



Swinburne Senior Secondary College

Unscored VCE Policy

Policy Statement

The school's priority is that all students should be given an opportunity to complete a scored VCE. The college celebrates all scores as a reflection of the dedication and progress of each student over the course of their VCE.

However, where a student and their parent/guardian make an informed decision to complete their VCE without Study Scores and an ATAR this will be facilitated by the school at an appropriate time.

Students may request to complete an Unscored VCE if they experience adverse circumstances in which attendance at the end of year exams may jeopardise their ability to complete their VCE. At times students without these circumstances may request an Unscored VCE, however this is discouraged by the college.

Guidelines

Where a student receives a NA (Not Assessed) grade for two out of three graded assessment tasks in a subject they will not receive a Study Score for that subject.

If a student does not receive a Study Score in at least 4 subjects they will not receive an ATAR.

CONSEQUENCES OF UNSCORED VCE

Students who undertake an Unscored VCE acknowledge the following consequences of not sitting the end of year exams:

- They will receive an NA grade for each subject in which they will not sit the end of year exam
- Their scores for Unit 3&4 assessment tasks will not be provided to VCAA
- They will not receive an ATAR score that can be used to apply for tertiary education courses

Students also agree to the following requirements in order to successfully pass each Unit:

- Maintain satisfactory attendance as per the attendance policy
- Complete all required coursework
- Satisfactorily complete all assessment tasks
- Behave in a manner that is not distracting to other students and teachers preparing for their end of year exams

Implementation

- The student must complete an Unscoored VCE request form and have this approved by the Year 12 Management team. They will need to book an appointment with the Careers Coordinator who will also sign off on the form to ensure tertiary education planned is not impacted negatively by this decision to go unscoored. This appointment can be booked through the school website.
- The parent/guardians of the student will confirm their understanding of the consequences of this decision via the Unscoored request form.
- Once a student has put in a request, students must attempt SACs in Term 1 under normal scored circumstances until the request is processed and formalised. The Unscoored VCE request, once approved, will come into effect from Term 2.
- Once the request is approved, a Compass post will be pinned to the student's Chronicle, listing them as unscoored.
- Staff will be notified of students who are undertaking an Unscoored VCE. Teachers will report their Unit 3 and 4 scores as NA.
- Unit scores are then checked to ensure they are accurately recorded.

Review

This policy is for review every three years.

Certification

This policy was adopted at the School Council meeting held at

_____ on the _____ day of _____

Principal

School Council President

Endorsed by School Council and effective as of: (insert date)