VICTORIAN CERTIFICATE OF APPLIED LEARNING (VCAL) 2021
‘The Hands On Learning Alternative’

- All VCAL programs consist of 4 core elements (Referred to as Strands)
  - Literacy and Numeracy Skills
  - Personal Development Skills
  - Work Related Skills
  - Industry Specific Skills (VET Training)
- VCAL programs are delivered at different levels. Foundation, Intermediate, Senior.
- An Intermediate or Senior Certificate is completed in one Year (VCE is a 2 year Certificate)
Subject Descriptions

- **Literacy Skills**
  - Strong focus on the development of written and spoken communication skills. This includes reading, writing and speaking skills.
  - SYN FM, RACV ADVERTISING PROJECT

- **Numeracy Skills**
  - Mathematical skills for the workplace. This includes projects in building, automotive and travel etc. Preparation for industry aptitude tests

- **Personal Development Skills**
  - PDS aims to develop skills in teamwork, project based learning, leadership, planning and organising, and community service

- **Work Related Skills**
  - Focus on developing employability skills. Focus on exposure to the workplace through regular and extended work placement (2 weeks each school Term)
Vocational Education and Training (VET)

- Minimum of 90 hours of recognised industry based training (VET) is compulsory in VCAL.
- Parade College has partnerships with outside training providers through the Northern Melbourne VET Cluster.
- If Parade College does not offer the program sort after, we access the training EXTERNAL of the College, eg. NCAT, or other secondary schools through NMVC.
- ALL VCAL students complete a Certificate 11 Small Business as a timetabled class.
Vocation Education and Training (VET) at Parade

Certificate 11 and Certificate 111 VET in Schools (VETiS)
- Kitchen Operations
- Music Industry (Technical Production)
- Sport and Recreation
- Furnishings/Cabinet Making, Floor and Wall Tiling
- Building and Construction Carpentry
- Building and Construction Bricklaying
- Plumbing
- IT, Screen and Media
- Electrotechnology*
- Small Business

All VET programs are undertaken over 2 years. It is not recommended that students ‘pick up’ a VET program at Year 12 without completing the Year 11 component. They will not be able to complete in one year.

These programs are Certificate 11/111 level VCE and VCAL students both access these programs.
If a student wishes to access training in a VET program where Parade College DOES NOT offer on site, there is an application process to an external provider.

External training providers can include other secondary schools, Tafes, Northern College of Arts and Technology (NCAT).

Please note: There are **additional costs and charges outside College fees to access this training**

VET PROGRAMS

- Provide recognised industry based training. Assist in employment or further education and training
- Established and recognised part of a VCE program
- Compulsory as a part of industry specific skills requirement of VCAL
- Sequential units 1-4 Year 11 and Year 12
- Parade College is a Registered Training Organisation (RTO) and offers a wide range of VET programs on site. A VET levy of $455 is attached to College fees. This levy is a single payment irrespective of the number of VET programs a student undertakes
- Any EXTERNAL VET accessed carries a fee for service in addition to College fees
School Based Apprenticeships and Traineeships (SBATS)

- Opportunities to undertake school based apprenticeships/traineeships are strongly encouraged
- Students complete a VCAL, undertake TAFE training and work with a host employer in an apprenticeship/traineeship
- Currently over 20 students in VCAL at Parade are engaged in SBATs across a range of employment areas
- SBATS are available across very many areas of training.
- Often all that is required is a willing employer
- VCAL students can apply to include a work placement of one day per week into their programs
- Links with New Apprenticeship Centres (Eg MAS), Inner Northern and Banyule Nillumbik Workplace Learning
Typical VCAL Week

Students have individual timetables across the 5 days of the week. They access their VET training **up to** 2 days per week (MAX.) and their VCAL program on the other 3 days (MIN.)

Some access work placement one day, VET training another and 3 days at the Preston campus for VCAL

For Example

- Monday Carpentry ERTTC all day 7.30am-3.15pm
- Tuesday 8.35am-3.15pm Preston VCAL Program
  - Wednesday 8.35am-3.15pm Preston VCAL Program
  - Thursday 8.35am-3.15pm Preston VCAL Program
  - Friday Plumbing all day 7.30am-3.15pm Preston Campus

Some students are at Preston 8.35am-12.00pm on a timetabled day and make their way to Bundoora campus for a VET program 1.30pm-5.00pm e.g. Hospitality, Sport and Recreation, Furnishings, Bricklaying, Media, Music, Floor and Wall
Timetabled VCAL Classes Preston Campus Example

- Tutor Group (8.35am)
- Certificate 11 Small Business
- Literacy Skills
- Numeracy Skills
- Work Related Skills
- Personal Development Skills
- Sport
Where to now?

- **Edmund Rice Pathways Students 2020**
  Complete VET Intention Form 2021 and return to Mr Nicholls by first week back Term 3

- **Bundoora Year 10/11 students**
  Expression of Interest Form to be returned, Student Services Bundoora. It can be scanned and emailed to me if preferred [jnicholls@parade.vic.edu.au](mailto:jnicholls@parade.vic.edu.au)

- Interviews of Bundoora boys and parents to be arranged in Term 3.
  Students to bring the ‘Referee Statement’ and a copy of mid year report to the interview. Contact will be made by the College to arrange a convenient interview time for student and parent/guardian

- Interviews of Pathways boys and parents as required and by request

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