



How senior secondary pathways are changing

This month and over term 2 and 3 we are focused on supporting you in understanding the changes that are taking place for students in senior secondary levels with the transition to a new VCE Vocational Major and Victorian Pathways Certificate which will be introduced in 2023. This will replace the current VCAL. There will be no changes to VCE from 2022-2024.

The following pages provide information for you so you are able to support your child to make informed decisions about which pathway to take during their senior levels of school.

Catholic School Parents Victoria (CSPV) supports parents and families to stay connected throughout a child's school journey. We advocate for parent engagement and parent leadership at all levels of Catholic education, helping to bring the voices of parents to the decision makers, and completing the circle of support for students.

Parent engagement can look and feel different for every family, so we support parents in a variety of ways to:

- stay informed about relevant issues
- have your say on important issues in education
- lead effective parent engagement in schools.

We share articles, videos and resources with you as your child's first and most important influence, to encourage engagement in learning.

Quick Tips for Parent Engagement in Curriculum: Senior Secondary Pathways

- Read the information flyers attached or click here to view online
- Read communication from school
- Attend subject selection and information sessions offered by your school
- Talk with your child about their passions and interests to understand which pathway to take
- Ask questions of the careers teachers at your child's school.

CSPV Parent Connect provides parents of children in Catholic schools support to engage in your children's curriculum learning, wellbeing, child safety and Catholic community.



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Senior Secondary Pathways Reform

What you need to know about changes to Victoria's senior secondary school certificates

The Victorian Government is reforming senior secondary schooling to build the aspirations and skills of young people, set them up for future careers, and meet the needs of the modern economy. Victoria is moving towards a new integrated senior secondary certificate that will bring together our two senior secondary certificates, the Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) and the Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning (VCAL).

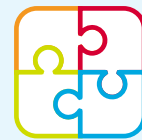
Current system

2022



Final year of VCAL enrolments

Why change?



Provide students with **greater choice, confidence and skills** for their future career.

What's changing?

2023



The **VCE Vocational Major** is a two-year applied learning program within the **VCE** that will support students to develop academic and practical skills, knowledge, confidence and agency needed to prepare for the world of work and further education and training.



The **Victorian Pathways Certificate** is designed for a limited cohort of students in Years 11 and 12 who are not ready to undertake the VCE or the VCE Vocational Major for various reasons. Students and their families should discuss suitability for enrolment in the Victorian Pathways Certificate with their school.



Align more closely with Victoria's growth sectors and **what local industry needs**.



Recognise and celebrate **all learning pathways equally**.

The reforms give students greater choice and options with their senior secondary schooling, allowing them to pursue an education aligned to their strengths, interests and aspirations.

More information

Contact your school or career adviser to find out more about the senior secondary pathway options or visit bit.ly/senior-sec-pathways

Senior Secondary Pathways Reform

Your child's transition to the new certificate offerings

The VCE Vocational Major and the Victorian Pathways Certificate will be introduced in 2023, replacing the Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning (VCAL).

If your child is considering or enrolled in the VCE, there will be no changes from 2022-2024.

If your child is considering or enrolled in VCAL, these examples illustrate how they might transition to the new certificate offerings.

	2022	2023	2024	2025
Liam 	Year 9 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Undertakes Morrisby assessment as part of careers education Engages in career and senior secondary pathway counselling 	Year 10 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engages in career and senior secondary pathway counselling Selects and enrolls in a senior secondary pathway for 2024 	Year 11 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commences the VCE Vocational Major 	Year 12 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completes the VCE Vocational Major Issued the VCE with a Vocational Major
Chantel 	Year 10 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engages in career and senior secondary pathway counselling Selects and enrolls in a senior secondary pathway for 2023 	Year 11 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commences the VCE Vocational Major 	Year 12 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completes the VCE Vocational Major Issued the VCE with a Vocational Major 	
Deng 	Year 11 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commences and completes Intermediate VCAL 	Year 12 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enrolment is transferred to the VCE Vocational Major Undertakes and completes the Senior VCAL curriculum* Issued the VCE with a Vocational Major 		
Callie 	Year 12 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commences and completes Senior VCAL Issued the Senior VCAL 			
Jackson 	Year 11 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commences and partially completes Foundation VCAL Issued a Statement of Results listing completed units 	Year 12 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enrolment is transferred to the Victorian Pathways Certificate with credit for completed VCAL units. Completes and is issued the Victorian Pathways Certificate 		
Stefan 	Year 10 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Studies in a flexible learning setting after extended school absence Discusses with school and family senior secondary pathway options. All parties agree to the Victorian Pathways Certificate in 2023 	Year 11 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commences but does not complete the Victorian Pathways Certificate 	Year 12 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continues the Victorian Pathways Certificate incorporating VCE Outdoor Education Units 1 and 2 into his program Issued the Victorian Pathways Certificate 	Post Year 12 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Has the option to commence the VCE Vocational Major with credit for completed units in a TAFE or non-school setting in 2025 or later

* Optionally available to be undertaken for the final time in 2023.

More information

Contact your school or career adviser to find out more about the senior secondary pathway options or visit bit.ly/VICSSCR

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Changes to the senior secondary school system

The changes to the senior secondary school system are part of a rich history of education changing with the needs of society in Victoria.

