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# **Year 9 Online Pathways Information Night 2021**

**Welcome!**

**The presentation  
will commence at  
6: 00 pm.**





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# **Year 9 Pathways Information Night 2021**

**Welcome parents/guardians & students**

**Please ensure:**

- ☐ Your microphone is muted
- ☐ Your video is turned off
- ☐ Type your name using the chat function

THANK  
YOU!

*Please note: This evening will be recorded for future reference.*





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# Time to consider your pathway





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Year 9 – VET Cluster Application (EOI) 2022

Year 10 – Application to Study VCE Units 3+4 in Year 11 2022

Year 10 – VET Cluster Application (EOI) 2022

Year 11 – VCE Subject Change – Unit 3/4 without completing 1/2

Year 11 – Application to Complete a Reduced Program

Year 11 – Senior VCAL Application

Year 11 – VET Cluster Application (EOI) 2022

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# HIGHfacts 2022

Ballarat High School Year 10-12 Course Descriptions



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## Parent Information





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*Welcome!* to Year 10!

## What are the differences between Years 9 & 10?

- Variety of subjects and classes - you choose!
- Academic focus - increase in workload
- More independence
- Assessments
- Attendance expectations - 90%



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# Year 10 Handbook

**An important document for the Year 10 community and contains essential information, including:**

- Assessments
- 90% Attendance policy - absences  
(Well below state average)

**YEAR 10  
Handbook**

**2021**

**Our Commitment:**

Ballarat High School is a learning community. We believe in all learners. Our learning framework promotes growth, innovation and creativity. Our values ensure we are developing positive relationships. At Ballarat High School learning is personal.

**A guide to  
policies and  
procedures  
in Year 10**







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# Year 10 subject composition

## Subject composition

- Six subjects per semester
- Students should ensure they put in reserve subjects. All subject choices cannot be guaranteed.
- Students should attempt a variety of subjects in Year 10
- LOTE if chosen is a year long subject

## Mandatory

- English & Maths (year long)
- A Science is required for at least one semester



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# Year 10 English

## English

Most students choose this subject. It is a general English that prepares students for all Year 11 English options

## Literature and Communication

Students should be in the top **25% for English in their year level**

## English Language

Students should be in the top **25% for English in their year level**

## Foundation English

For students who want to complete VCAL in Year 11 and/or require extra support/modification (credits transferable to VCAL)



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# Year 10 Maths

## **Year 11 General Maths**

For students who completed Advanced Maths in Year 9

## **Year 10 Methods**

A preparation course for Year 11 & 12 Methods. A challenging and complex maths. Recommended for the top 30% of maths' students

## **Year 10 General Maths**

Most students choose this subject. It is a general maths that prepares students for VCE General Maths

## **Year 10 Foundation Maths**

For students who have a VCAL pathway and/or need extra support/modification.





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# Year 10 Science

All students must complete **one** semester of Science.

## Choices:

- Biology
- Chemistry
- Earth & Space Science
- Physics





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# Other Learning Areas

**Aim for balance! Subject details in [HIGHfacts 2022](#)**  
**Choose semester length subjects from:**

ARTS	HUMANITIES	HEALTH & PHYSICAL EDUCATION
LOTE (all year)	PERFORMING ARTS	TECHNOLOGY



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**Year 10 Course Example 1**

# I'm exploring it all!

<b>Semester 1</b>		<b>Semester 2</b>	
1.	English	1.	English
2.	General Maths	2.	General Maths
3.	Chemistry	3.	Advance Foods
4.	History - War & Peace	4.	Music Performance
5.	Health & the Community	5.	Photography
6	Business Studies	6	Law





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## **Straight Year 10 Course Example 2**

# **I'm hands-on**

<b>Semester 1</b>		<b>Semester 2</b>	
1.	Foundation English	1.	Foundation English
2.	Foundation Maths	2.	Foundation Maths
3.	Personal Development Skills	3.	Personal Development Skills
4.	Earth & Space Science	4.	Art 2D
5.	Woodwork	5.	Metalwork
6	PE - Active Lifestyles	6	Outdoor Education



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## **Straight Year 10 Course Example 3**

# **I'm intellectual**

<b>Semester 1</b>		<b>Semester 2</b>	
1.	Literature & Communication	1.	Literature & Communication
2.	Maths Methods	2.	Maths Methods
3.	German	3.	German
4.	Biology	4.	Physics
5.	Philosophy	5.	World War II History
6	Drama	6	STEM



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# Year 11 & 12 Pathways

- ◎ VCE (Vocational Specialisation) with VET
- ◎ VCE (Vocational Specialisation) with a School Based Apprenticeship
- ◎ VCE (VET is optional)

**Note - in 2023, the new VCE (Vocational Specialisation) certificate is replacing the current VCAL certificate.**







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# VCE (Vocational Specialisation) - VCAL





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# VCE (Vocational Specialisation) Information

Please note: At present time, we are still receiving information on how the VCE (Vocational Specialisation) course is going to operate in 2023. The important thing to remember is that from 2023 there will only be one certificate.

**VCE & VCAL will be integrated into the one certificate.**



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# VCE (Vocational Specialisation) tasters in year 10

**Year 10 PDS Electives:** New addition  
in 2020. Has been very popular

- Pre VCE (Vocational Specialisation) taster electives
- PDS 1 & 2
- Project based applied learning
- Competency based assessment
- No tests/No exams
- Personal Development focus







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### Application to study a VCE or VET subject in Year 10

Student name: \_\_\_\_\_

Team Leader: \_\_\_\_\_

You must bring this application to your course confirmation interview. You need to meet the required conditions to be considered for a VCE or VET subject in 2022.

#### Self-appraisal

Students who are eligible to complete a VCE or VET subject in Year 10 must have:

- |  |        |
|--|--------|
| ✓ High Attendance (95%+ for two subjects)          | Yes/No |
| ✓ Consistently strong reports                      |        |
| • Mostly consistently for completing set work      | Yes/No |
| • Usually or consistently on all other work habits | Yes/No |
| • No rarely on a Year 9 report                     | Yes/No |
| • 70%+ average for assessments                     | Yes/No |

I believe I am **eligible / ineligible** to complete a VCE/VET subject(s) in Year 10  
(Refer to the last page when choosing a VCE subject)

*If eligible I would like to complete the following subjects:*

# 2022 VCE & VET subjects

Application to Study VCE or VET in Year 10 2022



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# VCE/VET in Year 10

## Requirements to undertake a VCE/VET subject

- Attendance 85% plus (*95% plus for a VCE & VET\**)
- Consistently high efforts on reports
- Average to above average academic ability
- Team Leader overall judgement

## Things to remember

- Students cannot pick two VCE or two VET courses unless a student has successfully completed Y9 advanced maths. These students can choose Y11 General Maths and another Y11 VCE subject.



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# VCE/VET in Year 10

## Things to remember

- Students who complete a VCE subject in Year 10 are being **accelerated by one year**
- The workload is significantly higher than Year 9 and Year 10
- The school has the right to remove any student from a VCE/VET subject if their performance is not at the expected level
- **It is normal** not to complete a Year 11 subject in Year 10
- All documentation must be completed and authorised by August 20 - the online course selection interview.



# Permitted VCE Subjects

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ART	HAPE	HUMANITIES	MATHS	PERFORMING ARTS
Art	Health & Human Development	Business Management	Unit 1 & 2 General Maths	Drama
Media	Outdoor Ed & Envir Studies	History*		VCE Music
Studio Art Studio Art-Photo	Physical Education	Legal Studies*		Theatre Studies
Visual Comm Design	<b>SCIENCE</b>	<b>TECHNOLOGY</b>		
	Biology	Food Studies		
	Psychology	Product Design & Technology (Textiles & Wood)		

*\*Require developed literacy skills*



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# VCE Handbook

- Students who are eligible to complete a VCE subject in Year 10 must be familiar with their rights and responsibilities.
- Outlined in the 2022 VCE Handbook
- Online by the end of the year

VCE  
Handbook  
Policies & Procedures

2021

**Our Vision**

Ballarat High School is a learning community where every person is valued, respected and challenged as a learner.







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**Year 10 Course Example for Advanced Maths**

# **VCE in Year 10**

<b>Semester 1</b>		<b>Semester 2</b>	
1.	English	1.	English
2.	Year 11 General Maths	2.	Year 11 General Maths
3.	Year 11 Psychology	3.	Year 11 Psychology
4.	Biology	4.	Health & the Individual
5.	Video-Making	5.	Photography
6	Business Studies	6	Our World - Past & Present



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# 2022 Year 10 Students

**Will I be disadvantaged if I don't complete a VCE subject next year?**

**No.** Year 10 is an essential stand alone year that prepares students for the rigours and expectations of VCE and VCAL. If students create strong learning habits in Year 10 it will prepare them for a successful Year 11 & 12.





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# **Vocational Education and Training**





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# **VET Requirements**

- VET is available to Year 10-12 students
- It is a nationally recognised certificate, that comprises hands on work and theoretical studies that takes up to two years to complete
- **1<sup>st</sup> year classes usually run 1:30pm - 5:30pm Thursdays**
- **2<sup>nd</sup> year classes usually run 1:30pm – 5:30pm Tuesdays**
- Be mindful that some classes run for whole days during term time and the school holidays.



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# VET at Ballarat High School

- Music Performance
- Sport and Recreation
- Automotive



Details can be found in Highfacts





# External VET Courses

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- Allied Health Assistance
- Retail Cosmetics (VCAL only)
- Salon Assistance (VCAL only)
- Screen and Media
- Landscaping
- Furniture Making
- Animal Studies
- Plumbing
- Information Digital Technology
- Electrotechnology
- Building and Construction
- Agriculture
- Community Services
- Early Childhood
- Engineering
- Equine Studies
- Dance
- Kitchen Operations (VCAL only)

<https://www.highlandsllen.org/education/vocational-education-training/>



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# Things to consider continued

- a Unique Student Identifier must be created  
<https://www.usi.gov.au/your-usi/create-usi>
- An expression of interest form **must** be submitted by August 20 to your team leader
- Most VET courses run through the Highland LLEN cluster will require an orientation/interview as well as a **Language, Literacy and Numeracy Test.**
- Some courses have classes in the school holidays



# Year 10 Opportunities





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# Work experience

- Students have the ability to complete work experience in Year 10
- The set time next year will be in Term 2
- Students who need a white card for work experience may complete it at the end of Year 9





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# Blended Learning

Students looking to enter the workforce early may be allowed to complete a blended program.







# HeadStart in Year 10

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HeadStart is a School Based Apprenticeship (SBA) run by the Education department.

Eligible students from **Semester 2:**

- Spend two days a week in their SBA
- Still complete English/Maths and another subject at school
- Students who complete HeadStart **must** complete a VCE (Vocational Specialisation) pathway at BHS.

WANT TO HELP YOUR  
CHILD GET A HEAD START?





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# I don't know what to choose!!!

- ✓ Ensure you choose the correct English & Maths
- ✓ Add a Science
- ✓ Try something new
- ✓ Choose subjects you will enjoy
- ✓ Don't choose subjects due to peer group pressure
- ✓ Ask lots of questions during this process





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# Where to from here?

Students' Team Leaders will support them to plan their pathways at Ballarat High School.

Course counselling is an extensive process at BHS and culminates on 20 August with course confirmation interviews concluding and the closure of the online course selection website.





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# Important Dates

<b>Thursday 22nd July</b>	Pathways Information Night
<b>Thursday 22nd July</b>	EXPO - Faculty Information evening (Postponed)
<b>Friday 23rd July</b>	Online course selections open
<b>Week 5</b>	Year 9 Subject Information Sessions in TLC
<b>Friday 6th August</b>	VET Cluster Online Applications open
<b>Friday 20th August</b>	VET Cluster Online Applications close
<b>Thursday 19th &amp; Friday 20th August</b>	Year 9 Course Confirmation Parent Interviews
<b>Friday 20th August</b>	Online course selection closes

<b>AUGUST 2021</b>						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26		28
29	30	31				

www.theprintablecalendar.com







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# Final advice

- Consider selecting subjects you are good at, interested in and enjoy
- Select subjects you have the ability to do
- Think about what you want to do when you leave school and how different subjects can help you get there
- If you wish to gain an ATAR or entry into a course with particular prerequisites, choose your subjects carefully
- Consider your overall subject selection to see if you have a good balance
- Talk to a range of people to help you make your choices
- Do not select subjects based on what your friends are doing
- Do not select subjects based on who you think will be teaching them.



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# Any questions?

