



ACCELERATED VCE

POLICY

Rationale:

It has become common practice for students at lower year levels (Year 10 and 11) to consider studying accelerated VCE units. This policy has been developed to ensure that students completing an acceleration of VCE studies are equipped to meet the increased requirements of a VCE study. Whilst it is often thought completing as many subjects as possible to contribute towards an ATAR is beneficial there is no statistical evidence that this is the case and often by taking on a huge workload some students often disadvantage themselves.

Aims:

To ensure that students completing an accelerated VCE subject are:

- Achieving at above standard levels
- Giving themselves the best possible opportunity to maximise their VCE results
- Not putting too much academic pressure on themselves
- Able to understand clearly the choices that they are making and are aware of the consequences of their actions.

Implementation:

- It is not in the students' best interests to study an advanced level subject unless they are able to perform to a high standard in that, and all their other subjects.
- The number of subjects a student can accelerate in is limited to one, unless in extraordinary circumstances as judged by the Principal and Senior School Coordinator and an exemption is granted.
- Students who wish to complete an accelerated study outside of their year level need to complete the "Application Form for Accelerated VCE Study" via the link in SMT, this needs to be submitted with their subject selections.
- The following criteria will be considered when reviewing an "Application for Accelerated VCE Study" for Year 9 students going into Year 10 and applying to complete a Unit 1 & 2 subject:
 - "Effort" and "Behaviour" Grades on Semester One reports must be recorded as either Very Good or Excellent.
 - Received a C or higher in all VELS-assessed subjects
 - Attendance of 80% or higher
 - Demonstrated strengths in the subject area of proposed VCE study
- The following criteria will be considered when reviewing an "Application for Accelerated VCE Study" for Year 10 students going into Year 11 and applying to complete a Unit 3 & 4 subject:
 - "Effort" and "Behaviour" Grades on Semester One reports must be recorded as either Very Good or Excellent.
 - Received a C or higher in all VELS-assessed subjects
 - "Satisfactory" outcome on all VCE units studied thus far
 - Mid-year and End-Of-Year Examination results of 70% or higher
 - Attendance of 80% or higher
 - Completion of the appropriate Unit 1 & 2 course

- Students whose Semester Two results have changed markedly may still be denied access to accelerated studies, OR given the opportunity to be considered as a late application.

Ararat College is committed to child safety (Ministerial Order No. 870) and takes all reasonable steps to ensure that the safety of our students is paramount.

This policy was last ratified by School Council in June 2018
This policy is due for review in.....

August 2021

Application for Accelerated VCE Study

Name of Student:	
VCE Subject you wish to undertake:	
Why do you want to undertake this subject:	
What do you believe are your strengths that would enable you to succeed in this particular subject:	
Explain how you believe you meet the required criteria (outlined below):	
Signature:	
Parent Signature:	
Date:	

Criteria
<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Year 9 students applying to complete a Unit 1 & 2 Subject:○ “Effort” and “Behaviour” Grades on Semester One reports must be recorded as either Very Good or Excellent.○ Received a C or higher in all VELS-assessed subjects○ Attendance of 80% or higher○ Demonstrated strengths in the subject area of proposed VCE study○ Year 10 students applying to complete a Unit 3 & 4 Subject:○ “Effort” and “Behaviour” Grades on Semester One reports must be recorded as either Very Good or Excellent○ Received a C or higher in all VELS-assessed subjects○ “Satisfactory” outcome on all VCE units studied thus far○ Mid-Year and End-of-Year Examination results of 70% or higher○ Attendance of 80% or higher○ Completion of the appropriate Unit 1 & 2 course