Agenda

Welcome and VCE Overview – Mr. Stephen Sellwood

The Year 11 Program and Subject Selection Process – Mrs. Nadia Knight
The Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) operates in all Victorian Secondary Schools. All Year 11 and 12 subjects or studies are prescribed by the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority (VCAA).

Must pass a minimum of 16 units: 3 of English which can include English, EAL or Literature

Salesian boys attempt a minimum of 24 units

Can include VCE and VET subjects
VCE RULES AND PROCEDURES

- Mandated by VCAA
- Presents clear instructions
- Protects students
- VCE Rules and Procedures distributed at the beginning of the school year.
Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR)

Formerly ENTER

VCAA uses SAC/SAT/examination grades to calculate a study score for each subject

A student with a VCE Study Score of 50 indicates the student finished at the top of the cohort

A student with a VCE Study Score of 40 has performed better than about 91 per cent of all students who did that study.

A student with a VCE Study Score of 30 is in the middle of the cohort, or has performed better than about half of all students.
Calculating the ATAR

ATAR scores are ranks, based on how well the individual student achieves compared to the rest of the VCE students completing their studies in the same year.

They are calculated from:
• the study scores for the top four unit 3 & 4 subjects.
  – the student’s English group subject must be included as one of their “top four” subjects, even if they didn’t perform well in that subject.
• 10% of the study scores of optional fifth and sixth units 3 & 4 subjects.

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The total scores of all VCE students in the state are ranked from lowest to highest, with the top students being awarded an ATAR of 99.95. Each rank (e.g. 99.90, 99.85 etc) includes approximately 30-35 students.
Units 1 / 2 VCE Assessment

S (satisfactory) / N (non - satisfactory) reported to VCAA

For satisfactory completion of a unit, a student must demonstrate achievement of the set of outcomes for the unit as specified in the study design. The decision about the satisfactory completion of an outcome is based on the teacher’s professional judgment of the student's performance on assessment tasks designated for the unit.

College reports on students’ levels of achievement to parents in semester reports.
Breach of VCE Rules

Internal breaches: College’s VCE Academic Panel

Units 3 / 4 examination breaches: VCAA

VCE Rules and Procedures distributed at the beginning of the school year.
The Year 11 Program:

- Full entry to VCE years
- Biggest academic leap in secondary years
- Greater subject choice
- Focus on career pathways
- VCAA rules and procedures
The Year 11 Academic Program

Oratory which includes Religion and Society Unit 1
English Units 1 / 2
5 additional Units 1 / 2 subjects or 4 additional Units 1 / 2 subjects plus one Units 3 / 4 subject
Sport
Units 3 / 4 VCE Studies

Religion and Society
Biology
History
Health and Human Development
English Literature
Further Mathematics
Business Management

Commence 7 November!!!
A challenge for capable students
Early start to Year 12
ATAR score
Definitely not for all students
Strategies For Doing Well

Establish study habits now that will ensure you reach your potential
2 hours home study per night
Work smart
Organisation and commitment
Balanced life
Maths Tutoring – Monday
Advice

Subject selection book (see ‘Curriculum’ section of College website)
Year Level Coordinators
Heads of Department
Mrs Ellul (Pathways Co-ordinator)