



Dear Parents/Guardians

### VCE ACCELERATION 2024 (CURRENT YEAR 9 STUDENTS)

The transition from Year 9 to Year 10, is an important step in the development of students who are increasingly focused on their preparation for life beyond school.

The course structure implemented at Year 10 enables students to select a broader range of subjects as well as providing increased access to VCE studies. Choosing a VCE subject allows increased flexibility in meeting the requirements of the VCE. At Buckley Park College VCE students select 6 studies at Year 11 and 5 studies at Year 12. All coursework and examination results at Year 12 level contribute to a student's Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank / ATAR. The ATAR is used by the Victorian Tertiary Admission Centre (VTAC) to rank all students applying for tertiary study. The score is accrued from students' results in English and the next best three studies at Year 12 level. A further 10% is included for up to two more studies.

Students who complete Accelerated Studies at Year 10 and go on to complete 6 studies at Year 12 level accrue bonus marks and therefore increase their opportunity of entering a range of tertiary courses. In addition to maximising their ATAR, students are able to gradually adjust to the demands of VCE during Year 10. Information regarding the VCE and the Year 10 Curriculum program can be found in the Later Years Course Selection Handbook and can be accessed on the [College website](#).

VCE units will be offered to students **who have demonstrated excellent academic results across all studies** a commitment to their studies and can meet the demands of the chosen VCE Study. **The selection of one of these subjects does not guarantee entry.** Students will be required to complete a written application, and semester reports, along with recommendations from teachers and Year Level Coordinators, will also be used to determine a student's suitability.

Students who are interested in applying for VCE Acceleration must complete the written application attached to this letter and submit it to the Later Years office on **Thursday 20th July 2023**. If you require further information, please contact the College.

Kind regards,

James Stevens  
Later Years Sub-school Leader



## APPLICATION FOR VCE ACCELERATION 2024

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Home Group \_\_\_\_\_ School email \_\_\_\_\_

### Acceleration subject preference.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

In no more than 150 words outline the reasons why you should be considered for VCE studies in Year 10 and why you would benefit from VCE acceleration.

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### Acceleration Criteria:

Students may be accepted for acceleration in a particular subject if, in the view of the Selection Panel they meet the following criteria.

- ✓ An excellent record of academic achievement and consistent attendance (A average)
- ✓ An excellent ability to be organised and meet deadlines
- ✓ A clear ability to cope with demands of an increasing workload
- ✓ A strong ability to work independently
- ✓ Excellent results in the Domain that the student wishes to now begin VCE ( A average)

**Applications must be submitted to the Later Years office by Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2023.**

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Student signature