

VCE and VCAL Outcomes

The Centre for Language and Further Education delivers

- Youth programs for 15-17 year old students wanting to pathway into VCE or VCAL or further vocational pathway studies
- VCE (Year 11 and 12) programs for 16 to 19-year-olds seeking to complete their secondary schooling in an alternative education setting
- VCE for adults wishing to return to study.

The Geelong Technical Education Centre (GTEC) delivers an integrated VCAL program to a youth cohort of 16 to 19-year olds who have completed Year 10 and wish to undertake senior secondary studies alongside vocational/trade training in a chosen career field. The program comprises:

- Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning (VCAL) Foundation, Intermediate, and Senior levels
- VET Delivered to Secondary Students (VETDSS) or a school-based apprenticeship at a Certificate II or III level training in areas such as Building and Construction, Regulated and Mechanical Trades, Civil Construction, Animal Studies, Community Services, Children's Services, Creative Design, Design Fundamentals, Hair and Beauty, Tourism, Hospitality and Information Technology.
- Regular on-the-job work skills training with employers through Structured Workplace Learning placements, School-based Apprenticeships or Traineeships.

Significant changes and Key Initiatives

Significant changes will be implemented in 2021 with the combining of the VCE and VCAL programs and the employment of a new Senior Secondary Principal to manage the transition. The changes will enhance the student experience by offering additional subjects to assist students with developing a program that aligns with future career pathways.

The Department of Education announced in 2020 the VCE/VCAL certificates were to be combined to one certificate commencing 2023 with full implementation by 2025, to support the introduction of a new vocational specialist pathway for VCE. The combination of the two certificates, and taking the strengths of VCAL, offers both a vocational and applied learning pathway within the VCE Certificate. Students will be better prepared for lifelong learning to transition through school, further education or training and work with the employability skills needed to meet industry needs.



Participation & Completion	Language and Further Education Program		Geelong Technical Education Centre	
	VCE Year 11	VCE Year 12	VCAL Intermediate (Year 11)	VCAL Senior (Year 12)
Participation	28*	52** (15 part time)	64	47
Completion	22	28	29	24
Completion rate %	79%	70% (28/40)	45%	51%
Completed year (non-achievement of full certificate)			16	16
Withdrawn			19**	7**

* Includes 6 VCE Preparation students. VCE Preparation is a Youth Access program designed for students who intend to transition into VCE. Students undertake a selection of four Year 11 units in semester 2 and transition into full Year 11 VCE in the subsequent year.

** 12 part time Year 12 VCE students returning next year to complete.

Student outcomes	Language and Further Education Program		Geelong Technical Education Centre	
	VCE Year 11	VCE Year 12	VCAL Intermediate (Year 11)	VCAL Senior (Year 12)
Achieved Year level and further study pathway			20	9
Achieved Year level and employment			3	10
Achieved Year level (pathway unknown)			5	5
Further study with non-completion			10	4
Employment with non-completion			4	5
Withdrawn in 2020			19**	7**
Other/Unknown			3	7
TOTAL			64	47

* 6 from VCE Preparation returning to complete VCE Year 11 or GTEC.

** Includes 12 VCE students who studied part-time in 2020 and will return to complete VCE Year 12 in 2020.

*** Includes 5 Senior students who finished Year 12 achieving an Intermediate outcome.

NB: 15 of 16 Year 11 VCE students who completed are transitioning to Year 12 in 2021.

GTEC notes:

- ** 2020 Intermediate full course withdrawals decreased by 59% compared to 2019.
** 2020 Senior full course withdrawals decreased by 50% compared to 2019.
A decrease in full course withdrawals is attributed to COVID disruption to SWL work placement which impacted on full-time apprenticeship opportunities presenting during the school year.
- GTEC delivered for the 2nd year 'in-house' VETDSS course CPC20211 Certificate II in Construction Pathways. In 2020, 13 students participated and 2 students withdrew, continuing on with VCAL.
- GTEC also provides two mid-year Programs for Year 10 and 11 students as a pathway to VCAL study at GTEC the following year. 16 students participated in Foundation (Year 10) VCAL with 16 (100%) returning to study Intermediate VCAL at GTEC in 2021. 15 students participated in mid-year Intermediate (Year 11) VCAL with 10 (66%) returning to study Senior VCAL at GTEC in 2021.
- 11 Senior VCAL students attained full-time apprenticeships (which includes further study). These have been included in both completion and non-completion outcomes.
- 40 (88%) Intermediate students are returning to complete Senior VCAL in 2020. Included in further study completion and non-completion.