Senior Pathways
Information Night
New concepts for parents

- **VCE** – Victorian Certificate of Education
- **VCAL** – Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning
- **Studies** – VCE subjects
- **Units 1&2** = Year 11
- **Units 3&4** = Year 12
- **VET** - vocational education & training
The Alliance

Senior studies are shared between three schools:

- Gleneagles Secondary College
- Hallam Senior College
- Fountain Gate Secondary College
Two Senior Certificates

**VCE** - Victorian Certificate of Education

**VCAL** - Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning

* VCAL offered at Hallam Senior College only.
What is the VCE?

- A two year academic program (Years 11 & 12)
- Requires a satisfactory result in a minimum of 16 units
- An English study is compulsory each year
- All other studies are by choice
- VET studies count toward the VCE
- ATAR calculated at the end of Year 12
What is the VCE?

- Most VCE subjects are theory based, with some having practical components as well.
- VCE is assessed through SAC and SAT tasks. In year 12 these contribute to your ATAR score.
Accelerated VCE at GE
Students who have completed a Unit 1/2 study in Year 10 will have the added advantage of having completed a 6th Unit 3/4 study by the end of Year 12.

Students who have completed 2 Unit 3/4 studies in Year 11 will have the option of accessing a university subject in Year 12.
What is the ATAR?

- Australian Tertiary Admission Rank
- Based on VCE results for Units 3&4 studies (Year 12)
- Completing 6 Unit 3/4 subjects provides an additional bonus to the ATAR.
- The ATAR is used for entry into tertiary courses at University and TAFE
VCE Pathways

Completing the VCE can lead to:

- University - undergraduate degree programs
- Pathways to degrees via TAFE
- Vocational Training – Diplomas
- Independent Tertiary Colleges (ITC’s)
- Apprenticeships & Traineeships
- Full-time employment
What is the VCAL?

- An alternative senior secondary certificate
- Practical and competency-based training
- Literacy, Numeracy & Personal Development
- Industry specific skills (VET studies)
- VCE units can be studied
- Workplace learning may be required
## VCAL Strands

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<th>Credits</th>
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<td>Literacy &amp;</td>
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<td>VCE Units 1&amp;2 Maths (any) &amp;/OR Senior Numeracy</td>
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<td>Industry Specific Skills</td>
<td>VET Certificate II or III (including organised Structured Work Placement – refer to VET guidelines on hours)</td>
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<td>Work Related Skills*</td>
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<td><strong>Totals (10 minimum across all 4 strands)</strong></td>
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Applied Learning in the VCAL

- School-based learning in classroom contexts
- Work-based learning in workplace settings
- Service learning in community contexts
- Project-based learning based involving 'real-world' issues
- Adult learning in vocational learning contexts
Applied Learning Principles

- Concerned with working with a student in a holistic manner - valuing skills and knowledge that may not normally be the focus of more traditional school curriculum
- Takes into account differences in preferred learning styles and ways of learning
- Assess appropriately
Applied Learning Principles

- Negotiate curriculum. We engage in a dialogue with students about their curriculum.
- Connect with the communities and real life experiences.
- Integrate learning. Real life tasks are used to achieve learning outcomes from a number of the VCAL strands.
- Share knowledge. Recognise the knowledge learners bring to the learning environment.
VCAL Pathways @ Hallam
Completing VCAL (Senior certificate) can lead to:
- TAFE programs (Diplomas and Certificates)
- *Pathway programs leading into degree courses @ university*
- Apprenticeships and Traineeships
- The workforce
VET - Vocational Education & Training

- Competency based assessment
- Practical hands-on training
- Industry skills e.g. Cookery, Carpentry, Hairdressing,
- Compulsory for VCAL
- Most VET studies contribute to the VCE
- A nationally recognised certificate on completion
- Offered at Hallam Senior College
Some of the VET certificates at Hallam include:

- Building & Construction
- Automotive
- Allied Health
- Sport & Recreation
- Community Services
- Hairdressing
- Hospitality
- Music
Completing VET as part of your VCE at GE

- GE students are able to undertake one VET subject as part of their Year 11 VCE Program at GE.
- Students can access this through the Alliance timetable.
- Travel arrangements are made to accommodate this.
- This means that students who are interested in VET and VCE can access both.
- Students who are interested in undertaking more than one VET will transfer to Hallam full time in 2017.
Choosing your Year 11 Studies:

Choose studies:
- that you like
- that you are good at
- that are required for future tertiary entry (prerequisites)
- that keep your options open

Discuss your options with your parents, teachers and the Careers Coordinator.
Which English study should you choose?

Consult your English teacher about which English is for you:

- Literacy (VCAL only)
- English
- Literature
- English Language
- EAL (English as an Additional Language)
- Bridging EAL
Which Maths study should you choose?

- *Maths is not compulsory in the VCE.*
- *Numeracy/ Maths is compulsory for VCAL*
- There are a number of Maths subjects to choose from.
- Most students choose Maths because they like it and it keeps options open when selecting university courses or careers.
- Students should consider their skills, interest level and future pathway when choosing Maths.
- Students should choose the Maths that best reflects their ability in specific areas of mathematics.
Maths Subjects at Year 11 and 12

- Foundation Maths
- General Maths 1/2
- Maths Methods 1/2
- Specialist Maths 1/2
- Further Maths 3/4
- Maths Methods 3/4
- Specialist Maths 3/4
Before Course Counselling

Do your research
Make a time to visit the careers office
Keep what you are good at and like front and centre of your decision making!
Course Confirmation Interviews

All parents/guardians must book in online using Password provided and attend a Course Counselling Interview with their child to confirm their 2017 Senior Program.

Course Confirmation Interviews
1pm-8pm Wednesday 27th July
No Year 10 classes will run on this day.
In Term 3 students

- Log on to ‘Subject Selection Online’ using login and password provided in your folder
- Make changes up until the 26th July
- Choose your senior pathway for 2017.

Students will also be able to:

- Read about the available studies across the Alliance online.
- Refer to the booklet provided
- Refer to the VCAA website for more detail about VCE Study Designs.
Inside your folder

The Course Counselling Handbook with helpful information for students & parents!

The user name and password for subject selection and making CC appointments

Supplementary information to help with your decisions