



Senior Secondary Program Report

Victorian Certificate of Education Vocational Major
(VCE0000001)

Victorian Pathways Certificate
(VPC0000001)

2026



Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) - Vocational Major (VM)

The Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) Vocational Major (VM) is a vocational and applied learning program within the VCE designed to be completed over a minimum of two years. The VCE VM will give students greater choice and flexibility to pursue their strengths and interests and develop the skills and capabilities needed to succeed in further education, work, and life.

It prepares students to move into apprenticeships, traineeships, further education and training, university (via non-ATAR pathways), or directly into the workforce.

The purpose of the VCE VM is to provide students with the best opportunity to achieve their personal goals and aspirations in a rapidly changing world by:

- equipping them with the skills, knowledge, values and capabilities to be active and informed citizens, lifelong learners and confident and creative individuals
- empowering them to make informed decisions about the next stages of their lives through real-life workplace experiences

The VCE VM program is offered at Broadmeadows campus.

Vocational Education options such as Certificate II/III courses are provided through the huge variety of areas. VCE VM students have the opportunity to study a Certificate course while undertaking their core vocational major units.

We also offer a range of taster programs for students who would like to investigate their pathways. You can find courses that are delivered on our website. If you complete your VCE VM and then decide you want to go to university and are over 18 years, there are many alternative pathway options.

Victorian Pathways Certificate (VPC)

The Victorian Pathways Certificate (VPC) is an inclusive Year 11 and 12 certificate designed to meet the needs of students who are not yet ready to enter VCE VM and may require a more individualised program.

The VPC curriculum supports students in focusing on developing the skills, knowledge, and qualities for success in personal, workplace, and civic life.

The VPC is not a senior secondary qualification; however, students can use it as a pathway to the VCE, VCE VM, or VET certificates. VPC units at AQF Level 1 do not provide credit for the VCE or VCE VM.

The VPC is suitable for students whose previous schooling experience may have been disrupted for various reasons, including students with additional needs, students who have missed significant periods of learning, and vulnerable students at risk of disengaging from their education.

Students will gain the skills, knowledge, values, and capabilities to make informed choices about pathways into senior secondary qualifications, entry-level vocational education and training (VET) courses, or employment.

The four main curriculum areas are Literacy, Numeracy, Work Related Skills, and Personal Development Skills.

VPC learning programs connect students to industry experiences and active participation in the community. Through participation in the VPC, students will gain the necessary foundation skills to allow them to make a post-schooling transition onto work or further study.

Course Completion Requirements

To be eligible to receive the VCE VM, students must satisfactorily complete a minimum of 16 units, including:

- 3 VCE VM Literacy or VCE English units (including a Unit 3–4 sequence)
- 2 VCE VM Numeracy or VCE Mathematics units
- 2 VCE VM Work Related Skills units
- 2 VCE VM Personal Development Skills units
- 2 VET credits at Certificate II level or above (students may accrue 2 units of credit following the completion of Units of Competencies to the total of 180 nominal hours drawn from multiple VET qualifications)

Students must complete a minimum of three other Unit 3–4 sequences as part of their program. Units 3 and 4 of VM studies may be undertaken together over the duration of the academic year to enable these to be integrated.

Students can also include other VCE studies and VET and can receive structured workplace learning recognition. Most students will undertake 16–20 units over the two years.

2025 Student Commencement

VCE level	Number of students
VPC	13
VCE VM Year 1	30
VCE VM Year 2	36
Total	79

2025 Student Full Completion

VCE level	Number of students
VPC	0
VCE VM Year 1	25
VCE VM Year 2	26
Total	51

2025 VCE Partial Completion

VCE level	Number of students
VPC	13
VCE VM Year 1	4
VCE VM Year 2	7
Total	24

2025 Pathway

Continue VCE VM 2026	28
Employed full or parttime	15
Apprenticeship	3
VET courses	0
Relocated	3
Health Issues	1
Returned to previous school	2
Other RTO	
Destination unknown	10
Withdrawn	17
Total	79



Bendigo TAFE campuses

Bendigo City

154 Hargreaves Street
Bendigo VIC 3550

Bendigo Charleston Road

142 Cornish Street
Castlemaine VIC 3450

Castlemaine

65-67 Templeton Street
Castlemaine VIC 3450

Echuca

Corner Hare and Darling Streets
Echuca VIC 3564