

Intermediate VCAL Program Overview

Overview:

At the College, the Intermediate VCAL program is conducted primarily through the VCE program, although at a less academically challenging level. Students are required to meet all the VCAL requirements, and do this by completing a number of VCE subjects plus the one compulsory VCAL subject of Personal Development. This provides the VCAL students with the flexibility of moving to the VCE program in Year 12. Students can also choose to remain with the VCAL program in their final year and if they are interested in adding a third year to their program, they can accumulate VCE Units during their VCAL program and complete the VCE certificate in the following year.

It is also recommended that students enroll in additional VCE courses based on interest and level of commitment. A number of VCE courses such as Food Technology, Health and Human Development, Media can help students in accessing TAFE or other related courses. Please ask for advice when considering additional VCE subjects during the enrollment process and in consultation with the VCAL Coordinator.

VCAL Requirement

Work-Related Strands – students develop and consolidate their employability skills such as teamwork, organization, planning, and communication. There is a major focus on OH&S and group activities.

1. **Literacy Strands** - focuses on a range of writing, reading and comprehension tasks over the year. These include narrative, instructional, summative, positional writing. Foundation English
2. **Numeracy Strands** - focus on basic numeracy skills ie. Foundation Maths or General Maths
3. **Industry Strands** – Students choose a VET certificate in an area they are interested in pursuing a career in the future.
4. **Personal Development Strands** – students develop and consolidate a range of personal skills through their work in community projects.

Appeals to students who like to:

- Work with their hands
- Enjoy a practical approach to learning
- VCAL Personal Development
- Enjoy learning in a range of settings including outside the classroom.

Typical tasks:

- Practical activities
- Teamwork
- Discussions
- Excursions

Materials & Technology used:

- Range of materials from materials used in practical activities, to class based handouts, videos, guest speakers etc.

Typically leads to:

- TAFE course or apprenticeships