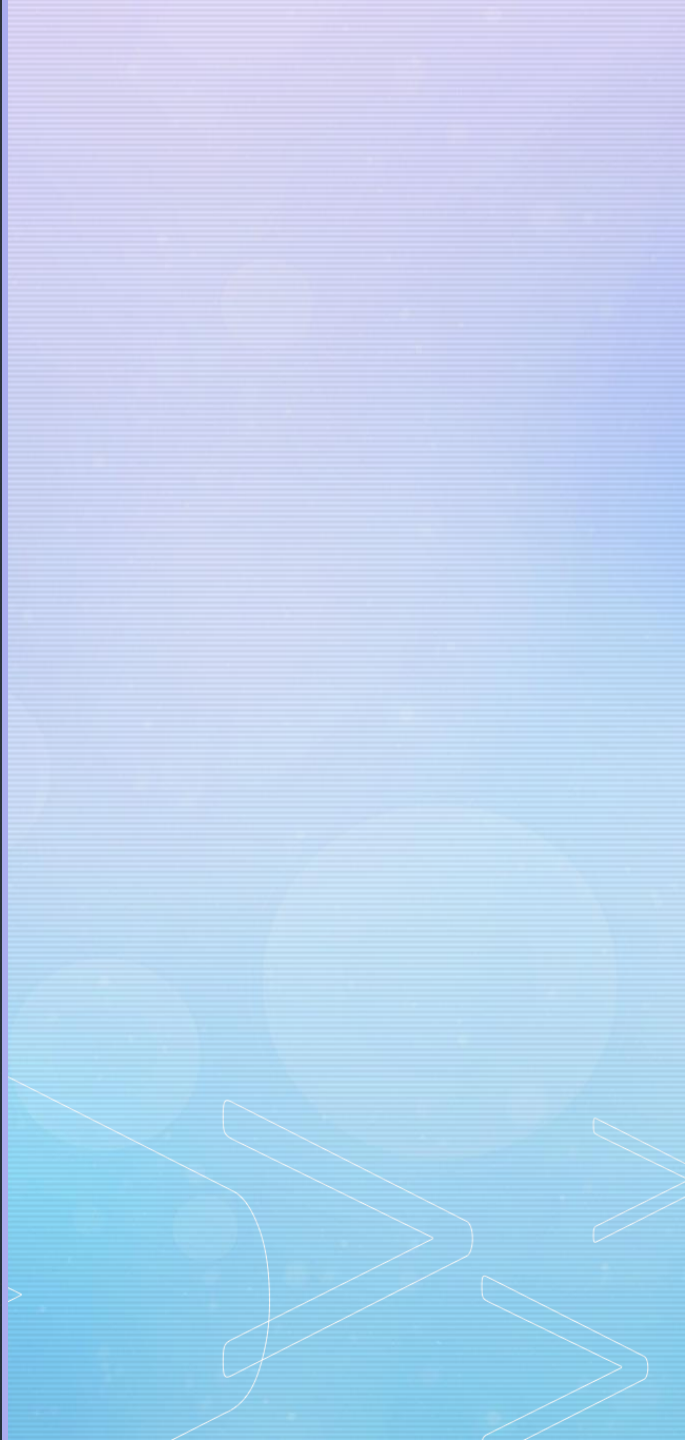


# VCAL 2021 Parent Information



▶ We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of this land, the Wurundjeri People and recognise their continuing connection to land, waters and culture.

We pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.

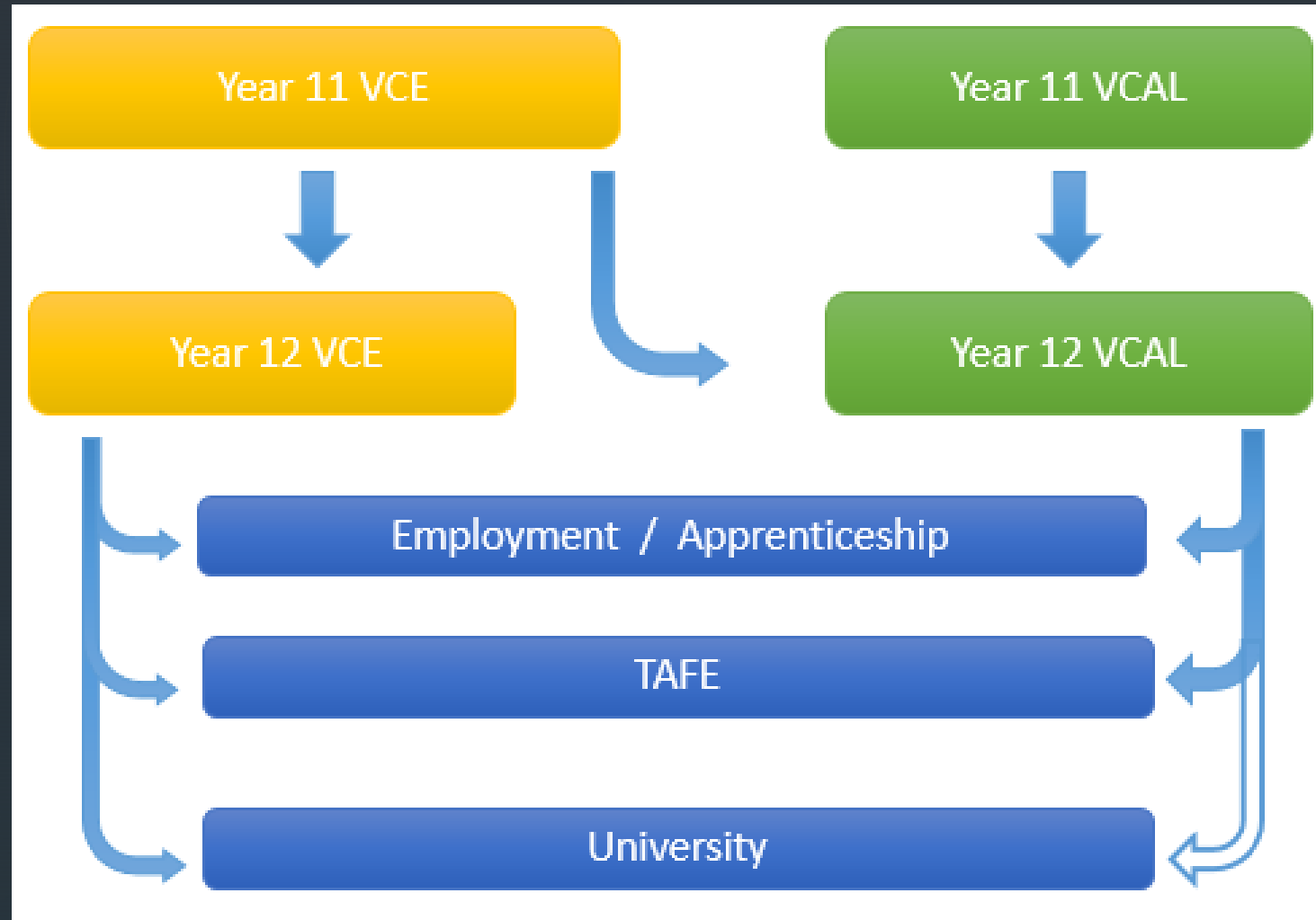


# Live Parent Q&A Sessions

Thursday 13th of August via *Teams*

- VCE           6:00pm to 6:50pm
- VCAL         7:00pm to 7:50pm
  
- These sessions are an opportunity for you to ask general questions to the sub-school team.
- These sessions will be made available to you through Microsoft Teams via Year 10 Cohort group channel “Careers & Pathway Information”.

# Possible Year 11 & 12 Pathways



## What is VCAL?

- The Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning (VCAL) is an alternate senior pathway that focusses on applied learning and demonstration of skills.
- Successful completion is attained through the achievement of learning outcomes as set out by Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority (VCAA).



## What is VCAL?

- The beauty of VCAL is that there are no SACs, so the way in which students can demonstrate their understanding and achieve success is much more flexible.
- As an example, students might renovate a room as a way to demonstrate understanding of shapes, sizes, money and time

# What subjects must a student in VCAL study?

- Students in VCAL must take the following four subjects:
  - Literacy
  - Numeracy
  - Work Related Skills (WRS)
  - Personal Development Skills (PDS)
- Each of these subjects is integral to the development of a student and their successful completion of the course.

## What subjects must a student in VCAL study?

- In addition to the four core subjects, students must also undertake
  - Industry and Enterprise (I&E) – A VCE subject giving credits towards successful VCAL completion
  - a Vocational Education & Training (VET) course, delivered by a number of providers around Melbourne.
  - A Structured Workplace Learning (SWL) placement



Can students also study a VCE subject?

- Yes, students can choose to undertake a VCE subject. Approval depends on availability and suitability.

# Timetable Example

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Period 1	PDS	VCE	TAFE VET	LITERACY	SWL
Period 2	LITERACY	VCE		LITERACY	
Period 3	I&E	WRS		PDS	
Period 4	NUMERACY	WRS		PDS	
Period 5	VCE	I&E		NUMERACY	
Period 6	WRS	PDS		VCE	

## What is looked for in a VCAL applicant?

- A number of things are looked for in VCAL applicants. Scores on tests do no matter as much as the following attributes:
  - Work ethic & positive learning behaviours
  - Ability to work effectively in groups
  - Attendance
  - Respect shown to all staff, students and other members of the GPSC community

## Why are the standards so high?

The standards held for VCAL applicants are exceptionally high, the reasons for this are follows:

- In 2019, there were 25,154 students enrolled in a VCAL course across 419 Victorian schools.
- Of these 25,154 students, only 14,061 students completed their VCAL certificate.
- That means only 55% of Victorian students successfully completed their certificate.



## Why are the standards so high?

- Thanks to our high standards, GPSC has maintained a 94% successful completion rate, meaning that the vast majority of our students are achieving success in their chosen fields.

# How do students get into VCAL?


## Applying for VCAL in 2021

- Use the chat function on the YEAR 10 COHORT TEAM and write '*I am intending on applying for VCAL in 2021*'.
- Parents attend the VCAL Live Q&A session Thurs 13 August
- Students will then be sent the necessary documentation and instructions required to complete the application
- Further interview to follow
- All VCAL applicants must also complete webchoices for VCE subjects

From here, first round offers will be sent out, with the rest of applicants placed on a waiting list, should places open up.

## Where do students have to go for TAFE?

- The majority of VET courses at GPSC take place at Kangan Broadmeadows, however depending on the course, they may need to travel to Richmond, Docklands, Sunshine or North Melbourne (among possible others)



## Can students go to X TAFE instead of Y TAFE?

- GPSC has partnered with specific TAFE providers and these providers offer their courses at specific campuses. It's unlikely we'll be able to enrol them outside of this availability.



# Key Dates

- Live Parent Q&A Sessions Thursday 13th of August via Teams  
VCE 6:00pm to 6:50pm & VCAL 7:00pm to 7:50pm
- Students **must** enter VCE subject selections through WebChoices by Monday 17th of August - **including students applying for VCAL**
- Year 10 Course Counselling sessions begin Tuesday 18th of August
- Subject confirmation in November
- Orientation in December



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