

# Parent Information Night 2009



***Senior Pathways: VCE, VCAL and VET***

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# The World of Work – Lifelong Learning

- Over the past few decades, not only has the way we work changed but the environment in which we work has changed dramatically.
- To remain competitive and employable, the average person will retrain 6 to 7 times in their working lifetimes.
- Employers are faced with increased competitive pressure and significant technological and structural change.

## The World of Work

- Year 12 is considered a basic educational qualification by employers in today's workplace.
- The number of students going on to TAFE and University has been increasing.
- The nature of work is undergoing considerable change. There is an increase in PT work, more flexibility in hours, job sharing and working for yourself has become an appealing option.

# What Students Can Learn Beyond Secondary School:

- There are over 12,000 courses at TAFE and University level in Australia. Students can also apply interstate and internationally.
- More than 4000 of these are available in Victoria. Each year the number of courses offered increases.
- There is a national system called the AQF (Australian Qualification Framework), which ensures that the same requirements must be met by course providers and by bodies that issue qualifications all over Australia.

# The AQF

## SCHOOLS SECTOR

## VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING (VET)

## HIGHER EDUCATION SECTOR



VCE OR VCAL

Senior Secondary

Certificate of

Education

Bachelor Degree\*

Advanced Diploma

Diploma

Certificate IV

Certificate III

Certificate II

Certificate I

Doctoral Degree

Masters Degree

Graduate Diploma

Graduate Certificate

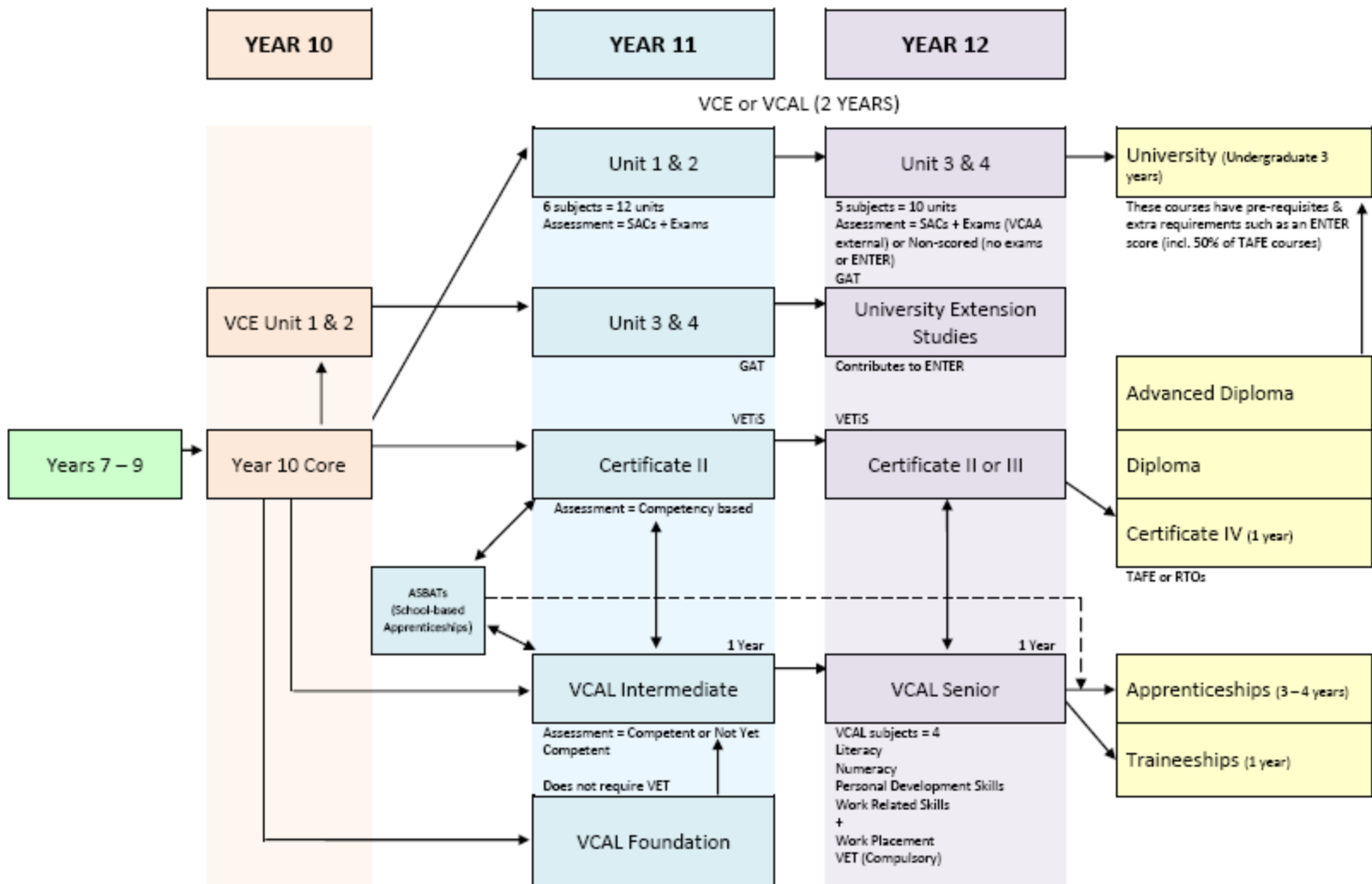
Bachelor Degree

Advanced Diploma

Diploma



# KAMBRYA STUDENT PATHWAYS:



# The cost of TAFE and University Courses

(as per VTAC 2010)

- TAFE (VET) costs have changed as of 1 July 2009.
- TAFE (VET) fees are now \$2.71/hr, capped at \$1500 for a Diploma
- CSP (once HECS) fees for Bachelor courses in 2010:
  - National priorities = **\$4162** (Nursing, Education, Mathematics, Science and Statistics)
  - Band 1 = **\$5201** (Humanities, Arts, Social Studies, Visual & Performing, Arts, LOTE, Behavioural Sciences)
  - Band 2 = **\$7412** (Computing, Built Environment, Health, Engineering, Sciences, Surveying, Agriculture)
  - Band 3 = **\$8 677** (Law, Medicine, Dentistry, Vet Science, Accounting, Administration, Economics, Commerce)

*Note: Students can defer payment and repay when earning \$41 595*

# Pathways for 2010

Previously, senior students only had one option: VCE (or HSC). Today education has changed.

Options are:

- **VCE** (introduced in 1990)
- **VCE with a VET course** (1995)
- **VCAL** (introduced in 2004)
- **ASBATs** (Within the VCE or VCAL program)

# On Track Data

This data is based on 50770 Yr 12 completers.  
36000 students were telephoned.

## **The destinations of Yr 12 exit students from 2008:**

- 45.6% Degree level programs at University
- 18.1% Cert IV, Diploma or Ad. Dip VET courses
- 8% Apprenticeships or Traineeships
- 12.4% Employed
- 3.8% Looking for work

# The Pathways Explained

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The Victorian Certificate of  
Education

# The Pathways Explained

## VCE – Victorian Certificate of Education

- A qualification that is recognised around the world.
- A pathway to further study at university, TAFE and the world at work
- Designed to be undertaken at Years 11 and 12 – some schools offer units to Year 10 students
- There are over 90 subjects to choose from
- of these, 30 are Vocational Education and Training (VET) programs
- VCE is a 2 year course

# The Pathways Explained

## VCE – Victorian Certificate of Education

### Course Selection details

- ***In Year 11, students normally:***
  - Choose 6 subjects
  - Unit 1 is undertaken in semester 1, Unit 2 in semester 2
- ***In Year 12, students normally:***
  - Choose 5 subjects
  - Unit 3 is undertaken in semester 1, Unit 4 in semester 2
- Students can select a Unit 3 & 4 sequence in year 11 (if they have satisfactorily completed the Unit 1 & 2 in year 10)
- Students can complete a VET course as a part of their VCE
- Some VET courses have scored assessment (exams)
- In line with Government policy, students are encouraged to do a LOTE (LOTE bonus)

# The Pathways Explained

## VCE – Victorian Certificate of Education

To obtain a VCE Certificate Students must:

- Attempt between 20 and 24 Units over two years
- Pass at least 16 Units
- English is the only compulsory subject in VCE

Of the 16 Units:

- At least three must be from the English Group
- Three sequences of Units 3 & 4 other than English

# The Pathways Explained

## VCE – Victorian Certificate of Education

### Study Scores

- Each Unit 3 & 4 VCE subject is scored out of 50
- The Score is made up of Assessment Task results and examinations
- Study Scores are scaled
- Scaling is a process that 'equalises' each VCE subject
- The scaled score is used to calculate the ENTER

## Pathways Explained

# VCE – Victorian Certificate of Education

### **ENTER (Scored Assessment):**

- An ENTER score is awarded based on performance in assessment tasks and examinations.
- ENTER (Equivalent National Tertiary Entrance Rank) is a rank out of 100. For University Bachelor courses, scores lower than 75 limits chances of entry into universities in Metropolitan Melbourne.
- Note: From 2010 the new name for ENTER is ATAR (Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank)

# The Pathways Explained

## VCE – Victorian Certificate of Education

### How important is an ENTER (ATAR) score?

#### How the ENTER is calculated:

- ENTER = English (any) + Next Best 3 studies + 10% of 5<sup>th</sup> and 10% of 6<sup>th</sup>
- This formula uses *Scaled Study Scores*  
(examples of scaling are in the VTAC Choice booklet handed out this week)
- A student with an ENTER of less than 75 has a very limited choice of Bachelor Courses in Metropolitan Melbourne.

# The Pathways Explained

## VCE – Victorian Certificate of Education

### Fast Tracking or Acceleration

Students who have undertaken a VCE subject in year 10, have the benefit of:

- Being able to choose a Unit 3 & 4 in year 11
- Experiencing a year 12 subject in year 11
- Maximising the ENTER score achieved in VCE

*To do this, you will need approval from the subject teacher and Domain Leader (on Course selection form)*

# The Pathways Explained

## VCE – Victorian Certificate of Education

### Expectations for a VCE Student

#### Homework:

- **Year 11:** 3 hours per subject, per week
- **Year 12:** 4 hours per subject, per week

#### Part-time work:

- More than 10 hours per week of work outside of school has been found to negatively impact on VCE scores

*All students are expected to adhere to the College Codes of Conduct and the VCAA regulations for Student Conduct (see LY handbook)*

# The Pathways Explained

## VCAL – Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning

- A “hands on/applied learning” option for years 11 & 12
- A recognised qualification as an alternative to the VCE
- There are three levels: Foundation, Intermediate and Senior
- For students who are likely to be interested in going onto TAFE, doing an apprenticeship/ traineeship or getting a job after leaving school.

# The Pathways Explained

## VCAL – Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning

### VCAL Structure

- 5 Subjects called Strands
  - Literacy
  - Numeracy
  - Work Related Skills
  - Personal Development Skills
  - Industry Specific Skills
- School – Monday, Tuesday, Thursday
- VET Course - Wednesday (Compulsory at Intermediate & Senior levels)
- Work Placement - Friday



# The Pathways Explained

## VCAL – Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning

### What does a successful VCAL Student look like?

*Students are required to meet all outcomes to successfully complete the VCAL Certificate*

- Highly motivated
- Clear picture of career path
- Strong organisational skills
- High degree of initiative
- Excellent time management skills
- Independent learner
- Strong goal setting skills

# The Pathways Explained

## VET – Vocational Education and Training

- Certificate II or III (usually done over 2 years)
- 1 Day per week attendance
- TAFE College, private provider or other school
- Cost \$100 Admin fee plus a material cost for some courses (available soon)
- Need to catch up missed work at school if a VCE student
- Interested students must fill out a separate application form

# The Pathways Explained

## VET – Vocational Education and Training

### VETiS Structures

- Vet in VCE = 5 subjects in Year 11 plus 1 day per week of VET (counts as unit 1 and 2)  
Counts as a VCE subject.
- VET in VCAL = Industry Specific Strand at Intermediate VCAL level - must be Cert II or III

# The Pathways Explained

## VET – Vocational Education and Training

### Why do VET?

- Vocational training is recognised Australia wide
- Increase chances of gaining an apprenticeship (Cert II Building & Construction = 8 weeks full time study. Building & Construction pre-apprenticeship = 16 weeks full time – you have already done half!)

# The Pathways Explained

## VET – Vocational Education and Training

### Progression

- Certificate II or III course = half most pre-apprenticeships
- Complete a pre-apprenticeship (16 weeks fulltime) and your employer has you on site for more days – you are more valuable to employer

# The Pathways Explained

## VET – Vocational Education and Training

### Questions if you are considering VET

- How is this VET course contributing to my career path?
- Transport – can you get to Dandenong / Hallam / Cranbourne / Pakenham every Wednesday by 9.00 am (sometimes earlier)?
- If you are a VCE student, are you organised and self motivated enough to make up 5 periods of missed class time each week during your 5 study periods?

# What is an ASBAT?

- Australian School Based Apprenticeship and Traineeship
- One day per week of TAFE college training (Certificate II or III) for two years paid for by your employer
- One day of paid employment per week
- Three days per week of school

# How do I get an ASBAT?

- Must be in paid employment first
- See VCAL Coordinator or Careers Coordinator
- Sign training contract between employer, yourself, school, training provider
- Register program with OTTE
- Some ASBATs will count as a VCE subject.

# The Pathways Explained

## What next?

### How do I choose my course?

- Refer to the Later Years Course Selection Handbook
- Speak to Domain Leaders and Subject teachers
- Think about the subjects/ hobbies you enjoy
- Consider the pre-requisites for your future pathway
- Complete the Selection form and attend your 20 minute individual Course Counselling appointment

# VCE English Subjects



*English at VCE is the only compulsory subject for students at year 11 and 12.*

# Currently three English Choices

- VCE English
- ESL (English as a second Language)
- VCE English Language
- VCE Literature

# VCE Units 1 to 4

## OPTIONS

## WHO IS ELIGIBLE

<b>ENGLISH</b>	→	<b>ALL STUDENTS</b>
ENGLISH LANGUAGE	→	STUDENTS INTERESTED IN STUDYING THE SOCIAL, HISTORICAL AND LINGUISTIC ASPECTS OF LANGUAGE
LITERATURE	→	STUDENTS INTERESTED IN CLOSER READING AND ANALYSIS OF LITERARY TEXTS
ESL	→	STUDENTS WITH ESL NEEDS
VCAL INTERMEDIATE LITERACY	→	VCAL STUDENTS

# Requirements

- Students must undertake four units of study in English for the VCE
- Must pass three of these
- Can be from **any** from the English Group (except VCAL Literacy)
- Must undertake a consecutive unit 3-4 sequence in **one** of the Englishes

# What we do to ensure success

- TIMELINE for the whole year provided at the start of the year
- Practice SACs before Real SACs
- Trial Exam at the end-of-the year
- Rigorous cross-marking of every SAC

# Where to Now?

- Look carefully at the study designs on the VCAA website
- Consult with your English teacher about your choices
- You must speak to Mr Mahalingam if you are considering Literature or English Language

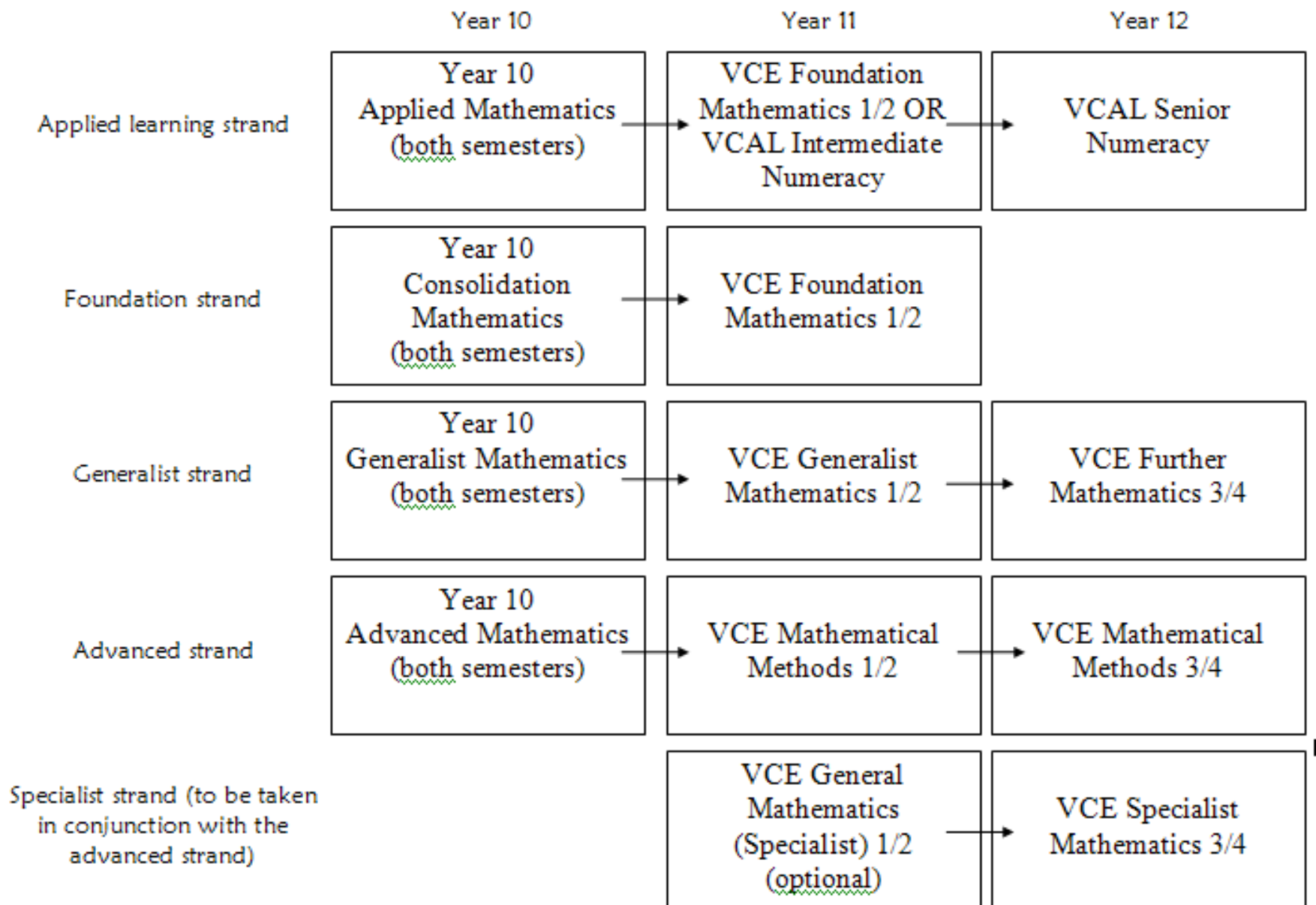
# Welcome to the Wonderful World of VCE Mathematics



Sarah Day,  
Mathematics  
Learning Domain  
Leader

# Options in VCE Mathematics

- It is NOT compulsory to study maths at VCE level
- At units 1 and 2 (Year 11 standard), we can offer:
  - Foundation Mathematics 1/2
  - General Mathematics 1/2
  - Mathematical Methods 1/2



# Options at Year 12 in Mathematics

- Further Mathematics 3/4
- Mathematical Methods 3/4
- Specialist Mathematics 3/4

# What we do to ensure success

- Timelines and assessment guides for the entire year presented at the beginning of the year
- Practice SACs to simulate testing conditions
- Practice Exam guides to prepare students for exam type assessment
- Online support tools for revision and consolidation of skills learnt in class
- Out of class support for more personalised tuition
- Daily study timetables to assist students in building study routines and exam revision techniques

# Where to now?

- Consult with your current mathematics teacher to find out where you may be heading towards next year
- Confirm any pre-requisite studies you may require for university entrance
- Consult with me for any further questions

# Why Careers Counselling?

- Guides students as they develop their own individual pathway plans for further study and careers
- Each student in Years 10 -12 work are provided with individual course counselling several times throughout the year to update his/ her personal study plan and career plan
- It enables students to explore issues surrounding adolescence and equip themselves with the necessary skills to deal with the social, educational and career challenges in their lives

# How Parents Can Help

- ✓ Talk to your child about your **own work**. **Get your child to think about what is important to them**. Eg. Interest, pay, conditions etc.
- ✓ Encourage your child to research their career option **early**. **Discuss financial issues, transport and living arrangements**.
- ✓ Encourage your child to talk to **neighbours, relatives or friends who work in areas that they are interested in**.
- ✓ Encourage your child to do **work placement or work experience** arranged by the school, **casual work** and **voluntary work**.

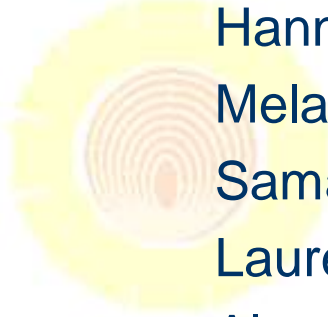
# What students can do to help?

- ✓ Ensure you look at a **range of career options and job preferences. Career Newsletter is online.**
- ✓ **Explore different occupations on the internet, eg:**  
[www.myfuture.edu.au](http://www.myfuture.edu.au), [www.vtac.edu.au](http://www.vtac.edu.au)
- ✓ Look at **handbooks and course information brochures** from TAFE's and Universities and **encourage participation in Open Days.**
- ✓ Become familiar with the resources available in the Careers Centre and go and visit it frequently.

# Course Selection Timeline

- **July – September: University and TAFE open days (try to attend at least 3 open days)**
- **July 31<sup>st</sup> – Course selection forms due**
- **August 3<sup>rd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup>: Year 12 (2010) Course Counselling Appointments**
- **August 5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>: Year 11 (2010) Course Counselling Appointments**
- **Term 4 2009: Course Selections confirmed**
- **November 2009: Year 10 & 11 Exams**
- **November 2009: VCE/ VCAL 2010 Orientation period**

# Later Years Contacts



Year 11 Coordinators: Hannah Lewis & Adam Hands  
VCAL Coordinator: Melanie Reynolds  
VET Coordinator: Samara Horan  
Year 12 Coordinator: Lauren Sach  
Careers Coordinator: Alan Feher  
Later Year Sub-school Leader: Anna Dollman  
VASS Administrator/ ESO: Leanne Wilson

Assistant Principal (Curriculum): Joanne Wastle  
Assistant Principal (Programs): John Shaw