



ST ALBANS
SECONDARY COLLEGE

VCAL Policy

RATIONALE

VCAL - the Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning - is a practical option for students in Years 11 and 12. It is designed to provide students with skills and development to prepare them for further education, training or employment.

Students who do VCAL are most likely to go on to training at TAFE, do an apprenticeship or obtain a job after school, rather than applying for university.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

At St Albans Secondary College, the entry requirements for VCAL are the same as for VCE. These are:

- satisfactory attendance (90%)
- satisfactory completion of Year 10 in line with the school's promotion policy (exceptions to this will be considered on an individual basis).

Some students may transfer to VCAL after VCE Units 1 and 2. These students will have satisfactory attendance and performance at VCE level.

IMPLEMENTATION

In order to successfully meet the outcomes in the VCAL course, students will be required to attend 90% of classes at school, VET classes and work placements. Students who fall below this level will be in danger of having their enrolment terminated. Students must complete all the required coursework, projects and assessments to the level required by the due date.

WORK PLACEMENT

All students are responsible for finding a work placement and this should be done by the end of Week 8 in Term 1. Failure to have a work placement will result in termination of the student's place in the VCAL Program.

VET (VOCATIONAL EDUCATION & TRAINING)

VET is an important part of VCAL where industry training takes place. The fees for this part of the VCAL course are to be paid to the school's General Office by December 1st of the preceding year.

EVALUATION

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three-year review cycle.

This policy was last ratified by School Council in...	September 2016
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