



Parade College - Subject Selection (FAQs)

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Web Preferences

Q) I can't find the email with my web preferences link. What do I do?

A) Emails were sent to student emails. Check your school Outlook email. Search for 'noreply@selectmysubjects.com.au'. If you are unable to locate it, then send an email to 'Kerry.mulvogue@parade.vic.edu.au' with your name, tutor group, student number and year level.

Year 7 into 8 (2025)

Q) Is Food Studies offered in Year 8?

A) No. Students wishing to continue with Food Studies can do so as an elective in Year 9 and through certain food related ExCEL subjects.

Q) Can students change the language that they studied in Year 7?

A) In Year 8, students continue with the language they started in Year 7. Changes are not possible. Only students studying Intervention English in Year 8 do not study a language.

Q) My son is in Intervention English, does he still study both Intervention English and Year 8 English?

A) Yes, in Year 8 Intervention English is in place of Languages. Your son will do both Intervention English and Year 8 English.



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Year 8 into 9 (2025)

Q) What is ExCEL?

A) The Year 9 ExCEL program offers Year 9 students a variety of Extended Learning Projects (ELPs) as well as learning4life, (L4Ls) a series of Personal Development seminars. These programs are designed to allow students to explore interests in an in-depth way, with off-campus excursions that frequently involve students developing and practising independent learning and travel skills. Students submit formative assessments every week as well as working towards a significant research or production piece for presentation and assessment.

Over the year students will complete 3 ELPs and 4 L4L programs.

Q) What day does ExCEL occur?

A) ExCEL occurs most Wednesdays throughout the year.

Q) Which campus do ExCEL classes occur on?

A) ExCEL classes occur on both campuses. Bundoora students may be required to attend the Preston campus for their ExCEL classes, and vice versa.

Q) My son attends the Bundoora campus, when he has an ExCEL class at the Preston campus, will he be expected to make his own way there in the morning for Tutor Group?

A) Your son is expected to make his own way to Preston for his ExCEL class. He is expected to arrive by 8:40 am for period 1 and will be dismissed from this campus at 3:15 pm.

Q) My son attends the Preston campus, when he has an ExCEL class at the Bundoora campus, will he be expected to make his own way there in the morning for Tutor Group?

A) Your son is expected to make his own way to Bundoora for his ExCEL class. He is expected to arrive by 8:55 am for period 1 and will be dismissed from this campus at 3:15 pm.



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High Performance Sport (Years 8-9)

Q) How does a student get into an ACC High Performance Class?

A) When selecting subjects for 2025, students who wish to play either football or soccer must select ACC High Performance – Semester 1 as part of their subject selection. Students wishing to play either, Basketball, Table Tennis, Hockey, Cricket Tennis or Volleyball must select ACC High Performance Semester 2 as part of their subject selection. If a student wishes to play a sport in Semester 1 and 2 then they must select ACC High Performance – Semesters' 1 and 2.

Please Note – Whilst a student may select to do ACC High Performance Sport, this does not guarantee them a position in the class. The number of students wishing to be involved in the subject is far greater than the number of positions available and therefore, students are selected into the subject based on a combination of some or all of the following criteria;

- Previous ACC involvement and performance*
- Involvement and performance in regular Physical Education classes*
- General behaviour and ability to demonstrate mutual respect to fellow students and staff*
- Performance at selection trials*
- Ability to uphold the school's discipline and uniform policy*
- Performance in local sporting competitions Selection is completed annually*

Being involved in an ACC High Performance class at one specific year level does not guarantee selection in the following year. Selection is based on the criteria listed above. This process allows developing students who may have missed selection in one year, an opportunity to be involved in the following year. Students who are not involved in an ACC sport in a current year, but would like to be considered for an ACC team for the following year, must attend the non High Performance ACC Trials run during the year.

Q) Does involvement in an ACC High Performance class guarantee selection into a team?

A) No. If a student is selected into an ACC High Performance class, then they are part of a specific sporting squad. Selection for all ACC teams will then come from these specific squads. Students who aren't selected in the final team will be involved in a Physical Education practical class during ACC matches.

Q) What does my son do if he is not in an ACC High Performance Class?

A) Students not involved in an ACC High Performance Class at Years' 8 or 9 will be involved in regular Physical Education classes. Student in Year 10 who are not involved in an ACC High Performance class would select another elective. If you have any questions regarding the trials, please don't hesitate to email Mr John Baxter on john.baxter@parade.vic.edu.au



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Year 9 into 10 (2025)

Q) If I select to study Science Combined, can I still do a VCE Science subject?

A) No, student that select to study Science Combined do so knowing that they definitely do not wish to continue with a science in VCE.

Q) If I select to study Science Combined, can I still do a second unit of Year 10 Science (i.e. Biology, Chemistry etc)?

A) No, students selecting this subject are unable to choose other science electives.

Q) I am undecided as to whether I complete VCE or VCE VM. Are there subjects I should do to keep my options open?

A) Selecting and undertaking a VET subject in Year 10 ensures an easier transition into VCE VM if you decide the VCE pathway is not for you.

Acceleration into Units 1 & 2 VCE or VET

Q) My son is thinking of accelerating into a Unit 1 & 2 VCE subject, what should he do?

A) Read the Year 10 Subject Handbook. Complete an application form to accelerate into a Unit 1 & 2 VCE subject, complete all the requirements for application and then submit the form with your printed Web Preferences Receipt to your Tutor Teacher by the due date.

Q) How many subjects can student involved in the Altior program accelerate in?

A) Altior students can only accelerate into a maximum of two VCE subjects (some subjects are excluded).

Q) What are the selection criteria for acceleration into a VCE subject?

A) Read the Year 10 Subject Handbook for the acceleration Policy.

Q) Is it possible to accelerate into Unit 1&2 Maths Methods, General, Chemistry or Physics?

A) Acceleration into these subjects is generally not encouraged. We acknowledge that there are exceptional circumstances where a student has demonstrated consistent high achievement across all areas during their time at Parade and that they may wish to apply. In such situations, the student is encouraged to speak with the Dean of Learning or the Assistant Principal of Teaching and Learning prior to submitting their application. There is no guarantee that this would be successful.

Q) Is it possible to accelerate in more than one subjects?

A) Only for students in the Altior program. Students in the mainstream program may only apply to accelerate into one subject.

Q) When will I find out if my application to accelerate was successful?

A) A selection panel will review all application to see if they meet the criteria for acceleration. The Panel will determine if the applicant does or does not meet the selection criteria. One of three possible outcomes will occur;

Successful: *The Panel determines that the students results do meet or exceeds all the acceleration criteria.*

Pending: *The Panels decision on whether the student is successful or not in acceleration will be pending a review of his semester two results. A final decision will be made in Term 4 and the outcome communicated to families.*

Unsuccessful: *The Panel determines that the students results do not meet the acceleration criteria.*

Q) I would like to accelerate into a VET subject in Year 10, what VET subjects are available?

A) In Year 10 students may choose from the following VET options:

Cert II in Building and Construction (Carpentry)

Cert II in Building and Construction (Bricklaying)

Certificate II in Furniture

Certificate III Laboratory Skills

Q) How do I apply to accelerate into a VET subject?

A) Watch the presentation for Year 9 into Year 10. Select the relevant VET subject on Web Preferences.

Q) I have some questions regarding VET, who do I contact?

A) Contact Mr Michael Torpey – Assistant Principal – Partnerships and Pathways.

VCE (Victorian Certificate of Education)

Q) Should I select subjects that are scaled up as they can give you a better ATAR?

A) The best ATAR is achieved by a student completing the subjects that they are best at. Choosing subjects solely based on scaling is often detrimental to a student's ATAR. A student's ability in a subject, enjoyment of a subject, and prerequisites for future studies are more important considerations when selecting your VCE course.

Q) If I accelerate in a subject, does it mean that I only have to do four subjects in my final year?

A) No, accelerating in a unit 3 / 4 subject in Year 11 enables you to complete SIX subjects and receive a boost to your ATAR. The expectation is that you will have the usual workload in your final year.

Q) Can I accelerate into a Unit 3 & 4 subject if I haven't studied the relevant Unit 1 & 2 subject beforehand?

A) No, at Parade College for a student to accelerate into a Unit 3 & 4 subject they must have studied the relevant Unit 1 & 2 subject beforehand. Where a student has not accelerated into a Unit 1 & 2 subject in Year 10, then because all Year 10 students study Unit 1 & 2 Religion and Society or Text and Traditions, the student may apply to continue with this subject as an acceleration into Unit 3 & 4 Religion and Society or Text and Traditions.

VCE Vocational Major

Q) Am I able to try different VET programs in a given year?

No, once you commence a VET Program you must commit for the year. There is no midyear entry into any programs.

Q) Can I still get to higher education through VCE Vocational Major?

You can get to university, however, most students pathway there is through TAFE based programs including Diplomas

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and use that as means to get to university.

Students interested in pursuing a tertiary pathway as part of the VCE VM should apply for either the Sport Academy or Business Academy.

Business Academy (VCE VM) – Preston Campus

Q) What is the Business Academy?

A) It is a program for students that are interested in following a Tertiary pathway and interested in Business Studies. Successful completion of a Certificate IV in Business is required for direct entry to La Trobe University. It is a two-year program within the VCE VM that does not involve externally scored assessments (i.e. examinations), and the subjects or course will not contribute to an ATAR score. Students are required to meet the minimum requirements for the VCE VM.

Q) Where is the Business Academy based?

A) Enrolment is at the Preston Campus of Parade College. The College does not offer the option of transferring from the VCE VM to the VCE or between campuses.

Q) How to apply?

A) Complete an expression of interest form. Please note that there are selection criteria. Students must demonstrate a consistent record of upholding the College ethos, following College expectations, and obtaining a 'C Coverage' in the core subjects of English, Mathematics, and other elective subjects.

Sport Academy (VCE VM) – Preston and Bundoora Campus

Q) Is the Sport Academy part of the VCE Vocational Major?

A) Yes, students involved in Sports Academy undertake VCE Vocational Major. This program is based at both the Preston and Bundoora Campus. The campus remains the same for the whole two year program with a change of campus not permitted.

Preston Campus: *Includes Football (Soccer) and catered to a variety of other sports. Partnership classes with Santa Maria extend to various other sports, broadening the opportunities for all participants.*

Bundoora Campus: *Includes AFL, Basketball, Athletics, Cricket etc.*

Contact Michael Torpey – Assistant Principal – Partnerships and Pathways or **Ricky Dyson** – Sport Academy Coordinator.

Q) The Sport Academy has one day a week of Work Placement. Do I need to find my own Work Placement?

A) It is recommended that you find a work placement that is suitable for you. The school will help you source an appropriate work placement for you if you need assistance.

Careers Information

Q) I don't know what subjects I need for particular courses. How do I find out what the prerequisite subjects are for the courses that I am interested in?

A) The VTAC website provides up to date information about all tertiary courses at Victorian universities and TAFEs.

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Visit www.vtac.edu.au

Click on Course Search

Write the name of the course that you are interested in directly into the search bar and press enter. All courses at Victorian universities and TAFEs in that area will appear.

Click on courses that you are interested in and scroll down to the 'Essential requirements for selection and application section'. All prerequisite subjects and essential requirements will be listed.

Q) I'm not sure what courses I am interested in undertaking in the future. Where do I find information about areas that I might be interested in?

A) Visit the Parade College Careers website www.paradecollegecareers.com.au

Log in to the Student Area (right hand side of home page) and complete the Careers quizzes.

Click on the tabs on the home page to explore Senior School information and Post School options.

Book in for a Careers meeting with the Parade College Career Advisors.