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Senior Secondary Certificate Statistical Information 2011

Section 5: Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning (VCAL)

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Section 5

VICTORIAN CERTIFICATE OF APPLIED LEARNING

There were 21,350 enrolments in VCAL certificates in 2011. Students were enrolled with 440 providers. About two thirds of all VCAL certificate enrolments (66.6%) were students enrolled in Government schools.

TABLE 5.1 NUMBERS OF SCHOOLS PROVIDING VCAL AND VCAL CERTIFICATE ENROLMENTS BY SECTOR, 2011

	Schools	VCAL Certificate Enrolments
Government	285	14,223
Catholic	77	2,443
Independent	29	448
Adult	49	4,236
Total	**440**	**21,350**

With respect to the level of certificates studied (see Table 5.2) 26.4% of VCAL students were enrolled in Foundation and 46.2% in Intermediate level certificates. Senior and Senior Extension enrolments comprised 27.4% of enrolments.

TABLE 5.2 VCAL ENROLMENTS BY CERTIFICATE, GENDER AND LEVEL, 2011

		Gender		
Level	**Title**	**Female**	**Male**	**All**
Foundation	VCAL (Foundation)	2036	3590	5626
Foundation	**Total**	**2,036**	**3,590**	**5,626**
Intermediate	VCAL (Intermediate)	3,880	5,981	9,861
	Civil Construction (Intermediate)		1	1
	Building and Construction (Intermediate)		2	2
	Automotive (Intermediate)		4	4
Intermediate	**Total**	**3,880**	**5,988**	**9,868**
Senior	VCAL (Senior)	2,294	3,398	5,692
	Senior Extension (Folio Enhancement)	115	47	162
	Automotive (Senior)		2	2
Senior & Senior Ext.	**Total**	**2409**	**3447**	**5,856**
~ ALL	**Total**	**8,325**	**13,025**	**21,350**

Gender

About three in five VCAL student enrolments in 2011 were male (61%).

Unit Enrolments and Completions

In 2011 there were a total of 108,116 VCAL unit enrolments. (See table 5.3)

VCAL units are not the full range of curriculum that contributed towards the attainment of a VCAL. Students enrolled in any VCAL certificate can also gain credit from VET and VCE studies towards their VCAL qualification. VCAL students enrolled in VETiS and VCE units are included in the participation and completion reports for those units and certificates.

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VCAL Personal Development units (31.5%) and VCAL Work Related Skills units (29.5%) accounted for the majority of enrolments in VCAL units.

Overall 78.4% of VCAL units were satisfactorily completed. Males (78.9%) and females (77.6%) had similar completion rates across all units. Literacy Skills units averaged 78.2% completion, with males completing at a higher rate (78.7%) than females (77.5%). Numeracy skills units were completed at a rate of 76.6% with a higher completion rate for males (77.6%) than for females (75%). Personal Development units completion rate was 79.1% overall with completion rates 78.6% and 79.4% for females and males respectively. The Work Related Skills units completion rate was 78.5% overall, with a lower rate for females (77.4%) than for males (79.2%).

TABLE 5.3 VCAL UNIT COMPLETIONS BY GENDER AND LEVEL, 2011

	Female			Male			All		
DESCRIPTION	**S**	**Total**	**% S**	**S**	**Total**	**% S**	**S**	**Total**	**% S**
Advanced Numeracy Skills (S)	83	114	72.8	128	162	79.0	211	276	76.4
Advanced Study Skills	97	114	85.1	28	46	60.9	125	160	78.1
Folio Enhancement and Presentation	102	114	89.5	35	46	76.1	137	160	85.6
Literacy Skills (F) Oral Communication	808	1,223	66.1	1,406	2,043	68.8	2,214	3,266	67.8
Literacy Skills (F) Reading and Writing	813	1,218	66.7	1,526	2,217	68.8	2,339	3,435	68.1
Literacy Skills (I) Oral Communication	1,712	2,178	78.6	2,814	3,550	79.3	4,526	5,728	79.0
Literacy Skills (I) Reading and Writing	1,723	2,257	76.3	2,866	3,749	76.4	4,589	6,006	76.4
Literacy Skills (S) Oral Communication	1,407	1,642	85.7	2,334	2,649	88.1	3,741	4,291	87.2
Literacy Skills (S) Reading and Writing	1,488	1,747	85.2	2,486	2,863	86.8	3,974	4,610	86.2
Numeracy Skills (F)	794	1,207	65.8	1,423	2,045	69.6	2,217	3,252	68.2
Numeracy Skills (I)	1,752	2,292	76.4	2,923	3,743	78.1	4,675	6,035	77.5
Numeracy Skills (S)	1,088	1,346	80.8	1,719	2,026	84.8	2,807	3,372	83.2
Pathways Planning	94	114	82.5	31	45	68.9	125	159	78.6
Personal Development Skills Unit 1 (F)	1,196	1,648	72.6	2,151	2,889	74.5	3,347	4,537	73.8
Personal Development Skills Unit 1 (I)	2,418	2,989	80.9	4,126	5,178	79.7	6,544	8,167	80.1
Personal Development Skills Unit 1 (S)	1,679	1,953	86.0	2,718	3,170	85.7	4,397	5,123	85.8
Personal Development Skills Unit 2 (F)	960	1,415	67.8	1,758	2,452	71.7	2,718	3,867	70.3
Personal Development Skills Unit 2 (I)	2,235	2,940	76.0	3,749	4,878	76.9	5,984	7,818	76.5
Personal Development Skills Unit 2 (S)	1,498	1,756	85.3	2,445	2,776	88.1	3,943	4,532	87.0
Skills for Further Study	511	670	76.3	563	725	77.7	1,074	1,395	77.0
Work Related Skills Unit 1 (F)	1,138	1,642	69.3	2,050	2,847	72.0	3,188	4,489	71.0
Work Related Skills Unit 1 (I)	2,523	3,125	80.7	3,855	4,848	79.5	6,378	7,973	80.0
Work Related Skills Unit 1 (S)	1,428	1,688	84.6	2,351	2,748	85.6	3,779	4,436	85.2
Work Related Skills Unit 2 (F)	847	1,324	64.0	1,567	2,250	69.6	2,414	3,574	67.5
Work Related Skills Unit 2 (I)	2,148	2,771	77.5	3,522	4,453	79.1	5,670	7,224	78.5
Work Related Skills Unit 2 (S)	1334	1613	82.7	2302	2618	87.9	3636	4231	85.9
Grand Total	**31,876**	**41,100**	**77.6**	**52,876**	**67,016**	**78.9**	**84,752**	**108,116**	**78.4**

Note: F=Foundation, I=Intermediate, S=Senior, SE=Senior Extension

Where a student has formally withdrawn from the Unit, these have been excluded from the above table.

Certificate Completions

There were 10,884 VCAL certificate completions out of 15,531 enrolments which were eligible to complete in 2011. This is a completion rate of 70.1% (See Table 5.4). A student is eligible to complete a qualification if they have completed sufficient units or modules, or are enrolled in sufficient units or modules that, if completed satisfactorily, would meet the requirements for satisfactory completion of the qualification. Note that not all student VCAL enrolments are eligible to complete. Students may also gain credit towards their VCAL from VCE units and VETiS units of competence. The 70.1% completion rate represents those students who have successfully completed a VCAL in 2011. However, this figure does not include students who left before completing their VCAL to take up other successful pathways including apprenticeship, traineeship, further training or employment.

Of those students eligible to complete, the completion rates for male and female students were 69.9% and 70.4% respectively.

TABLE 5.4 VCAL CERTIFICATE COMPLETIONS BY GENDER AND LEVEL, 2011

Level	Completed	Eligible to Complete	% Completed
Female			
Foundation	654	1,143	57.2
Intermediate	1,809	2,670	67.8
Senior and Senior Extension	1,621	1,991	81.4
Total	**4,084**	**5,804**	**70.4**
Male			
Foundation	1,138	1,962	58.0
Intermediate	3,129	4,690	66.7
Senior and Senior Extension	2,533	3,075	82.4
Total	**6,800**	**9,727**	**69.9**
All			
Foundation	**1,792**	**3,105**	**57.7**
Intermediate	**4,938**	**7,360**	**67.1**
Senior and Senior Extension	**4,154**	**5,066**	**82.0**
Total	**10,884**	**15,531**	**70.1**

Of those students who completed a VCAL certificate, 62.5% were male and 37.5% were female.

TABLE 5.5 PERCENTAGES OF VCAL CERTIFICATE COMPLETIONS BY GENDER, 2011

Level	% Completed
Female	
Foundation	36.5%
Intermediate	36.6%
Senior and Senior Extension	39.0%
Total	**37.5%**
Male	
Foundation	63.5%
Intermediate	63.4%
Senior and Senior Extension	61.0%
Total	**62.5%**

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