

## For Students Going into Year 11 in 2019

<http://www.damascus.vic.edu.au/life-damascus-learning-teaching-year11-and-12>

### Introduction

The entry into Year 11 is a significant time in your school life, when you will embark upon a programme of study which will result in you achieving one of two School Leaving Certificates: either the **Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning (VCAL)** or the **Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE)**.

**VCAL** is usually a better choice for those students who think they will go straight into work or into job-related training, such as an apprenticeship, when they leave school. Put very simply, VCAL focusses on more vocational (work-related) learning and will help to prepare you for the world of work in general and for a particular career choice specifically. As part of your VCAL course you would be required to attend a VET course and carry out one day of Structured Workplace Learning each week.

**VCE** is a two-year programme of study, which offers subjects, which can be used as a basis for further study at tertiary level. The VCE will provide you with an Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) score, which you may need in order to enter university or other post-school educational providers.

### Accelerated Access

If you are working towards Units 1 and 2 of a VCE subject in Year 10, under the Accelerated Access programme, you may wish to complete Unit 3 and Unit 4 in that subject during Year 11.

### Core Subjects

In Year 11 you will continue to study the following core subjects:

- Religious Education;
- English.

### VCAL

As part of the VCAL programme, you must undertake the following strands:

- VCAL Personal Development
- VCAL Numeracy
- VCAL Literacy
- VCAL Work-related Skills
- A VET Course

To apply for a VCAL programme you must enter the on-line selection process and fill in the relevant [application form](#). You will need to submit this to Mr Inverarity who will then arrange an interview time with you.

## VCAL Personal Development

What's it about?

- Understanding individual and group responsibility
- Self-confidence and resilience
- Values of integrity, enterprise and excellence
- Empowerment for active citizenship
- Teamwork
- Social and community awareness

Activities students may engage in:

- Planning
- Problem-solving
- Teamwork
- Public speaking
- Operating a business
- Personal journal
- Working in teams to produce creative pieces

## VCAL Numeracy

What's it about?

- Numeracy for practical purposes - design and measurement
- Numeracy for personal organisation - location
- Numeracy for interpreting society - data and numerical information
- Numeracy for knowledge - formulae and problem solving

Activities students may engage in:

- Calculating using different number forms, averages, etc
- Estimating and measuring
- Interpreting maps, graphs, diagrams, charts and tables
- Drawing diagrams, graphs, etc
- School-based excursions
- Practical activities focused on; operating a business, living away from home, purchasing a car, credit cards

## VCAL Literacy

### What's it about?

- Development of literacy skills and knowledge that allow effective participation and functioning in Australian society including; family and social life, workplace and institutional settings, education and training contexts, community and civic life

### Activities students may engage in:

- Oral presentations
- Writing activities
- Public debating
- Reading tasks

## VCAL Work-related Skills

### What's it about?

- Developing life skills
- Developing OH&S awareness
- Learning about work skills and how to apply them in practical situations
- Learning employability skills to assist in the working world, e.g. communication, teamwork, problem-solving, etc.

### Activities students may engage in:

- OH&S training
- Problem-solving
- Teamwork
- Personal journal
- Work experience

## VCAL Application Form

### Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning

To be submitted to Mr Inverarity on or before **Tuesday August 7** 2018.

This form is for students who wish to undertake a VCAL program in 2019.

Please indicate which level of the VCAL programme you are applying for and fill in the remaining details:

Year 11 VCAL	Year 12 VCAL
Applicant's name:	
Year level:	
TA Group:	
Home address:	
Home telephone:	
Student mobile:	
Student email:	

What are your reasons for applying for inclusion in the VCAL program?

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## VET Courses

VET courses are more employment-focussed than most subjects and are completed over two years. They prepare you for work in a specific trade or type of job. Some VET courses are offered in school, while for some courses you would travel to one of the other education providers in the area to study your chosen course. You may choose one VET course only. You must apply for a VET course using the application form found [here](#).

The VET courses you can study on campus at Damascus College are:

- Certificate II (partial) in Building and Construction - Carpentry Stream
- Certificate III in Sport and Recreation (part of the Highlands LLEN VET Cluster)

A large number of VET courses are offered by other providers in the Highlands LLEN VET cluster. These vary from year to year but often include:

- Certificate II (partial) in Agriculture
- Certificate II in Animal Studies
- Certificate II in Automotive Vocational Preparation
- Certificate II (partial) in Building and Construction (Bricklaying)
- Certificate II (partial) in Building and Construction (Painting & Decorating)
- Certificate II in Business
- Certificate II in Community Services
- Certificate II in Dance
- Certificate II in Electrotechnology (Career Start)
- Certificate II in Engineering Studies – Fabrication
- Certificate II in Engineering Studies - Technical
- Certificate II in Equine Studies
- Certificate III in Events
- Certificate III in Health Services Assistance
- Certificate II in Kitchen Operations (Hospitality)
- Certificate III in Information, Digital Media and Technology
- Certificate III in Laboratory Skills
- Certificate III in Music Industry (Audio Focus)
- Certificate III in Music Industry (Sound Production)
- Certificate II (partial) in Plumbing (pre-apprenticeship)
- Certificate III in Printing and Graphic Arts (General)
- Certificate II in Retail Cosmetics
- Certificate II in Retail Services
- Certificate II in Salon Assistant
- Certificate III in Screen and Media

If you choose to complete a VET course in year 10 in the Highlands LLEN VET Cluster, this will be in addition to your timetable at Damascus and will mean that you will miss some of your lessons. You must take responsibility for catching up with learning you miss in these lessons.

You must understand that there is an additional fee involved in taking a VET subject and that you will need to pay for additional materials specific to your course. If you are going to take up a VET programme in Year 10, you will need to fill in an application form and attend an interview. This will be an excellent experience in giving you an idea of what the application and interview process is like before you have to do it many times during your working life.

Students who are successful in their VET applications are:

- Self-motivated
- Well-organised
- Responsible
- Able
- Hard-working

## Damascus College VET Courses

### Certificate II in Building and Construction (Carpentry Stream)

#### Course description:

Certificate II Building and Construction is designed to provide the skills required for a successful career in building construction. Students are introduced to occupational health and safety procedures, communication, work organisation, plan-reading, equipment and tool-use.

#### Possible job outcomes:

This course will prepare students for employment in areas such as carpentry, painting and decorating, and bricklaying.

#### Requirements:

This is a year-long course; both semesters must be undertaken to complete the course. A study score is not available.

Students will be required to purchase safety glasses, protective clothing, safety footwear and books (these will be listed on the booklist). There will be a materials fee of approximately \$250.

#### Work placements:

Students will be required to undertake a minimum of 10 days' work placement. Placements will need to occur in term holidays.

#### Potential pathways:

- Carpentry Apprenticeship
- Building Engineer
- Building Surveying and Quality Surveying
- Architecture
- Interior Design
- Civil/Electrical/Electronics
- Mechanical Engineering

#### Benefits:

- Possible exemption from other TAFE courses
- Opportunity to undertake work placement
- Accredited entry level for other TAFE and university courses
- Pathways to further training

Commencement of programme will be dependent on adequate student enrolment and funding.

# VET Application Form

## Vocational Education and Training

To be submitted to Mr Inverarity on or before **Tuesday August 7 2018**

This form is for students who wish to undertake a VET program as part of their studies at Damascus College in 2019.

Please indicate which VET program (using the VET Course document as a guide) you are applying for and fill in the remaining details:

Applicant's name:
Year level:
TA Group:
Home address:
Home telephone:
Student mobile:
Student email:

What are your reasons for applying for inclusion in this VET program?

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Why do you believe you will be successful in this program?

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I accept that VET courses of study incur an acceptance fee of \$100 and that I will be notified when to pay this amount. An additional charge for materials and requirements (e.g., safety equipment, uniform) will apply as stated in the course details.

Student's signature:
Student's name:
Parent's signature:
Parent's name:

## VCE

During Year 11, you will work towards:

- Unit 1 and 2 English;
- Unit 1 Religion in Society;
- Unit 1 and 2 in five other subjects, which may include VET studies.

So, all together you will obtain 13 units of study in Year 11.

For further information on the VCE programme and how the ATAR is calculated, please visit the Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC) website.

### VCE Subjects

When making your subject selections, ask yourself the following questions:

- Do I enjoy this subject?
- Am I capable of doing this subject?
- Do I need this subject as a prerequisite or a recommended subject for a particular higher education course or career pathway?
- Have I read carefully the notes which follow the subjects list to check the specific requirements of certain subjects?

It is vital that you check the pre-requisites for the university courses in which you are interested and for the year in which you will be going to university (no earlier than 2019).

For example, some courses will insist that you have passed Mathematical Methods, even when you might not think there is a direct link to that subject.

The subjects you may choose from are:

- [English Language](#)
- [English Literature](#)
- [Art](#)
- [Drama](#)
- [Media](#)
- [Music Performance](#)
- [Music Composition and Styles](#)
- [Studio Arts \(General\)](#)
- [Studio Arts \(Photography\)](#)
- [Visual Communication Design](#)
- [English Language](#)
- [Literature](#)
- [Accounting](#)
- [Business Management](#)
- [Geography](#)

- [History \(Twentieth Century\)](#)
- [History \(Ancient\)](#)
- [Industry and Enterprise](#)
- [Legal Studies](#)
- [French](#)
- [Indonesian Second Language](#)
- [General Mathematics](#)
- [Specialist Mathematics](#)
- [Mathematical Methods \(CAS\)](#)
- [Health and Human Development](#)
- [Physical Education](#)
- [Biology](#)
- [Chemistry](#)
- [Environmental Science](#)
- [Physics](#)
- [Psychology](#)
- [Product Design and Technology \(Metal or Wood\)](#)
- [Food and Technology](#)
- [Systems Engineering](#)
- [Computing](#)

#### Notes:

- French and Indonesian Second Language are only available to students who have studied those subjects in Year 10.
- You may not take both Studio Arts (General) and Studio Arts (Photography) as they are regarded by the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority (VCAA) as the same subject.
- If you choose to study English Language or Literature this will be in addition to, not in place of, core English.
- If you wish to study English Language or Literature and not English you must complete the VCE Literature Application Form, which can be found at <http://www.damascus.vic.edu.au/life-damascus-learning-teaching-year11-and-12> and submit it to the English Learning Area Leader.
- Music Performance requires that you play an instrument or sing.
- If you took core Mathematics in Year 10 you will most likely follow General Mathematics in Year 11.
- If you took Enriched Mathematics or General Mathematics (for Methods) in Year 10 you are encouraged to choose Mathematical Methods.
- If you wish to take Mathematical Methods in Year 11 but have not taken Enrichment Mathematics or General Mathematics (for Methods) in Year 10, you must talk to your teacher as soon as possible and he/she will try to formulate a plan for you to follow.

- For Product Design and Technology, you must choose either Metal or Wood as your major medium.
- Art, Studio Arts (General), Studio Arts (Photography), Product Design and Technology, Food and Technology, Visual Communication Design and Media involve the production of a folio of work. Be aware that taking more than one of these subjects can create a substantial workload.
- One subject (two Units) may be replaced by a [VET subject](#).

## Further Help

There are many people with the experience and expertise to help you to make good choices at subject selection time. The following people are willing and able to help you if you contact them to discuss your subject choices further:

- Your TA
- Your subject teachers
- Ms Lawrence (for questions about careers and further study), St Martin's Resource Centre, [j.lawrence@damascus.vic.edu.au](mailto:j.lawrence@damascus.vic.edu.au)
- Mr Tom Inverarity (for questions about VCAL and VET), Building 2, [t.inverarity@damascus.vic.edu.au](mailto:t.inverarity@damascus.vic.edu.au)
- Mr Hallowell (for questions about VCE), Building 2, [m.hallowell@damascus.vic.edu.au](mailto:m.hallowell@damascus.vic.edu.au)
- The Career Hub at the Ballarat Learning Exchange, Camp Street, Ballarat – if you haven't had the opportunity to complete Career Voyage at school, or if you would like to update your profile, contact The Career Hub on 5336 5003 and make an appointment to complete it with them.

There are also several useful websites you should familiarise yourself with:

- Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority (VCAA) at [www.vcaa.vic.edu.au](http://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au)
- Victorian Tertiary Entrance Requirements (VICTER) at [www.vtac.edu.au](http://www.vtac.edu.au)
- My Future at [www.myfuture.edu.au](http://www.myfuture.edu.au) where you can complete a series of questions which will result in a selection of career paths which might be of interest to you