VCE FAQ

What does VCE stand for?
The Victorian Certificate of Education

What does VCAA stand for?
The Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority

What does VET stand for?
Vocational Education and Training

What does VTAC stand for?
The Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre

What does Unit 1 and 2 refer to?
Unit 1 and 2 refers to subjects usually undertaken at Year 11, but can be studied at Year 10.

What does Unit 3 and 4 refer to?
Unit 3 and 4 refers to subjects usually undertaken at Year 12 but can be studied at Year 11.

What are the minimum requirements for VCE?
Satisfactory completion of 16 Units which include:
  • Three units of an English study, with a least one unit at Unit 3/4 level PLUS
  • Three sequences of Unit 3 and 4 studies other than English

What are the minimum requirements for VCE at Mount Scopus College?
At a minimum, Mt Scopus students are required to take English or English Literature AND one Jewish Studies subject in both Years 11 and 12
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What is a ‘unit of work’?
- A unit of work is one semester in length – in a year, all studies have two units.
- The initial year of a VCE study is referred to as Units 1 and 2. These are mostly studied in Year 11 but can also be studied at Year 10 in consultation with the Subject coordinators and Head of Year.
- The second year of study is termed Units 3 and 4. These are mostly studied in Year 12 but can also be studied at Year 11 in consultation with subject teachers, the VCE Coordinator and Head of Year.
- Currently in Year 10, a number of students are already undertaking Units 1/2 Math Methods, Hebrew, Foundation English/Maths and a number of VET studies.

How many studies do students complete in Years 11 and 12?
- At Mount Scopus College, students generally undertake six studies (12 units) in Year 11 and five studies (10 units) in Year 12.

A Unit 3/4 study in Year 11??
- The vast majority of our VCE students select to undertake one Unit 3/4 study in Year 11.
- Some students will study two Unit 3/4 subjects in Year 11.
- The College reviews the applications of students applying for two Units 3/4 studies in Year 11 and makes a recommendation to the parents and student.

A detailed outline of VCE and the options available will be provided at the Year 11 2016 Information Evening on Thursday 30 July, 2015.

Where do I go for more information?
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