



**FUTURE PATHWAYS:
VCE AND BEYOND**

Year 12

A pair of black-rimmed glasses is resting on a stack of books. A red ribbon bookmark is visible on the left side of the books. The background is blurred, showing a wooden desk and a blue object.

WHAT IS THE VCE?

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HOW THE ATAR WORKS



WHAT IS THE ATAR?

The Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) gives each student a rank between 0 and 99.95 relative to other Year 12 students in their state.

VCE **ME**

99.95

WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

If a student receives an ATAR of 54.75, the student achieved higher results than 54.75% of students in their state throughout the year.



HOW IS IT CALCULATED?

The ATAR is calculated by adding up a student's scores from each of their subjects and ranking this total score against other students in their state.

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WHAT IS A STUDY SCORE?

- A study score shows how well you have performed in a study at Unit 3 and 4 level, compared to everybody else in Victoria who took that study. Study scores calculated by the VCAA will be used by the Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC) to calculate the ATAR.
- The maximum study score is 50. Each year, and for every study, the mean study score is set at 30. A score of between 23 and 37 shows that you are in the middle range of students; a score of more than 38 indicates that you are in the top 15%.
- For studies with large enrolments (1,000 or more):
 - 2% of students will get a score on or above 45
 - 9% of students will get a score on or above 40
 - 26% of students will get a score on or above 35
 - 53% of students will get a score on or above 30
 - 78% of students will get a score on or above 25
 - 93% of students will get a score on or above 20

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Focus on the following throughout Year 10 and VCE:

Persistence

Effort

Consistency



YEAR 10: VCE SUBJECT SELECTION

- In Year 10, you will need to select VCE subjects for Years 11 and 12
- You should choose your subjects based on what:
 - You are interested in
 - You are good at
 - May lead to employment that you find appealing
 - Will prepare you for further training or university courses that you are considering
 - You are running your own race in VCE- choose subjects for YOU



BEYOND THE GATES

Once you have completed your VCE, you have many different options:

- Some people continue on with their studies, this is known as tertiary study and can be completed full time or part time at University or TAFE.
- Some people go into full time work
- Others take a GAP year which usually involves work and travel before heading into study
- Some will work and study at the same time for instance through an apprenticeship
- Completing a tertiary qualification in general, enhances your earning capacity over your lifetime

HOW IS UNIVERSITY
DIFFERENT TO
SECONDARY
SCHOOL?



With freedom comes responsibility (university requires more self-motivation and organisation)



Your social circle may become more diverse



Flexible schedule



Large campuses



You are responsible for all communication with staff and peers



Larger amount of independent reading and research required



UNIVERSITY COURSE STRUCTURE - **MAJORS**

- In most courses, you will have to choose a **major** – which is a “major” area of focus you wish to study
- In broad courses, there are a large variety of majors pick from and you can sometimes pick two
- For example, for a Bachelor of Commerce at The University of Melbourne, you can choose from:
 - Accounting
 - Actuarial Studies
 - Economics
 - Finance
 - Management
 - Marketing

UNIVERSITY COURSE STRUCTURE – **SUBJECTS/UNITS**



Each course typically has core units you must complete no matter what major you choose **AND** core units related to your major



You will then be able to choose **electives** (related or unrelated to your major)

YEAR 1



SEMESTER 1	ARTS MAJOR UNIT (6 pts)	ARTS ELECTIVE (6 pts)	ELECTIVE (6 pts)	ELECTIVE (6 pts)
SEMESTER 2	ARTS MAJOR UNIT (6 pts)	ARTS ELECTIVE (6 pts)	ELECTIVE (6 pts)	ELECTIVE (6 pts)



YEAR 2

SEMESTER 1	ARTS MAJOR UNIT (6 pts)	ARTS ELECTIVE (6 pts)	ARTS PROFESSIONAL FUTURES UNIT (6 pts)	ELECTIVE (6 pts)
SEMESTER 2	ARTS MAJOR UNIT (6 pts)	ARTS ELECTIVE (6 pts)	ARTS PROFESSIONAL FUTURES UNIT (6 pts)	ELECTIVE (6 pts)

YEAR 3

SEMESTER 1	ARTS MAJOR UNIT (6 pts)	ARTS MAJOR UNIT (6 pts)	ARTS PROFESSIONAL FUTURES UNIT (6 pts)	ELECTIVE (6 pts)
SEMESTER 2	ARTS MAJOR UNIT (6 pts)	ARTS MAJOR UNIT (6 pts)	ARTS PROFESSIONAL FUTURES UNIT (6 pts)	ELECTIVE (6 pts)

 ARTS MAJOR UNIT
 ARTS ELECTIVE

 ELECTIVES
 ARTS PROFESSIONAL FUTURES UNIT

E.G., BACHELOR OF ARTS

TAFE – DIPLOMAS AND CERTIFICATES

T.A.F.E stands for 'Technical And Further Education' – see website for full details [here](#)

TAFE institutes provide vocational training (VET) and issue nationally-recognised qualifications (usually certificates or diplomas)

They offer a broad range of government funded and partially subsidised courses that give you job-ready skills and experience

These certificates and diplomas can lead into an undergraduate Bachelor's degree or stand alone

Examples include:

- Complete Personal Training Course
- Real Estate Certificate
- Certificate IV in Information Technology (Web Development)



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APPRENTICESHIPS AND TRAINEESHIPS

- Both apprenticeships and traineeships are qualifications at a Registered Training Organisation (RTO), typically a TAFE institute, you are paid to complete that combine on-the-job training with formal study
- An **apprenticeship** primarily provides training in a skilled trade, like building and construction, cooking, electrical and automotive, and usually takes 4 years to do
- A **traineeship** mostly provides training in a vocational area, like business administration, childcare or IT systems, and typically range from 1 to 4 years
- There are a variety of certificate levels in many different occupations, and they can be full-time, part-time or school-based
- Find out more information on getting started and how to find an employer to take you on [here](#)



REMINDERS

- You should choose your subjects based on what:
 - You are interested in
 - You are good at
 - May lead to employment that you find appealing
- Start talking to the people around you and asking them about their occupations
- Research industries and areas of study that interest you
- Start identifying your strengths both academically and socially
- Continue building positive study habits
- Set short-term and long-term goals
- Keep an open-mind about your pathway and the opportunities you may discover along the way
- Go to our careers page on the Scotch website for further information regarding subject selection, VCE, university and more! 😊



YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE 2025

Unlock your future



WHAT IS WORK EXPERIENCE?

- A one-week work placement which can be taken in the term 3 school holidays.
- Boys will be paid a small, nominal amount for their work (except where they are working for Government or not for profit agencies).

BENEFITS OF WORK EXPERIENCE

Work experience allows students to begin to explore the world of full-time work.

Students will begin to develop and use their employability skills in a work environment.

Allows students to begin to explore career options.

Develop their independence and confidence.

WHERE CAN I
FIND OUT MORE?

You can access all the forms,
links and information on the
Careers page of the Scotch
Intranet when you login:

*File path: Scotch student>Course
& Careers>Work Experience*

<https://www.scotch.vic.edu.au/my-scotch-students/course-and-careers-services/work-experience.aspx>

HOW DO BOYS FIND A PLACEMENT?

Boys need to explore the areas they may like to work in and research possible companies they can contact.

Boys should use their contacts and family networks to assist them: “Access your allies”.

The school does not provide a placement service. Boys must independently organise and manage their placements. So, they need to be exploring options now.

The steps for finding a placement are documented in the Year 10 Work Experience Guide.



LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

- Boys must complete two Occupational Health and Safety tests. One general test and one industry specific test. Links for these can be found on the Careers section of the intranet. You can upload your completed certificates via the Careers page as well.
- Boys must have all sections of the Work Experience Arrangement Form signed-off in order to consider their placement confirmed. Students can find the arrangement form on the Careers page.



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