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Senior School

VCE

Cohuna Secondary College is a traditional academic school.

We offer an extensive range of VCE subjects, including:

THE ARTS

- Art Making & Exhibiting
- Visual Communication & Design

ENGLISH

- English
- Foundation English

HEALTH & PE

- Health and Human Development
- Physical Education

HUMANITIES

- Business Management
- History

LANGUAGES

- French

MATHEMATICS

- Foundation Maths
- General Maths (Units 1-4)
- Mathematical Methods (Units 1-4)
- Specialist Maths (Units 1-4)

SCIENCES

- Biology
- Chemistry
- Physics
- Psychology

TECHNOLOGY

- Agricultural & Horticultural Studies
- Food Studies
- Product Design & Technology—Metals
- Product Design & Technology—Wood
- Systems Engineering

Progression from a Year 11 VCE subject into a Year 12 subject is not automatic. Students need to pass Units 1-2 in a subject at Year 11 for that subject to be a Year 12 option.

Accelerated Studies

Highly able students are encouraged to undertake a Units 3/4 sequence in Year 11 but usually only if they have undertaken the Unit 1 and/or 2 from the same subject in Year 10. Normally, students may undertake only ONE such sequence in Year 11. This must be approved by Curriculum CoOrdinator.

All students must still undertake a full VCE program in Year 12.

Student preference is a high priority in deciding which courses finally run. However, the following factors must also be taken into account:

- Staffing—both the total number of staff and the availability of staff with particular specialist qualifications
- Rooms—many programs require the use of specialist rooms, at least for some class time

VCE Study Skills

Cohuna Secondary College offers a 3 year study skills program (Elevate) commencing in Year 10 which aims to build students' study capabilities and maximise exam performance.

Vocational Major

The Victorian Certificate of Education (Vocational Major) is an alternative to the standard VCE. It is designed to provide students with practical experience, 'employability' skills and personal development opportunities which help prepare them for further training in the work place or at TAFE.

Units

- Unit 1—usually studied in Semester 1 of Year 11 (some students will choose to do a Unit 1 subject in Year 10)
- Unit 2—usually studied in Semester 2 of Year 11 (some students will choose to do a Unit 2 subject in Year 10)
- Unit 3 & 4 sequence—Units 3 & 4 must be taken together. These are usually studied in Year 12. (some students may complete a Unit 3 & 4 sequence in Year 11)

To achieve the VCE Vocational Major you must complete:

- A minimum of 16 units
- 3 VCE VM Literacy, or VCE English units (including a 3 & 4 sequence)
- 2 VCE VM Numeracy or VCE Maths units
- 2 VCE VM Work Related Skills units
- 2 VCE VM Personal Development Skills units
- 2 VET credits at Certificate II level or above

The VCE (Vocational Major) replaces the VCAL in 2023.

It will usually be undertaken over two years, similar to the standard VCE.