



St Francis
CATHOLIC COLLEGE

Year 12 2027

Student Subject Selection Session



Acknowledgement of Country

St Francis Catholic College honours our First Nations People by fostering a shared sense of belonging for all Australians, and we acknowledge the Wurundjeri people, traditional custodians of the land on which St Francis Catholic College stands.





Prayer

Creator God,

I ask for Your wisdom as I face choices.

Give me discernment to see clearly and the courage to act on
Your will. Help me trust Your timing and not my own understanding.

In Jesus' name,

Amen.



Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE)

Purpose of VCE:

- Prepares students for university and higher education
- Offers a wide range of subjects: sciences, humanities, arts, languages

Flexibility and choice:

- Tailor education to interests and career aspirations
- Options for VCE and Vocational Education and Training (VET) subjects

Completion and certification:

- Receive VCE certificate and ATAR score upon satisfactory completion
- ATAR score crucial for university entry

Post-VCE pathways:

- University, employment, apprenticeships, TAFE courses
- Diverse opportunities beyond school



VCE Vocational Major (VM)

Unique and dynamic program

- Part of the VCE
- Blend of vocational and applied learning

Focus areas

- Personal and practical life skills development
- Preparation for further education, training, or workforce

Key feature

- VCE certificate with “Vocational Major” distinction
- Highlights specialised studies and practical skills

Pathways for graduates

- Further education and training at TAFE
- Apprenticeships and traineeships
- Direct transition into the workforce

Ideal for students who

- Thrive in hands-on learning environments
- Seek to develop skills for future endeavours



Completing Year 12

VCE

Successfully complete a minimum of 16 units, including:

- 3 sequences of Unit 3/4 subjects
- 3 units from an English subject group (including Units 3 /4).

VCE VM

Successfully complete a minimum of 16 units, including:

- 3 x VCE VM Literacy
- 2 x VCE VM Numeracy or VCE Mathematics units
- 2 x VCE VM Work Related Skills units
- 2 x VCE VM Personal Development Skills units
- 2 x VET credits at Certificate II level or above (180 nominal hours)



What do you get when you finish Year 12?

- Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) score (if you meet the requirements)
- a Statement of Results from the VCAA
- a Statement of Attainment from your TAFE (if you completed any VET units)
- your VET qualification (if you completed one)
- your Victorian Certificate of Education
- Students who don't complete the certificate will receive a Student Achievement Profile summary that lists all their achievements.



How are Year 11 and 12 different

Year 11

- Assessment Tasks (AT)
- Internal exams
- Opportunity to change subjects after Unit 1
- 2 -3 hours of study per school night
- 6 VCE/VET subjects

Year 12

- School Assessed Coursework (SAC)
– or School Assessed Task (SAT)
- General Achievement Test (GAT)
- External Assessments (Exams)
- No opportunity to change subjects
- 3 hours plus of study per school night
- 5 VCE / VET subjects



Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank - ATAR



English Subject Unit 3 and 4



Next best three Unit 3 and 4 scores



10% of fifth subject



10% of sixth subject
(accelerated subject)



Is calculated by VTAC for use
by tertiary institutions



VCE Pathways: Scored vs Unscored

Scored VCE

- Graded assessments (exams & school-based)
- Study score for each subject
- ATAR calculated
- Ideal for university admissions

Unscored VCE

- Coursework without graded assessments
- No study score or ATAR
- Suitable for apprenticeships, vocational training, or direct workforce entry



Pathways

Four things to consider when choosing your pathway.

1. What career do you want to pursue?
2. What are you good at?
3. What do you enjoy?
4. Prerequisites and recommended subjects, for future study / work.



VCE



Selecting VCE subjects

Year 11

VCE students must select:

- 1 RE subject
- 1 English subject (2 units)
- 5 other subjects (10 units)

Year 12

VCE students must select:

- 1 RE subject
- 1 English subject (2 units)
- 4 other subjects (8 units)



VCE Religious Education

Religious Education is compulsory for all Year 12 students.

Year 12

- Option 1: Religion and Society Unit 2
- Option 2: Religion and Society Units 3/4 (If not studied in Year 11)

Your Year 10 RE teacher will help you select the best option for you.



VCE English

English is compulsory.

Options:

- English
- Literature*
- English Language*

**Please discuss selection of these subjects with your English teacher prior to making your decision. They will be able to help you understand the requirements of the subject.*

You will need approval to change from English into Literature or English Language for Year 12.



VCE Mathematics

Mathematics is not compulsory in VCE but is **required** for many tertiary courses.

Remember to check the prerequisites for courses of interest.

Mathematics subjects include:

- Foundation Mathematics
- General Mathematics
- Mathematical Methods*
- Specialist Mathematics (must be selected in conjunction with Methods)*

** Please discuss your selection of these subjects with your mathematics teacher prior to making your decision. They will be able to help you understand the requirements of the subject.*



Applied Learning



Structure of VCE VM

Monday	Classes on-site
Tuesday	Classes on-site OR VET/Work Placement
Wednesday	Work Placement/VET
Thursday	Classes on-site OR Work Placement/VET
Friday	Classes on-site



VCE VM Numeracy OR VCE Mathematics

Year 11 students may choose General Mathematics in place of VCE-VM Numeracy.

Students intending to select General Mathematics as part of a VCE-VM program must discuss this with their Year 10 Mathematics teacher. They will require a recommendation from their teacher to proceed with this option.



VET



VET

VET is a compulsory part of VCE VM. A student may also undertake a VCE VET with a VCE program.

VCE VET contributes to VCE units and to ATAR scores for VCE students.

Students must fully complete the certificate that they are enrolled in for it to contribute to units and ATAR.

Some VET programs are offered here at the College within the structure of the timetable, or as block training each week. Others are offered externally and will require the student to travel.

VCE Students in VET

Any blocked or external VET will mean the student is missing some of their VCE subject lessons to attend their VET. They are responsible for catching up on any missed work in their own time. Approval for these students to enrol in a blocked/external VET is on a case-by-case basis.



VET AND VCE VM

Each VET qualification offered to VCE VM students provides the opportunity to complete the minimum requirement of 180 hours of VET training required to achieve the VCE VM certificate.

VET operates under strict governance relating to attendance, submission of work, and completion of practical and theory-based assessments.

Students who do not successfully complete their VET training in Year 11 will find it more difficult to reach the required number of VET nominal hours in Year 12.

Students who do not meet the minimum 180 hours of VET over two years cannot successfully complete the full VCE VM Certificate.



Structured Workplace Learning (SWL)

Structured workplace learning is a compulsory component of VCE VM at the College.

Structured workplace learning is on-the-job training that gives students the opportunity to master a set of skills or competencies.

The placement should be related to a student's VET course and must be scheduled for the student's non-TAFE/VET day.

Students are responsible for sourcing their own work placements and logbook maintenance.



VET courses offered at SFCC

A range of VET courses are offered at the College, and these are detailed in the [Subject Selection Handbook](#).

Some are available only to students in a VCE VM Program, some are for VCE students, and others are for both.



VET Subjects through local Clusters

Students also have access to VET subjects through our cluster affiliations.

We are affiliated with:

- Western Edge Cluster
- Brimbank Cluster

This allows us to offer more VET opportunities to our students.

Regardless of the training location, all VET programs require a rigorous, dedicated approach from the student.

The VET Coordinator will help students find the VET course of their choice.



Prerequisites

Prerequisites are subjects that a student must study to undertake further study.

Prerequisites exist for university and some TAFE courses. Students and families should use the [VTAC course search](#) to research prerequisites.

It will also show other requirements, such as portfolios and/or selection tasks.



Other forms of training

Apprenticeship or Traineeship

- Learn skills in a particular industry by working and training on the job.
- In most cases, there is off-the-job training as well, usually with a TAFE institute or a private training provider.
- Skills and qualifications are recognised across Australia, and by employers in your industry.
- Apprenticeships usually take three to four years to complete.
- Traineeships usually involve training including coursework over a 12-month period.



Subject Selections



Subject selection dates 2026

Wednesday 6 May

Subject pre-selection forms emailed to all Year 11 students. This will help plan for 2027 subjects, and it is very important that you complete it by Friday 8 May.

Wednesday 24 June

Subject Selection EXPO – **3.30pm-8.30pm**

Thursday 25 June

Online Year 12 subject selection opens at 8am. Students will receive their unique code via email.

Friday 24 July

Online Year 12 subject selections at 9am.



Subject Selection Handbook

All subjects offered at the College can be found in the [Subject Selection Handbook](#) available on our website.

The new version of the Subject Selection Handbook is not yet available, but please use the handbook from last year to help you begin your planning.



What if I don't get my first choices?

Sometimes, if there aren't enough students who have selected a subject, it won't run the following year.

Other times, there is a clash between two of the subjects you want to do, and you can't be studying both at the same time.

This can be disappointing for students, teachers, and families alike.

This is why we ask you to carefully consider and select reserves when selecting your subjects.



Subject Changes

There are allocated dates when students can request subject changes. These dates will be provided to students and families via the Simon Calendar.

Subject changes will not be approved outside of these dates. It is important that students select carefully, as they will need to remain in those subjects until subject changes are open.

When a subject change is requested, there is no guarantee it can be made. The subject a student would like to change into might already be full. It might also not run at a time that allows them, within their own timetable, to switch to it.



VCE Planning Sheet

Year 11 into 12 Planning Sheet: VCE Pathway 2027

Name: _____ Homeroom: _____

What do you want to do when you finish school? _____



Current Year 11 Subjects						
Circle the core subjects you are currently studying and the elective subjects you are currently studying in the spaces provided						
CORE SUBJECTS		Subject 3:	Subject 4:	Subject 5:	Subject 6:	Subject 7:
English	Text & Traditions Unit 1					
English Language						
Literature	Religion & Society Unit 3/4	Religion & Society Unit 3/4 <i>or Accelerated VCE / VET</i>				
EAL						
YEAR 12 VCE in 2027						
Circle the core subjects you wish to study in Year 12 and write the other subjects you wish to study in the spaces provided						
CORE SUBJECTS		Subject 3:	Subject 4:	Subject 5:	Subject 6:	Reserve 1:
English	Religion & Society Unit 2					
English Language	Religion & Society Unit 3/4	Religion & Society Unit 3/4			<small>(eg Reduced Programmes of Study*)</small>	(initials)
Literature		(initials)	(initials)	(initials)	(initials)	Reserve 2:
EAL	<small>If you have chosen VCE Religion and Society Units 3/4 you will have an additional study</small>	Please initial the boxes for each subject selected to confirm you have read the subject description in the course handbook.				(initials)
HL Staff Code OR Student Wellbeing Staff Code		HL Signature OR Director: Student Wellbeing Signature		Appointments recommended for:	Careers	L&T Director Senior Years Leader

*Application for Reduced Programmes Load/Careers appointment/Approval from Directory of Learning and Teaching – College Programs required

See reverse for VCE VM Pathway



VCE VM Planning Sheet

Year 11 into 12 Planning Sheet: VCE VM Pathway 2027

Name: _____ Homeroom: _____

What do you want to do when you finish school? _____

Current Year 11 Subjects					
<i>Circle the core subjects you are currently studying and the elective subjects you are currently studying in the spaces provided</i>					
VCE VM CORE SUBJECTS				VET SUBJECT	
VM Literacy Unit 1/2	VM Numeracy Unit 1/2 VCE General Mathematics Unit 1/2	Work Related Skills (WRS) Unit 1/2	Personal Development Skills (PDS) Unit 1/2	VET:	
YEAR 12 VCE VM in 2027					
<i>Circle the core subjects you wish to study in Year 12 and write the other subjects you wish to study in the spaces provided</i>					
VCE VM CORE SUBJECTS				VET SUBJECT	
VM Literacy Unit 3/4	VM Numeracy Unit 3/4 VCE General Mathematics Unit 3/4	Work Related Skills (WRS) Unit 3/4	Personal Development Skills (PDS) Unit 3/4	VET Subject: <i>(initials)</i>	VET Subject Reserve: <i>(initials)</i>
Please <u>initial</u> the boxes for each subject selected to confirm you have read the subject description in the course handbook.					
HL Staff Code OR Student Wellbeing Staff Code	HL Signature OR Director: Student Wellbeing Signature			Appointments recommended for:	Careers L&T Director Senior Years Leader



Approval for acceleration

Some subject choices require approval before final selection.

1. Acceleration into a Unit 3/4 subject (if applicable)
2. External or blocked VET programs
3. Changing English pathways (English, Literature or English Language)
4. Selecting General Mathematics within a VCE VM Program

Approval is based on academic readiness, workload and pathway suitability. You will be provided with details of this process from the Directors of Learning and Teaching.



Process from here:

Year 12 requires you to decide on your program – either VCE or VCE VM. It is likely that you will continue with the same program that you took in Year 11.

VCE

Your subjects will very likely be similar to what you studied in Year 11.

However, you only need 4 subjects instead of 5, plus English and Religious Education. This form is designed for you to consider which subject you might remove from your program.



VCE Vocational Major (VM)

You may be considering a change from a VCE program to VCE VM. We recommend you seek advice from our Careers team if this is something you would like to do. However, you can indicate it on this form, as it will help us to consider whether we need more space in our VCE VM program for Year 12 2027.

There may be circumstances that mean you may want to consider a different VET subject. Please also indicate this on the pre-selection form.



Subject Preselection Survey

You will be emailed a Pre-Selection Survey on Wednesday 6 May and must complete it by Friday 8 May.

This will help the College understand which subjects are in most demand, in preparation for next year.

This is NOT your final selection, and what you enter on this form will **NOT** be assigned to you. We ask that you make your best guess based on what you know now.

There will be more opportunities for you to seek advice at our Subject Expo, through Careers appointments and from your teachers.

The formal Subject Selection form will be emailed to all students late in Term 2.



The subjects you can choose from this pre-selection survey are the same subjects offered last year and the same subjects referenced in the current Subject Selection Handbook 2026, which is on our College website. www.sfcc.vic.edu.au/community/publications

We are still considering some applications for additional new subjects in 2027. We are also looking at some subjects that may not be offered in 2027. This means some things will be different when you get the final subject selection form late in Term 2.

This step is just to give us a rough indication.



Remember

- This is NOT your final selection, and what you enter on this form will NOT be assigned to you.
- There will be an official Subject Selection form to complete which will be shared with you late in Term 2.
- If you have any questions, you can refer to the following people:
 - **Subject questions:** Teachers, House Leaders, Domain Leaders, Learning Leaders
 - **Pathways questions:** Mr Vallak and Ms Abela
 - **SchoolData questions:** Mal Allison and Mr Heeps



SchoolData – Step 1

- Go to www.schooldata.com.au
- Your login is your College email address (STUDENTID@sfcc.vic.edu.au)
- No password is required – if an additional login step is asked for, please go to the Microsoft symbol
- This will bring you to your SchoolData Dashboard – the Pre-Selection form will be at the bottom under ‘My Forms’
- Access needs to be OPEN (Green) in order for you to complete it

The screenshot shows the SchoolData dashboard interface. At the top, there is a blue header with the 'SchoolData' logo. Below the header, the text 'My SchoolData Dashboard' is displayed. A greeting 'Good afternoon' is followed by a redacted name. The 'My details' section lists the following information: School (St Francis Catholic College (Melton and Cobblebank)), Name (redacted), Email (redacted@sfcc.vic.edu.au), Year (11), Student Code (redacted), Home Group (redacted), and House (redacted). The 'My forms' section contains a table with columns for Access, Status, and Form Title. One form is listed with an 'Open' status (indicated by a green pill) and a warning icon (yellow triangle) next to it.


Access	Status	Form Title
Open	⚠	2027 Pre-Selection Form - Year 12 2027 (Subject Omission)




SchoolData – Step 2

When you click on the green OPEN button, it will bring you to this screen:

2027 Pre-Selection Form - Year 12 2027 (Subject Omission) - St Francis Catholic College (Melton and Cobblebank)


 Please check your details below

 Fullname

 School ID

Your Selections

This form is designed to support us in understanding what subjects are in most demand from our students at St Francis Catholic College. This is NOT your final selection, you will complete a formal subject selection form later on. Please be as accurate as you possibly can with your selections based on the information you know so far. We will not assign you any subjects based on your responses in this pre-selection form.

 SUBJECT STREAM OPTIONS - Please select which Subject Stream you are most likely to select for Year 12

 VCE


 VCE Vocational Major (VCE-VM) If you choose this one, please do not answer the VCE questions below. Skip to the VCE VM questions.





SchoolData – Step 2 continued (1)

Your name and Student ID number will appear at the top.
Please choose which study stream you are most likely to select for Year 12.

2027 Pre-Selection Form - Year 12 2027 (Subject Omission) - St Francis Catholic College (Melton and Cobblebank)


 Please check your details below

 Fullname


 School ID

Your Selections

This form is designed to support us in understanding what subjects are in most demand from our students at St Francis Catholic College. This is NOT your final selection, you will complete a formal subject selection form later on. Please be as accurate as you possibly can with your selections based on the information you know so far. We will not assign you any subjects based on your responses in this pre-selection form.

 SUBJECT STREAM OPTIONS - Please select which Subject Stream you are most likely to select for Year 12

 VCE

 VCE Vocational Major (VCE-VM) If you choose this one, please do not answer the VCE questions below. Skip to the VCE VM questions.



SchoolData – Step 2 continued (2)

VCE ONLY – Please select which subject you would be most likely to REMOVE from your current program of subjects

PLEASE NOTE – you are NOT required to complete the CLASS SCORE feature



(VCE ONLY) In Year 12 VCE, you are required to complete one less subject than in Year 11. Please list the current subjects you are MOST LIKELY TO REMOVE from your program for Year 12:

? FIRST CHOICE (1)

 ✕ ▼

Enter Class Score 1 - 10:

– 0 +

? SECOND CHOICE (2)

 ✕ ▼


Enter Class Score 1 - 10:


– 0 +





SchoolData – Step 2 continued (VCE VM)


- **VCE VOCATIONAL MAJOR** – option to select either Numeracy or VCE General Maths.
- **VCE VOCATIONAL MAJOR** – VET is a compulsory element. Please choose the VET subject/s that you are likely to choose/continue with (NO NEED TO COMPLETE CLASS SCORE), or if the subject you are interested in is not listed, please type it in the available box.



 (VCE VOCATIONAL MAJOR ONLY) Please select which Maths-based subject you wish to complete as part of your VCE Vocational Major study stream:



 VCE-VM Numeracy


 VCE General Maths



 (VCE-VM ONLY) As part of the VCE-VM stream, you need to complete (or continue with) a VET subject - please list the VET subject you wish to complete/continue, in order of preference:



 FIRST CHOICE (1)


Select Choice  

Enter Class Score 1 - 10:  

 SECOND CHOICE (2)

Select Choice  

Enter Class Score 1 - 10:  

 OTHER - If your chosen VET subject or area is not listed in the available sections, please list it here:



Domain Leaders

Domain

Director of Learning and Teaching

Middle Years Curriculum Leader

Senior Years Leader

Applied Learning Leader (VCE-VM)

VET Coordinator

Pathways Coordinator

Religious Education

English

Mathematics

HPE (including Outdoor Education)

Humanities

Elite Sports Academy

Science

Technology

Arts

Languages

Melton

Victoria Kamcev-Nicdao

Ranish Chand

Carissa Lock

Narelle Layton

Nikki Fuller

Kris Vallak

Simone Taylor

Kezi Todd

Margaret Fury

Mikaela Hurst

Nirasha Pandi

Stephanie Bertalmio

Jason Rowley

Jess Attard

Daniel Askew

Josh Bach

Cobblebank

Henryk Slosarski

Melissa Staley

Please refer to Director of Learning and Teaching

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Kris Vallak

Mitch Taylor

Maddison Attard

Mai Nguyen

Peter Commisso

Mitch Taylor

Michael Bretag

Mai Nguyen

Natalie Malle

Natalie Malle

Maddison Attard