

VICTORIAN CURRICULUM AND ASSESSMENT AUTHORITY

Media Guide

for VCE Examinations and End of Year

2024

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Media access to examinations

In the interest of Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) students, members of the media wishing to access schools to obtain television footage, photographs or student interviews during the end-of-year VCE external assessment period are requested to observe the following procedures:

- The VCAA requires that there be no media on school premises before the commencement of a VCE examination.
- The VCAA requires that there be no media on school premises during a VCE examination.
- Media seeking access to a government school are required to contact the Media Unit of the Department of Education on (03) 8688 7776 at least 24 hours in advance.
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Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority

Who we are

The VCAA is an independent statutory body responsible to the Victorian Minister for Education, serving both government and non-government schools.

The mission of the VCAA is to provide high-quality curriculum, assessment and reporting to enable learning for life.

What we do

The VCAA is responsible for developing high quality learning and development frameworks, curriculum for school aged students and assessment products and services.

The VCAA is the owner of the Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) (which includes the VCE Vocational Major) – a registered Senior Secondary Qualification with the VRQA –

and the Victorian Pathways Certificate (VPC) – an accredited foundation secondary qualification under the *Education and Training Reform Act 2006* (Vic).

The VCAA oversees the delivery of, and conducts assessment for the VCE, including external assessments of students undertaking accredited senior secondary courses.

For more information on the functions of the VCAA, visit our [website](https://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au).

Senior secondary education

Students in Victoria can complete the Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE), the VCE Vocational Major (VCE VM) or the Victorian Pathways Certificate (VPC). Within each of these certificates, students can undertake Vocational Education and Training (VET) programs.

Victorian Certificate of Education

The VCE is the senior secondary qualification undertaken by most students in Years 11 and 12. The VCE provides pathways to tertiary education, advanced certificate courses and employment. Students are able to choose from 90 VCE studies (including 40 VCE Languages) and 27 VCE Vocational Education and Training (VET) programs.

VCE students are assessed on their school-based assessments and via external assessments. The results are moderated on a statewide basis to ensure results are comparable. Of the students eligible to complete the VCE in 2023, 97.5 per cent graduated with their VCE.

VET programs can be included, contributing towards satisfactory completion of the VCE and can provide a nationally recognised vocational qualification.

The Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC) uses VCE study scores calculated by the VCAA to calculate an Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) score for students wishing to apply for tertiary entrance.

The VCE – Baccalaureate is an additional form of recognition available to students who choose to undertake both a Languages study and a higher level Mathematics study as part of their program of study, and have study scores for at least five VCE studies, including a study score of 30 or above in an English Unit 3–4 sequence or 33 in English as an Additional Language EAL. Refer to the VCE – Baccalaureate FAQs on our [VCE studies](#) page for more information.

Senior secondary education (continued)

Victorian Certificate of Education Vocational Major

The 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 gives students greater flexibility to pursue their strengths and interests and develop the skills and capabilities needed to succeed in further education, work and life.

The VCE VM can be tailored to meet the needs and interests of students through a combination of VCE VM studies and Vocational Education and Training (VET) and can also include VCE studies and Structured Workplace Learning (SWL).

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 by connecting their learning to real life and workplace experiences.

VCE examinations

VCE examination conduct and administration

In May, and October 2024 the VCAA provided training sessions for all newly appointed chief supervisors and VCE examination centre coordinators.

The VCAA ensures all experienced chief supervisors, VCE examination centre coordinators and appropriate school personnel understand the requirements for the conduct and administration of 2024 VCE external assessments.

The *VCE Examination Manual 2024*, distributed to schools prior to the VCE examinations, provides a confidential and comprehensive guide to these requirements.

There are 566 schools operating as examination centres.

Schools operating as examination centres are visited periodically by the VCAA to audit VCE examination security arrangements and to observe the conduct of VCE examinations.

2024 VCE examination timetable

Wednesday 31 July	10:00 am – 11:30 am Extended Investigation: Critical Thinking Test (computer-based)			
Monday 7 October to Monday 28 October	Languages examinations oral component (except Classical Greek, Classical Hebrew, Aboriginal Languages of Victoria) Auslan Interactive Sign examination Performance examinations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dance • VET Dance • Drama: Solo • Theatre Studies: Monologue examination Students will be notified of dates, times and locations via advice slips from Monday 29 July .			
Monday 7 October to Sunday 3 November	Performance examinations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Music Repertoire Performance • Music Contemporary Performance • VET Music Performance Students will be notified of dates, times and locations via advice slips from Monday 29 July .			
Monday 14 October to Friday 18 October	Extended Investigation Externally-assessed Task oral presentation Students will be notified of dates, times and locations via advice slips from Monday 29 July .			
Tuesday 15 October	2:00 pm – 4:40 pm Armenian, Bengali, Bosnian, Chin Hakha, Croatian, Dutch, Filipino, Hebrew, Hindi, Hungarian, Karen, Khmer, Macedonian, Persian, Polish, Portuguese, Punjabi, Romanian, Russian, Serbian, Sinhala, Swedish, Tamil, Turkish, Yiddish Each examination commences with a 10-minute reading period.			
Tuesday 15 October	8:00 am – 6:00 pm Auslan Sign Comprehension and Sign Production examination Students are scheduled in one two-hour session. Each session is preceded by 10 minutes reading/viewing time .			
Tuesday 22 October	9:25 am – 12:30 pm Classical Greek This examination commences with a 5-minute reading period.	1:55 pm – 5:00 pm Classical Hebrew This examination commences with a 5-minute reading period.		
Tuesday 29 October	9:00 am – 12:15 pm English English as an Additional Language (EAL)			
Wednesday 30 October	9:00 am – 10:45 am VET Community Services	11:45 am – 2:00 pm Chinese First Language English Language Indonesian First Language Japanese First Language	3:00 pm – 4:45 pm Visual Communication Design	
Thursday 31 October	9:00 am – 10:45 am VET Business	11:45 am – 2:00 pm Economics	3:00 pm – 5:15 pm Literature	
Friday 1 November	9:00 am – 11:45 am Biology	2:00 pm – 3:45 pm General Mathematics Examination 1		
Monday 4 November	9:00 am – 11:45 am Psychology	2:00 pm – 3:45 pm General Mathematics Examination 2		
Tuesday 5 November	Melbourne Cup public holiday			
Wednesday 6 November	9:00 am – 10:15 am Mathematical Methods Examination 1	11:45 am – 2:00 pm Australian Politics Classical Studies	3:00 pm – 5:15 pm Business Management	

2024 VCE examination timetable (continued)

Thursday 7 November	9:00 am – 10:45 am Art Creative Practice VET Hospitality	11:45 am – 2:00 pm Mathematical Methods Examination 2	3:00 pm – 5:15 pm Arabic Chinese Language, Culture and Society Korean First Language Physical Education Vietnamese Second Language
Friday 8 November	9:00 am – 10:45 am Product Design and Technologies Theatre Studies VET Equine Studies VET Furnishing VET Information and Communication Technology	11:45 am – 1:00 pm Music Inquiry	3:00 pm – 5:15 pm Algorithmics Health and Human Development VET Creative and Digital Media
Monday 11 November	9:00 am – 10:15 am Music Composition Specialist Mathematics Examination 1	11:45 am – 2:00 pm Aboriginal Languages of Victoria History: Ancient History Outdoor and Environmental Studies Texts and Traditions	3:00 pm – 5:15 pm Legal Studies
Tuesday 12 November	9:00 am – 11:45 am Chemistry	2:00 pm – 4:15 pm Applied Computing Data Analytics History: Revolutions Industry and Enterprise Vietnamese First Language	

Wednesday 13 November	9:00 am – 10:45 am Agricultural and Horticultural Studies Dance VET Hospitality (Cookery) VET Laboratory Skills VET Music (Sound Production)	11:45 am – 2:00 pm Media Specialist Mathematics Examination 2	3:00 pm – 5:15 pm Accounting Sociology
Thursday 14 November	9:00 am – 11:45 am Physics	2:00 pm – 4:15 pm Geography Greek Philosophy	
Friday 15 November	9:00 am – 10:45 am Art Making and Exhibiting	11:45 am – 1:30 pm Drama VET Integrated Technologies VET Sport and Recreation	3:00 pm – 5:15 pm Applied Computing Software Development Environmental Science Global Politics
Monday 18 November	9:00 am – 10:45 am Food Studies Systems Engineering VET Health	11:45 am – 2:00 pm History: Australian History Latin	3:00 pm – 4:15 pm Music Repertoire Performance
Tuesday 19 November	9:00 am – 10:15 am Music Contemporary Performance	11:45 am – 2:00 pm Foundation Mathematics Korean Second Language Spanish	3:00 pm – 5:15 pm German Religion and Society
Wednesday 20 November	9:00 am – 10:45 am VET Engineering Studies	11:45 am – 2:00 pm French Indonesian Second Language	3:00 pm – 5:15 pm Chinese Second Language Chinese Second Language Advanced Italian Japanese Second Language

VCE facts and figures

VCE graduates

Number of students eligible to graduate with the VCE in 2024

63,573

Number of students who graduated with a VCE in 2023

57,736

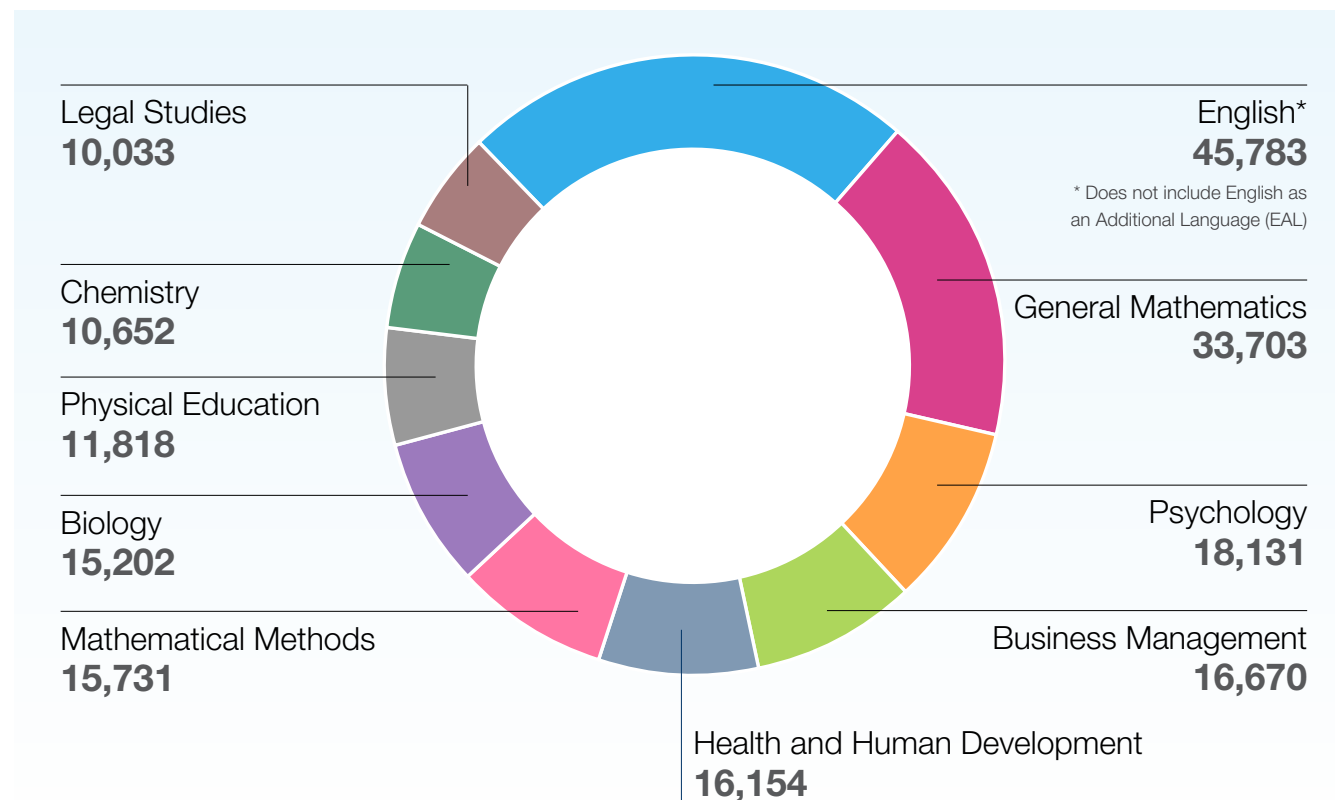
Percentage of students who graduated with a VCE in 2023

97.5%

Number of students who achieved the VCE – Baccalaureate in 2023

3,049

Top 10 VCE studies in 2024



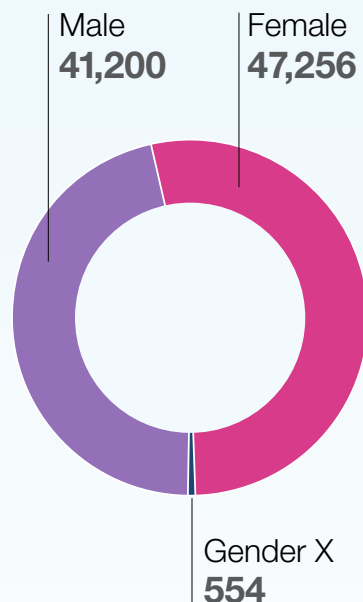
Enrolment figures for 2024 are preliminary only.

VCE facts and figures (continued)

Written examinations in 2024

Students sitting at least one exam

89,010



Students sitting the English exam on 29 October

45,783

Students sitting the English as an Additional Language exam on 29 October

2,439

VCE subjects with a written exam

111

Examination centres

566

Largest examination centre and number of students sitting exams

Bendigo Senior Secondary College

937

Smallest examination centre and number of students sitting exams

Balmoral K-12 College

3

VCE Languages being examined

47

Mature-age students being examined

232

Assessors employed by the VCAA to mark written exams

3,835

Students sitting an exam in a VCE VET scored program

8,808

Number of VCE VET programs with a written examination

14

VCE facts and figures (continued)

Performance examinations in 2024

VCE studies with a performance exam

(Dance, VET Dance, Drama, Theatre Studies, Music Repertoire Performance, Music Contemporary Performance, VET Music Performance)

7

Students enrolled in a performance exam

4,749

Students enrolled in Theatre Studies

(which has the highest enrolment for a performance exam)

1,091

Assessors employed by the VCAA to mark the performance exams

430

Venues used for performance exams

69

Languages oral examinations in 2024

VCE Languages with oral examinations

(except Classical Greek, Classical Hebrew, Latin, and Aboriginal Languages of Victoria)

43

Students being assessed in VCE Language oral examinations

7,639

Assessors employed by VCAA to mark the oral exams

607

Venues used for VCE Languages oral exams

35

Students enrolled in a VCE Extended Investigation oral presentation in October

282

Interstate, overseas and regional students

Number of students sitting VCE written exams interstate

102

Number of students sitting VCE written exams overseas

Victorian students

14

Non-Victorian students

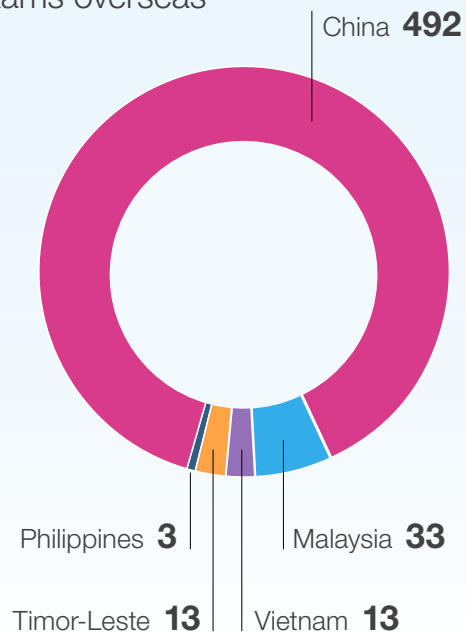
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Victorian students sitting exams overseas

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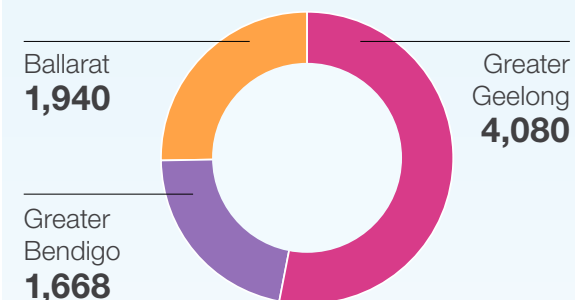
- Belgium
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- New Zealand
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- Senegal
- Sri Lanka
- Sweden
- Thailand
- United Kingdom

International students sitting exams overseas

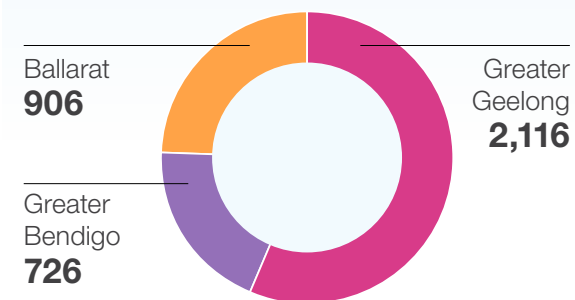


Top 3 regional cities

Students sitting **at least one** written VCE exam



Students sitting the **VCE English** exam



Top 20 most popular VCE studies (Unit 3) 2019–2023 and preliminary 2024

	2019		2020		2021		2022		2023		2024*	
Rank	Study	Enrols	Study	Enrols	Study	Enrols	Study	Enrols	Study	Enrols	Study	Enrols
1	English†	41,000	English†	41,655	English†	42,283	English†	42,310	English†	43,097	English†	45,783
2	General Mathematics	31,843	General Mathematics	32,001	General Mathematics	32,262	General Mathematics	31,460	General Mathematics	32,170	General Mathematics	33,703
3	Psychology	16,298	Psychology	16,964	Psychology	17,961	Psychology	18,358	Psychology	18,584	Psychology	18,131
4	Mathematical Methods	16,119	Mathematical Methods	16,102	Mathematical Methods	16,142	Mathematical Methods	15,238	Business Management	15,663	Business Management	16,670
5	Health and Human Development	14,506	Health and Human Development	14,650	Biology	15,350	Business Management	15,109	Health and Human Development	15,303	Health and Human Development	16,154
6	Biology	14,165	Biology	14,554	Health and Human Development	14,746	Health and Human Development	14,615	Mathematical Methods	14,878	Mathematical Methods	15,731
7	Business Management	13,856	Business Management	14,259	Business Management	14,582	Biology	14,544	Biology	14,493	Biology	15,202
8	Physical Education	10,422	Chemistry	10,490	Chemistry	10,805	Chemistry	10,759	Physical Education	10,932	Physical Education	11,818
9	Legal Studies	10,245	Physical Education	10,476	Physical Education	10,484	Physical Education	10,293	Chemistry	10,210	Chemistry	10,652
10	Chemistry	10,094	Legal Studies	10,265	Legal Studies	10,209	Legal Studies	9,250	Legal Studies	9,583	Legal Studies	10,033
11	Physics	7,342	Physics	7,172	Physics	7,420	Physics	7,096	Physics	6,943	Physics	7,413
12	Accounting	5,112	Art Making and Exhibiting	4,931	Visual Communication Design	4,939	Visual Communication Design	4,751	Visual Communication Design	4,892	Visual Communication Design	5,198
13	Art Making and Exhibiting	5,103	Visual Communication Design	4,852	Art Making and Exhibiting	4,823	Art Making and Exhibiting	4,685	History: Revolutions	4,663	History: Revolutions	5,191
14	Visual Communication Design	4,782	Accounting	4,646	History: Revolutions	4,732	Accounting	4,525	Accounting	4,423	Food Studies	4,631
15	History: Revolutions	4,729	History Revolutions	4,634	Accounting	4,473	History: Revolutions	4,490	Media	4,223	Accounting	4,628
16	Specialist Mathematics	4,269	Specialist Mathematics	4,172	English Language	4,169	Media	4,020	English Language	4,174	Media	4,593
17	Media	4,134	Media	4,070	Media	4,110	Food Studies	3,993	Food Studies	4,158	Literature	4,190
18	English (EAL)	4,063	English Language	3,925	Specialist Mathematics	4,050	Specialist Mathematics	3,828	Economics	3,713	English Language	4,067
19	Literature	3,831	English (EAL)	3,801	Food Studies	3,941	English Language	3,682	Specialist Mathematics	3,620	Economics	3,880
20	English Language	3,700	Food Studies	3,730	Literature	3,760	Economics	3,650	Art Making and Exhibiting	3,566	Specialist Mathematics	3,744

† Does not include English as an Additional Language (EAL)

VCE Vocational Major facts and figures

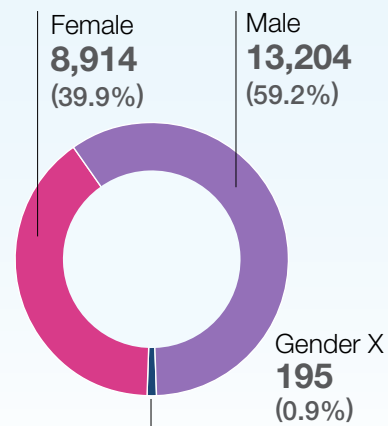
In 2023, VCE Vocational Major enrolments increased by 5.7% compared with 2022 enrolments in VCAL (Intermediate and Senior). Over the same period, 35 additional providers began offering the VCE VM.

Provisional 2024 enrolment data shows continuing growth in the VCE VM, with a 19.7% increase in enrolments and 56 additional providers compared with 2022 VCAL figures (Intermediate and Senior), its predecessor. Final enrolment figures for 2024 are confirmed in January 2025.

Final VCE Vocational Major enrolment figures for 2023

Number of VCE Vocational Major students

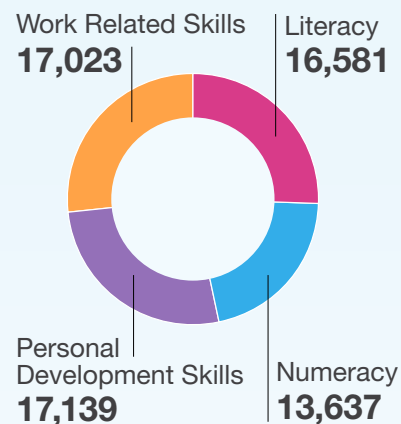
22,313



Number of VCE Vocational Major providers

457

Number of students enrolled in VCE Vocational Major Studies



The difference in enrolment figures across the VCE VM studies reflects that VCE VM students can meet the literacy and numeracy requirements of the certificate by taking VCE English (1,832 students in 2023) and VCE Mathematics (4,679 students in 2023).

Number of students who graduated with the VCE Vocational Major in 2023

6,454

Number of VCE Vocational Major students enrolled in Vocational Education and Training (VET)

19,326

Number of VCE Vocational Major students enrolled in a VCE study*

8,310

*VCE studies can complement a VCE VM students' learning program.

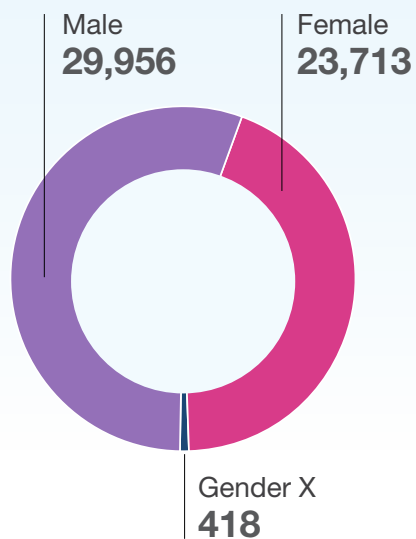
VET facts and figures

Final VET enrolment figures for 2023

Number of VCE, VCE VM and VPC students enrolled in at least one VET certificate

54,087*

Gender of VET students



Of these, the number of students who undertook a School-based Apprenticeship and Traineeship

2,655

Total number of VET certificate enrolments in 2023

73,536

* Note: final VET enrolment figures for 2024 are not confirmed until mid-January of the following year

How students get their results

The VCAA and VTAC offer four options for accessing VCE results and the Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR): internet, email (VCE results only), the VCE Results and ATAR app and mail.

Website

resultsandatar.vic.edu.au

The website is free and available from 7.00am Thursday 12 December until 5.00pm Monday 16 December 2024.

Mail

VCE results and ATAR statements will arrive in the mail from Thursday 12 December 2024. VCE certificates are distributed by schools and colleges, rather than mailed with the results.

Email (VCE students with a VCE Unit 3–4 enrolment only)

Students with a Unit 3 and Unit 4 enrolment and who have opted to receive their 2022 results via email will receive their results from 7.00am Thursday 12 December 2024.

VCE Results and ATAR app

VCE results and ATAR will be available via the VCE Results and ATAR app from 7.00am Thursday 12 December 2024. Students will need their VCAA number and secure password of their choice to view their results and ATAR.

The VCE Results and ATAR app is free and available to download in the App Store and on Google Play.

How students get their results (continued)

Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR)

Student ATARs are calculated by the Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC).

Before the release of ATARs, enquiries about the ATAR should be directed to VTAC:

Phone (03) 9926 1020

Website www.vtac.edu.au

After the release of ATARs, enquiries about the ATAR should be directed to the Post Results and ATAR Service.

Post Results and ATAR Service (PRAS)

The PRAS website contains detailed information from the VCAA and VTAC about student results and ATAR, as well as answers to frequently asked questions.

pras.resultsandatar.vic.edu.au

Students who have further questions after receiving their results and ATAR can contact PRAS by phone or email from Thursday 12 December to Monday 16 December 2024.

Phone (metro) (03) 9637 3877

Phone (free-call) 1800 653 080

Email pras@education.vic.gov.au

