Purpose

Essendon Keilor College endeavours to provide students with the opportunity to maximise their learning potential whilst at the school. All students, where it would improve their educational outcomes, may apply to access a VCE or VET program by studying a Unit 1 and 2 subject in Year 10 and a Unit 3 and 4 sequence in Year 11. This allows for a more challenging and stimulating program for the students in their senior years. It also allows them to maximise their ATAR score by completing six Unit 3 and 4 sequences instead of five.

Criteria for Selection

All students are encouraged to express their interest in the VCE/VET Access Program at Essendon Keilor College. However a selection process and criteria apply to all applications. This includes:

- General academic performance in current year
- NAPLAN reading, writing and numeracy levels
- Academic performance in the relevant subject(s)in particular common assessment tasks
- Progress Report Grade Point Average
- A minimum of 90% attendance
- Demonstration of sound organisational skills, such as completing set tasks and managing due dates
- Interest in and understanding of the subject area
- Links with your career pathway goals

Note:
- *It is expected that if a student accesses a study at the Unit 1 & 2 level, they will continue with this study as an access subject at the Unit 3 & 4 level (subject to availability and performance).*
- *It is expected that VCE Access students continue to study a full program (5 subjects) whilst in Year 12 to maximise their ATAR by completing six Unit 3 /4 sequences by the end of Year 12.*
- *This application or a positive panel recommendation does not guarantee a VCE/VET Access place at Essendon Keilor College. Not all requests can be granted due to the inability of a student to fully demonstrate the requirements of the criteria or due to no places being available in the requested subject.*
- *For Units 3 and 4 approval consideration will be given to performance in the Units 1 and 2 accelerated subject.*

Application Process

- VCE/VET Access is available in subjects on a case by case basis. First and second Language acceleration is only available in some circumstances.
- A VCE Access subject should **not** be a student's best subject, but one which will be beneficial to their careers planning and post-secondary pathway options.
- All students considering a VCE/VET Access subject must discuss this with the relevant Year Level Coordinator prior to submitting an application. All timelines must be adhered to.
- As preference into Year 11 subjects is given to current Year 10 students, it is essential that all Year 9 students applying for acceleration provide **2 subject preferences**
- Students seeking VCE/VET Access will be evaluated on their overall academic performance by their current Campus Principal and Assistant Principal.
- All students selected for acceleration must attend the subject orientation program from Thursday 20th November - Wednesday 3rd December at the Essendon Campus.
- All decisions will be communicated in a timely manner to students and their families in early to mid Term 3.

Written Task:

Please attach a written explanation (between 300-500 words) outlining your reasons for choosing this subject and why you believe you are a suitable candidate for accelerated entry into the VCE/VET Access Program. Discuss how you have met the above selection criteria.

Application to Study a VCE or VET Subject in 2026

The information below explains the process that will apply for successful entry into the VCE/VET Access Program. There are a limited number of places available for Year 10 students in the VCE/VET Access Program.

Please fill in this form and submit to your Campus Assistant Principal on or before Friday 1st August 2025.

Full Name: _____ Homegroup: _____ Campus:_____

Please read these points and tick off to indicate that you have read and understood each one:

VCE subjects are full year subjects	
My academic performance in NAPLAN, CATs and other assessments demonstrates my capacity to undertake a VCE/VET subject	
I have good organisational skills, including completing set tasks and managing due dates Interest in	
The subject I'm applying for link with your career pathway goals	
I have a strong interest in and understanding of the subject area I am applying for and it links with my future pathway goals	
I consistently have a strong Grade Point Average (GPA)	
My attendance is 90% or above	
I have spoken with my Year Level Coordinator and/ or a subject teacher about my application	
If successful, I will attend the Year 11 Step Up Classes in Term 4	

The final decision with regard to a student's enrolment in the VCE/VET Access Program rests with the College.
I have read and understood the expectations of the VCE/VET Access Program.

Student (signed): _____

This application must be authorised and signed by a parent or guardian. I understand the expectations of VCE/VET Access and support this application.

Parent/Guardian (signed): _____

Subject Preference #1: _____

Subject Preference #2: _____