## 600 Teaching & Learning

602.1 Curriculum Structure

In the formation of the Curriculum Structure policy, the Department Policy and Victorian Curriculum & Assessment Authority (VCAA) Guidelines have to be taken into account.

## **Curriculum Structure Guidelines**

- To ensure students have a general education:
  - English, Mathematics, Industry & Enterprise and Student Agency are to be core areas at Year 10 to ensure appropriate skills and knowledge for a smooth transition into VCE or VCE / VM while maintaining a breadth of options
  - Students should be encouraged to continue with languages
  - At all levels, VCAA guidelines must be followed
  - The delivery of VET studies will be in accordance with the relevant providers, RTOs and meet Quality Assurance standards.
- To achieve diversity and flexibility of student choice at Year 10 to 12:
  - Classes should be organised into a 6 BLOCK system
  - Students should be offered a range of Sciences, Technology, Health & PE, The Arts and Humanities subjects at Year 10 as VCE Unit 1 / 2 electives
  - To maximise student choice subjects that have multiple classes should be placed in different blocks
  - $^{\circ}~$  Year 10 students should be provided with access to no more than 3 VCE and VET studies
  - Personalisation of curriculum offerings will also provide for talented students, those needing specific academic and pathways support and specialisations.
  - $\circ~$  Flexibility of the curriculum structure will also enable access for part-time studies.
- In line with DE&T policy on PE/Sport, maximum participation in Sport is to be encouraged through student participation in House Sport, Inter College Sport and Local Sporting Competition.

## **Curriculum Time Allocation**

- All subjects will consist of three 69 minute periods in the week.
- Where possible, the breadth of student choice will be maintained via a flexible blocking arrangement which may include concentrated blocking for classes that are accessed by students from other schools.
- Curriculum time allocation for standard year 10, 11 and 12 classes including VCE, VCE / VM and VET

Year 10	English	Maths	Unit 1 / 2 Industry Enterprise	Unit 1 / 2 Elective 1	Unit 1 / 2 Elective 2	Student Agency
Year 11	English	Elective 1	Elective 2	Elective 3	Elective 4	Student Agency
Year 12	English	Elective 1	Elective 2	Elective 3	Elective 4	 Student Agency

- The core curriculum for Years 10 and 11 involves the allocation of 6 subjects.
- The core curriculum for Year 12 involves the allocation of 5 subjects and one block of study periods.
- All year levels will also be engaged in the Student Agency program as a subject ensuring time is allocated for students to access tuorial's, additional teacher support, career's and pathway's support, complete scheduled supervised SAC's and assessments and attend year level assemblies. Year 10's will complete a core curriculum in Student Agency classes on a Friday afternoon.

## **Flexible Learning Centres**

Students engaged in the Flexible Learning Centre undertake an individualised program designed to suit their needs taking into account the outcomes needed to achieve their desired pathways.