



GEELONG GRAMMAR SCHOOL®  
EXCEPTIONAL EDUCATION



CURRICULUM GUIDE 2024

# CHOOSING YOUR PATHWAY

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## *Exceptional opportunities for every pathway*

Three learning pathways are available to Geelong Grammar School students entering Years 11 and 12: VCE, VCE Vocational Major and the IB Diploma.

Each programme has its own particular features and merits in supporting students toward their future aspirations.

Leading into Year 11, students are guided by the School's dedicated IB and VCE Co-ordinators, as well as their parents, teachers, the Head of Careers and Heads of House to choose their subjects and final course programme.

## **Victorian Certificate of Education / VCE**

The VCE caters to students of all abilities and interests and provides a suitable pathway for direct entry into the workforce or further study at universities, TAFE Colleges or private institutions. The course provides for a wide range of possibilities from narrow specialisation to a broad general education. Those who wish to concentrate their study on areas of interest such as the Arts, Sciences, Mathematics or Humanities subjects, may do so.

## **VCE CURRICULUM GUIDE**

## **The International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme / IBDP**

The IBDP is an international curriculum designed to cater for students who wish to prepare themselves for further study at a university. The programme requires students to work effectively across a broad cross-section of subjects and does not allow for the same specialisation as VCE. Of the six subjects studied, three must be taken at the Higher Level which is more advanced than the corresponding VCE subject (in Year 12).

## **VCE Vocational Major / VCE VM**

The VCE VM is a vocational and applied learning program within the VCE designed to be completed over a minimum of two years. The VCE VM will give students greater choice and flexibility to pursue their strengths and interests, and allows students to build a unique learning portfolio by adding VCE VM subjects to their VCE programme, developing skills at an industry-standard level.

The VCE VM helps students to move into apprenticeships, traineeships, further education and training, university (via non-ATAR pathways) or directly into the workforce.