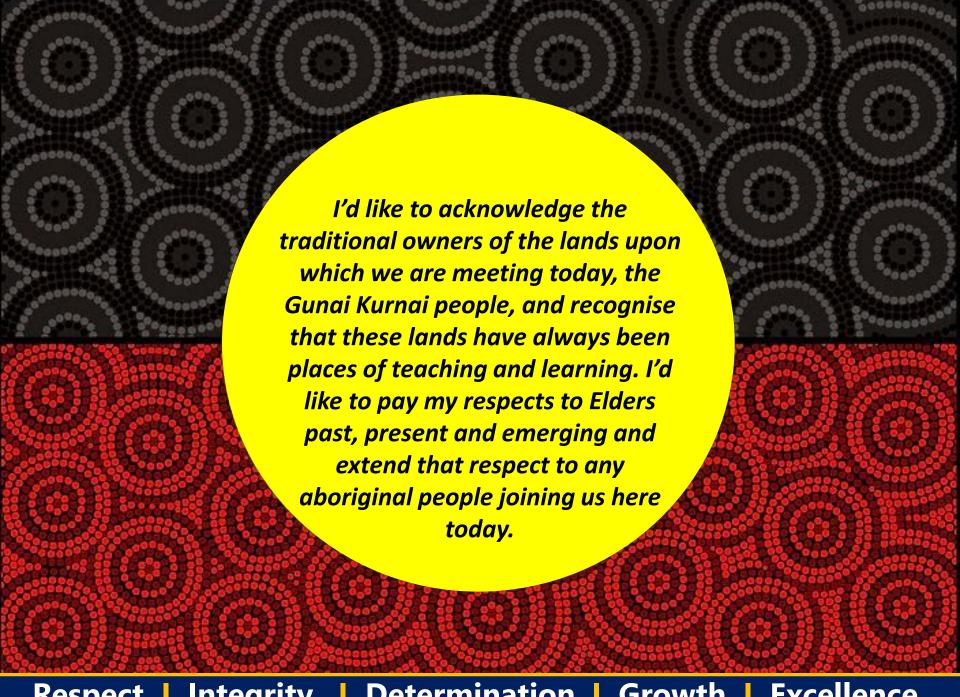


# Senior School Information Evening

Wednesday July 27





**Determination** | Growth | Excellence Respect | Integrity



The Lowanna College community is committed to high expectations and believes all students will achieve excellence in their endeavours.

Respect Integrity Determination Growth Excellence



#### **Senior School Team**



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#### **Session Overview**

- 1. Student Pathways at Lowanna College
- 2. Subject selection process
- 3. Course counsellors
- 4. Subject selection tips
- 5. Course selection packages
- 6. Faculty leaders
- 7. How to prepare for your interview
- 8. Careers information
- 9. Costs





## Why finish school?

- Completing Year 12 studies sets up you up for lifelong learning
- It means you will be ready to keep learning as you navigate your career and the opportunities of career changes throughout your life
- Higher levels of education lead to higher paying jobs
- Higher levels of education lead to better health over a lifetime





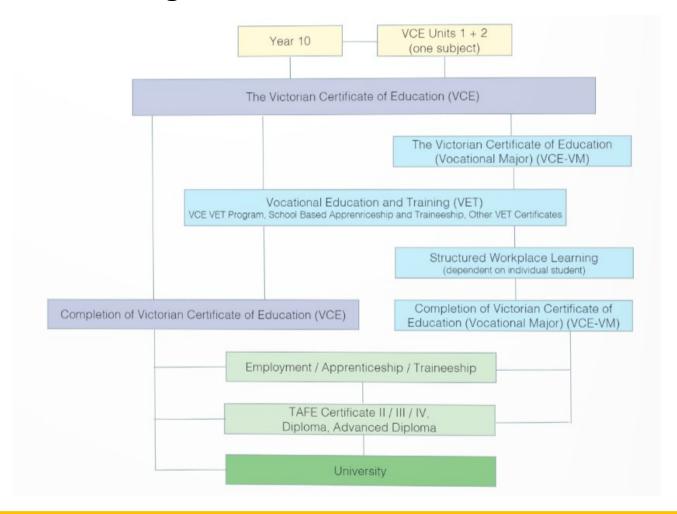
## **Education for future success**

- Nearly 80% of students leaving Year 12 go on to further study at TAFE or university immediately from school
- More will enrol to study in subsequent years
- It's projected that more than 9 in 10 new jobs will require post-school qualifications

   that's university or TAFE



## Lowanna College Student Pathways





## VCE – A 2 year program

- You must complete a minimum of 16 units (1 unit = 1 semester) over two years to receive your VCE.
  - 3 units of English (including a Unit 3 & 4 sequence)
  - 3 other sequences of Unit 3 & 4 Studies
- Most students at Lowanna will study 22 units in their program.
- This is made up of 12 units in Year 11 and 10 units in Year 12.



## Advance to University (ATU)



## Advance to

- Highly motivated and capable students may be able to study first-year university units as part of their VCE.
- These units can boost your ATAR as well as offer credit and guaranteed entry to a number of Federation University bachelor degrees.
- https://federation.edu.au/ future-students/study-atfederation/advance-touniversity

#### Reach your full potential

Advance to University is your opportunity to study first-year university units as part of your

As the #1 rated Victorian university for student support\* you'll learn from Federation University academics help you develop your knowledge and gain confidence in the university environment. This program is idestudents aspiring to attain an ATAR of 60 and above.

#### How it works



### Sample VCE Program

#### **Year 11 – Units 1 & 2**

- English
- General Maths
- Food Studies
- Biology
- Psychology
- History

6 subjects at Year 11 (12 units)

#### **Year 12 – Units 3 & 4**

- English
- Further Maths
- Food Studies
- Biology
- Psychology

5 subjects at Year 12 (10 units)

You need to pass at least 16 of the 22 units studied



### Sample VCE Timetable

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Period 1	Biology	Studio Art	Psychology	History	English
Period 2	English	Biology	Studio Art	Gen. Maths	History
Period 3	History	English	General Purpose Period	Psychology	Gen. Maths
Period 4	Gen. Maths	History	Biology	Studio Art	Psychology
Period 5	Psychology	Gen. Maths	English	Biology	Studio Art



### **VET**

- As part of their VCE program, students may choose to study a VET subject
  - VET subjects are a compulsory component of VCE-VM
- A nationally recognised certificate
- VET courses available
  - VET Programs with Scored Assessment (ATAR)
  - VET Programs with No Scored Assessment (S or N)
  - Non VCE VET Programs
- A list of VET courses available in 2023 is included in the Senior School information package



### **VET**

- Please note that due to the increasing demand for VET places, there is no automatic entry into a VET program.
- All applicants will be prioritised according to the quality of their application (see information pack) in addition to attendance, GPAs and academic reports
- VCE-VM students will take precedence for places due to requirements of program



## Sample VCE Program – VET

#### **Year 11 – Units 1 & 2**

- English
- General Maths
- Food Studies
- History
- Psychology
- VET Hospitality

6 subjects at Year 11

#### Year 12 - Units 3 & 4

- English
- Further Maths
- Food Studies
- History
- VET Hospitality

5 subjects at Year 12

You need to pass at least 16 of the 22 units studied



### Sample VCE-VET Timetable

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Period 1	Study Period	Studio Art	VET Course (TAFE) Hospitality	History	English
Period 2	English	Study Period		Gen. Maths	History
Period 3	History	English		Psychology	Gen. Maths
Period 4	Gen. Maths	History		Studio Art	Psychology
Period 5	Psychology	Gen. Maths		Study Period	Studio Art



## **Satisfactory Completion**

#### **Year 11 – Units 1 & 2**

- School Based
- Learning Outcomes (S or N)
- School Assessed
   Coursework (SACs) &
   Work Requirements
- Internal Exams

#### Year 12 - Units 3 & 4

- VCAA & School Based
- Learning Outcomes (S or N)
- School Assessed Coursework (SACs)
- School Assessed Tasks (SATs)
- External Exams ATAR

**Attendance requirement (90%)** 

Absences must be explained





## VCE-Vocational Major (VCE-VM)

- The VCE Vocational Major (VCE-VM) is a new vocational and applied learning program that sits within the VCE.
- The new VCE-VM has an 'Applied Learning Approach' which involves students engaging in relevant and authentic learning experiences.
- The Vocational Major will prepare students for a transition into apprenticeships, traineeships, further education and training.
- There can be university access through alternative entry programs, and it also provides direct access into the workforce.



## **VCE-VM Pathways**

- VCE-VM is the most direct pathway to TAFE, traineeships, apprenticeships or work (note that the VCE also offers this).
- There are no external examinations for the VM studies and therefore students completing a Unit 3 & 4 subject will not receive a Study Score (as they do in VCE) and are not eligible for an ATAR.
- Possibility to change to VCE at mid-year in Year 11.



## **VCE-VM Subjects**

- Students must satisfactorily complete at least 16 units over the two years of the VM Certificate including:
  - 3 VCE VM Literacy (or VCE English) units (including a Unit 3-4 sequence)
  - 3 other Unit 3-4 sequences (from the list below)
    - 2 VCE-VM Numeracy (or VCE Maths units)
    - 2 VCE-VM Work Related Skills units
    - 2 VCE-VM Personal Development Skills and
    - 2 VET credits at Certificate II or above
- Students will also undertake structured workplace learning



#### **VCE-VM Assessment**

- The decision to award a Satisfactory or Not Satisfactory is determined at the school level of each unit.
- The decision is based on the work submitted and completed by the student and must follow VCAA, and school rules and procedures.
- VET based on units of competency



## **VCE-VM Program**

- 3 days on campus
  - No study periods
- 1 day VET Course
- 1 day work placement ideally linked to VET course



## Sample VCE-VM Timetable

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Period 1	VM Numeracy	PDS	VET Course (TAFE) Automotive	VM Literacy	Work Placement Mechanic
Period 2	SWL	VM Numeracy		WRS	
Period 3	VM Literacy	SWL		PDS	
Period 4	WRS	VM Literacy		PDS	
Period 5	PDS	WRS		VM Numeracy	

## **VCE-VM Application**



Students who are interested in a place in the 2023 VCE-VM program should complete the expression of interest form in your pack.



Bring your completed form with you to your course counselling appointment.



## Which pathway is the right one?

Each pathway builds on the learning strengths and aspirations of the student



#### **VCE** student

Classroom focus where you:

- · build deep knowledge of a subject area
- apply theoretical skills and knowledge through experiments, practical activities.

Add a vocational focus through a VET subject.

#### VCE Vocational Major student



Applied learning focus where you:

- concentrate on your future through real world learning contexts
- learn in a classroom, the workplace, and community

You'll develop project management skills and an understanding of others.



#### **Attendance – all students**

- At Lowanna College all students in Years 11 and 12 are required to attend college for a minimum of 90% of scheduled classes to complete the year or the semester unit satisfactorily.
- Absences covered by medical certificates or appropriate professional evidence are not normally included in the 90%.
- If students are ill and have missed the date for completion of coursework, a valid medical certificate must be provided immediately on return to school before the student will be allowed to undertake coursework which has been missed.



## Commitments Required by Students

- Complete all coursework, school assessed tasks, SACs and examinations on time and to the best of their ability.
- Be enrolled in six units per semester in Year 11 and five units per semester in Year 12.
- Spend at least the recommended time on homework:
  - two and a half to three hours per night for Unit 1 & 2 subjects,
  - three to four hours per night for Unit 3 & 4 subjects
- Ideally spend no more than 10 hours per week in employment
- Attend all classes unless ill or for an approved reason
- Inform their class teacher and/or Coordinator of any difficulties they may be having in completing coursework or assessment tasks well before the due date and submit medical certificates where necessary

## **HEADSTART** Apprenticeship and Traineeship Initiative







#### What is Head Start?

- A program provided by the school which gives you an opportunity to make an Apprenticeship or Traineeship part of your school program
- It allows you to gain important literacy and numeracy skills which employers demand
- Full mentoring and support from your Head Start Co-Ordinator until you complete your qualification







#### **Core Components**



1. School



2. TAFE



3. Work





#### What is an Apprenticeship?

#### **AND**

What is a **Traineeship?** 





#### The Difference

- An Apprenticeship is offered for what we call traditional trades
- Examples: Plumbing, Automotive, Electrical, Building & Construction, Hairdressing, Commercial Cookery and many more
- An apprenticeship will take 3-4 years to complete as there are many technical skills to learn





#### The Difference

- A Traineeship is offered for service orientated occupations
- Examples: Business, Early Childhood Education and Care, Community Services, Community Pharmacy, Agriculture, Horticulture etc.
- A Traineeship will take 1-2 years as there are not as many technical elements to learn as an apprenticeship





#### What do you get?

- You are employed and ahead of the pack!
- Valuable time off your apprenticeship/traineeship while still learning at school
- Get paid apprentice/trainee wages & superannuation, sick leave, annual leave and all the relevant entitlements
- Head Start Coordinator mentoring and support







### Course Counselling

- Every student will participate in course counselling
- Parents are part of this process
- Counselling Sessions:

Wednesday 10 August – 9:00am to 7:00pm

#### **Course Counsellors**









Trevor Cox



Sarah Giessler



Ali Hilli



Daniel King



Michael Lakeman



Fiona Milkins



Elyse Rowlings



Heather Snowden



Peter Stokes



Nicole Taylor



Norm Trewin



## Subject Selection for Year 11

- Choose subjects that you do well in and that you enjoy
- Choose subjects that enable you to showcase your skills and talents
- Choose subjects that will help you with your career
- Work backwards from your career choice to determine prerequisite subjects



## Things not to do...

- Don't choose subjects because you think they are easy
- Don't choose subjects because of friends
- Don't choose subjects because of who you think may be teaching them
- Don't choose subjects based on scaling
- Don't ignore advice



## **Achieving a Balance**



It is important to maintain a balance between pathway interests and the value of education in its own right.



Students should attempt to balance their emotional, intellectual, physical and artistic needs when choosing their subjects.



Subjects will only run in 2023 if there is sufficient demand from students.



The college will always endeavour to satisfy the choices and requirements of as many students as possible. Unfortunately there can be situations where students may not receive their first subject choice.



## Maths & English Guidance

#### <u>Mathematics</u>

- General Mathematics
- Mathematical Methods
- Specialist
   Mathematics

#### **English**

- English
- Literature

**Recommendations from Maths & English teachers** 



## Package / Forms

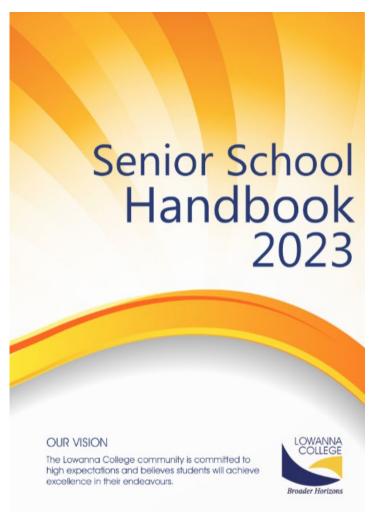
- Year 11 VCE Subject Selection Form
- VCE-VM Application Form
- VET Application Form
- Lunch Pass
- Uniform Policy

Forms signed and emailed during the Course Counselling session – Wednesday 10 August



#### Lowanna College Senior School Handbook

Available online – <a href="https://www.lowanna.vic.edu.au/publication/senior-handbook/">https://www.lowanna.vic.edu.au/publication/senior-handbook/</a>



















How to apply apply

Access schemes & scholarships

**ATAR** 

Offers VTAC Year 10 Guide



- Find this and other useful information at:
- https://vtac.edu.au/befor e/guides/y10guide.html





# Where to Now?

- Copy in packs.
- Other useful information from the VCAA can be found at

https://www.vcaa.vic.edu.a u/studentguides/where-tonow/Pages/Index.aspx





### **PLT Leaders**



Elyse Rowlings (English)



Emma Arthur (English)



Daniel King (Mathematics)



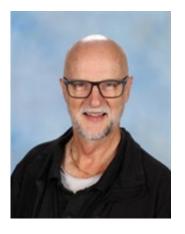
Kirsty Spiers (Science)



Lauren Stoneman (Humanities)



Ashley Scott (PE & Health)



David Williams (Arts)



Tim Campbell (Technology)







#### **Careers**

- Works in conjunction with Senior School
- Careers counselling, support and advice
- Assist students to develop independent research skills
- Support work placements
- Organise a range of careers related excursions and activities



## **Subject Selection Preparation**

1

Speak to your current teachers about your performance and strengths.

2

Read the Handbook and cross out subjects you definitely are not interested in.

3

Complete the Subject Selection Sheet (filling in all preferences where indicated). 4

Attend your subject selection interview and be actively involved in the process.



### Other considerations...

- VET travel and individual equipment costs eg. steel-capped boots, knife set etc.
- CAS Calculator approximately \$200
- Textbooks
- Subject Levies and Fees (listed in Handbook)
- Camps & Excursions
  - Outdoor Education, VCE Careers Expo etc.





# Questions & Thank You

Feel free to contact the Senior School for more information or if you have any concerns.

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