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FOR STUDENTS GOING INTO YEAR 10



Year 10 aims to provide students with an opportunity to build breadth and depth and access to a diverse range of pathways.

The College aim is to motivate students and ensure their preparedness for their Year 11 and 12 studies and pathways.

Core Subjects and Electives

In Year 10 you will continue to study the following core subjects in Semester 1. In Semester 2, the student will have the opportunity to select electives within the core subjects for:

- English
- Humanities (including one week of Work Experience)
- Science
- Physical Education/Health

English

English will run as year long subjects. In Semester 1 there are two pathway options for students to undertake:

- Year 10 English Core
- Year 10 English Applied Learning

In Semester 2 there are four English pathway options for students to undertake:

- Year 10 English Core
- Year 10 English Language
- Year 10 English Literature
- Year 10 English Applied Learning

Religious Education

Religious Education will run as year long subjects. Students have the opportunity to select:

- Year 10 Core Religious Education
- Year 10 Youth Ministry Course

Mathematics

Mathematics will run as year long subjects, there are three possible pathways for students to undertake:

There are three different Mathematics options

- Year 10 Advanced Mathematics
- Year 10 Core Mathematics
- Year 10 Essentials Mathematics

Students are allocated to a Year 10 Mathematics class based on their Year 7-9 results and teacher recommendations. This is revised again for Semester 2.

Core Subjects Electives Semester 2

Core Subjects in Semester 2, you will have an opportunity to further your specialist knowledge and skills by going in-depth into specific learning areas. This will allow you to explore the fields that you are interested in, or are already passionate about for a semester, prior to committing to decisions about your senior school education. Students will have the option to select a subject within the core strands of:

- English
- Physical Education/Health
- Science
- Humanities

ENGLISH

Year 10 students at Damascus College will study either English Core or English Applied Learning in Semester 1 and in Semester 2 will choose one of the following English Elective Subjects:

- English Core 10
- English Literature 10
- English Language 10
- English Applied Learning 10

Year 10 English Core (Semester 1)

What is it all about?

Discussing the way writers and directors create texts in response to the social, historical and political views and values of their time. Reading and exploring texts: examining the features of texts and the way writers and directors convey meaning through structural decisions, narrative perspective, form choice and literary devices

Responding to texts in creative and analytical ways. Exploring argument: Reading a range of media texts, including print, spoken texts, online and multimedia communication and deconstructing the way arguments are presented to position an audience.

What will I learn?

- How to talk about your ideas and ask questions
- How to read for comprehension, inference and form an interpretation of a text's purpose
- How to analyse texts' purpose, intended audience and their form
- How to plan, write and edit analytical essay responses
- How to analyse passages to deepen your understanding of the broader meaning of a text

What type of activities will I do?

- Lots of short reading and writing activities to explore ideas and develop writing skills
- Class discussion about the different way's writers create meaning and their purpose in making stylistic decisions to present their views
- Primarily, assessment revolves around: a film study and a speech; a novel study and an essay; analysis of arguments and short answer responses
- Present speeches using multimedia to convey critical thinking skills and deconstruct the relationship between a text's creator and their audience
- Texts studied include novels, films, advertising and persuasive texts

Why choose this subject?

This study is mandatory in Semester 1 unless students choose Year 10 English Applied Learning

Senior Entry Options:

Students electing the above core subject choice will meet the requirements to undertake the following senior subject/s or pathways:

- VCE English
- VCE English Language
- VCE Literature
- VCE – VM

Year 10 English Applied Learning (Semester I)

What is it all about?

Discussing the way writers and directors create texts in response to the social, historical and political views and values of their time.
Reading and exploring texts: examining the features of texts and the way writers and directors convey meaning through structural decisions, narrative perspective, form choice and literary devices

Responding to texts in creative and analytical ways. Exploring argument: Reading a range of media texts, including print, spoken texts, online and multimedia communication and deconstructing the way arguments are presented to position an audience.

What will I learn?

- How to talk about your ideas and ask questions
- How to read for comprehension, inference and form an interpretation of a text's purpose
- How to analyse texts' purpose, intended audience and their form
- How to plan, write and edit analytical essay responses
- How to analyse passages to deepen your understanding of the broader meaning of a text

What type of activities will I do?

- Lots of short reading and writing activities to explore ideas and develop writing skills
- Class discussion about the different way's writers create meaning and their purpose in making stylistic decisions to present their views
- Primarily, assessment revolves around: a film study and a speech; a novel study and an essay; analysis of arguments and short answer responses
- Present speeches using multimedia to convey critical thinking skills and deconstruct the relationship between a text's creator and their audience
- Texts studied include novels, films, advertising and persuasive texts

Why choose this subject?

This study is mandatory in Semester I unless students choose Year 10 English Core

Senior Entry Options:

Students electing the above core subject choice will meet the requirements to undertake the following senior subject/s or pathways:

- VCE English
- VCE English Language
- VCE Literature
- VCE – VM

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Year 10 Religious Education

Year 10 students at Damascus College have the opportunity to select either Year 10 Core Religious Education or the Year 10 Youth Ministry Course. Students who select the Youth Ministry Pathway will be working from units of work that have been developed in accordance with Catholic Schools Youth Ministry Australia (CSYMA).

Year 10 Core Religious Education

Year 10 students at Damascus College who select Core Religious Education will be working from units of work that have been developed in accordance with the framework of the Diocesan curriculum “Awakenings.”

Students who choose Core Religious Education will be working on the following units

Term 1: Change In this unit students will explore the changing history of the Catholic Church finishing with a focus on the positive action of the Catholic Church in the world today.

Term 2: Community In this unit students research and investigate the history, symbolism and significance of the Eucharist for Christians today. Students will identify ways in which they too can be Eucharistic people in their lives today.

Term 3: Discipleship In this unit students will explore the lives of saints and prophets of the Catholic Tradition. Students will also explore the lives of people living today who are choosing to dedicate their lives to the service of others.

Term 4: Diversity In this unit students will investigate the history and nature of other faith traditions lived and celebrated by people in our world today. It is hoped that students will develop a deeper respect and appreciation of these other faith traditions.

Year 10 Youth Ministry Program consists of the following two units:

- Introduction into Youth Ministry (Semester 1)
- Youth Ministry and Leadership (Semester 2)

Year 10 Introduction into Youth Ministry (Semester I)

What is it all about?

The relevance of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus for young people. What is Youth Ministry and the core principles and methods of Youth Ministry. Discipleship for young people in a contemporary context and devising a Youth Ministry experience. Exploring the themes of identity, love, light of Christ in the contemporary context of the Catholic Tradition. Personal spiritual/faith formation and Peer-to-peer youth ministry.

What will I learn?

- Investigate the relevance of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus for young people today
- Develop an understanding of the core principles of youth ministry
- Examine the concepts of discipleship within a modern context
- Plan and participate in an introductory youth ministry experience
- Examine the concepts of discipleship within a modern context, including the World Youth Day (WYD) phenomenon
- How to put your personal faith into practice in daily life

What type of activities will I do?

- Plan and implement a spiritual experience
- Group discussions
- Personal journaling and reflection
- Creative expressions of faith
- Use multimedia to present relevant messages
- Participation in icebreakers/games

Why choose this subject?

Safe space to ask and discuss various topics and develop planning and organisational skills. You will form connections with peers and the local community and develop confidence in expression and understanding of personal faith as well as learn to speak confidently in large and small groups. By studying this subject, you will acquire skills that are transferrable across all school subjects.

Senior Entry Options:

Students selecting the above core subject choice will meet the requirements to undertake the following senior subject/s or pathways:

- Year 11 Youth Ministry
- VCE Religious Education
- Certificate of Religious Education

Year 10 Youth Ministry and Leadership (Semester 2)

Year 10 students at Damascus College who select the Youth Ministry and Leadership Semester 2 will be working from units of work that have been developed in accordance with Catholic Schools Youth Ministry Australia.

What is it all about?

What it means to be a Christ-centred leader in contemporary society together with leadership skills and techniques to be utilised within Youth Ministry. You will be planning, facilitating and evaluating a Youth Ministry experience and the key principles of Catholic social teaching. You will have the opportunity to explore the role of evangelization and a peer-to-peer Youth Ministry.

What will I learn?

- Define and evaluate Christ-centered and servant styles of leadership
- Develop effective leadership skills and techniques in Youth Ministry
- Plan, lead and evaluate a Youth Ministry experience
- Apply Catholic social teaching principles to modern contexts and integrate with leadership styles
- Learn what evangelisation is and how to implement it in your daily lives

What type of activities will I do?

- Create video shorts
- Group discussions
- Scenario re-enactments
- Work in a team
- Personal journaling and reflection
- Creative expression of faith
- Use multimedia to present relevant message
- Participate in icebreakers/games

Why choose this subject?

Develop leadership skills and a safe space to ask and discuss various topics. You will be able to form connections with peers and the local community and develop your confidence in expression and understanding of personal faith as well as develop negotiation skills when working with others. By studying this subject, you will acquire skills that are transferrable across all school subjects.

Senior Entry Options:

Students selecting the above core subject choice will meet the requirements to undertake the following senior subject/s or pathways:

- Year 11 Youth Ministry
- VCE Religious Education
- Certificate of Religious Education

MATHEMATICS

Year 10 Mathematics

Students are allocated to a Year 10 Mathematics class based on their Year 7-9 results and teacher recommendations. This is revised again for Semester Two.

There are three different Mathematics options:

- Year 10 Advanced Mathematics
- Year 10 Core Mathematics
- Year 10 Essentials Mathematics

Year 10 Advanced Mathematics (Semester 1 and 2)

What is it all about?

This is a continuation of the work covered in the Victorian Curriculum strands of: Number and Algebra, Measurement and Geometry, Statistics and Probability. Students extend their use of mathematical models to a range of familiar and unfamiliar contexts. Students apply mental, written or technology-assisted forms of computation as appropriate. It is expected that all students will have a functioning Classpad calculator, although students will also need strong numerical and algebraic skills.

What will I learn?

Semester 1

- Number and Algebra: Solve problems involving linear equations, formulas and inequalities and pairs of simultaneous linear equations and related graphs, with and without the use of digital technology. Represent linear and exponential functions numerically, graphically and algebraically, and use them to model situations and solve practical problems
- Measurement and Geometry: Solve problems involving surface area and volume of right pyramids, right cones, spheres and related composite solids
- Statistics and Probability: Compare univariate data sets by referring to summary statistics including the mean and standard deviation. Use digital technology to investigate bivariate numerical data sets

Semester 2

- Number and Algebra: Define rational and irrational numbers and perform operations with surds and fractional indices. Solve simple quadratic equations using a range of strategies and explore the connection between algebraic and graphical representations of relations of simple quadratics using digital technology as appropriate
- Measurement and Geometry: Solve right-angled triangle problems including those involving direction and angles of elevation and depression. Establish the sine, cosine and area rules for any triangle and solve related problems
- Statistics and Probability: Explore the results of two and three- step chance experiments, both with and without replacements, assign probabilities to outcomes and determine probabilities of events. Investigate the concept of independence

What type of activities will I do?

Semester 1

- A 'break even' modelling task
- A financial problem solving task
- A measurement application task
- A statistical investigation

Semester 2

- A quadratic modelling task
- A trigonometric surveying investigation task
- A probability problem solving activity

Senior Entry Options:

Students selecting the above core subject choice will meet the requirements to undertake the following senior subject/s or pathways:

- VCE General Mathematics
- VCE Mathematical Methods
- VCE Specialist Mathematics
- Accelerated VCE General Mathematics Unit 3 & Unit 4 based on eligibility

Year 10 Core Mathematics (Semester 1 and 2)

What is it all about?

This is a continuation and consolidation of the work covered in Victorian Curriculum strands of: Number and Algebra, Measurement and Geometry, Statistics and Probability. Students will also be introduced to scheduling problems and critical path analysis. Students extend their use of mathematical models to a range of familiar and unfamiliar contexts. Students apply mental, written or technology-assisted forms of computation as appropriate. It is expected that all students will have a functioning Classpad calculator.

What will I learn?

Semester 1

- Number and Algebra: Substitute into formulas, manipulate linear algebraic expressions and find unknown values. Represent linear functions numerically, graphically and algebraically, and use them to model situations and solve practical problems. Explore the connection between simple and compound interest
- Measurement and Geometry: Students solve and explain surface area and volume problems relating to composite solids
- Statistics and Probability: Students compare univariate data sets by referring to summary statistics and the shape of their displays. They describe bivariate data where the independent variable is time and use scatter-plots generated by digital technology to investigate relationships between two continuous variables

Semester 2

- Number and Algebra: Explore the connection between algebraic and graphical representations of relations such as simple quadratic using digital technology
- Measurement and Geometry: Use of congruence and similarity, trigonometry and Pythagoras theorem to solve problems
- Statistics and Probability: Describe the results of two and three step chance experiments, both with and without replacements, assign probabilities to outcomes and determine probabilities of events. Investigate the concept of independence
- Discrete Mathematics: Construction of activity networks from precedence tables including forward and backward scanning to find critical paths

What type of activities will I do?

Semester 1

- A 'break even' modelling task
- A financial problem solving task
- A measurement application task
- A statistical investigation

Semester 2

- A quadratic modelling task
- A trigonometric surveying investigation task
- A probability problem solving activity

Senior Entry Options:

Students selecting the above core subject choice will meet the requirements to undertake the following senior subject/s or pathways:

- VCE General Mathematics
- VCE Foundation Mathematics
- VCE-VM

Year 10 Mathematics Essentials (Semester 1 and 2)

What is it all about?

This is a continuation and consolidation of the work covered in Victorian Curriculum strands of: Number and Algebra, Measurement and Geometry, Statistics and Probability. Students will also be introduced to scheduling problems and critical path analysis. Students extend their use of mathematical models to a range of familiar and unfamiliar contexts. Students apply mental, written or technology-assisted forms of computation as appropriate. It is expected that all students will have a functioning Classpad calculator.

What will I learn?

Semester 1

- Number and Algebra: Substitute into formulas. Represent and interpret linear functions numerically and graphically and use them to model situations and solve practical problems
- Financial Mathematics, budgeting and simple interest
- Measurement and Geometry: Students solve area, surface area and volume problems
- Statistics and Probability: Students compare univariate data sets by referring to summary statistics and the shape of their displays. They describe bivariate data where the independent variable is time

Semester 2

- Number and Algebra: Explore the connection between numeric and graphical representations of simple quadratic using digital technology
- Measurement and Geometry: Use of congruence and similarity, trigonometry and Pythagoras theorem to solve problems
- Statistics and Probability: Describe the results of two- step chance experiments

What type of activities will I do?

Semester 1

- A 'break even' modelling task
- A financial problem solving task
- A measurement application task
- A statistical investigation

Semester 2

- A quadratic modelling task
- A trigonometric surveying investigation task
- A probability problem solving activity

Senior Entry Options:

Students selecting the above core subject choice will meet the requirements to undertake the following senior subject/s or pathways:

- VCE Foundation Mathematics
- VCE-VM

HUMANITIES

Year 10 Humanities (Semester I)

What is it all about?

In this study, students will be introduced to three areas:

- Careers/Work Experience
- Geography/Well-Being
- History/World War 2

Students will explore the nature of work and preparing for work through safe at work modules. They will also prepare a Resume and cover letter for applying for work. In Geography, students will explore the nature of global well-being and how various factors affect a nation's well-being. They will investigate how these factors are measured and how a country might be able to improve its overall well-being. In History students will explore the cause and consequences of World War 2 and the impact it had on the changing course of Australian History.

What will I learn?

- In Careers, students will develop skills in preparing for job interviews, whilst also investigating the nature and safety of a workplace in readiness for Work Experience
- In Geography, students will investigate how education, wealth and health are critical to a person's well-being. They will investigate the differing nations well-being and how organisations like the United Nations have plans in place to improve well-being
- In History, students will investigate the interwar period and how the rise of different ideologies led to war. They will research and report on an aspect of WW2 and finally interpret the consequences WW2 had on Australia's post-war development

What type of activities will I do?

- During the first semester, students will participate in a range of activities for their classes
- The main activity for half of Year 10 is the Work Experience program (the other half participate in Work Experience during the second semester). This is where a student will find a work placement for a week and experience the life of a worker. Other activities may involve excursions and guest speakers
- In class they will research, map and graph data and other information. They will present that information to the class in the forms of oral, graphical and/or written reports

Why choose this subject?

This study is mandatory in Semester I

Even though this subject is mandatory for all students, the skills developed during the semester will build upon those from earlier years. This will also allow students to have greater depth of understanding of what is required to participate in any of the Humanities subjects for VCE.

Senior Entry Options:

Students selecting the above core subject choice will meet the requirements to undertake the following senior subject/s or pathways:

- VCE Accounting
- VCE Business Management
- VCE History
- VCE Geography
- VCE Legal Studies
- VCE Politics
- VCE-VM

Year 10 Work Experience Program

The benefits gained from experience in the workplace are many and include gaining an insight into a career that students may be considering for the future and/or experience which may help them obtain part time employment.

Year 10 students will spend one week in the workplace. Half of the Year 10 students are allocated 1 week in May 2023 and the other half a week in November 2023.

To obtain a placement it is preferable that students tentatively organize a suitable placement by speaking with the relevant organisation face to face, via phone or email. The sooner the placement is arranged the better. Ideally, all placements should be finalised 2 weeks before the commencement of the placement.

To facilitate ease of processing, students will be provided a Work Experience Information Pack. Students will also have to complete OH&S online tests prior to Work Experience which they will do as part of their Humanities subject. The Work Experience Arrangement Forms are legal documents and the relevant stake holders including the employers need to complete their section of the form.

[Click here](#) to find the required arrangement forms on the Damascus College website.

Year 10 CPDA Introductory Program

Christian Personal Development Award, which is for Year 11 & 12 students, is an attempt to help students to see the need to be proactive about personal development. The Certificate, through its structures and processes, hopes to bring together the many personal development opportunities open to students. By collating the possibilities and recording the student's participation in them, students will be able to have a record of their Personal Development in the form of a certificate. There are four categories that students must consider:

- Action of Mercy and Justice/ Community Service
- Spiritual Development
- Physical Development
- Other Cultural Activities.

The Certificate is presented to the student at the end of Year 12.

At Year 10 level the students are introduced to the Award with a week of activities. The Introductory Program at Year 10 runs opposite Work Experience and makes the connections for the students.

SCIENCE

Year 10 Science (Semester I)

What is it all about?

In Semester I, Year 10 Science covers three of the main Sciences studied at VCE level- Biology (Genetics), Chemistry (Chemical Reactions) and Physics (Motion). Students will study each Science topic for six weeks and will engage in class activities such as practical work, theory, collaborative tasks and individual tasks. Students will be assessed on their knowledge and skills in a range of assessment tasks from laboratory reports to tests and a semester examination. It is important that students are prepared to demonstrate the Social and Emotional Skills of persistence, organisation, resilience, engaging relationships and confidence in their theory, home study and practical work.

What will I learn?

- Genetics
- Chemical Reactions
- Motion and Newton's Laws

What type of activities will I do?

- Practical work
- Class discussion
- Group work
- Theory and questions
- Research

Why choose this subject?

This study is mandatory in Semester I

Senior Entry Options:

Students selecting the above core subject choice will meet the requirements to undertake the following senior subject/s or pathways:

- VCE Biology
- VCE Chemistry
- VCE Psychology
- VCE Environmental Science
- VCE Physics
- VET Allied Health
- VCE-VM

Core Subjects Electives Semester 2

Please note that students will need to choose one elective within each Learning Area listed below

LEARNING AREA	ELECTIVE
English	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> English Core 10 English Literature 10 English Language 10 English Applied Learning 10
Humanities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> History 10 Geography 10 Accounting/Business Management 10 Legal Studies/Politics 10 CLIL French/Indonesian (Content Language Integrated Learning) 10
PE/Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Health/ PE Core 10 Energy for Exercise 10 Health and Human Development 10 - Australian and Global Health
Science	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chemistry and Physics 10 Biology and Chemistry 10 Biology and Psychology 10 Chemistry and Psychology 10 Science for Life 10 Environmental Science 10

Pathways Electives

In addition to your core subjects, you have the opportunity to study subjects that you particularly enjoy and which will help you to achieve your long-term goals.

You need to choose four subjects: two subjects for semester one and two subjects for semester two.

Please click on any of the subject headings in the list below to be taken to information specific to each subject.

SUBJECTS	SEMESTER 1	SEMESTER 2
Visual Communication - Dream Houses and Drawing	●	
Visual Communication - Digital Manipulation versus Manual		●
Drama - Creating Characters	●	
Drama - Acting in Style		●
Music - The Elements of Music and Performance	●	
Music - Composition, Styles and Performance		●
Media - Short Film Making**	●	●
Art - Art with Individuality	●	
Art - Creation with Style		●
French*	●	●
Indonesian*	●	●
Mathematics and Digital Technology - Programming Using VB.net	●	
Mathematics and Digital Technologies: Applications of Digital Technologies Project		●
Textiles - Streetwear	●	
Textiles – Formalwear and Textile Accessories		●
Food - Essential Cooking for Life	●	
Food - Gourmet Food Around the World		●
Wood - Furniture Design	●	
Wood – Dovetails		●
Metal - Metal Fabrication	●	
Metal – Designing in Metal		●
Electronics – Robotics	●	
Electronics - Audio and Digital Electronics		●

*Must be taken for two semesters, leaving just four other pathways subjects

**May only be taken for one semester

Timetabling Consideration

Due to the complex nature of timetabling classes, students will be encouraged to submit backup choices. The College will work to accommodate student choices. However, the College cannot guarantee that subjects will run or guarantee places in an elective class. Complexities with timetabling include but are not exclusive to class numbers, student clashes, and student numbers.

Accelerated Access

Students transitioning into Year 10 can consider Accelerated Access.

This means that you would begin either a Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) subject or a Vocational Education and Training in Schools (VETis) course in Year 10, rather than in Year 11. For VCE you will need to complete the VCE Accelerated Access Application Form and submit it to Mr. Hallowell prior to selecting your preferences online in Term 3. For VET you will need to complete the VET Accelerated Access Application Form and submit it to Mrs. Dwyer who will arrange an interview with you.

Students who are considering acceleration in a VET or VCE subject will need to provide proof and documentation that the considered subject meets their long-term goals. Students considering acceleration into a VCE subject will need to have attained an average of 85% in Year 9 across their subjects, particularly in English and in the subject area they are considering. An interview with students regarding VCE acceleration will take place after submitting their application and entering their subject preferences online.

Students wishing to apply for acceleration must complete the appropriate form and meet the requirements outlined to be considered for acceptance into an accelerated unit.

The following guidelines will apply to all applications:

1. Students will only be able to accelerate at Year 10 into VCE or VET subjects offered at Damascus College
2. Exceptional circumstances may be considered on application to the appropriate Learning Area Leader
3. Students may also accelerate into VET subjects that are offered across the Highlands LLEN VET cluster
4. Not all subjects are appropriate for acceleration. These subjects are determined by the College and in conversation with the Learning Area Leader
5. Students wishing to accelerate at Year 10 into VCE will need to demonstrate the necessary academic ability and consistency. Students wishing to accelerate at Year 10 into VET will need to demonstrate the necessary work ethic and maturity
6. Students who accelerate must have a full subject load in both Year 11 and Year 12, i.e. 5 VCE subjects in Year 12 but 6 subjects will contribute to their final ATAR score. If a student has undertaken a 1/2 sequence, entry into 3/4 will not be automatic. The students result from the 1/2 will be reviewed before being accepted into 3/4
7. Relevant Learning Area Leader, in consultation with the nominated teacher and VCE Coordinator and/or Assistant Principal of Teaching and Learning, will make the decision as to the success of the student's application
8. All students provisionally successful for access to a VCE subject will be reviewed at the end of Year 10. If academic results and work habits are not reflective of the standards achieved in Semester 1, students will not be able to continue into their accelerated subject the following year
9. All students who accelerate in a VCE subject will be reviewed at the conclusion of Unit 1 to ensure they are on track for success. A periodic review will also take place to ensure the students' progress in all areas of study is on track for success
10. Students will continue to commit to five Unit 3/4 sequences in their final year

Students who are successful in their Accelerated Access applications are:

- Self-motivated
- Focused
- Responsible
- Able
- Hard-working
- Well-organised
- Displays consistency

If your application is approved, you will be given a list of subjects which you can begin in Year 10.

The subjects that are offered for VCE acceleration are listed below.

SUBJECTS	SEMESTER 1	SEMESTER 2
II Accounting	•	•
II Agriculture & Horticulture	•	•
II Applied Computing	•	•
II Australian Politics and Power	•	•
II Biology	•	•
II Business Management	•	•
II Environmental Science	•	•
II Geography	•	•
II Health and Human Development	•	•
II Modern History	•	•
II Legal Studies	•	•
II Media	•	•
II Physical Education	•	•
II Psychology	•	•
II Product Design & Technology (Textiles)	•	•
II Product Design & Technology (Wood/ Metal)	•	•
II Art Creative Practice	•	•
II Art Making and Exhibiting: Photography	•	•

For updated information regarding content and assessment for the above subjects, please visit the [VCAA website](https://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/).

Change of Subject Guidelines

- A subject change will only take effect if it can be accommodated within the student's timetable
- Taking time to select subjects that are suitable to the student's abilities, interests and post-school pathway reduces the need to change subjects and thereby interrupting their education. For some students, a change of subject is recommended or necessary

Students who wish to apply for a change of subject can do so at the following times:

1. After the end of year examinations
2. Within the two-week early start program.
3. At the end of Semester 1

Students will need to complete the appropriate Change of Subject form and discuss the change of subject with the Leader of School Organisation.

Please note that VET is a two-year commitment.

Students can also discuss changing subjects with the Careers team by visiting the Careers Hub during recess, lunchtime or booking an appointment.

VETis Courses

VET in School (VETis) courses are more employment-focused 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 will travel to another education provider in the local 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 at the end of the handbook.

Subject to availability the VETis courses you can study on site at Damascus College are:

- Certificate II in Building and Construction (partial) - Carpentry Stream
- Certificate III in Sport and Recreation
- Certificate II Community Services (1st Year)/ Certificate III Community Services (partial) (2nd Year)
- Certificate III in Allied Health (partial) (1st & 2nd Year)

Course Consideration

Due to the complex nature of timetabling classes, students will be encouraged to submit backup choices. The College will work to accommodate student choices. However, the College cannot guarantee that subjects will run or guarantee places in an elective class. Complexities with timetabling include but are not exclusive to class numbers, student clashes, and student numbers. If numbers are insufficient for the course to run students can access the Highlands LLEN VET Cluster to undertake the above courses. A large number of VET courses are offered by other educational providers within the [Highlands LLEN VET Cluster](#).

These vary from year to year but often include: [Click here](#) to view the HLEN 2023 VET Cluster Program Guide .

Certificate II (partial) in Agriculture	Certificate II in Furniture Making Pathways
Certificate II in Animal Studies	Certificate III Information, Digital Media and Technology
Certificate II in Applied Fashion Design & Technology	Certificate II Kitchen Operations
Certificate II in Automotive Vocational Preparation	Certificate II in Landscaping
Certificate III Early Education (partial)	Certificate II in Music Industry (Audio Focus) & Certificate III in Music Industry (Sound Production)
Certificate II in Electrotechnology	Certificate II in Plumbing
Certificate II in Engineering Studies	Certificate II in Retail Cosmetics
Certificate III in Equine Studies	Certificate II in Salon Assistance

If you choose to complete a VET course in Year 10 within the Highlands LLEN VET Cluster , this will be in addition to your timetable at Damascus College and will mean that you will miss some of your lessons. You must take responsibility for catching up with the 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 program in Year 10 you are required to fill in an application form and will need to 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.

VET is a two-year commitment and has a strict attendance requirement. If a student withdraws from a VET program, the costs of the course may be passed on to families.

Students who are successful in their VET applications are:

- Self-motivated
- Focused
- Responsible
- Hard-working
- Well-organised
- Displays consistency

Hands-on Learning Program (HoLP)

The Hands-on Learning Program (HoLP) is a year-long unique program, delivered to select individuals focusing on developing critical social and emotional learning skills and abilities to succeed in work and life.

The HoL Program at Damascus is driven by three critical considerations; student strengths, student engagement and future pathways.

The Project-based learning focus of HoLP allows for student choice and voice in targeted curriculum outcomes, 21st-century competencies and Individual Program Plan goals that may be personalised for the learner.

The HoL Program fosters strong, long term relationships that help young people develop the skills and abilities they need to succeed in work and life like collaboration, problem-solving, communication, resilience and empathy.

Successful outcomes of the program include:

- Bridging the gap between middle school and senior school
- Providing familiar processes and expectations for assessments in the VPC or VCE-VM
- Engaging lifelong learners through real-world context and authentic purpose
- Providing additional support in areas of literacy and numeracy

Students are selected to be part of the HoL Program after careful consideration by key stakeholders:

- TA/ House Leaders
- Applied Learning Coordinator
- Parents
- Students

Note: Students undertaking HoLP will be required to enrol in either the VPC (Victorian Pathway Certificate) or the VCE VM (Vocational Major) in their senior years.

Hands on Learning (10 day cycle) Example

Program Initiatives	Focus
Religious Education	<p>Core Religious Education Program:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engage in a range of units that are contextually relevant, intellectually rigorous, inspired by the gospel and committed to their personal, ethical and spiritual development. Students will focus on understandings and concepts related to the changing nature of the Catholic Church, the history and symbolism of the “Eucharist”, what it means to be a “disciple” or follower of Jesus today and the diversity of religious belief in the world. <p>Youth Ministry Program:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students who select the Introduction into Youth Ministry Semester I will be working from units of work that have been developed in accordance with Catholic Schools Youth Ministry Australia. Introduction into Youth Ministry Semester I is available to HoLP students enrolled in Core RE <p>Note: The periods allocated may differ from original allotment.</p>
Hands on Learning Day	<p>Project Based</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Authentic Hands on focus- creating onsite Building: SEL and personal skills. Critical thinking and creative skills HoLP takes students out of class one day a week fostering teamwork and leadership. Students and artisan-teachers share breakfast and lunch and work together to create valuable structures for the school and local community.
VET Subject - Certificate in Employment Pathways	<p>Vocational Education and Training subject focusing on practical and theory delivery on the following key areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working with others Communication Action planning for career development Preparing for employment Developing employability skills
Literacy	<p>Enable the development of knowledge, skills and attributes relevant to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> reading, writing and oral communication and their practical application in the contexts of everyday life, family, employment, further learning and community. <p>Literacy skills corresponding with these social contexts include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> literacy for self-expression, practical purposes, knowledge and public debate. <p>Literacy skills include reading, writing and oral communication skills.</p>
Elective Program (Selected Art/Tech)	<p>Gaining further specialist knowledge and skills in area of interest.</p> <p>Note: The periods allocated may differ from original allotment.</p>
Numeracy/HAPE	<p>Enable students to develop the confidence and skills to perform simple and familiar numeracy tasks and to develop the ability to make sense of mathematics in their daily personal lives.</p> <p>The mathematics involved includes numbers and data, financial literacy, time and location, measurement and design, and the use of software tools and devices.</p> <p>The delivery of this component will be conditioned on real life, relevant and based on familiar contexts.</p>
Structured Work Place	<p>Structured workplace learning provides students with the opportunity to integrate on-the-job experience with secondary study</p>
Teacher Advisor Program	<p>Core pastoral program focusing on the mutual relationship between Wellbeing and Learning and Teaching</p>

CORE SUBJECTS ELECTIVES SEMESTER 2





Year 10 English Core (Semester 2)

What is it all about?

Reading and exploring texts: building on the skills of Semester 1, students examine the way writers convey meaning through structural decisions, narrative perspective, form choice and literary devices.

Crafting texts: students learn to build the effectiveness and cohesion of their writing. They make deliberate decisions about style, form, audience and purpose in creating imaginative, persuasive and informative texts.

Exploring argument: Reading a range of media texts, including print, spoken texts, online and multimedia communication and deconstructing the way arguments are presented to position an audience.

What will I learn?

- How to discuss ideas and ask questions to interrogate issues
- The way vocabulary, sentence structure and narrative perspective can enhance the effectiveness of writing
- How to read and annotate a range of mentor texts that model effective and cohesive writing.
- Texts studied include novels, films, advertising and persuasive texts

What type of activities will I do?

- Class discussion about real world issues and the ways writers respond to problems in our world
- Write imaginative, persuasive and informative pieces which centre around a big idea, concern or issue
- Write detailed analyses of argument and language which focus on the nuances of word choices to create tone
- Refine approaches to reading and annotation of texts

Why choose this subject?

This subject is a fun and engaging way to learn to think and talk about issues in our world. Students have the opportunity to see how effective writing can shape the world. They are challenged to write pieces which influence other's perceptions. Students develop their knowledge of language and explore imaginative, persuasive and informative writing and this allows students to develop their own world view.

Senior Entry Options:

Students selecting the above core subject choice will meet the requirements to undertake the following senior subject/s or pathways:

- VCE English
- VCE Literature
- VCE English Language
- VCE-VM

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Year 10 English Language (Semester 2)

What is it all about?

An introduction to the subsystems of the English Language: phonetics; phonology; morphology; lexicology, syntax, discourse and semantics. Spoken discourse: an introduction to transcripts and their features.

Learning about inclusive and exclusive language, including how language is used in politics, advertising and the influence of gender. Students learn to use metalanguage (the words we use to describe or analyse language) to support their analyses of texts. Students examine language and identity: Australian and Aboriginal English; American English and learning through extended research essays and writing essays.

What will I learn?

- How to closely analyse and deconstruct short texts including formal discourse, dialogue, informative texts, informal conversations and persuasive texts
- How to use key concepts and metalanguage appropriately to describe and analyse language used in an objective and systematic way
- Metalanguage (including register; tone; rhetoric; parts of speech like “clause”, “noun” and “adjective”; sentence types and structure) and how writers use words to make meaning

What type of activities will I do?

- Essay writing: analytical commentaries and expository essays
- Study parts of speech and metalanguage that help students analyse the way the English language is used in a variety of contexts
- Compare written texts with transcripts of spoken English and analyse the nature and functions of each
- Conduct research into the similarities, relationships and differences between American, Australian and Aboriginal English

Why choose this subject?

If you are an academic student who enjoys working hard, English Language will be a rewarding study. This subject introduces challenging concepts that require students to understand the conventions of the English Language.

Senior Entry Options:

Students selecting the above core subject choice will meet the requirements to undertake the following senior subject/s or pathways:

- VCE English
- VCE Literature
- VCE English Language

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Year 10 Literature (Semester 2)

What is it all about?

An introduction to the Western Literary Canon. Students will examine the context in which literary texts are created and how writers respond to the social, political and historical concerns of their time.

Examine literary features of literary texts and the texts studied include novels, poetry and plays. They will research the literary period being studied and the connections between these literary movements.

What will I learn?

- How to ask probing questions and discuss ideas in texts in an informal and formal manner
- How to think critically about a text's purpose in response to contextual concerns

- How to analyse passages closely, examining language features and stylistic choices to effect a reader
- Planning writing and editing analytical and creative responses to literary texts including films, and poetry

What type of activities will I do?

- Close reading of a classical text, discussing and annotating its features
- Write a fluent, expressive and informed analysis of a classical text
- Focus on the nuance of language and the author's ideas and social concerns
- Study the views and values of the world of a text and how meaning is created
- Write a creative response to a literary text employing some elements of an author's style to create meaning

Why choose this subject?

This study will enhance students' understanding of the way literature can shape the world. We know that reading widely helps people develop empathy and this study will offer the opportunity to reflect on the human condition. Literature enriches the soul and allows students to think deeply about their views and values.

Senior Entry Options:

Students selecting the above core subject choice will meet the requirements to undertake the following senior subject/s or pathways:

- VCE English
- VCE Literature
- VCE Language

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Year 10 English Applied Learning (Semester 2)

What is it all about?

The English (Applied Learning) course is designed for students who are seeking a career pathway and continues from Semester 1. Students continue to focus on functional literacy for a range of contexts including TAFE and the workforce. They study an issue in the media and form arguments in response to the issue. They also analyse the construction of meaning in written and spoken texts.

What will I learn?

- Writing short persuasive and creative texts in a variety of forms like letters, email correspondence, personal reflections, online newsletters, reviews, resumes
- Develop research skills, and examine the role of communications in local businesses
- How to improve strategies for proof-reading and editing to achieve clear, accurate, purposeful writing

What type of activities will I do?

- Prepare and deliver oral presentations using multimodal forms of communication
- Create a short film to advertise a product or an event
- Build literacy skills by improving students' understanding of grammar through focused exercises

Why choose this subject?

By offering some choice about the issues to be studied, students will be able to pursue their interests through class tasks designed to develop students' communication skills. This is the most appropriate subject for students who want to refine their skills as writers and communicate in purposeful, real-world situations.

Senior Entry Options:

Students selecting the above core subject choice will meet the requirements to undertake the following senior subject/s or pathways:

- VCE-VM
- VPC

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HUMANITIES

Year 10 History (Semester 2)

What is it all about?

In this study, students will explore the changing Australian society in the second half of the 20th Century through the “Pop Culture” of the time. The fight for Aboriginal Rights. The changing modern culture of the ‘60s and ‘70s, including the Vietnam War and Women’s Rights. Finally, a possible investigation into the rise of the environmental movement will be undertaken.

What will I learn?

- Students are introduced to the senior principles of History
- They will examine the changing nature of Australian Society and how rights have developed over the last 50 to 60 years. They listen to and view archival footage of films, music and television shows and report to the class in a variety of ways

What type of activities will I do?

- Research and historical inquiries
- Present findings in a variety of methods; essay writing and oral history presentations
- Create timelines of significant events
- View archival footage, especially of the 1960’s and 1970’s
- Discussions with guest speakers
- Develop responses to show the on-going change and effect to Australian society today

Why choose this subject?

Selecting this subject does not preclude you from selecting any other Humanities subject in VCE.

In selecting History, students will be able to get a head start in understanding the nature and principles that are required in VCE History. More importantly, you will choose this subject because you have a love for History and you are inquisitive about the past so as to shape the future of the world in which we live.

Senior Entry Options:

Students selecting the above core subject choice will meet the requirements to undertake the following senior subject/s or pathways:

- VCE History
- VCE Geography
- VCE Legal Studies
- VCE Politics
- VCE Business Management
- VCE Accounting

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Year 10 Geography (Semester 2)

What is it all about?

In this study, students will explore the changing nature of our coasts and the implementation of management strategies. They will investigate the issues of climate change and its impact on our coastal environments. Students will be introduced to an in-depth fieldwork study using the principles of VCE fieldwork trips and reports. This will prepare students for VCE units 1-4.

What will I learn?

- Students are introduced to the senior principles of Geography
- They will participate in fieldwork studies and present reports to their class
- They will investigate the changing nature of climate and its impact for today's world
- Other areas of change will be investigated and management strategies suggested

What type of activities will I do?

- Participate in fieldwork trips
- Present findings in a variety of methods; fieldwork reports and essays
- Research into geographical issues
- Develop responses to show how key organisations manage our built and natural environment
- Create timelines of significant issues and events
- View archival footage, especially of the changing nature of the environment
- Discussions with guest speakers

Why choose this subject?

Selecting this subject does not preclude you from selecting any other Humanities subject in VCE.

In selecting Geography, students will be able to get a head start in understanding the nature and principles that are required in VCE Geography. More importantly, you will choose this subject because you have a love for Geography and you are inquisitive about the world in which we live.

Senior Entry Options:

Students selecting the above core subject choice will meet the requirements to undertake the following senior subject/s or pathways:

- VCE History
- VCE Geography
- VCE Legal Studies
- VCE Politics
- VCE Business Management
- VCE Accounting

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Year 10 Accounting/Business Management (Semester 2)

What is it all about?

In this study, students will be introduced to the world of Business. Students will explore how the principles of the economy operate to make Australia a wealthy first world country. Students will explore how Australians measure wealth and then investigate how we can improve wealth for all. Students will also undertake a practical task in creating a business. They will use accounting principles to help create a small business venture at Damascus College.

What will I learn?

- Students are introduced to the senior principles of both Accounting and Business Management
- They will participate in a range of activities that develop both Accounting and Business Management skills
- They will investigate various Businesses and their Accounting Practices to see their impact on our society

What type of activities will I do?

- Creating a small business
- Play the ASX game
- Research a business with which they are familiar with
- Present findings in a variety of methods; essay writing, business/accounting charts/reports
- Keep accounting records
- Discussions with guest speakers
- Develop responses to show the changing nature of Australian business today

Why choose this subject?

Selecting this subject does not preclude you from selecting any other Humanities subject in VCE.

In selecting Accounting/Business Management, students will be able to get a head start in understanding the nature and principles that are required in VCE Accounting and Business Management.

Senior Entry Options:

Students selecting the above core subject choice will meet the requirements to undertake the following senior subject/s or pathways:

- VCE History
- VCE Geography
- VCE Legal Studies
- VCE Politics
- VCE Business Management
- VCE Accounting

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Year 10 Legal Studies/Politics (Semester 2)

What is it all about?

In this study, students will be introduced to the world of law-making in Australia. Through an investigation of how the Australian Parliament works, students will then research how Laws are made through Parliament, the Constitution and the High Court. This will be an ideal introduction to VCE Legal Studies. Students will also be introduced to the principles of justice. Finally, students will research how Australia upholds its legal obligations in our region of the world.

What will I learn?

- Students are introduced to the senior principles of Legal Studies
- They will participate in possible excursions and role plays, and present reports to their class
- They will investigate the changing nature of our laws and their impact on today's society
- Murder Mystery investigations will be used to apply the law in a classroom setting

What type of activities will I do?

- Visit law courts and prisons
- Develop research into legal and/or political issues

- Present findings in a variety of methods; essay writing and oral presentations
- Create timelines of significant events
- View archival footage, especially of any law cases or governmental decisions
- Discussions with guest speakers/Judges
- Develop responses to show the on-going effect on Australian society today

Why choose this subject?

Selecting this subject does not preclude you from selecting any other Humanities subject in VCE.

In selecting Legal Studies, students will be able to get a head start in understanding the nature and principles that are required in VCE Legal Studies. More importantly, you will choose this subject because you have a love for Legal Studies and our Australian democracy. You also want to help shape the laws of this wonderful country of ours in the future.

Senior Entry Options:

Students selecting the above core subject choice will meet the requirements to undertake the following senior subject/s or pathways:

- VCE History
- VCE Geography
- VCE Legal Studies
- VCE Politics
- VCE Business Management
- VCE Accounting

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Year 10 CLIL French/Indonesian (Content Language Integrated Learning) (Semester 2)

What is it all about?

CLIL is a type of immersion into a foreign language, also known as Bi-lingual Education. CLIL integrates two subjects – Humanities with French or Indonesian. Students will explore the changing Australian society in the second half of the 20th Century through the “Pop Culture” of the time, radio, music, film, television and sport. Students will examine the fight for Aboriginal Rights. The changing modern culture of the ‘60’s and ‘70’s, including the Vietnam War and Women’s Rights. Finally, a possible investigation into the rise of the environmental movement will be undertaken.

At Damascus College, we offer this opportunity to students who have selected to study French or Indonesian in Year 10. Regular Language classes will continue (9 periods per fortnight) but the Humanities lessons will also be conducted in French or Indonesian (6 periods per fortnight).

In the current climate, students are better placed for the future when they develop skills and knowledge which allows them to participate in working towards global solutions for global challenges. Programs such as CLIL are amongst the most promising designs to achieve global competencies. CLIL programs provide additional exposure to the foreign language, giving students greater confidence to embark upon VCE languages, as well as enhancing meaningful content that underpins the Humanities curriculum. CLIL students also develop communicative skills while learning new content, understanding and knowledge. This, therefore, creates opportunities for authentic and purposeful meaning through the target language.

What will I learn?

- The students are introduced to the principles that are required in VCE History through CLIL
- They will examine the changing nature of Australian Society and how rights have developed over the last 50 to 60 years. They listen to and view archival footage of films, music and television shows and report to the class in a variety of ways

What type of activities will I do?

- Students learn the vocabulary and structures related to their Humanities unit in the target language. For example, students may require past tenses to talk about History
- Students speak in the target language consistently through their Humanities classes. For example, role-plays and interviews with witnesses to World War 2
- Students have opportunities to be creative, designing their own CLIL activity and thus developing keener engagement and motivation as well as allowing for differentiation

Why choose this subject?

Selecting this subject does not preclude you from selecting any other Humanities subject in VCE.

In selecting CLIL, students will be able to get a head start in understanding the nature and principles that are required in their selected VCE Language but also History. More importantly, you will choose this subject because you have a love for both your Language and History and you are inquisitive about the past so as to shape the future of the world in which we live.

Senior Entry Options:

Students selecting the above core subject choice will meet the requirements to undertake the following senior subject/s or pathways:

- VCE French
- VCE Indonesian
- VCE History
- VCE Geography
- VCE Legal Studies
- VCE Politics
- VCE Business Management
- VCE Accounting

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PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND HEALTH

Year 10 Health/ PE Core (Semester 2)

What is it all about?

Understanding the major muscles and bones of the human body. Characteristics and functions of muscle fibres including fibre arrangement and type (fast twitch and slow twitch). The biological, sociocultural and environmental factors that contribute to health status in Australia and students will investigate risk taking behaviour and the effects of road trauma on our society.

What will I learn?

- Students will learn the correct anatomical names for muscles and bones
- How fast twitch fibres are prevalent during short duration, high intensity anaerobic activity whilst slow twitch fibres are used for longer duration, aerobic activity
- The enablers and barriers to achieving optimal health
- Road safety and the effects of road trauma in the community

What type of activities will I do?

- Perform, observe and analyse a variety of activities to understand how the muscular-skeletal systems produce movement
- Investigate programs that help promote health and wellbeing in our community
- Students will develop their physical and coordination skills in various racquet sports and various innovative games
- Students will design a road safety campaign. They are required to present a multimedia presentation of their campaign, which will have a focus of improving road safety

Why choose this subject?

This subject would appeal to students who are interested in human movement and the mechanisms of each body system. Students can apply this knowledge in sporting and everyday activities. This subject provides students with the opportunity to engage in practical classes and explore further in theory classes.

Senior Entry Options:

Students selecting the above core subject choice will meet the requirements to undertake the following senior subject/s or pathways:

- VCE Physical Education
- VCE Health and Human Development
- VET Sport and Recreation (Offered at Damascus College)

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Year 10 Energy For Exercise (Semester 2)

What is it all about?

An introduction to the VCE Physical Education course content that includes the characteristics of the three energy systems: ATP-PC, Anaerobic Glycolysis & Aerobic Glycolysis. The analysis of the different food fuels and their conversion into energy for physical activity and linking energy systems to different sporting activities.

Understanding the acute responses to exercise in the cardiovascular, respiratory and muscular systems.

Develop an understanding of what causes muscular fatigue in physical activity of different duration and intensities. The nutritional and rehydration recovery strategies to enhance athletic performance.

What will I learn?

- How the three Energy Systems work to enhance performance during exercise
- The food and chemical fuels utilised by each Energy System for ATP production
- The cause of fatigue when exercising and the different types of recovery methods that can be applied after activity
- The benefits of nutrition and hydration to assist with activity performance and recovery

What type of activities will I do?

- Perform, observe, analyse and report on laboratory exercises designed to explore the assessment of energy systems
- Students will participate in football, soccer, basketball, netball, handball, tennis and fitness testing
- Participate in various sporting activities to understand the interplay of the energy systems
- Participate in physical activities to collect and analyse data on the range of acute effects that physical activity has on the cardiovascular, respiratory and muscular systems of the body
- Students will tour the Federation University Sports Science facility to further understand the human body physiological responses to exercises at different intensities

Why choose this subject?

You should choose this subject if you are interested in how to physically train and prepare for physical activity. You can relate what is learnt in class to your own activities such as team and individual sports, general exercise, or everyday activities.

Senior Entry Options:

Students selecting the above core subject choice will meet the requirements to undertake the following senior subject/s or pathways:

- VCE Physical Education
- VCE Health and Human Development
- VET Sport and Recreation (Offered at Damascus College)

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Year 10 Health and Human Development – Australian and Global Health (Semester 2)

What is it all about?

An introduction to VCE Health and Human Development by exploring the health status of Australians and biological, sociocultural and environmental factors that contribute to health status in Australia. Understanding the role of health promotion in improving population health in Australia.

Understanding factors that contribute to the burden of disease in low-income countries, including poverty, hunger, education, gender equality and access to health care. Exploring features of effective aid programs.

Recognising Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander perspectives on health and wellbeing.

What will I learn?

- How the sociocultural environment influences the health status of individuals within Australian society
- Health Promotion – how health promotion campaigns can improve the health of individuals and populations in Australian society
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health and wellbeing enablers and barriers

What type of activities will I do?

- Ability to use and analyse data to describe the health status of Australians and understand the burden of disease in low-income countries
- Explain the factors that contribute to the health status of Australians
- Evaluate health promotion in terms of their capacity to improve Australian health and wellbeing and research one such program including its purpose, details of implementation and contribution to health and wellbeing
- Describe factors that contribute to the burden of disease in different countries and discuss their impact on health and wellbeing
- Students may participate in various recreational activities including yoga, self-defence and dance

Why choose this subject?

This subject would appeal to students that are interested in the health and wellbeing status in Australian society at both an individual and population level. Students can explore health promotion.

Senior Entry Options:

Students selecting the above core subject choice will meet the requirements to undertake the following senior subject/s or pathways:

- VCE Physical Education
- VCE Health and Human Development
- VET Sport and Recreation (Offered at Damascus College)

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SCIENCE

Year 10 Biology and Chemistry (Semester 2)

What is it all about?

Biology component

This unit looks at the structure and function of cells examining the differences in Prokaryotic and Eukaryotic cells, including organelles and their functions. We examine the history and advancements of medicine including the development and use of vaccinations. Students will examine Infectious and Non-infectious diseases; looking closely at modelling how infectious diseases can be spread. We also examine how the body's immune system works to combat invading pathogens.

Chemistry component

This elective will extend you beyond the Science Chemistry Core. You will delve into the 'nitty gritty' of bonding and what happens when different elements come together. It will challenge you to apply your theoretical knowledge to scientific method, particularly the design and implementation of scientifically controlled experiments. The laboratory will become a hive of activity as you trial titrations, conjure combustion reactions and summon solubility reactions. You will gain a deeper understanding of these types of chemical reactions on a molecular level and what factors influence the rate of chemical reactions. Choosing the Chemistry Elective will put you in the best possible position to catalyse your best outcomes in Unit 1 and 2 Chemistry next year. Topics you will investigate include; bonding, organic chemistry, chemical reactions including acid-base and combustion reactions, solubility and reaction rates.

What will I learn?

- Covalent, Metallic and Ionic Bonding
- More chemical reactions and equations
- Reaction Rates
- Solubility
- Cell structure and Function
- Vaccinations
- Infectious and non-infectious diseases, Immune Systems

What type of activities will I do?

- Practical work
- Class discussion
- Group work
- Theory and questions
- Research

Why choose this subject?

Students who have enjoyed learning Biology and Chemistry in Year 7-9 and want to extend their knowledge in general and / or for preparation for VCE studies in these areas.

Students would like try these subjects to assist them in making an informed choice for VCE studies. These subjects are recommended or pre-requisite subjects for courses students might be interested in.

Senior Entry Options:

Students selecting the above core subject choice will meet the requirements to undertake the following senior subject/s or pathways:

- VCE Biology
- VCE Chemistry

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Year 10 Biology and Psychology (Semester 2)

What is it all about?

Biology component

This unit looks at the structure and function of cells examining the differences in Prokaryotic and Eukaryotic cells, including organelles and their functions. We examine the history and advancements of medicine including the development and use of vaccinations. Students will examine Infectious and Non-infectious diseases; looking closely at modelling how infectious diseases can be spread. We also examine how the body's immune system works to combat invading pathogens.

Psychology component

This unit will extend the knowledge obtained in Year 9; especially focusing on: What Psychology is, career opportunities, the brain and the nervous system, and memory. We will explore Clinical Psychology: psychological assessment, mental health, diagnosis and treatment of mental disorders and ethical considerations.

What will I learn?

- Cell structure and Function
- Vaccinations
- Infectious and non-infectious diseases, Immune Systems
- What is Psychology?
- Careers in Psychology
- Brain and Nervous System
- Mental Health
- Ethical Considerations in Psychological Research

What type of activities will I do?

- Practical work
- Class discussion
- Group work
- Theory and questions
- Research

Why choose this subject?

Students who have enjoyed learning Biology and Psychology in Year 7-9 and want to extend their knowledge in general and / or for preparation for VCE studies in these areas.

Students would like to try these subjects to assist them in making an informed choice for their VCE studies. These subjects are recommended or pre-requisite subjects for courses students might be interested in.

Senior Entry Options:

Students selecting the above core subject choice will meet the requirements to undertake the following senior subject/s or pathways:

- VCE Biology
- VCE Psychology

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Year 10 Chemistry and Physics (Semester 2)

What is it all about?

Chemistry component

This elective will extend you beyond the Science Chemistry Core. You will delve into the nitty gritty of bonding and what happens when different elements come together. It will challenge you to apply your theoretical knowledge to scientific method, particularly the design and implementation of scientifically controlled experiments. The laboratory will become a hive of activity as you trial titrations, conjure combustion reactions and summon solubility reactions. You will gain a deeper understanding of these types of chemical reactions on a molecular level and what factors influence the rate of chemical reactions. Choosing the Chemistry Elective will put you in the best possible position to catalyse your best outcomes in Unit 1 and 2 Chemistry next year. Topics you will investigate include; bonding, organic chemistry, chemical reactions including acid-base and combustion reactions, solubility and reaction rates.

Physics component

This elective will extend you beyond the Science Physics Core. You will investigate energy and how it is used to explain the motion of objects on the earth. The types of energy looked at are kinetic, gravitational potential and spring or elastic. The Law of conservation of energy will be tested and mathematics will be used to describe the energies and model many of the situations that use energy such as skiing down a slope and keeping a car in motion. Modern physics has led to such inventions as motors and Wi-Fi. These have the underlying ideas of electricity and magnetism. The close relationship between these two phenomena will be explored and important devices such as electromagnets, music speakers and motors are studied. On a larger scale, the beginnings of the current universe are researched and an overview of the creation of planets, stars, black holes, comets is explained. The motion of celestial objects in the sky is explained and software is used to investigate it.

What will I learn?

- Covalent, Metallic and Ionic Bonding
- More chemical reactions and equations
- Reaction Rates
- Solubility
- Energy
- Electricity and Magnetism
- Astronomy

What type of activities will I do?

- Practical work
- Class discussion
- Group work
- Theory and questions
- Research

Why choose this subject?

Students who have enjoyed learning Chemistry and Physics in Year 7-9 and want to extend their knowledge in general and / or for preparation for VCE studies in these areas.

Students would like to try these subjects to assist them in making an informed choice for their VCE studies. These subjects are recommended or pre-requisite subjects for courses students might be interested in.

Senior Entry Options:

Students selecting the above core subject choice will meet the requirements to undertake the following senior subject/s or pathways:

- VCE Chemistry
- VCE Physics

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Year 10 Chemistry and Psychology (Semester 2)

What is it all about?

Chemistry component

This elective will extend you beyond the Science Chemistry Core. You will delve into the nitty gritty of bonding and what happens when different elements come together. It will challenge you to apply your theoretical knowledge to scientific method, particularly the design and implementation of scientifically controlled experiments. The laboratory will become a hive of activity as you trial titrations, conjure combustion reactions and summon solubility reactions. You will gain a deeper understanding of these types of chemical reactions on a molecular level and what factors influence the rate of chemical reactions. Choosing the Chemistry Elective will put you in the best possible position to catalyse your best outcomes in Unit 1 and 2 Chemistry next year.

Psychology component

This unit will extend the knowledge obtained in Year 9; especially focusing on: What Psychology is, career opportunities, the brain and the nervous system, and memory. We will explore Clinical Psychology: psychological assessment, mental health, diagnosis and treatment of mental disorders and ethical considerations.

What will I learn?

- Covalent, Metallic and Ionic Bonding
- More chemical reactions and equations
- Reaction Rates
- Solubility
- What is Psychology?
- Careers in Psychology
- Brain and Nervous System
- Mental Health
- Ethical Considerations in Psychological Research

What type of activities will I do?

- Practical work
- Class discussion
- Group work
- Theory and questions
- Research

Why choose this subject?

Students have enjoyed learning Chemistry and Psychology in Year 7-9 and want to extend their knowledge in general and / or for preparation for VCE studies in these areas.

Students would like to try these subjects to assist them in making an informed choice for their VCE studies. These subjects are recommended or pre-requisite subjects for courses students might be interested in.

Senior Entry Options:

Students selecting the above core subject choice will meet the requirements to undertake the following senior subject/s or pathways:

- VCE Chemistry
- VCE Psychology

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Year 10 Environmental Science (Semester 2)

What is it all about?

Environmental Scientists monitor water systems, soil acidity/alkalinity, air particles are collected and the effects of these on ecosystems are studied. Students will look at contemporary issues which relate to the environment. They will consider their personal impact on the environment and suggest strategies to assist. This subject is strongly recommended for students intending to study VCE Environmental Science.

What will I learn?

Systems Thinking

- Global systems
- Thriving ecosystems – Doughnut model
- Climate systems
- Environmental Fieldwork (6 weeks)
- Applying the scientific method
- Studying natural populations
- Identifying plant, animals, birds, fungi and invertebrates

The Growing Medium

- Relating Ballarat soils to its geology
- Investigating soil characteristics
- Sustaining soil cover and health
- Nutrient cycles

What type of activities will I do?

- Practical work
- Class discussion
- Group work
- Theory and questions
- Research

Why choose this subject?

The Environmental Science elective will students who like to spend time in nature, wants to understand how living things interact and enjoys lots of practical field work. Students who enjoyed the practical side of Year 9 Horticulture and have been involved in the Green Group, Junior Landcare or other environmental groups.

like Science generally, but especially when different sciences “talk to each other” and are interested in going on to study Environmental Science, Chemistry or Biology in VCE are looking to undertake advanced studies in another VCE Science in Year 10.

Senior Entry Options:

Students selecting the above core subject choice will meet the requirements to undertake the following senior subject/s or pathways:

- VCE Environmental Science
- VCE Biology

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Visual Communication - Dream Houses and Drawing (Semester I)

What is it all about?

Students will learn the fundamentals of drawing, the design process and how to present final responses effectively using both traditional media and digital technology.

What will I learn?

- Problem-solving a range of design briefs
- This unit focuses on the conventional side of the design
- Learning about instrumental drawing and drawing systems
- Architectural design with and without computers
- Appreciation of modern and historical Architectural design

What type of activities will I do?

- Compiling a folio of design exercise
- Floor plans and perspective drawings
- Designing a dream house
- Computer rendering
- Building a scale model
- Drawing skills and sketching ideas
- Talking to practicing designers

Why choose this subject?

Visual Communication is for students who love drawing and designing. This subject is for innovative students who want to learn how to communicate their ideas effectively. This subject is both creative and organised, so if you are one or both of those you are suited to this class.

Senior Entry Options:

Students selecting the above core subject choice will meet the requirements to undertake the following senior subject/s or pathways:

- VCE Art Creative Practice
- VCE Art Making and Exhibiting: Photography
- VCE Visual Communication Design (VCD)

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Visual Communication - Digital Manipulation versus Manual (Semester 2)

What is it all about?

Visual Communication is a way to present ideas in a graphical manner giving more meaning to the message. It is an efficient way of turning marketing strategies into meaningful content.

What will I learn?

- Problem - solving a range of design briefs
- This unit focuses on the imaginative side of design
- Learning about freehand drawing
- Designing with computers
- Basic animation
- Looking at the tricks of advertising
- Appreciation of Japanese Manga and other influential styles

What type of activities will I do?

Both Design appreciation and practical work will enhance your understanding in the following areas:

- Evaluation and appreciation of their design work and designers both past and present
- You will build your skills in the practical fields of technical drawing, drawing from observation, model making, perspective drawing and rendering techniques
- Learn how to source subject matter through research, photography, drawing from observation and emulation of Artists work
- Students will develop their skills in folio presentation in response to a design brief
- You will enhance your digital skills in illustrator or photoshop

Why choose this subject?

You enjoy compiling a folio of design exercises and creative perspective drawings. Digital manipulation with Photoshop is an interest and animation techniques using Flash. Illustration and cartooning using freehand techniques appeals to you and you would like to talk to a practicing designer.

Senior Entry Options:

Students selecting the above core subject choice will meet the requirements to undertake the following senior subject/s or pathways:

- VCE Art Creative Practice
- VCE Art Making and Exhibiting: Photography
- VCE Visual Communication Design (VCD)
- VCE Media

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Drama - Creating Characters (Semester I)

What is it all about?

Learning the skills and techniques of developing interesting characters on stage. Exploring ways of creating larger-than-life characters through caricature and stereotype. Exploring ways of creating more believable stage performance through understanding the internal aspects of character such as status, attitude and motivation.

Developing confidence in performance through collaborative and individual playmaking techniques such as brainstorming, research, improvisation and scriptwriting.

What will I learn?

- You will learn to work with others and use your imagination and creativity to explore and create a range of characters through Drama
- Improve your skills as a solo performer and learn how to better create and present your own original theatrical presentations
- Play games, engage in activities and participate in practical workshops to develop your acting abilities

What type of activities will I do?

- Working in teams and individually to develop, rehearse, refine and perform original dramatic pieces Character workshops, mime, creating stereotypes and development of conflict scenes in pairs, soliloquies and original solo performance
- Viewing and analysing a live performance
- Written work and analytical reflections and evaluations associated with performance tasks

Why choose this subject?

The skills that are learnt by studying drama are invaluable in later life. For example, being able to speak and present confidently in front of people, and the skill of planning that is required in any solo or group-based performance, are useful in most careers. Drama can be a good basis for a career not only in the theatre, but in advertising, the film industry, events planning and any workplace that thrives on interpersonal relationships and creative collaboration.

Senior Entry Options:

Students selecting the above core subject choice will meet the requirements to undertake the following senior subject/s or pathways:

- VCE Drama
- VCE Art Creative Practice
- VCE Art Making and Exhibiting: Photography
- VCE Visual Communication Design (VCD)
- VCE Media
- VCE Literature

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Drama – Acting in Style (Semester 2)

What is it all about?

Developing skills for budding playwrights and performers. Exploring how the varying styles and conventions of film, television, literature and theatre can be manipulated and applied to well-known stories to make them more dynamic and interesting. Understanding how theatre can be used for different purposes such as entertainment or the creation of social statements. Exploring and documentary drama and eclectic theatre styles.

Developing original performances through collaborative teamwork. Further exploring Production Areas such as lighting, sound and multimedia. Developing dramatic terminology in readiness for VCE studies.

What will I learn?

- You will learn to work with others and use your imagination and creativity to explore and create characters and ideas through Drama
- Improve your skills as a performer and learn how to better create and present your own work through the application techniques, theatrical conventions, and styles
- Play games, engage in activities, and participate in practical workshops to further develop your acting abilities

What type of activities will I do?

- Working in teams to develop, rehearse, refine and perform original dramatic pieces in a variety of styles
- Adapting well-known stories and creating contemporary proverbs
- Developing an ensemble performance based on a popular song with a significant social statement
- Analysing a performance by professional actors
- Written work and analytical reflections and evaluations associated with performance tasks

Why choose this subject?

The Skills of Drama are important to working in the entertainment industry but are also essential aspects to any workplace these include:

- Ability to think on one's feet & Work under pressure
- Ability to work alone or on a team
- Active listening & Able to take criticism
- Adaptability to work environment & Time Management
- Analytical skills, Communication & Interpersonal skills
- Determination, Discipline & Patience. Presentation skills and Public Speaking

Senior Entry Options:

Students selecting the above core subject choice will meet the requirements to undertake the following senior subject/s or pathways:

- VCE Drama
- VCE Art Creative Practice
- VCE Art Making and Exhibiting: Photography
- VCE Visual Communication Design (VCD)
- VCE Media
- VCE Literature

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Music - The Elements of Music and Performance (Semester I)

What is it all about?

Learning music notation and aurally recognising melody and rhythm in music. Exploring the elements of music through listening, analysis, performance and composition. Working as a soloist and a group performer to rehearse and perform a variety of musical styles. Learning different performance conventions and what being a good performer is all about.

What will I learn?

- To listen to, analyse, discuss and write about different elements of music within given styles
- To use percussion instruments and voice to develop skills in aurally identifying rhythm and pitch
- To read and notate music
- To develop performance techniques and how to manage performance anxiety
- To develop skills as a solo performer and as a member of a group

What type of activities will I do?

- Solo and group performance on one or a variety of instruments (includes voice) of a student's choice. Students do not have to have any formal lessons on an instrument to participate in this subject although a basic understanding or training will be helpful
- Music notation and aural tasks which include writing, singing and playing percussion instruments to explore rhythm and pitch
- Listening and responding to musical works and developing a music vocabulary based on the elements of music
- Completing performance-based tasks and research based on performance and its conventions

Why choose this subject?

The Elements of Music and Performance is a subject to choose if you wish to further develop your understanding of music through listening analysis, research, playing, singing and basic composition. It builds skills in identifying the different elements of music and writing about them using music language as well as reading and notating music in its traditional form. This subject develops confidence, self-esteem and encourages students to work as part of a group to make music. Students can build upon beginner skills on an instrument / voice or more advanced skills if they have already been learning an instrument to work towards a solo performance. This process helps develop organisational skills, resilience, problem solving and anxiety management strategies. This subject is great for any student who love music and wants to challenge themselves personally in an enjoyable way.

Senior Entry Options:

Students selecting the above core subject choice will meet the requirements to undertake the following senior subject/s or pathways:

- VCE Music
- VET Certificate II in Music Industry (Audio Focus) & Certificate III in Music Industry (Sound Production) (Offered via VETis Cluster)

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Music - Composition, Styles and Performance (Semester 2)

What is it all about?

Learning music notation and aurally recognizing melody and rhythm in music. Exploring different styles of music through listening, analysis, performance and composition. Working as a soloist and a group performer to rehearse and perform a variety of musical styles. Learning different performance conventions and what being a good performer is all about.

What will I learn?

- Learning music notation and aurally recognizing melody and rhythm in music
- Exploring different styles of music through listening, analysis, performance and composition
- Working as a soloist and a group performer to rehearse and perform a variety of musical styles
- Learning different performance conventions and what being a good performer is all about

What type of activities will I do?

- Solo and group performance on one or a variety of instruments (includes voice) of a student's choice. Students do not have to have any formal training on an instrument to participate in this
- Developing music notation and aural skills through completion of written and aural tasks
- Listening and responding to musical works and developing a music vocabulary based on the elements of music
- Completing performance based tasks and research based on performance and its conventions
- Completing composition tasks using a variety of instruments and technology based on a given style such as Blues, Classical, Pentatonic or Twelve Tone music

Why choose this subject?

The Elements of Music and Performance is a subject to choose if you wish to further develop your understanding of music through listening analysis, research, playing, singing and basic composition. It builds skills in identifying the different elements of music and writing about them using music language as well as reading and notating music in its traditional form. This subject develops confidence, self-esteem and encourages students to work as part of a group to make music. Students can build upon beginner skills on an instrument / voice or more advanced skills if they have already been learning an instrument to work towards a solo performance. This process helps develop organisational skills, resilience, problem solving and anxiety management strategies. This subject is great for any student who loves music and wants to challenge themselves personally in an enjoyable way.

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Media - Short Film Making (Semester 1 and 2)

****May only be taken for one semester****

What is it all about?

Learning about the history of film and its influence on the media industry. Group-based practical tasks and processes involved in the making and editing footage. Learning how to use the Media Production Process to develop and create media products. The Pre-production process, creating production intention, scripts and storyboards. Production filming techniques. Post-production – Editing using a variety of editing software.

What will I learn?

- How to investigate and analyse film
- The influence the past has on contemporary film
- The pre-production process, how to write intentions, shot lists, scripts and storyboards
- The production process, a variety of filming techniques using codes and conventions
- The post-production process, sound and editing techniques and software to bring your story to life

What type of activities will I do?

- Viewing and writing about films both in terms of history and criticism
- Learning and writing about film production techniques
- Writing film scripts and storyboards
- Learning to use video cameras and associated equipment
- Learning to use editing software
- Excursion/s to the local cinema, as well as the Australian Centre of the Moving Image (ACMI) in Melbourne

Why choose this subject?

Students would choose this subject for the following reasons:

- You enjoy making media products, like videos, photographs or posters
- You are interested in how 'the media' works and how it influences what we see, hear and think
- You enjoy viewing or listening to media products like films, TV shows, YouTube videos, podcasts etc. and would like to learn more about how they are made and how they can be analysed or understood

Senior Entry Options:

Students selecting the above core subject choice will meet the requirements to undertake the following senior subject/s or pathways:

- VCE Media
- VET Certificate III Information, Digital Media & Technology (Offered via VETis Cluster)

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Art - Art with Individuality (Semester I)

What is it all about?

Making art works and learning tricks to be able to manipulate surfaces to create various effects. Exploring a range of different materials and techniques. Analysing and writing about artists' works and working methods.

What will I learn?

- Students will produce works covering a range of skills and techniques including painting, printmaking, and drawing.
- Students will extend their skills in the analysis of artworks, art research and evaluation of their own works produced.
- Students will produce several final pieces of work experimenting with a range of materials and techniques.
- Students will learn how to respond to visual artworks and consider where and why people make visual artworks

What type of activities will I do?

- Compiling a folio of design exercise
- Floor plans and perspective drawings
- Designing a dream house
- Computer rendering
- Building a scale model
- Drawing skills and sketching ideas
- Talking to practicing designers

Why choose this subject?

Both Art appreciation and practical work will enhance your skills in the following areas:

- Analysis of your own art and an artist both present and past
- You will build your skills in the practical field of painting, printmaking, drawing and mixed media
- Learn how to source subject matter for your own work through photography, drawing from observation and emulation of Artists work
- Students will deepen their understanding of the meaning, forms, and styles of artworks in different social, cultural and historical contexts
- You will enhance your digital skills in the manipulation of source material in photoshop to create your own artworks

Senior Entry Options:

Students selecting the above core subject choice will meet the requirements to undertake the following senior subject/s or pathways:

- VCE Art Creative Practice
- VCE Art Making and Exhibiting – Photography
- VCE Visual Communication Design

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Art - Creation with Style (Semester 2)

What is it all about?

This unit sets students a challenge while exploring a range of ideas, themes and materials. Generating original ideas drawing on previous art experience in order to create a piece of work with 'visual impact'. Researching and discussing how artists obtain their ideas and inspiration and then incorporate these into art works.

What will I learn?

- Students produce works covering a range of skills and techniques including painting, ceramics, and drawing
- Students will extend their skills in the analysis of artworks, art research and evaluation of their own works produced
- Students produce several final pieces of work experimenting with a range of materials and techniques

What type of activities will I do?

- Drawing, painting, printmaking and sculpture will be explored
- Maintaining a work book
- Analysing, researching and writing about artists

Why choose this subject?

If you enjoy and appreciate Art and want to enhance your skills in the following areas:

- Analysis of your own art and artists both past and present, you will build your skills in the practical field of painting, ceramics, drawing and mixed media
- Learn how to source subject matter for your own work through photography, drawing from observation and emulation of Artists work
- Deepen the understanding of the meaning, forms and styles of artworks in different social, cultural and historical contexts and enhance your digital skills in the manipulation of source material in photoshop to create your own artworks then consider choosing this subject

Senior Entry Options:

Students selecting the above core subject choice will meet the requirements to undertake the following senior subject/s or pathways:

- VCE Art Creative Practice
- VCE Art Making and Exhibiting – Photography
- VCE Visual Communication Design

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Languages

Learning a foreign language is not just about being able to travel the world more easily. It is an opportunity to gain deep insight into another culture which fosters tolerance and understanding between people. As our cities become more diverse, we are in a far stronger position to communicate with others that allows us to appreciate our own culture just as much.

Learning a foreign language allows us to develop many skills, which are relevant for our other subjects too: analytical skills, problem-solving skills, creativity, listening and communication skills, as well as enhancing memory. We learn more about English when we study a foreign language too.

Learning a foreign language makes you much more employable in the future. Business skills and foreign language skills go hand in hand; you are at a distinct advantage in the global market if you are able to speak another language. An employee is much more valuable if they are able to communicate in another language.

Foreign languages open the door to art, music, dance, fashion, cuisine, film, philosophy, science as well as enhancing opportunities in government, business, medicine, law, technology, military, industry and marketing.

Students who would like to return to languages may do so upon request and will be considered on a case-by-case basis. They must have studied the same language in Years 7 and 8 and have demonstrated a genuine interest and positive work ethic.

Year 10 French (Semester 1 and 2)

****Must be taken for both Semesters ****

What is it all about?

Fostering a deep understanding of French culture and media by studying monuments, fashion, museums, and health. The geography of France is explored through environmental issues, regional food and festivals and the city of Paris. An introduction to the VCE course content which includes writing in different styles and for different purposes, allowing students to access a higher level of language at an earlier stage.

What will I learn?

- In this subject student will learn to express themselves in French using a greater variety of tenses and more complex grammatical constructions
- Students will be able to respond to questions about their health and happiness, using reflexive verbs, and will learn to write texts which explain past present and future incidents
- They will develop their knowledge of French history and French celebrities through the study of French fashion, film, and comics
- All students will be encouraged to learn more about the wider world and how everyone is connected by concern for the environment and how languages help us connect and act for a better future

What type of activities will I do?

- Scripting and performing role-plays
- Writing for informal purposes
- Accessing authentic French music, newspapers and magazines
- Talking about yourself, expressing and justifying opinions
- Developing technological skills using collaborative documents and language software
- Using virtual reality apps to access genuine French facilities and locations
- Engage with French speaking pen friends

Why choose this subject?

It is a fantastic opportunity to develop skills that only second language learners can achieve. You will develop a greater understanding of your first language and your eyes and mind will be open to a new world! In year 10 French you will be given the opportunity to correspond with students from overseas, either in France or another French-speaking country. If you continue to study French in VCE you will be offered the opportunity to travel to France on a school organised trip. Your year 10 French class will be full of other students who are highly motivated and keen to reach out and experience a wider world. Students who study a second language in year 12 are also able to gain a higher Tertiary Entry Ranking because Language scores are upgraded.

In the classroom we try to replicate the experience of 'immersion' for as close a cultural experience as possible. In the past there has been an overseas trip every two years, which is more than likely to become a domestic immersion experience in the near future

Senior Entry Options:

Students selecting the above core subject choice will meet the requirements to undertake the following senior subject/s or pathways:

- VCE French

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Year 10 Indonesian (Semester 1 and 2)

****Must be taken for both Semesters ****

What is it all about?

Directions and finding your way around. Social etiquette in the Indonesian home and nationality and origins. The culture of Indonesia and in particular the city of Yogyakarta. Indonesian food and cooking, etiquette for eating and serving food. Market shopping. The Arts in Indonesia and using appropriate language in a restaurant. Extracting information from written texts and using this information to describe, orally, directions around town.

What will I learn?

- In this year level students will expand your oral speaking skills and showcase this through role plays, presentations, daily oral practice about the weather and being able to express personality traits
- Students will participate in games in Indonesian that help you to use more familiar and local terms of expression
- Importantly, in this year level there will be a focus on food which is a very important topic for Indonesian people
- Written skills will develop markedly in this year and you will have the chance to engage in on-line listening and speaking practice with native speakers from Jakarta, in on-line link-ups

What type of activities will I do?

- Reading and listening to a photo-story
- Reading, writing and speaking about personality traits and star signs demonstrating correct use of adjectives and comparative and superlative adverbs
- Language games - Celebrity Heads
- The completion of a job application form or a competition entry form.
- Writing and presenting a personal profile
- Writing an email or letter
- Presenting a research assignment on an Indonesian cultural group
- Learning to describe the weather and decide on suitable clothing to wear
- Writing directions
- Taking part in a role play: 'Finding Your Way About Town'
- Creation of a weather map and oral presentation of information
- A role play demonstrating correct etiquette in an Indonesian home
- Recognition of negative orders and signs
- Reading and comprehending extended texts about nationality and origins
- Identification of typical Indonesian ingredients
- Write and follow instructions for a recipe
- Express likes and dislikes in oral and written form
- Role play "finding and buying souvenirs"
- Using appropriate language in a restaurant

Why choose this subject?

This year in Indonesian allows you to bring together all your junior and middle years of language learning, and showcase what you know through exciting activities and a range of learning forums. This level of study in language sets the scene for your move into VCE language which launches great learning opportunities for students. The possibility of a trip to Indonesia is on the horizon in this year level forward, taking into consideration travel restrictions at large in our community. This is an exciting year to get into your rich language study.

In the classroom we try to replicate the experience of 'immersion' for as close a cultural experience as possible. In the past there has been an overseas trip every two years, which is more than likely to become a domestic immersion experience in the near future

Senior Entry Options:

Students selecting the above core subject choice will meet the requirements to undertake the following senior subject/s or pathways:

- VCE Indonesian

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Mathematics and Digital Technology - Programming Using VB.net

(Semester I)

What is it all about?

Students will develop an understanding of responsible use of computers and the internet in a networked environment, basic technology terms and concepts (data/information, information system). Exploring the features of spreadsheets (Microsoft Excel) and beginner's concepts in programming languages (VB.NET).

What will I learn?

- Terminology of computing – hardware, software, communications, information systems, problem-solving methodology, social issues
- Spreadsheet skills (tabulation and calculation of data (automation of calculation), use of formulae and graphs) in Microsoft Excel and computer programming fundamentals in Microsoft Visual Basic

What type of activities will I do?

- Designing spreadsheets that use formulae and graphs and employ labour-saving techniques for a variety of useful purposes
- Designing and writing event-driven programs with graphical user interfaces using VB.NET and Visual Studio
- Research and analysis of theory

Why choose this subject?

To improve understanding of information systems, their definition and purpose in our community. To develop skills in creating and applying spreadsheets to complete calculations and make decisions in a selection of applications and in writing computer programs in an integrated design environment (Microsoft Visual Studio IDE).

Senior Entry Options:

Students selecting the above core subject choice will meet the requirements to undertake the following senior subject/s or pathways:

- VCE Applied Computing (Unit 1 and Unit 2)
- VCE Data Analytics (Unit 3 & Unit 4)
- VCE Software Development (Unit 3 & Unit 4)

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Mathematics and Digital Technologies: Applications of Digital Technologies Project (Semester 2)

What is it all about?

This unit is an opportunity for students who enjoy Digital Technologies to work on a project of their choice. This could relate to another subject, hobby or a business application.

The student will need to apply for this subject explaining their proposed project.

What will I learn?

- Students will be assisted to learn the digital technology skills required for their project

What type of activities will I do?

This could include:

- Phone Apps
- Drones
- Augmented Reality
- Web pages
- QR codes

Why choose this subject?

This is an opportunity for students to develop digital technology skills required for their interests or future pathways.

Senior Entry Options:

Students selecting the above core subject choice will meet the requirements to undertake the following senior subject/s or pathways:

- VCE Applied Computing (Unit 1 and Unit 2)
- VCE Data Analytics (Unit 3 & Unit 4)
- VCE Software Development (Unit 3 & Unit 4)

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Textiles - Streetwear (Semester I)

What is it all about?

Creating fashion based on skills learnt in previous years, suitable styles and fabrics based on a commercial pattern. Learning about suitable fabrics, finishes and techniques for street and daywear.

What will I learn?

- Year 10 Textiles will see students designing and creating their own clothing items
- Learn how to illustrate and assemble patterns like industry professionals
- At all stages, students are encouraged to make their work their own by maintaining a design folio of ideas and research
- Students are required to wear school approved footwear for all practical classes in this subject

What type of activities will I do?

- Jacket
- Pants
- Dress
- Skirt
- Top and shirt

Why choose this subject?

Learn to use sewing machines to a more advanced level. Learn to develop products and draft patterns like industry professionals.

Senior Entry Options:

Students selecting the above core subject choice will meet the requirements to undertake the following senior subject/s or pathways:

- VCE Product Design & Technology – Textiles
- VET Certificate II in Applied Fashion Design & Technology (Offered via VETis Cluster)

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Textiles – Formal Wear and Textile Accessories (Semester 2)

What is it all about?

Using fabrics suitable for dressy/formal wear to extend the breadth of skills and processes, including modifying existing commercial patterns for individuality. Learning about the properties and characteristics of fabrics and their influence on the outcome of the garment. Creating a textile accessory for a selected garment.

What will I learn?

- Year 10 Textiles will see students designing and creating their own clothing items
- Along the way they will learn how to illustrate and assemble patterns like industry professionals
- At all stages, students are encouraged to make their work their own by maintaining a design folio of ideas and research
- Students are required to wear school approved footwear for all practical classes in this subject

What type of activities will I do?

Construct a garment using fabric/s of their choice and more complex processes:

- Tailored lined jacket
- Formal dress
- Tailored pants

Constructing a textile accessory:

- Wristband
- Bag
- Headband
- Shawl
- Belt

Why choose this subject?

Learn to use sewing machines to a more advanced level. Learn to develop products and draft patterns like industry professionals.

Senior Entry Options:

Students selecting the above core subject choice will meet the requirements to undertake the following senior subject/s or pathways:

- VCE Product Design & Technology – Textiles
- VET Certificate II in Applied Fashion Design & Technology (Offered via VETis Cluster)

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Food - Essential Cooking for Life (Semester I)

What is it all about?

Planning, costing, producing and serving meals for families/ individuals based on nutritional principles, healthy eating options and fresh foods. Focusing on basic practical skills, time management skills and kitchen organisation and serving food creatively and correctly.

What will I learn?

- The essential components of a modern healthy diet
- The science of food – carbohydrates, proteins, fats, vitamins and minerals
- More complex food production skills

What type of activities will I do?

- Planning tasks
- Production of meals and dishes
- Practising basic cooking skills
- Research directly related to practical tasks

Why choose this subject?

To learn the skills to lead a healthy and nutritious life through food choices.

Senior Entry Options:

Students selecting the above core subject choice will meet the requirements to undertake the following senior subject/s or pathways:

- VCE Food Studies
- VET Certificate II in Kitchen Operations (Offered via VETis Cluster)

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Food - Gourmet Food Around the World (Semester 2)

What is it all about?

Developing practical, research and analysis skills in preparation for the VCE. How ingredients and cooking techniques affect food outcomes and basic food chemistry Investigating gourmet foods and ingredients used in the global world and how they have become integrated into the Australian cuisine and developing an understanding of how native cuisines have evolved.

What will I learn?

- How different cultures around the world have developed their own unique ways to produce and cook nutritious, delicious and healthy foods for everyday living.

What type of activities will I do?

- Planning, production and evaluation of production tasks
- Research tasks
- Testing products/ingredients
- Analysis of techniques used in production
- Cooking with new and familiar foods
- Research related to practical tasks and world food

Why choose this subject?

To learn about food from around the world and its influence on Australia's modern cuisine.

Senior Entry Options:

Students selecting the above core subject choice will meet the requirements to undertake the following senior subject/s or pathways:

- VCE Food Studies
- VET Certificate II in Kitchen Operations (Offered via VETis Cluster)

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Wood - Furniture Design (Semester I)

What is it all about?

Following the design process, students will plan and design a piece of timber furniture. Investigate subject relevant aspects including tools, materials and techniques. Learning the safe use of hand and power tools while producing a cabinet and evaluating the finished product.

What will I learn?

- Year 10 Wood: Furniture Design will see students continue to learn about the design process as they design, produce and evaluate a wall cabinet
- Students will build on carpentry hand and power tool skills developed in previous years, as they learn a number new process and correct techniques to safely produce the table and tray
- Students will evaluate the completed product recalling successor and challenges during the design and producing stages and suggest improvements for future development

What type of activities will I do?

- Design task: designing, analysing similar products, technical drawings, developing cutting lists, production plans
- Producing: Learning the safe use of hand and power tools including chisels, jigsaws, trimmers
- Evaluating: Recalling critical steps of the production through production journals, recording modifications to the preferred option, analysing completed product

Why choose this subject?

If you liked Woodwork in years 7- 9. You enjoy hands on learning. Interested in developing a range of practical skills and thinking of a career in the construction industry.

Senior Entry Options:

Students selecting the above core subject choice will meet the requirements to undertake the following senior subject/s or pathways:

- VCE Product Design & Technology – Wood & Metal
- VET Building & Construction (Offered at Damascus College)

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Wood – Dovetails (Semester 2)

What is it all about?

Following the design process, students will plan and design a piece of timber furniture that incorporates the use of dovetails. Investigating how dovetail joints and other woodworking joints are constructed and where they are used. Applying knowledge and following the previous design plan, students producing a piece of furniture to demonstrate proficiency and knowledge. Evaluating the finished product.

What will I learn?

- Year 10 Wood: Dovetails will see students continue to learn about the design process as they design, produce and evaluate a coffee table and serving tray
- Students will build on carpentry hand and power tool skills developed in previous years, as they learn a number new process and correct techniques to safely produce the table and tray
- Students will evaluate the completed product recalling successor and challenges during the design and producing stages and suggest improvements for future development

What type of activities will I do?

- Design task: Designing, analysing similar products, technical drawings, developing cutting lists, production plans
- Producing: Learning the safe use of hand and power tools including lathes and copy lathes, biscuit joiners' chisels and trimmers
- Evaluating: Recalling critical steps of the production through production journals, recording modifications to the preferred option, analysing completed product

Why choose this subject?

If you liked Woodwork in years 7- 9. You enjoy hands on learning. Interested in developing a range of practical skills and thinking of a career in the construction industry.

Senior Entry Options:

Students selecting the above core subject choice will meet the requirements to undertake the following senior subject/s or pathways:

- VCE Product Design & Technology – Wood & Metal
- VET Building & Construction (Offered at Damascus College)

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Metal - Metal Fabrication (Semester I)

What is it all about?

Designing and manufacturing items that involves the use of bar, tube and flat steel and sheet metal. Product testing. Researching, designing and evaluation techniques and product finishing.

What will I learn?

- Product design
- Fabrication
- Welding
- Product testing
- Finishing
- Evaluation

What type of activities will I do?

- Planning, drawing and designing
- Production - measuring, cutting, lathe work, thread cutting, oxy acetylene welding, MIG welding, grinding, folding riveting and finishing
- Evaluating and testing products

Why choose this subject?

To be able to present a working model at a job interview. To learn problem solving and self-motivation and to develop interpersonal skills.

Senior Entry Options:

Students selecting the above core subject choice will meet the requirements to undertake the following senior subject/s or pathways:

- VCE Product Design & Technology – Wood & Metal
- VET Building & Construction (Offered at Damascus College)
- VET Certificate II in Engineering Studies (Offered via VETis Cluster)

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Metal – Designing in Metal (Semester 2)

What is it all about?

Designing and manufacturing items that involves the use of bar, tube and flat steel and sheet metal. Product testing. Researching designing and evaluation techniques and product finishing.

What will I learn?

- To be able to present a working model at a job interview
- To learn problem solving and self-motivation
- To develop interpersonal skills
- To learn new machines (metal craft tools)

What type of activities will I do?

- Planning, drawing and designing
- Production - measuring, cutting, lathe work, thread cutting, oxy acetylene welding, MIG welding, grinding, folding riveting and finishing
- Evaluating and testing products

Why choose this subject?

To be able to present a working model at a job interview. To learn problem solving and self-motivation and to develop interpersonal skills.

Senior Entry Options:

Students selecting the above core subject choice will meet the requirements to undertake the following senior subject/s or pathways:

- VCE Product Design & Technology – Wood & Metal
- VET Building & Construction (Offered at Damascus College)
- VET Certificate II in Engineering Studies (Offered via VETis Cluster)

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Electronics – Robotics (Semester I)

What is it all about?

Investigating and designing an electronic system(s) that employs complex uses of electronics. Working on detailed electronic circuitry that allows for the development of testing and diagnostic skills associated with electronics.

What will I learn?

- Mechanical engineering
- Electrical circuits
- Safe work practice
- Use of Machines and Hand Tools
- Coding

What type of activities will I do?

- Making electronic and electro-mechanical systems and testing them
- Using PICAXE electronics to control electrical systems through learning how to program in Basic and Logicator
- Using ICT to investigate project folio content

Why choose this subject?

This study will be of particular interest to students who are interested in designing and making things that move using the combination of mechanical and electronic components.

Senior Entry Options:

Students selecting the above core subject choice will meet the requirements to undertake the following senior subject/s or pathways:

- VCE Systems Engineering
- VET Certificate II in Electrotechnology (Offered via VETis Cluster)

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Electronics - Audio and Digital Electronics (Semester I)

What is it all about?

Selecting and designing an electronic system that looks at sound amplification using electronics. Using a standard amplifier configuration, adapt the system to specific requirements. Involvement in developing complicated, small-scale integration of electronic components and techniques required to work.

What will I learn?

- Students look at common electronic circuits and how they are used in everyday situations
- They work on building functional circuits using discrete components and then how to implement
- Design work undertaken by themselves to arrive at a completed Production

What type of activities will I do?

- Electronic theory tasks
- Breadboarding activities
- Soldering project tasks
- Circuit construction
- Using sensors to control circuits
- Research and Design tasks

Why choose this subject?

Systems engineering is an exciting field of study with the right balance of theory and practical work. Year 10 Systems Engineering focuses on how things work, particularly systems involving mechanical, electrical and electronic features and will be of particular relevance to students who are interested in how electronics make things work and move.

Senior Entry Options:

Students selecting the above core subject choice will meet the requirements to undertake the following senior subject/s or pathways:

- VCE Systems Engineering
- VET Certificate II in Electrotechnology (Offered via VETis Cluster)

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VOCATIONAL EDUCATION TRAINING IN SCHOOLS (VETis) SUBJECTS



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

Course description:

Certificate II in 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.

Requirements:

This is a two-year-long course; which all four 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 cost details and compulsory items will be provided once the application is finalised). There is also a \$50 material fee plus a detailed PPE list mailed out upon enrolment.

Potential pathways:

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

Benefits:

- Possible credits for other TAFE courses
- Pathways to further training

Where can VET Building & Construction subjects lead?

This course will prepare students for further training or employment in areas such as:

- Carpentry
- Other related trades

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

Certificate III in Sport and Recreation

Course description:

Certificate III in Sport and Recreation provides students with the opportunity to acquire and develop the skills, knowledge and confidence to work in the areas of Sport and Recreation.

Requirements:

This is a two-year-long course; which all four semesters must be undertaken to complete the course. A study score is available provided students undertake scored assessment.

Potential pathways:

- Certificate IV in Fitness
- Certificate IV in Sports & Training
- Diploma of Fitness

Benefits:

- Possible credits for other TAFE courses
- Pathways to further training

Note: If undertaken in Year 10 this course will be in addition to your timetable at Damascus and will mean that you will miss some of your Year 10 lessons. You must take responsibility for catching up with the learning you miss in these lessons.

Where can VET Sport & Recreation subjects lead?

This course will prepare students for further training or employment in areas such as:

- Coaching
- Recreation officer
- Fitness instructor
- Aerobics instructor
- Personal training.

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

This course may have material fees

Certificate II in Community Services (1st Year)

Certificate III in Community Services (partial) (2nd Year)

Course description:

Certificate II in Community Services will introduce you to the Community Services industry.

Certificate III in Community Services (Partial) is incorporating Certificate II in Community Services. It offers students the opportunity to learn about the Community Services sector and explore specific contexts of work. Skills will be developed in communication, working with diversity, workplace health and safety, administration support, and responding to clients.

Credit in the VCE or VCE-VM: recognition of up to three units at Units 1 and 2 level, and two Units 3 and 4 sequences.

Students wishing to receive an ATAR contribution for VCE VET Community Services must undertake scored assessment. Scored assessment is based on the units 3 and 4 sequence of VCE VET Community Services.

Requirements:

This is a two year-long course; all four semesters must be undertaken to complete the course. Scored assessment is available for VCE VET Community Services.

Potential Pathways:

Successful completion of the Certificate III in Community Services (Partial) is also a pathway to Children's Services or any other Community Services program including Support Services, Allied Health, Disability Services and Youth Work.

Benefits:

- Possible credits for other TAFE courses
- Pathways to further training

Where can VET Community Services subjects lead?

This course will prepare students for further training or employment in areas such as;

- Assistant Community Services Worker
- Personal Care Assistant
- Support Worker
- Youth Worker
- Residential Support Worker

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

Program will be run subject to numbers. .

This course may have material fees

Certificate III in Allied Health (partial) (1st & 2nd Year)

Course description:

Certificate III in Allied Health Assistance (partial completion) (incorporating Certificate III in Health Services Assistance): provides students with the knowledge and skills that will enhance their employment prospects in the Health industry. These qualifications cover workers who provide assistance to Allied Health Professionals and other Health Professionals with the care of clients.

Note: The Units 3 and 4 sequence of VCE VET Allied Health is not designed as a stand-alone study. Students are strongly advised against undertaking the Units 3 and 4 sequence without first completing Units 1 and 2.

Credit in the VCE or VCE-VM: recognition of up to three units at Units 1 and 2 level, and two Units 3 and 4 sequences.

Students wishing to receive an ATAR contribution for VCE VET Allied Health must undertake scored assessment. Scored assessment is based on the Units 3 and 4 sequence of VCE VET Allied Health

Requirements:

This is a two year-long course; all four semesters must be undertaken to complete the course. Scored assessment is available for VCE VET Allied Health.

Potential Pathways:

Successful completion of the Certificate III in Allied Health (Partial) provides a dual pathway into further VET studies

- Diploma of Nursing
- Diploma of Community Services

Benefits:

- Possible credits for other TAFE courses
- Pathways to further training

Where can VET Allied Health subjects lead?

This course will prepare students for further training or employment in areas such as;

- Physiotherapy assistant
- Podiatry assistant
- Speech pathology assistant
- Occupational therapy assistant

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

This course may have material fees

A photograph of four Year 10 students in a greenhouse. A boy stands on the left, looking down. A girl stands on the right, holding a plant. Two other students, a girl and a boy, are crouching in the foreground, looking at each other. The greenhouse is filled with tall corn plants and other greenery. A dark blue banner with the text 'YEAR 10 FORMS' is overlaid on the top half of the image.

YEAR 10 FORMS

YEAR 10 SUBJECT SELECTION FORM

Name:	
TA:	

How many subjects do I choose?

In addition to your core subjects (see table below), you have the opportunity to study subjects that you particularly enjoy or find interesting. These subjects may help you achieve your long-term goals.

You need to choose four subjects: two subjects for Semester 1 and two subjects for Semester 2.

Note 1: If you choose French, Indonesian, or acceleration (VCE or VET) you must take this subject in both semesters; therefore, you will only need two other subject choices: one for Semester 1 and one for Semester 2. Students accessing Languages (French or Indonesian) will also be encouraged to enrol in the CLIL subject (semester 2) in the Humanities line.

Note 2: If you are thinking of acceleration, you will need to add this as one of your elective choices (for both semester 1 and 2). In addition, you will need to download and complete the acceleration form from the College website, fill this out and present it by the due date for submission. It is also important that you meet the guidelines for acceleration.

Are you planning to accelerate into a VCE subject in Year 10?

Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes, please complete the VCE Accelerated Access Application form

Are you planning to accelerate into a VET subject in Year 10?

Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes, please complete the Vocational Education and Training (VET) Application Form

YEAR 10 SUBJECT SELECTION FORM CONTINUES ON NEXT PAGE

YEAR 10 SUBJECT SELECTION FORM (Continued)

SUBJECTS	SEMESTER 1	SEMESTER 2
Mathematics		
English <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Core English English Applied Learning 		
Humanities		
Science		
Physical Education/Health		
English Elective Reserve		
Science Elective Reserve		
Humanities Elective Reserve		
Physical Education/Health Elective Reserve		
Religious Education <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Core RE Youth Ministry 		
Pathways Elective Choice 1		
Pathways Elective Choice 2		
Different from those listed already for Semester 1 and Semester 2		
Pathways Elective Reserve 1		
Pathways Elective Reserve 2		

Parent Signature:	
Student Signature:	
TA Signature:	

Students will not be able to select their subject preferences online, until your Teacher Advisor cites all signatories.

VCE ACCELERATED ACCESS APPLICATION FORM

This form is for Year 9 students wishing to apply to access VCE Units 1/2 as part of their Year 10 studies.

Name:	
TA:	

Section A: Possible future career you may aspire to do

SECTION B: VCE area of study preferences

Please indicate your area(s) of preference. If you are interested in more than one area, list your preferences from 1 to 4 (where 1 is the area in which you are most interested).

SUBJECT AREA	Science	Humanities	Art	Health/PE
Preference				

Are there Unit 1/2 subjects that you are particularly interested in taking next year? If so, enter up to three subjects here, in order of preference. If not, write N/A.

1.	2.	3.
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SECTION C: Record of past results

This will be extracted by the Academic Panel.

SECTION D: Statement supporting accelerated access to VCE Units (comment on the reasons why you feel it is appropriate for you to accelerate your VCE program).

VCE ACCELERATED ACCESS APPLICATION FORM CONTINUES ON NEXT PAGE

VCE ACCELERATED ACCESS APPLICATION FORM (Continued)

SECTION E: Provide the names and signatures of those who support this application

Student signature:	
Parent signature:	
Parent name:	
Teacher Advisor signature:	
Teacher Advisor name:	
House Leader signature:	
House Leader name:	

SECTION F: Applicant checklist

Students must complete the following before submitting an application:

- ☐ Attend the subject information sessions
- ☐ Complete all sections of the application form
- ☐ Print a copy of this form and submit it, with the required attachments, to Mr Hallowell prior to inserting your subject selection online.

Vocational Education and Training (VET) Application Form

To be submitted to Mrs Dwyer prior to inserting your subject selection online.

This form is for students who wish to undertake a VET program in Year 10 at Damascus College or the Highlands LLEN VET Cluster Program.

Please check which VET program you are applying for at Damascus College:

☐ Certificate II in Building and Construction (partial) - Carpentry Stream

☐ Certificate III in Sport and Recreation

☐ Certificate II / III Community Services (partial) (1st Year and 2nd Year)

☐ Certificate III in Allied Health (partial) (1st & 2nd Year)

OR

☐ Highlands LLEN VET Cluster (Name of Program) _____

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?

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

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. I understand VET courses are a two year commitment.

Student signature:	
Parent signature:	
Parent name:	

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Frequently Asked Question Year 9 into Year 10

What electives are offered in Year 10?

Students and parents can download the electives offered at Year 10 from the Damascus website. Electives are offered across all Learning Areas except Religious Education.

What are the compulsory subjects in Year 10?

- Religious Education and/or Youth Ministry
- English
- Mathematics
- Humanities
- Science
- Physical Education/Health

Are there Electives offered in Year 10 compulsory Subjects?

Yes. Students can choose to explore in depth specific areas of the compulsory subjects that are in line with what is offered in VCE. The electives can be viewed in this handbook.

How many subjects do I choose?

In addition to your core subjects, you have the opportunity to choose to study subjects which you particularly enjoy, have strengths in and which will help you to achieve your long-term goals.

You need to choose four subjects: two subjects for Semester One and two subjects for Semester Two.

Am I guaranteed the subjects that I choose?

The College will endeavour to accommodate student requests; however, due to the number of combinations of electives offered, there may be situations where students may have to choose a secondary option. As part of the subject selection process, students will need to enter a second or third preference within each of the Learning Areas.

Electives for Year 10 subjects can be seen listed on page 17 of this handbook.

Note 1: If you choose French or Indonesian, or intend to accelerate into a VCE unit 1/2 or VET subject, you must take this subject in both semesters. Therefore you will only need two other subject choices: one for Semester One and one for Semester Two.

Note 2: If you choose French or Indonesian for the year it is expected that students will choose the accompanying Humanities option (CLIL- Content Language Integrated Learning) which focuses on the skills and content of Humanities but taught in the language chosen by the students.

Fill out the subject selection form Year 10 prior to your TA interviews. Subjects need to be cited by your parents and TAs prior to entering your preferences online.

What is acceleration?

Acceleration is where students have the opportunity to undertake a Year 11 subject in Year 10.

What do I need to do if I am thinking of accelerating?

If you are considering acceleration, it is important that an active discussion takes place with your parents, subject teachers and Teacher Advisors.

Students can select to accelerate in a VET subject or a VCE subject. Subjects offered in these areas are listed in this handbook.

What are the requirements if I am considering acceleration?

Students who are considering acceleration in a VET or VCE subject will need to provide proof and documentation that the considered subject meets their long-term goals.

Students considering acceleration into a VCE subject will need to have attained an average of 85% in Year 9 for your subjects, particularly in English, and in the subject area you are considering.

An interview with students regarding VCE or VET acceleration will take place after submitting your application and entering your subject preferences online.

What is the expectation for students who accelerate in a VET or VCE subject?

It is expected that students who are successful in their application for VET or VCE acceleration will:

- Meet the criteria for acceleration, which includes ensuring Semester 2 results are on par with Semester 1 results
- Be subject to a review in Year 10 and Year 11
- Commit to 5 subjects in Year 12

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