Politics			•
History	•		
History: Revolutions			•
Industry & Enterprise	•	•	
Legal Studies	•	•	•
Philosophy		•	•
Sociology		•	•

Subject list

Subject	Year 10	Units 1&2	Units 3&4
Twentieth Century History		•	
VET Cert II Small Business		•	•
Languages			
Italian	•	•	•
Japanese	•		
Japanese Second Language		•	•
VET Cert III Applied Languages (Japanese)	•	•	
Mathematics			
Advanced Mathematics	•		
Applied Mathematics	•		
Further Mathematics			•
General Mathematics		•	
Mathematics	•		
Mathematical Methods		•	•
Specialist Mathematics		•	•
Music			
Music Craft	•		
Music Performance		•	•
VET Cert III Music	•	•	•
VET Cert III Music Industry - Sound Production	•	•	•
Performing Arts			
Dance	•	•	•
Drama	•	•	•
VET Cert III Live Production and Services	•	•	•
Science			
Biology	•	•	•
Chemistry	•	•	•
Environmental Science		•	
Physics	•	•	•
Psychology	•	•	•
Science Inquiry	•		
VET Cert III Laboratory Skills		•	•
Visual Arts			
Architectural Design	•		
Media	•	•	•
Photo Art	•		
Studio Art		•	•
Visual Art	•		
Visual Communication Design	•	•	•
Additional Options			
VET Cert III Early Childhood and Care		•	•
University Acceleration by Distance Ed			•

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, (must include a Unit 3&4 sequence).
- At least three other sequences of Unit 3&4 studies.

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

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 Senior Pathways 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?

Students will be given some opportunities to alter their selected program. This should only be considered in exceptional circumstances. After the selection process, any options for change will be very limited. Also, students who achieve the best results at VCE are those who have a consistent progression and development through the subject from Unit 1 up to Unit 4. Students should plan their program to incorporate foundation studies at Units 1 & 2 and progression up to Units 3 & 4.

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 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 Principal, based on a recommendation from the Deputy Principal (Learning and Teaching).

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 Compass. 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?

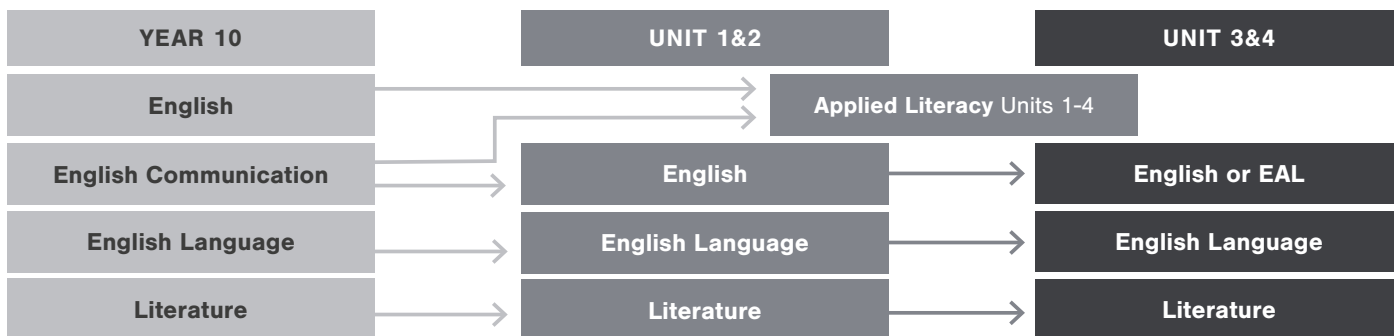
In most cases, your doubts can be cleared up by your teachers. However, always feel free to speak with the Senior Pathways Coordinator, Careers Advisor or the Applied Learning Coordinator. You can also contact your Learner Mentor, House Coordinator or the Director of Campus (Sacred Heart). They will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

Pathway Options

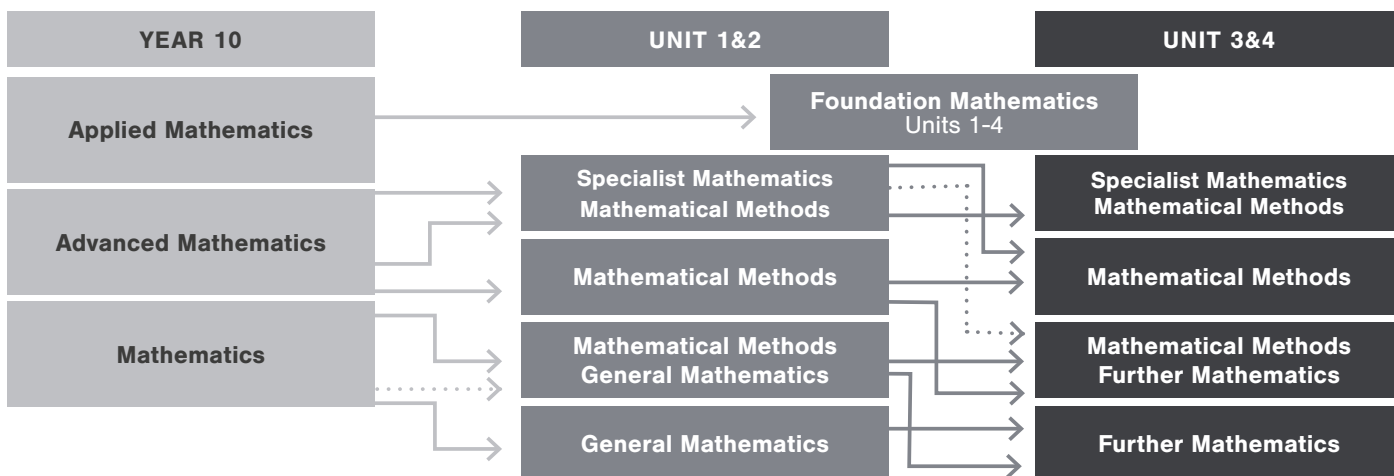
English pathways at VCE

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.

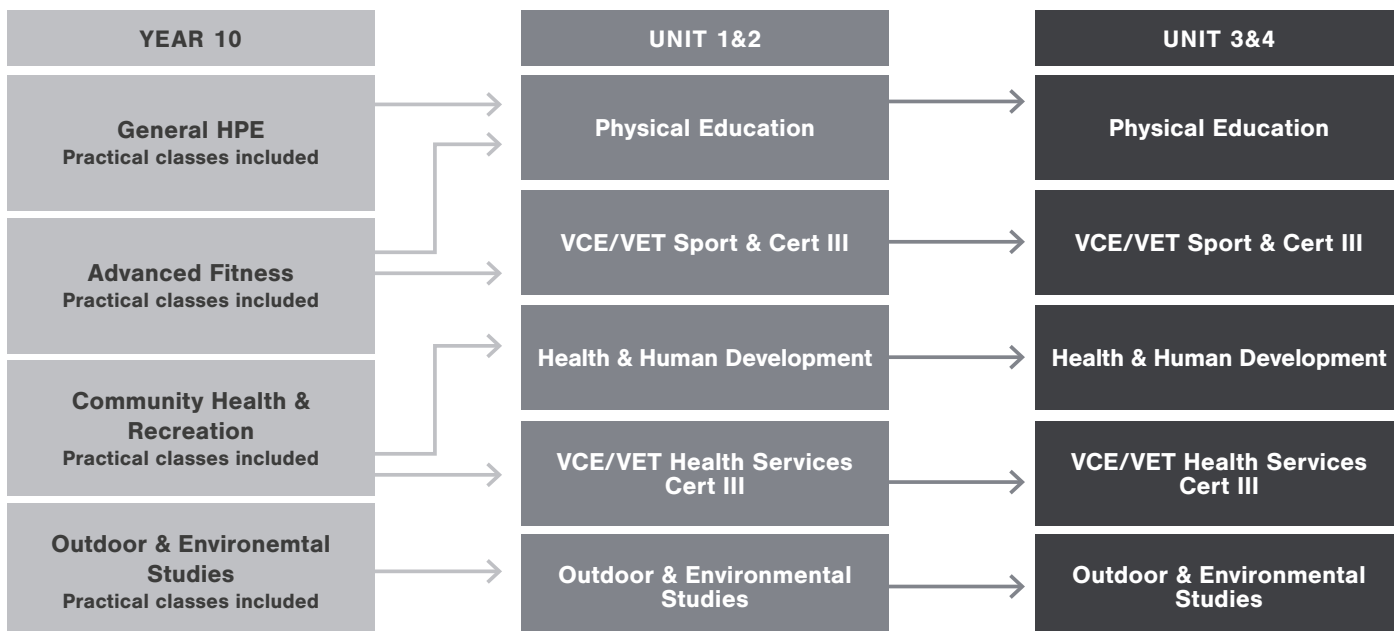
For the calculation of the ATAR, students must satisfactorily complete both Unit 3 and Unit 4 of an English sequence. The diagram below represents the options for studying English and the recommended pathways that students can undertake to best support the assumed knowledge for each English subject.



Mathematics pathways at VCE

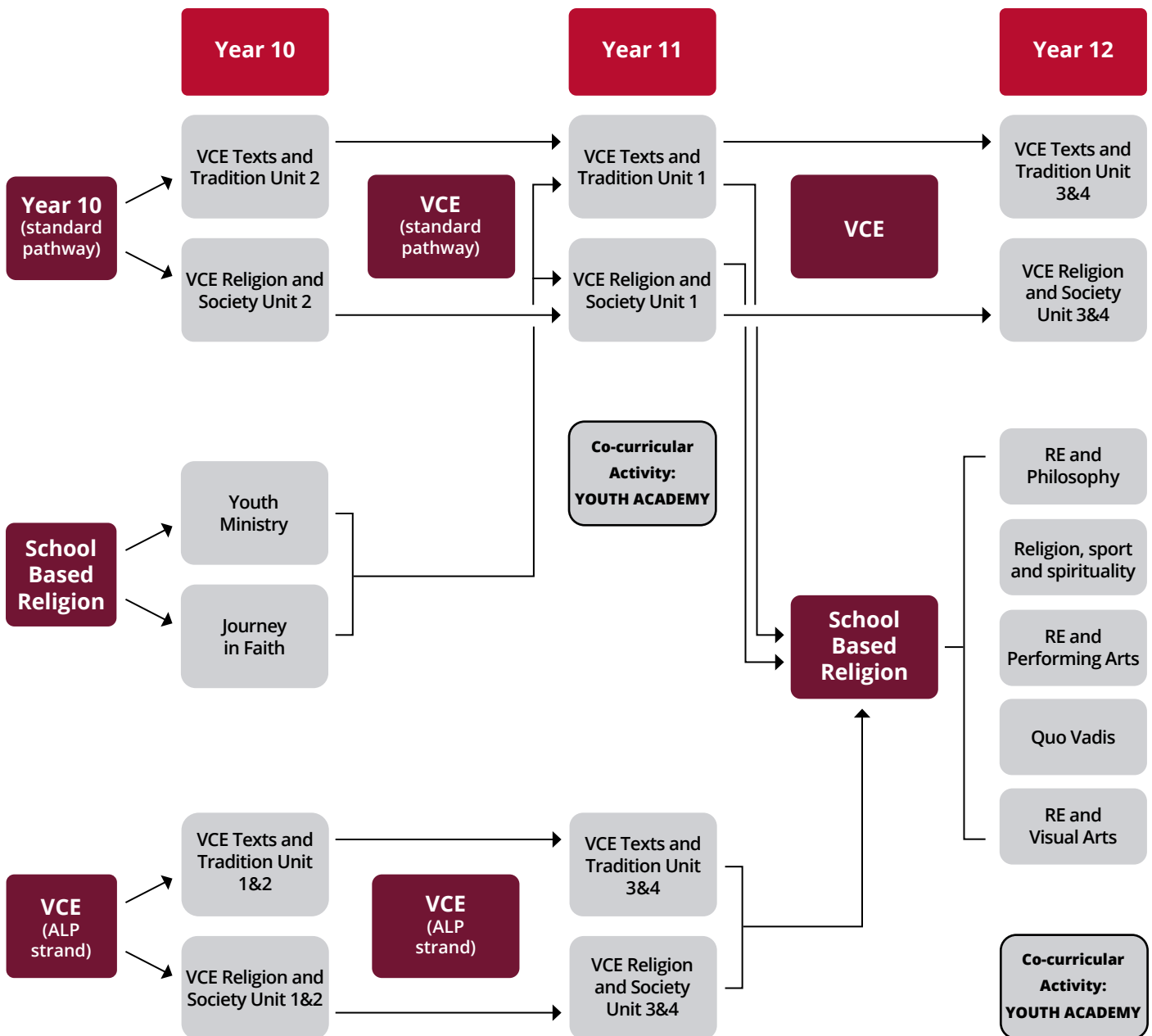


HPE pathways at VCE



Pathway Options

Religious Education learning pathway



Where to find help

Resources

Careers Website:

carolinechisholmcatholiccollegecareers.com

Year 10–12 College Course Guide

On the College website cccc.vic.edu.au

VTAC Website

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

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

VCAA Website

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

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

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