

VIC Senior Secondary Changes

Then

VS

Now



VCE

Victorian Certificate of Education
A senior secondary certificate attained through theory, study and assignments



VCAL

Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning



A vocationally focussed senior secondary certificate delivered across three streams with certificates available at each level or as a buildable program

- Senior
- Intermediate
- Foundation

VET

Vocational Education and Training

Allows students to include vocational studies within their senior secondary certificate. Students undertake nationally recognised training that contributes to their VCE or VCAL.



VCE

No major changes



VCE VM

VCE Vocational Major

A vocational and applied learning program within the VCE designed to be completed over a minimum of two years

VPC

Victorian Pathways Certificate an inclusive Year 11 and 12 standards-based certificate that meets the needs of a smaller number of students who are not able or ready to complete the VCE

VPC is not a senior secondary qualification, it can be a pathway to the VCE.

VET

Vocational Education and Training

No major changes, available as part of VCE, VCE VM or VPC

Certificate	Duration	ATAR?	Exams?	SWL Placements?	SBAT	Senior Secondary Certificate
VCE	2 years	✓*	✓	✗	✓	✓
VCE + VET	2 years	✓*	✓	✓	✓	✓
VCAL	1 year per level, typically 2 years total	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓
VCE VM	2 years	✗	✓**	✓	✓	✓
VPC	1 year	✗	✗	✓	✓	✗

*Unscored Option available

**Includes GAT

ATAR = Australian Tertiary Admission Rank. Used by tertiary institutions when deciding whether to offer a place to a prospective student

GAT = General Achievement Test

SBAT = School Based Apprenticeships and Traineeships

SWL = Structured Workplace Learning Placement

How can industry get involved?

Hosting a student is a great way to attract young workers to your business, educate potential future employees about your industry and give back to the community.

Engagement	What is it?	Duration	Frequency	Student Age	How to get involved
	Students visit your workplace to observe and participate in basic tasks that don't need specialized skills or training.	5-10 days	Either as 1-2 block weeks or 1 day per week.	Year 9/10 Min age 14	Email info@oellen.org.au
	Provide students with hands on training in your business to develop specific skills and competencies	Up to 20 days	1 day per week	Year 10+ Min age 15	Contact OELLEN at info@oellen.org.au
	On-the-job training in an accredited VET course over one or more years while completing their studies at school.	One or more years	Part-time while in school	Year 10+ Min age 15	Contact Head Start at head.start@education.vic.gov.au
	Workplace tours for students	One hour - One day	As scheduled	Years 7-12	Contact OELLEN at info@oellen.org.au
	Be part of a panel or hold a stall at our annual career events	1-2 hours	As scheduled	Years 7-12	Contact OELLEN at info@oellen.org.au
	Speak to OELLEN about how to best showcase your industry and business with a tailored program for students	varied	As scheduled	Years 7-12	Contact OELLEN at info@oellen.org.au