

# Senior Years

## Curriculum Overview



### Year 10

Year 10 is the beginning of the Senior Years at Mount Ridley College and is a critical time in a students' educational journey.

Year 10 provides access to many innovative and engaging units, which are preparation for the rigours of the VCE (Victorian Certificate of Education), VCAL (Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning) as well as workplace and further training options.

#### **Some key features of the program include:**

All subjects will have the same amount of time allocated to them in the timetable (8 hours a fortnight), to allow for flexible blocking and access for year 10 students to the VCE (Victorian Certificate of Education) or VET (Vocational Education and Training).

Mathematics and English are compulsory for all students for the entire year.

You must pick one semester of each of the following subjects: Science, and Humanities/Civics.

#### **The Year 10 core subjects are compulsory for all students and are yearlong.**

##### **They comprise of:**

- English, English Literature or English as an Additional Language (EAL).
- Applied Mathematics or VCE Foundation Maths.
- Mentor.

The Year 10 elective subjects are selected by the students and enable them to explore individual areas of interest beyond the scope of core work and to further enhance their skills and understanding. Electives also provide the opportunity for students to build on their strengths.

Students must select one semester subject from each of Science, Humanities and HPE learning areas. The remainder of their program is made up of semester based electives from across the curriculum areas.

## Year 10: Unit Overview

English	Maths	Science	Humanities	Physical Activity and Movement	Technology	Arts	Languages	Mentor	LINCS	
English	General Maths	Biochemistry	Civil Rights	Game on Boys!	Computing: Networks and Programming	2D Art	Advanced Italian II	<i>Compulsory Component of the program</i>	This is a preparation program for those students who may consider VCAL in 2019	
English Literature	Advanced Maths	Exercise Science 2.0	Global Business 2.0	Game on Girls!	Electronics	3D Art	Advanced Japanese II			
EAL		Life Forces	Making and Breaking the Law 2.0	Physical Activity for Boys*	Robotics	Dance	<i>If undertaking a language, it must be for the entire year</i>			
<i>Year Long Subjects</i>		Chemistry & Physics	Our Planet, Our Issue 2.0	Physical Activity for Girls*	Food Technology	Digital Art and Design	<i>No more than 3 units from each learning area can be chosen</i>			
		Practical Science	World War II - The World At War	Game Sense 2*	Hospitality	Digital Photography				
		<i>Students must choose 1 semester unit from these learning areas, but no more than 3 from each over the course of the year</i>			Get Active, Get Healthy	Metalwork				Drama
					<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Unit option</b>	Textiles				Media
					GYM Junkie	Woodwork				Music Performance
					Accelerated I-PE (Full year subject. ESP students only)					Visual Communication and Design
					<i>If students wish to take two units of PE they must take their first unit in 1<sup>st</sup> semester and GYM Junkie in 2<sup>nd</sup> semester</i>					

## Year 10 L.I.N.C.S (Literacy, Industry, Numeracy, Community Service)

This course is modelled on the teaching and learning in the areas of the VCAL curriculum, centered on the Personal Development and Work Related areas. Students will be required to undertake a school based VET and each semester complete a work experience placement.

The course is designed to support students to make sound choices about their future in the vocational arena. Students will be engaged in Community based projects each term and as such will work on and develop their skills in the following areas; communication, team work, planning, time management and project management.

Students will also learn about the Employability skills and get exposure to interview tips and techniques. The fields of Occupational Health and Safety, work place relations, consumer affairs, rights, responsibilities and entitlements will also form a focus of this program.

Lastly, students will gain a deeper understanding of the work in the areas of; resilience, making sound and sustaining choices for life, positive behaviours, values education and planning for post compulsory options beyond the secondary school setting.

The L.I.N.C.S program is a select entry program tailored for students as an introduction to the Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning.

### L.I.N.C.S is for:

- Students who want to pursue a vocational pathway;
- Students who would benefit from an applied learning approach to integrated curriculum;
- Students whose literacy and numeracy levels would benefit from a non-traditional approach to the teaching of English and Mathematics; and
- Students who prefer a small learning environment.

## VCE

Mount Ridley P-12 College offers a comprehensive Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) Program, as well as a Vocational Education and Training (VET) programs and the Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning (VCAL).

Below is the list of all VCE and VET studies currently available:

English	Maths	Science	Humanities	Physical Activity and Movement	Technology	Arts	Languages	VET
VCE English: EAL Units 1 - 4	VCE Mathematics: Further Units 1 - 4	VCE Biology Units 1 - 4	VCE Accounting Units 1 - 4	VCE Health and Human Development Units 1 - 4	VCE Computing Units 1 and 2	VCE Art Units 1 - 4	VCE Italian Units 1 - 4	VET Employment Pathways (LINC5) Units 1 - 2
VCE English: General Units 1 - 4	VCE Mathematics: Methods Units 1 - 4	VCE Chemistry Units 1 - 4	VCE Business Management Units 1 - 4	VCE Physical Education Units 1 - 4	VCE Food Studies Units 1 - 4	VCE Dance Units 1- 2	VCE Japanese Units 1 - 4	VET Sport and Recreation Units 1 - 4
VCE English: Literature Units 1 - 4	VCE Mathematics: Specialists Units 1 - 4	VCE Physics Units 1 - 4	VCE History: 20 <sup>th</sup> Century Units 1 and 2		VCE Informatics Units 3 and 4	VCE Drama Units 1 - 2		
		VCE Psychology Units 1 - 4	VCE History: Revolutions Units 3 and 4		VCE Product Des and Tech: Woodwork Units 1 - 4	VCE Media Units 1 - 4		
			VCE Legal Studies Units 1 - 4			VCE Studio Arts Units 1 - 4		
						VCE Visual Communication and Design Units 1 - 4		

## VET

The VET (Vocational Education Training) in school's program combines general VCE studies with vocational training and experience in the workforce. VET programs have become fully integrated into the VCE. This means that they have been developed as independent studies at Units 1, 2, 3 and 4 level.

All VET programs have full VCE study status. VET provides additional breadth to the VCE and gives students a nationally recognised training credential endorsed by industry and an ability to contribute towards further education and training courses.

There are two options available as to where VET courses can be completed:

- On site at Mount Ridley College, for limited units.
- Off site at either a TAFE, Registered Training Organisation (RTO) or alternative Secondary College on a Wednesday.

VET is suited towards students who are:

- Are thinking of obtaining an apprenticeship or traineeship after school;
- Are already skilled in an industry area and can gain excellent study scores for university entry;
- Are interested in developing a practical skills base for diploma and degree level courses;
- Would like to gain an industry qualification, as well as their VCE or VCAL;
- Enjoy practical based learning environments;
- Want to keep their options open after completing Year 12; and
- Want to obtain part-time work in an industry.

## VCAL

The Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning (VCAL) provides students with an opportunity to study a combination of VCAL, VET and VCE units.

VCAL gives students practical work-related experience, as well as literacy and numeracy skills and the opportunity to build personal skills that are important for life and work. Like the Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE), the VCAL is a recognised senior secondary qualification.

Students who do the VCAL are likely to be interested in going on to training at a Technical and Further Education (TAFE) institute, starting an apprenticeship, or getting a job after completing school. Through a VCAL learning program students have an opportunity to build a flexible pathway to the workforce, further vocational training, apprenticeships or traineeships.

The VCAL has three certificate levels: Foundation, Intermediate and Senior. The three certificate levels cater for a range of students with different abilities and interests. They also provide a progression in the development of skills, knowledge and attributes. At Mount Ridley P-12 College we offer transition from Year 10 into a Foundation or Intermediate Program. It usually takes one year to complete a VCAL level.

Mount Ridley College offers VCAL school based classes over three days (Monday, Tuesday and Thursday).

### **The three school based days included:**

- Numeracy.
- Literacy.
- Work Related Skills.
- Personal Development Skills.
- Project Based Learning.

On the other two days of the week students are required to complete their chosen TAFE course (Wednesday) and find a work placement for each Friday.

In order to be considered for selection in the VCAL program, students are required to submit an expression of interest, nominating and justifying 3 VET courses they wish to take. Students are also required to have a teacher support their application for entering the VCAL program. Students will be interviewed by the Director of Vocational and Applied Learning. A parent or guardian will need to be in attendance at the interview as well.