

# Application for Permission to study a VCE Units 3-4

Due in: By 8.30 am Monday 1 August 2016 with appropriate documentation to Senior School Curriculum Office (B204)

Decisions will be based on whether students have performed at a consistently high level, relative to other students, in all subjects, NAPLAN and other testing which may be available.

It is not in a student's best interest to study one advanced subject unless they are able to perform to a high standard in that, and all their other subjects. As a guide, students need to achieve results which place them in the top 20% of students in each measure.

Who needs to fill out this form?

Students who have successfully studied a subject at Unit 1 / 2 Level in 2016 can proceed with their studies at Unit 3-4 level *WITHOUT* an application.

Other students may apply to study one VCE Unit 3-4 subject but only if the necessary 'Application Form' has been completed and approved. The VCE Unit 3-4 subjects that are available are listed with the 'Application Form'.

Why make an application?

A Study Score of 41 or above in certain Unit 3-4 sequences and strong results in other subjects may qualify a student for a University Extension subject in a related subject area in Year 12.

Year 11 presents you with the possibility of choosing a Unit 3-4 sequence that will count towards your final ATAR score (you can count up to six Unit 3-4 sequences for tertiary entrance purposes).

This pathway is not in the best interests of most students so it is important for you to talk to people and seek advice so that the decisions you make are as well informed as they can be.

A study score of 40 contributes the same increment to an ATAR as one extra point in each of your 'primary four' Year 12 subjects. Across Victoria 9% of results in each subject will be 40 or above.

Only one acceleration subject will be approved for students.

What you need to do:

1. Check to see if you meet the following criteria (if you don't you should not be completing this application):
  - results across all areas of an 'A' standard
  - an ability to demonstrate that you are well organised and motivated to succeed
  - an acknowledgement that the 'academic pace' will be set at Year 12 level
2. If you meet these criteria you then need to complete the form overleaf

3. Deliver your application (together with supporting documentation) to Senior School Curriculum Office (B204) by 8.30 am Monday 1 August 2016.
4. You must also complete the Subject Selection Planning Sheet attached.

What happens once your application is lodged?

1. Your application will be considered at a meeting attended by the Senior School Curriculum Coordinators. The relevant Leader of Learning, your Mentor and your current teachers may also be asked for feedback on your performance and suitability for acceleration. You may also be required to undertake a task or attend an interview to gauge your suitability.
2. You will be advised whether your application has been successful after the due date for submission of your Subject Selection Form (Thursday 4 August).

Subjects available without a Unit 1 & 2 Study (subject offerings vary due to student selections)

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| • Australian Politics  | • IT Applications      |
| • Business Management  | • Legal Studies        |
| • Economics            | • Music Performance    |
| • Further Mathematics  | • Physical Education   |
| • Geography            | • Religion and Society |
| • Global Politics      | • Software Development |
| • History: Australian  | • Theatre Studies      |
| • History: Revolutions |                        |

Note: Students who complete one Year 12 subject in Year 11 are required to study five subjects in Year 12.

It is not possible to accelerate any English Learning Area subject.

Other subjects by negotiation (please contact the relevant Leader of Learning before submitting your application).

# Year 11 – Subject Selection Planning Sheet

Select 6 Subjects

Year 11 Subjects	Year 12 Subjects	Tertiary Course Ideas	Career interest
<p>Subject Selections</p> <p>1. _____Year 11</p> <p>2. _____Year 11</p> <p>3. _____Year 11</p> <p>4. _____Year 11</p> <p>5. _____Year 11</p> <p>6. _____Year 12</p>	<p>1. _____</p> <p>2. _____</p> <p>3. _____</p> <p>4. _____</p> <p>5. _____</p>		

A copy of this planning sheet is to be submitted with your printed Web Preferences subject selection receipt.

The planner is only a guide to possible future study, but will help us review your Year 11 subject choices.

All sections of this form must be completed in your own handwriting before it is submitted or considered.

Name:\_\_\_\_\_House:\_\_\_\_\_Mentor:\_\_\_\_\_

Name of VCE Unit 3-4 subject you wish to undertake:\_\_\_\_\_

Why do you want to undertake this subject:

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What do you believe are your strengths that would enable you to succeed in this particular subject?

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Explain how you believe you meet the required criteria?

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Please nominate which Unit 1 – 2 subject you would prefer NOT to study if your application is successful.

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Note: to be considered, you must attach copies (not original documents) of ALL of your 2016 Semester 1 reports and a completed subject selection planning sheet. You may also attach other supporting documentation, for example copies of awards, to support your application.

I have discussed this application with my Mentor.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ (Student signature)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Mentor Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
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