TERANG COLLEGE 2015
VCE/VCAL
INFORMATION NIGHT
What is the VCE?

- The Victorian Certificate of Education
  Matriculation (Year 12) 1934 – 1969
  Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) Year 12 only 1987 – 1990
  Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) Years 11 and 12 1991 – present

- The Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority (VCAA) controls the design, implementation and assessment of VCE.

- It is designed as a two year course but it has flexibility. It can be completed over three years.
Organisation of VCE

- Year 11 – mostly consists of Unit 1 & 2 subjects
- Year 12 – mostly consists of Unit 3 & 4 subjects
- Unit 1 & 2 of a study can be done separately
- Unit 3 & 4 of a study must be done as a sequence. Meaning - You must complete the subject for the entire year.
VCE at Terang College

- Most students at Terang will study 22 units over the 2 years of VCE.
- Units are of a semesters length (half year)
- 5 periods per week is allocated to each subject.
What do we need to complete to get our VCE?

- Satisfactory completion “S” means a minimum of 16 units of study must be satisfactorily completed.

- This must include 3 units (2 being Year 12) of English and at least 3 other Unit 3 & 4 sequences.

- 10% of 5th & 6th subjects also count towards the ATAR at the end of Year 12.

- Students can claim up to 12 units of Maths to gain a satisfactory completion in the VCE.
Success in VCE/VCAL

- Attendance – 80% - minimum requirement.

- Study Habits – study is not just about completing homework; it is about revising work, summarising notes, understanding the content.

- At Year 11 the recommended out of class study time is 2 hours per night. At Year 12 the recommendation is 3 hours plus a night.

- Due Dates – work must be submitted by the required deadline or it will be penalised.

- All outcomes must be satisfactorily completed in order to pass a VCE / VCAL Unit.
How do we get assessed for VCE in Year 11?

**UNITS 1 & 2**

**Outcomes**

To pass outcomes you need to show that you have achieved competency.

**Coursework Assessment**

Completed in class, set by the classroom teacher. The types of tasks are set out in each subject’s Study Design.

**Exams**

Set and assessed internally (Terang College Staff)
How do we get assessed for VCE in Year 12?

UNIT 3 & 4

School-assessed coursework - SACs
These are the tasks that are set out in each subject’s study design.

School-assessed tasks – SATs
VCAA designed, generally apply to arts and technology subjects. Such as Food Technology & Studio Arts

External Exams
Set and assessed externally in October & November.

General Achievement Test – GAT

All students completing a Year 12 subject must do the GAT.

*In 2015 the GAT will be held on Wednesday 10th June
10 am – 1.15pm
THE ATAR
(Australian Tertiary Admission Rank)

- Each subject is given a study score out of 50
- The best 3 subjects + English is counted
- 10% of the 5th and 6th scores are also added
- This result is called the Aggregate Score (raw score)
- Students are then ranked state wide from highest to lowest
- The first percentage are given the RANK of 99.95
- Other ATAR’s go down from there in 0.05 ranks
THE ATAR

The ATAR has been developed for the purpose of tertiary selection only. It is not a reflection of your performance in individual studies, but of your overall performance in all of your studies compared with all of the other VCE students in Victoria.

Many people believe that being awarded the VCE and ‘getting a good ATAR’ is enough to ensure a tertiary selection. **This is not the case.**

Before being considered for a course you must satisfy the requirements of the institution and the VCE prerequisites or ‘extra’ requirements of the course. Some courses need folios and interviews for entry.

**Bachelor of Fashion & Business at Melbourne**

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VTAC adjusts/scales the study scores for each subject to take account of how strong the students were in the subject and how difficult it was to achieve their ranking.

**The MYTHS**
Many students believe that to achieve a ‘good’ ATAR they need to choose studies that are scaled up.

**The FACTS**
Some subjects are given more study score points because they are seen as being more difficult.
E.g. LOTE extra 6 points in 2012.

**The ADVICE**
You still need to choose subjects that that are your strengths. Extra points won’t help if you find the subject too difficult and achieve an overall lower mark.
What is VCAL?

- The Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning
- It has 3 levels: Foundation, Intermediate and Senior.
- It is designed for students who do not intend going on to tertiary courses that require an ATAR.
- It includes a VETiS / SBATs
VETiS
(Vocational Education Training in Schools)
VET in the VCE or VCAL allows students to include vocational studies within their senior secondary certificate. Students undertake nationally recognised training from either accredited state curriculum or national training packages which may contribute to their VCE and/or VCAL. Students at Terang College have attended institutions such South West Institute of TAFE or Gordon Institute Geelong.

SBAT
(School Based Apprenticeships Traineeships)

Guest: Mr David Gladman
Westvic Staffing Solutions
What do you study if you do VCAL?

- Literacy and Numeracy
- Industry Specific Skills
- Work Related Skills
- Personal Development Skills
- Structured Workplace Learning

**VETiS** Vocational Educational and Training in Schools

OR

**SBAT** School Based Apprenticeships Traineeships
How do I select the right course for me?

- Select subjects that you enjoy first.

- Subjects that are your strengths.

- Look at any pre-requisite studies for any courses that may interest you in 2017 and beyond.

- Any additional studies which may be valuable for those courses.

- Ask questions.
What do we do NOW!

- Continue to ask staff about the content and suitability of subjects.
- Parent Letter of instructions

Online opens from **Tuesday 19th August**

- Access the website [www.terangcollege.vic.edu.au](http://www.terangcollege.vic.edu.au)
  * Go to the Sub Schools drop down, then click on Later Years 9-12.
  * Log in Username: **year10**  Password: **year10**
  * Look for more details in Handbooks – VCE/VCAL 2015 Handbook

*Fill in Year 10-11 Counselling Form with selections and submit by Tuesday 2nd September.*
Where to now?

- Year 10 into 11 Course counselling: Thursday 11\textsuperscript{th} September

- Year 11 into 12 Course counselling: Monday 8\textsuperscript{th} September