The VCE is Victoria’s senior secondary qualification that opens pathways to university, higher-level TAFE or VET certificate courses, apprenticeships, traineeships and employment.

There are over 90 subjects to choose from across Humanities, Science, Mathematics, Technologies, Arts, Physical Education and Languages, plus 27 vocational studies like Automotive, Health, and Hair and Beauty.

Each subject has four units and a unit is usually completed in one semester.

If you successfully complete the VCE with study scores in four subjects (including an English subject) you will achieve an ATAR.

Every successful VCE student, in the same year, is ranked from the highest score downwards, creating the ATAR ranking, which is then used by universities to determine how they offer positions on their different courses.

Most students study between 20 and 24 units, which is usually six subjects in Year 11 and five in Year 12.

First and foremost, you should consider choosing subjects you enjoy that will lead you into the future you want.

Talk to your careers practitioner to help choose a pathway that best suits you.

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