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VCAL PROGRAM

Forest Hill College offers the VCAL (Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning) Program which is a hands-on option for Year 11 & 12 students, offering practical work-related experience and learning. Like VCE, VCAL is a recognised senior qualification.



Our VCAL Manager, Arnold Porter, has over 10 years of industrial experience and over 30 years teaching Technology studies. Arnold has always had a hands-on approach to his work. If you have any enquiries about the progress of your child please feel free to contact Arnold at the College Phone: 03 9814 9445 or Mobile: 0408 391 816

What will your child benefit from the VCAL Program?

VCAL gives you practical work-related experience and a qualification that will be recognised by TAFE institutes and employers. Together these will help you move from school into work, an apprenticeship or traineeship and/or further training at TAFE.

Students who start VCAL and then decide they would like to complete their VCE are able to transfer between certificates. Any VCE studies successfully completed as part of VCAL will count towards the VCE. Intermediate Year 11 and Senior Year 12 VCAL units also contribute towards the VCE.

VCAL's flexibility enables students to design a study program that suits their interests and learning needs. Students select accredited VCE and Vocational Education and Training (VET) modules and units from the following **four compulsory strands**:

- Literacy and Numeracy Skills
- Work Related Skills
- Industry Specific Skills
- Personal Development Skills



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At Forest Hill College the following specifications are required for students wanting to enrol in the VCAL program.

- VCAL students are required to attend school two days per week, attend employment two days per week and attend TAFE/other learning institute one day per week
- Students are required to attend classes every Tuesday and Wednesday throughout the school term
- Students are required to have employment organised **before** starting the VCAL Program
- Students are required to be enrolled at TAFE or other learning institution relevant to their employment **before** starting the VCAL Program
- VCAL students are required to wear full College uniform when attending classes
- **Parent Payment** (this includes Student ID card, Student Study Planner/Diary, Software site licences, Print Credit and Printing Costs) and **atEAST Payment** is required to be paid to the College prior to commencing the VCAL Program
- VCAL students are required to purchase any books specified by the College

Website links that may be of use to you while deciding if VCAL is the right option for your child are:

VCAL – frequently asked questions by students and parents

www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/vcal/students/studentfaq.html

Where to now? Guide to VCE, VCAL and Apprenticeships and Traineeships

www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/vce/publications/WhereToNow/wheretowfrontpage.htm

VCAL – Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning – the hands on option for Year 11 and 12 students

www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/vcal/index.html