



Year 11 and 12 Parent Information Evening February 2018

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 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, including both Units 3 and 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 or English as a Second Language, AND one Jewish Studies subject in both Years 11 and 12.

What is an outcome?

What a student must know and be able to do in order to satisfactorily complete a unit of work.

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;
- The second year of study is referred to as 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.





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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.

Assessment:

- Unit 1/2 – all Outcomes are assessed internally and reported to the VCAA as an 'S' or an 'N'.
- Unit 3/4 – assessment is based on SACs and SATs (internally assessed) and external examinations.

Attendance

The VCAA mandates a 90% attendance in order for a student to pass a VCE Unit of Study.

What if a student misses a SAC?

- Contact Mrs Katz on 9834 0284 by 8.30am on the day of the SAC; if ill, go to the Doctor and get a Medical Certificate;
- See Mrs Katz on the day of return; bring the Medical Certificate; a date to sit the SAC will then be arranged.

What are Special Provisions/Special exam arrangements?

Arrangements are intended for students suffering from a variety of short or long term medical or psychological conditions.

How do I know if I qualify?

Speak to Mrs Katz

Upcoming dates:

- **This week:** SAC schedule and 2018 VCE rules booklet distributed
- **February 28:** final date to swap/drop a Unit 1/2 or 3/4 study
- **March 2:** closing date special exam arrangements
- **June 13:** the GAT

Where do I go for more information?

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