



# WELCOME

## Subject Selection Information Evening for students entering into 2025

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# Our daily timetable

Since the beginning of 2023 our school has operated on a 5 period day.

Each period runs for 58 minutes.

25 lessons for the week in total.

We have found this model has allowed for deeper consolidation of content knowledge and diversity in activities throughout the lesson.

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## Core subjects students will study each week for the whole year

4 periods **Maths**

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3 periods **Science**

2 periods **Religious Education**

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1 period **Wellbeing**

(19 periods per week)



# Current year 8s moving into year 9 2025

## Elective Choices

**Students may choose 6 electives for the year.**

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# Current Year 9s moving into Year 10 2025

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## VCE Acceleration Options



Students may choose to accelerate in year 10 by applying to do a VCE subject in Year 10.

Students will need to complete an application form (available from the front office) and have a conversation with the relevant HUB leaders.

If students do go ahead with this option, it will take up 4 periods per week in their elective choices, so they will only have 2 elective choices for the year.

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# Content specific information

Please seek advice from HUB leaders.



## Session TWO





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# Year 10s Moving into Year 11 2025

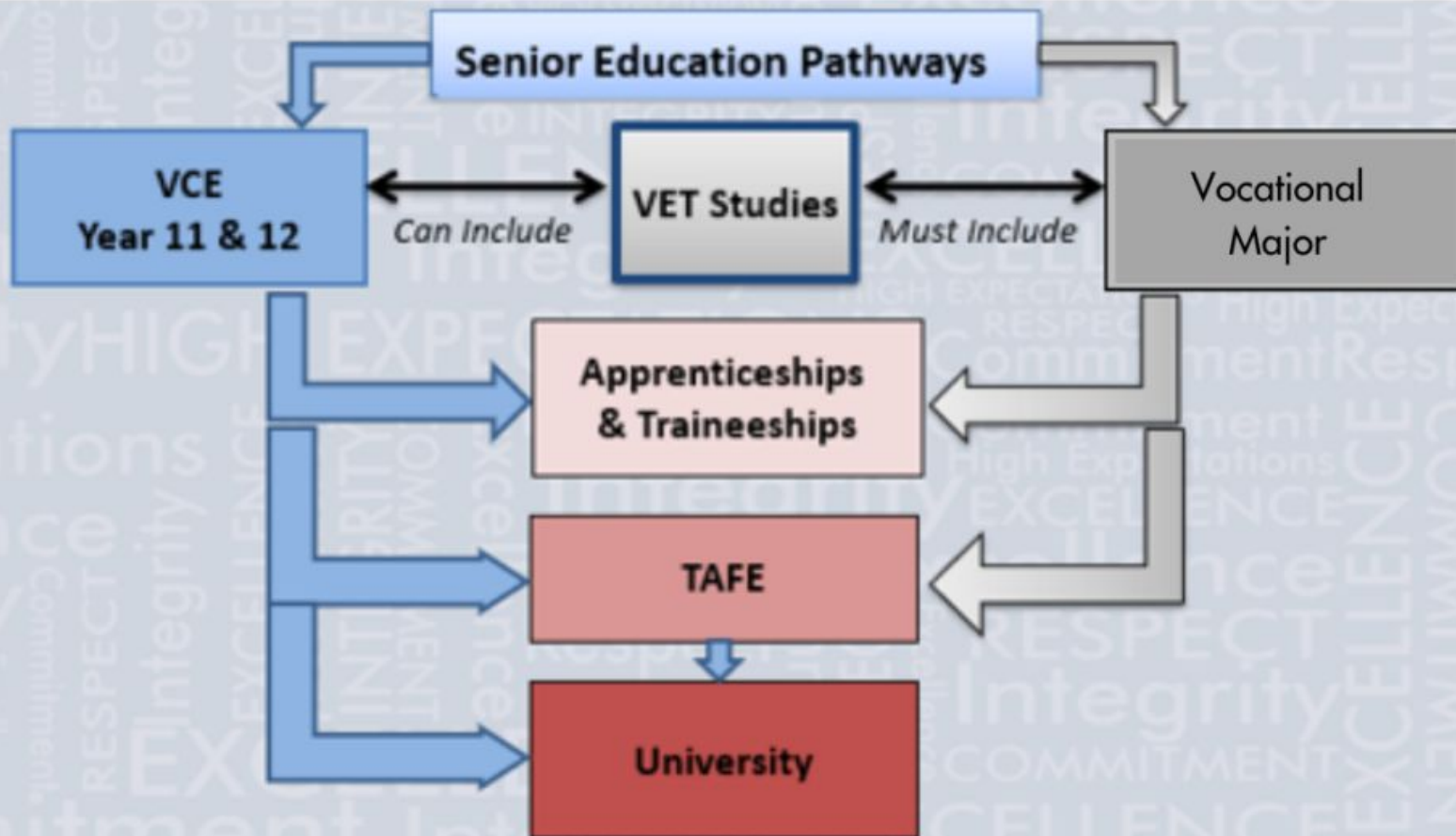




# Before you make choices

- Attend the TA interview session next Tuesday for some individualised advise
- All students were directly emailed prerequisites for courses this week
- Listen carefully to the HUB talks this Wednesday
- Seek advice from the careers coordinator
- Read the handbooks carefully. All families were sent direct links via PAM and it is on the Marian College website

# 2025 VCE Options and Pathways



The Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) is Victoria's senior secondary qualification. It opens pathways to higher-level TAFE or VET certificate courses, apprenticeships, traineeships and the workforce.

The VCE has expanded to include the Vocational Major, a new **2-year** vocational and applied learning program.

# VCE Vocational Major

To be eligible to receive the VCE VM, students must satisfactorily complete a minimum of 16 units over two years including:

- 3 VCE VM Literacy or VCE English units (including a Unit 3–4 sequence)
- 2 VCE VM Numeracy or VCE Mathematics units
- 2 VCE VM Work Related Skills units
- 2 VCE VM Personal Development Skills units, and
- 2 VET credits at Certificate II level or above (180 nominal hours) School Based Apprenticeships and Traineeships can replace VET requirements

# VCE Vocational Major

All students completing Year 12 will attain their VCE certificate - regardless of the stream.

One of the main benefits of the VM is its emphasis on practical work-related skills, with two of the four strands focusing on providing practical work and industry experience.

Work placement experience is encouraged.

VM is individualised for all students to fit VET and/or work placement.



# Vocational Education Training (VCE VET)



VET is a key element of the VCE, and compulsory for students studying VCE Vocational Major.

Students must choose their VET carefully as they will need to remain in their VET for the two years of VCE VM.

Many VCE VET programs offer a scored option for gaining an ATAR score. These are outlined in the student handbook.



# Vocational Education Training (VCE VET)



At Marian, we attempt to offer as many VET subjects as possible at school or within our local School cluster with Ararat College and Stawell Secondary.

Other VET programs can be chosen from the Ballarat/Horsham VET cluster, however they will require a pre-organised payment plan with the school before the end of this year with extra fees/costs (this can be up to \$3000 per year depending on the course) and independent transport to and from the course.

## **Marian College Onsite VET**

### **Community Services & Early Childhood Education**

- Certificate III in Community Services incorporating Certificate II in Community Services (Not ATAR scored)
- Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care (Not ATAR Scored)

### **Building and Construction**

- Certificate II in Building and Construction (Not ATAR Scored)



## Marian College Onsite VET

### Sport and Recreation

- Certificate III in Sport and Recreation (ATAR scored)

### Business

- Certificate III in Business (NOT ATAR scored)

### Engineering

- Certificate II in Engineering Pathways (NOT ATAR scored)

NB - All our VET courses are subject to change due to staffing

## Ararat College

### Hospitality

- Certificate II in Kitchen Operations (Not ATAR Scored)

### Health

- Certificate III in Allied Health Assistance (ATAR scored)

Sandlants bus drops Stawell students directly to Ararat College.

## Stawell Secondary

### Agriculture

- Certificate II in Agriculture Studies

### Automotive

- Certificate II in Automotive Vocational Preparation (Not ATAR scored)

### Hair and Beauty

- Certificate II in Salon Assistant (Not ATAR scored)

Ararat students catch Sandlants bus at school and travel to Stawell at a small cost.

# Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE)

# Minimum requirements to attain a VCE

To obtain the VCE, you need to successfully complete at least 16 units. These need to include:

- 3 sequences of Unit 3 and 4 subjects

- 3 units from an English subject group (including Unit 3 and 4).

# In year 11 VCE at Marian College

Students choose 5 VCE (Which can include a VET) subjects at Units 1&2, plus Religion. One of these 5 must be either English or Literature.

The option of studying a Unit 3&4 is available. Not only to those students who studied a Unit 1&2 in Year 10

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# In Year 12 VCE at Marian College

## Year 12

Students choose 4-5 subjects\* at Units 3&4, plus Religion. One of these 5 must be either English or Literature.

*\*Individual circumstances will be taken into consideration. For eg those students who in Year 11 have already completed a Unit 3&4 subject.*

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# Resources

**All Subject Handbooks available on the school website and links sent VIA PAM to all families**

## **VTAC Prerequisites**

For CURRENT year 10 students these are the prerequisite subjects for courses:

<https://vtac.edu.au/files/pdf/publications/prerequisites-for-2027.pdf>

- For CURRENT year 11 students these are the prerequisites for courses:

<https://vtac.edu.au/files/pdf/publications/prerequisites-for-2026-v2c.pdf>

- All year 10s have access to the Careers Department Portal

<https://app.thecareersdepartment.com/school/marian-college-ararat>

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- **Victorian Government Guide**

<https://www.vic.gov.au/choosing-year-11-and-12-subjects>

# Subject Based Pathway suggestions

# Marian College RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PATHWAY



Year 7

**Core subject:**  
• Religion

Year 8

**Core subject:**  
• Religion

Year 9

**Core subject:**  
• Religion

Year 10

**Core subject:**  
• Religion

Year 11

**Core subject:**  
• Religion and  
Society Unit 2

Year 12

**Core subject:**  
• Internal Religious  
Education Program

**Electives:**  
• Religion & Society  
Units 3&4

# Marian College ENGLISH AND LANGUAGES PATHWAY



Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12
<b>Core subjects:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• English</li><li>• Chinese</li></ul>	<b>Core subjects:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• English</li><li>• Chinese</li></ul>	<b>Core subjects:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• English</li></ul>	<b>Core subjects:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• English</li></ul>	<b>Core subjects:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• English Units 1&amp;2 <i>and/or</i></li><li>• Literature Units 1&amp;2</li></ul>	<b>Core subjects:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• English Units 3&amp;4 <i>and/or</i></li><li>• Literature Units 3&amp;4</li></ul>
		<b>Elective:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Creative Writing and Literature</li></ul>	<b>Elective:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Creative Writing and Literature</li></ul>		

# Marian College HUMANITIES PATHWAY

Year 7

Year 8

Year 9

Year 10

Year 11

Year 12

**Core subjects:**  
Humanities

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Humanities

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Humanities

**Core subjects:**  
Humanities

**Elective:**  
• Money Talks

**Electives:**  
• Money Talks  
• Business Management Units 1&2  
• Legal Studies Units 1&2  
• History Units 1&2

**Electives:**  
• Business Management Units 1&2  
• Legal Studies Units 1&2  
• Modern History Units 1&2

**Electives:**  
• Business Management Units 3&4  
• Legal Studies Units 3&4  
• History - Revolutions Units 3&4

# Marian College HEALTH / PE PATHWAY



Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12
<b>Core subject:</b> Physical Education	<b>Core subject:</b> Physical Education	<b>Core subject:</b> Physical Education	<b>Core subject:</b> Physical Education	<b>Electives:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Physical Education Units 1&amp;2</li><li>• Health &amp; Human Development Units 1&amp;2</li></ul>	<b>Electives:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Physical Education Units 3&amp;4</li><li>• Health &amp; Human Development Units 3&amp;4</li></ul>
		<b>Electives:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Games of the World</li><li>• Netball Studies</li><li>• Intro to H&amp;HD</li></ul>	<b>Electives:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Exercise Science</li><li>• Outdoor Ed</li><li>• Intro to H&amp;HD</li><li>• PE Units 1&amp;2</li><li>• H&amp;HD Units 1&amp;2</li></ul>		

# Marian College VISUAL ARTS PATHWAY



Year 7

Year 8

Year 9

Year 10

Year 11

Year 12

**Core Subject:**

- Art

**Core Subject:**

- Art

**Electives:**

- Art
- Ceramics
- Photography

**Electives:**

- Art
- Ceramics
- Photography
- Art Making and Exhibiting Units 1&2

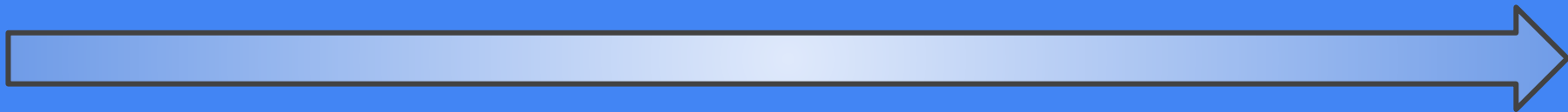
**Electives:**

- Art Making and Exhibiting Units 1&2

**Electives:**

- Art Making and Exhibiting Units 3&4

# Marian College MUSIC PATHWAY



Year 7

Year 8

Year 9

Year 10

Year 11

Year 12

**Core subject:**

- Music

**Core subject:**

- Music

**Electives:**

- Popular Music
- Music Technology

**Electives:**

- Music Performance and Composition
- Music Performance Units 1&2

**Electives:**

- Music Performance Units 1&2

**Electives:**

- Music Performance Units 3&4

\* We also offer Piano and Singing lessons privately



# Marian College DRAMA PATHWAY



Year 7

Year 8

Year 9

Year 10

Year 11

Year 12

**Core Subject:**  
• Drama

**Core Subject:**  
• Drama

**Core Subject:**  
• Drama

**Electives:**  
• Drama

**Electives:**  
• Drama Units 1&2  
• Theatre Studies  
Units 1&2

**Electives:**  
• Drama Units 3&4  
• Theatre Studies  
Units 3&4

# Marian College TECHNOLOGY PATHWAY



Year 7

Year 8

Year 9

Year 10

Year 11

Year 12

**Core subjects:**

- Digital Technology
- Home Economics
- Textiles
- Wood, Metal & Plastics

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- Home Economics
- Textiles
- Wood, Metal & Plastics

**Electives:**

- Computer Aided Design
- Digital Media
- Systems-Mechatronics
- Metal
- Wood
- Textiles
- Cooking for Celebrations
- Multicultural Cooking

**Electives:**

- Computer Aided Design
- Asian Foods
- Survival Foods
- Food for Fitness
- My Kitchen Hamper
- Textiles
- Furniture Making
- Systems-Mechatronics Advanced
- Digital Media
- Product Design & Technology Units 1&2 (Textiles *OR* Wood, Metal & Plastics)
- Systems Engineering Units 1&2
- Food Studies Units 1&2

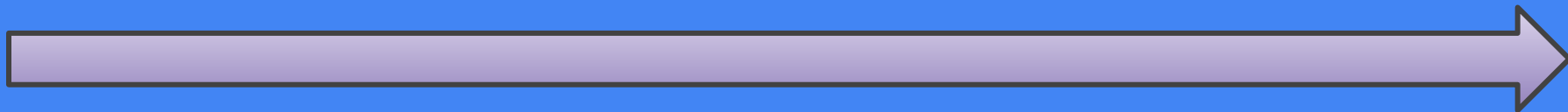
**Electives:**

- Product Design & Technology Units 1&2 (Textiles *OR* Wood, Metal & Plastics)
- Systems Engineering Units 1&2
- Food Studies Units 1&2

**Electives:**

- Product Design & Technology Units 3&4 (Textiles *OR* Wood, Metal & Plastics)
- Systems Technology Units 3&4
- Food Studies Units 3&4

# Marian College MATHS PATHWAY



Year 7

- Core subjects:**
- Maths

Year 8

- Core subjects:**
- General Maths

Year 9

- Core subjects:**
- Maths Methods
  - General Maths

Year 10

- Core subjects:**
- Maths Methods
  - General Maths

Year 11

- Electives:**
- Specialist Maths Units 1&2
  - Maths Methods Units 1&2
  - General Maths Units 1&2

Year 12

- Electives:**
- Specialist Maths Units 3&4
  - Maths Methods Units 3&4
  - General Maths Units 3&4

# Marian College SCIENCE PATHWAY



**Year 7**

**Year 8**

**Year 9**

**Year 10**

**Year 11**

**Year 12**

**Core subjects:**  
Science

**Core subjects:**  
Science

**Core subjects:**  
Science

**Core subjects:**  
• Biology and Psychology  
• Chemistry and Physics

**Electives:**  
• Biology Units 1&2  
• Chemistry Units 1&2  
• Physics Units 1&2  
• Psychology Units 1&2

**Electives:**  
• Biology Units 3&4  
• Chemistry Units 3&4  
• Physics Units 3&4  
• Psychology Units 3&4

**Electives:**  
• Year 10 Biology  
and Psychology

**Electives:**  
• Healthy Farming  
• Biology Units 1&2  
• Psychology Units 1&2