

Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority

2025 Media Guide

VCE examinations and end-of-year results

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Media access to examinations

In the interest of Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) students, members of the media wishing to access schools to obtain television footage, photographs or student interviews during the end-of-year VCE external assessment period are requested to observe the following procedures:

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The VCAA requires that there be no media on school premises before the commencement of a VCE examination or during a VCE examination.

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Media seeking access to a government school are required to contact the Department of Education – Media Unit on (03) 8688 7776 at least 24 hours in advance.

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Media seeking access to a non-government school should contact the school principal directly.

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Media should notify the school principal on arrival at school premises.

Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority

Who we are

The VCAA is an independent statutory body responsible to the Victorian Minister for Education, serving both government and non-government schools.

The mission of the VCAA is to provide high-quality curriculum, assessment and reporting to enable learning for life.

What we do

The VCAA is responsible for developing high quality learning and development frameworks, curriculum for school aged students and assessment products and services.

The VCAA is the awarding body of the Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) (which includes the VCE Vocational Major) – a registered senior secondary qualification with the VRQA – and the Victorian Pathways Certificate (VPC) – an accredited foundation secondary qualification.

The VCAA oversees the delivery of, and conducts assessment for the VCE, including external assessments of students undertaking accredited senior secondary courses.

For more information on the functions of the VCAA, visit our [website](#).

Senior secondary education

Students in Victoria can complete either the Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE), including the VCE Vocational Major (VCE VM), or the Victorian Pathways Certificate (VPC). Within each of these certificates, students can undertake Vocational Education and Training (VET) programs.

Victorian Certificate of Education

The VCE is the senior secondary qualification undertaken by most students in Years 11 and 12.

The VCE provides pathways to tertiary education, advanced certificate courses and employment.

Students are able to choose from 97 VCE studies (including 47 VCE Languages) and 28 VCE VET programs.

VCE students are assessed on their school-based assessments and via external assessments.

The results are moderated on a statewide basis to ensure results are comparable. Of the students eligible to complete the VCE in 2024, 97.5% graduated with their VCE.

VET programs, which provide nationally recognised qualifications, can be included, contributing to satisfactory completion of the VCE.

The VCE Baccalaureate is an additional form of recognition for students who choose to undertake the demands of studying both higher level mathematics and a language in their VCE program of study.

Higher Education Studies (HES) within the VCE program is designed to provide a broader range of studies to challenge high achieving, interested and able students. HES provides an opportunity to include a first-year higher education study in their VCE program which can also contribute towards the calculation of an Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR).

The Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC) uses VCE study scores calculated by the VCAA to calculate an ATAR score for students wishing to apply for tertiary entrance.

Refer to the [VCAA website](#) for more information on the VCE.

Victorian Certificate of Education Vocational Major

The VCE VM is a vocational and applied learning program within the VCE designed to be completed over a minimum of 2 years. The VCE VM gives students greater flexibility to pursue their strengths and interests and develop the skills and capabilities needed to succeed in further education, work and life.

The VCE VM can be tailored to meet the needs and interests of students through a combination of VCE VM and other VCE studies including VET. Students can also gain recognition for Structured Workplace Learning (SWL) completed as part of their VET studies.

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

The purpose of the VCE VM is to provide students with the best opportunity to achieve their personal goals and aspirations in a rapidly changing world by:

- equipping them with the skills, knowledge, values and capabilities to be active and informed citizens, lifelong learners and confident and creative individuals
- empowering them to make informed decisions about the next stages of their lives by connecting their learning to real life and workplace experiences.

VCE examinations

VCE examination quality assurance

The VCAA employs more than 600 experts to write, check and analyse over 100 examination papers during an 8-month period. Experienced teachers, academics and industry professionals make up the diverse panels that develop these VCE examinations.

There are 580 schools operating as examination centres.

The *VCE Examination Manual 2025*, distributed to schools prior to the VCE examinations, provides a confidential and comprehensive guide to conduct and administration.

Schools operating as examination centres are visited periodically by the VCAA to audit VCE examination security arrangements and to observe the conduct of VCE examinations.

To ensure each examination is marked thoroughly with multiple quality checks, the VCAA employs up to 6,000 experienced teachers, providing accurate and fair assessment across the state.

2025 VCE examination timetable

Wednesday 30 July	10:00 am – 11:30 am Extended Investigation: Critical Thinking Test (computer-based)	
Monday 6 October to Monday 27 October	Languages oral examinations (except Classical Greek, Classical Hebrew, Latin, Aboriginal Languages of Victoria) Auslan Interactive Sign examination Performance examinations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dance • VET Dance • Drama: Solo • Theatre Studies: Monologue 	
Monday 6 October to Sunday 2 November	Performance examinations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Music Repertoire Performance • Music Contemporary Performance • VET Music Performance 	
Monday 13 October to Friday 24 October	Extended Investigation oral presentation	
Thursday 16 October	1:55 pm – 5:00 pm Classical Hebrew This examination commences with a 5-minute reading period.	2:00 pm – 4:10 pm Armenian, Bengali, Bosnian, Chin Hakha, Croatian, Dutch, Filipino, Hebrew, Hindi, Hungarian, Karen, Khmer, Macedonian, Persian, Polish, Portuguese, Punjabi, Russian, Serbian, Sinhala, Swedish, Tamil, Turkish Each examination commences with a 10-minute reading period.
Thursday 16 October (continued)	8:00 am – 6:00 pm Auslan Sign Comprehension and Sign Production examination Students are scheduled in one two-hour session. Each session is preceded by 10 minutes reading/viewing time.	

Tuesday 21 October	1:55 pm – 5:00 pm Classical Greek This examination commences with a 5-minute reading period.		
Tuesday 28 October	9:00 am – 12:15 pm English English as an Additional Language (EAL)		
Wednesday 29 October	9:00 am – 10:45 am Agricultural and Horticultural Studies Drama VET Business	11:45 am – 1:00 pm Music Composition	3:00 pm – 5:15 pm English Language
Thursday 30 October	9:00 am – 10:45 am VET Community Services	11:45 am – 2:00 pm Economics Indonesian First Language Japanese First Language	3:00 pm – 5:15 pm Chinese First Language Literature
Friday 31 October	9:00 am – 11:45 am Psychology	2:00 pm – 3:45 pm General Mathematics Examination 1	
Monday 3 November	9:00 am – 11:45 am Biology	2:00 pm – 3:45 pm General Mathematics Examination 2	
Tuesday 4 November	Melbourne Cup public holiday		
Wednesday 5 November	9:00 am – 10:15 am Mathematical Methods Examination 1	11:45 am – 1:30 pm VET Hospitality (Cookery) VET Music (Sound Production)	3:00 pm – 5:15 pm Applied Computing Data Analytics Classical Studies Health and Human Development

2025 VCE examination timetable

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Thursday 6 November	9:00 am – 10:45 am VET Furnishing VET Health VET Integrated Technologies	11:45 am – 2:00 pm Industry and Enterprise Mathematical Methods Examination 2 Texts and Traditions	3:00 pm – 5:15 pm Business Management	Friday 14 November	9:00 am – 10:45 am Art Creative Practice Dance Systems Engineering VET Sport and Recreation	11:45 am – 2:00 pm Environmental Science Politics Vietnamese First Language	3:00 pm – 4:15 pm Music Contemporary Performance
Friday 7 November	9:00 am – 10:15 am Music Inquiry Specialist Mathematics Examination 1	11:45 am – 2:00 pm History: Revolutions	3:00 pm – 5:15 pm Accounting Outdoor and Environmental Studies VET Creative and Digital Media	Monday 17 November	9:00 am – 10:45 am Food Studies	11:45 am – 1:30 pm Product Design and Technologies	3:00 pm – 4:15 pm Music Repertoire Performance 3:00 pm – 5:15 pm Greek Religion and Society
Monday 10 November	9:00 am – 11:45 am Chemistry	2:00 pm – 4:15 pm Arabic Korean First Language Legal Studies Vietnamese Second Language		Tuesday 18 November	9:00 am – 10:45 am Theatre Studies	11:45 am – 2:00 pm Chinese Language Culture and Society Foundation Mathematics Korean Second Language	3:00 pm – 5:15 pm Indonesian Second Language Japanese Second Language
Tuesday 11 November	9:00 am – 10:45 am VET Equine Studies VET Information and Communication Technology Visual Communication Design	11:45 am – 2:00 pm History: Australian History Philosophy Specialist Mathematics Examination 2	3:00 pm – 5:15 pm Physical Education	Wednesday 19 November	9:00 am – 10:45 am VET Engineering Studies	11:45 am – 2:00 pm French Italian	3:00 pm – 5:15 pm Chinese Second Language Chinese Second Language Advanced German Spanish
Wednesday 12 November	9:00 am – 11:45 am Physics	2:00 pm – 4:15 pm Aboriginal Languages of Victoria History: Ancient History Latin Media					
Thursday 13 November	9:00 am – 10:45 am Art Making and Exhibiting VET Hospitality VET Laboratory Skills	11:45 am – 2:00 pm Algorithmics Geography	3:00 pm – 5:15 pm Applied Computing Software Development Sociology				

VCE facts and figures

VCE graduates

Number of students eligible to graduate with the VCE in 2025

67,078

Number of students who graduated with a VCE in 2024

62,083

Percentage of students who graduated with a VCE in 2024

97.5%

Number of students who achieved the VCE – Baccalaureate in 2024

3,162

Top 10 VCE studies in 2025* based on Unit 4 enrolments

English

47,084

Does not include English as an Additional Language (EAL)

General Mathematics

35,280

Psychology

17,780

Business Management

17,462

Legal Studies

10,468

Chemistry

11,298

Physical Education

12,216

Biology

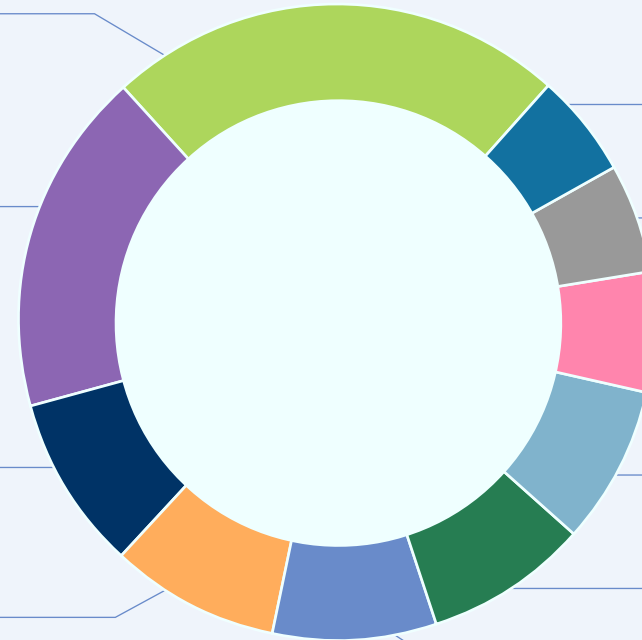
15,903

Mathematical Methods

16,747

Health and Human Development

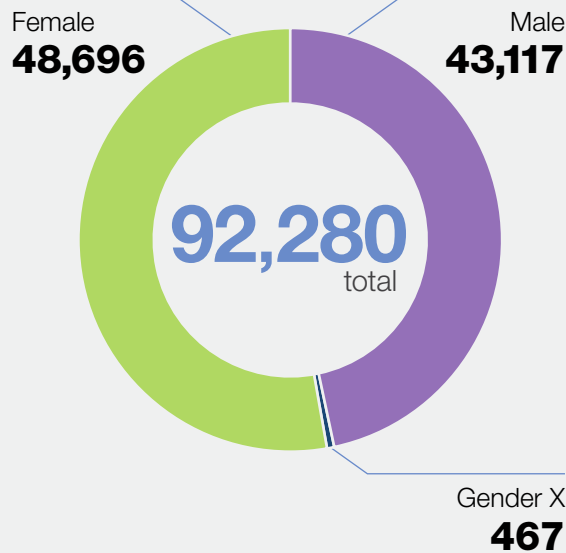
16,788



*Enrolment figures for 2025 are preliminary only.

Written examinations in 2025

Students sitting at least one exam



Students sitting the English exam on 28 October

47,084

Students sitting the English as an Additional Language exam on 28 October

3,047

VCE subjects with a written exam

110

Examination centres

580

Largest examination centre

Bendigo Senior Secondary College

1,037 students sitting exams

Smallest examination centre

Cann River P-12 College

3 students sitting exams

Mature-age students being examined

276

Assessors employed by the VCAA to mark written exams

4,392*

Students sitting an exam in a VCE VET scored program

9,936

VCE VET programs with a written examination

14

*As of 25 September 2025.

Performance examinations in 2025

VCE studies with a performance exam

7

Dance, VET Dance, Drama, Theatre Studies, Music Repertoire Performance, Music Contemporary Performance, VET Music Performance

Students enrolled in a performance exam

4,646

Highest enrolment for a performance exam

1,104

Music Contemporary Performance

Assessors employed by the VCAA to mark the performance exams

458

Venues used for performance exams

68

Languages oral examinations in 2025

VCE Languages with oral examinations (except Classical Greek, Classical Hebrew, Latin, and Aboriginal Languages of Victoria)

42

Students being assessed in VCE Language oral examinations

8,324

Highest enrolment for languages

2,401

Chinese studies

(includes Chinese First Language, Chinese Second Language, Chinese Second Language Advanced and Chinese Language, Culture and Society)

Assessors employed by VCAA to mark the oral exams

644

Venues used for VCE Languages oral exams

39

Students enrolled in a VCE Extended Investigation oral presentation in October

262

Interstate, overseas and regional students

Students sitting VCE written exams interstate

102

Students sitting VCE written exams overseas

18

Victorian students

696

Non-Victorian students

Victorian students are sitting exams overseas in the following countries:

- China
- Finland
- Japan
- Latvia
- Netherlands
- New Zealand
- Qatar
- South Korea
- Spain
- Sri Lanka
- Thailand
- United Kingdom
- United States of America

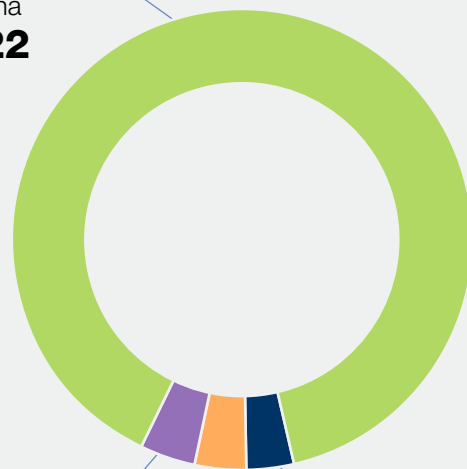
International students sitting exams overseas

China
622

Malaysia
27

Timor-Leste
25

Vietnam
22

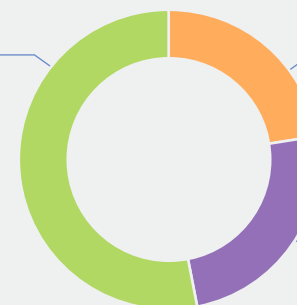


Top 3 regional cities for students sitting at least one written VCE exam

Greater Geelong
4,145

Greater Bendigo
1,757

Ballarat
1,907

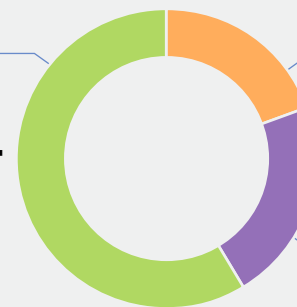


Top 3 regional cities for students sitting the VCE English exam

Greater Geelong
2,294

Greater Bendigo
758

Ballarat
851



Top 20 most popular VCE studies (Unit 4) 2020–2024 and preliminary 2025*

	2020	Enrolments	2021	Enrolments	2022	Enrolments	2023	Enrolments	2024	Enrolments	2025*	Enrolments
1	English†	41,179	English†	41,597	English†	41,586	English†	42,516	English†	44,982	English†	47,084
2	General Mathematics	31,405	General Mathematics	31,349	General Mathematics	30,631	General Mathematics	31,408	General Mathematics	32,632	General Mathematics	35,280
3	Psychology	16,621	Psychology	17,489	Psychology	17,867	Psychology	18,177	Psychology	17,609	Psychology	17,780
4	Mathematical Methods	15,909	Mathematical Methods	15,858	Mathematical Methods	14,967	Business Management	15,275	Business Management	16,147	Business Management	17,462
5	Health and Human Development	14,376	Biology	15,005	Business Management	14,678	Health and Human Development	14,942	Health and Human Development	15,642	Health and Human Development	16,788
6	Biology	14,302	Health and Human Development	14,347	Biology	14,160	Mathematical Methods	14,637	Mathematical Methods	15,411	Mathematical Methods	16,747
7	Business Management	13,959	Business Management	14,142	Health and Human Development	14,151	Biology	14,160	Biology	14,789	Biology	15,903
8	Chemistry	10,363	Chemistry	10,606	Chemistry	10,575	Physical Education	10,703	Physical Education	11,454	Physical Education	12,216
9	Physical Education	10,309	Physical Education	10,260	Physical Education	10,074	Chemistry	10,078	Chemistry	10,426	Chemistry	11,298
10	Legal Studies	10,051	Legal Studies	9,882	Legal Studies	8,957	Legal Studies	9,342	Legal Studies	9,716	Legal Studies	10,468
11	Physics	7,039	Physics	7,257	Physics	6,940	Physics	6,819	Physics	7,219	Physics	8,167
12	Art Making and Exhibiting	4,759	Visual Communication Design	4,779	Visual Communication Design	4,590	Visual Communication Design	4,731	History: Revolutions	5,037	History: Revolutions	5,378
13	Visual Communication Design	4,719	Art Making and Exhibiting	4,654	Art Making and Exhibiting	4,488	History: Revolutions	4,526	Visual Communication Design	4,968	Accounting	4,890
14	Accounting	4,540	History: Revolutions	4,602	Accounting	4,378	Accounting	4,285	Accounting	4,462	Visual Communication Design	4,818
15	History: Revolutions	4,532	Accounting	4,344	History: Revolutions	4,332	English Language	4,134	Food Studies	4,460	Food Studies	4,807
16	Specialist Mathematics	4,127	English Language	4,132	Media	3,842	Media	4,055	Media	4,384	Foundation Mathematics	4,677
17	Media	3,958	Specialist Mathematics	3,986	Food Studies	3,797	Food Studies	4,026	Literature	4,116	Media	4,483
18	English Language	3,882	Media	3,958	Specialist Mathematics	3,787	Literature	3,951	English Language	4,012	English Language	4,196
19	English (EAL)	3,716	Food Studies	3,780	English Language	3,648	Economics	3,642	Economics	3,783	Literature	4,171
20	Literature	3,623	Literature	3,710	Economics	3,560	Specialist Mathematics	3,580	Specialist Mathematics	3,687	Economics	4,160

* Enrolment figures for 2025 are preliminary only.

† Does not include English as an Additional Language (EAL).

VCE Vocational Major facts and figures

In 2024, VCE Vocational Major (VCE VM) enrolments increased by 19% compared with 2023, and 22 additional providers began offering the program.

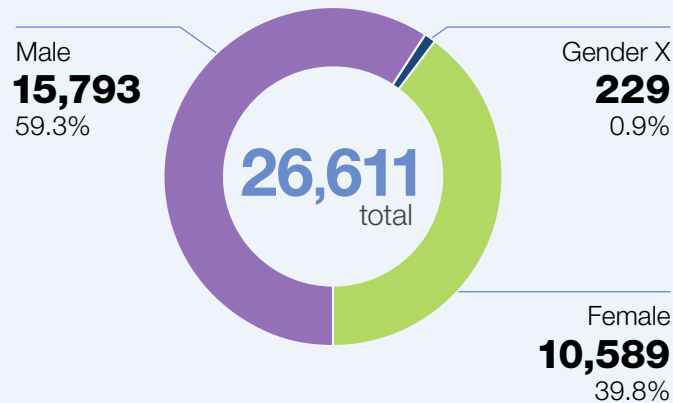
During 2023 and 2024, VCE VM Literacy, VCE VM Numeracy, VCE VM Work Related Skills and VCE VM Personal Development Skills were only available to VCE VM students.

From 2025, VCE VM Work Related Skills and VCE VM Personal Development Skills were offered to all students, allowing more to benefit from these studies and the applied learning approach.

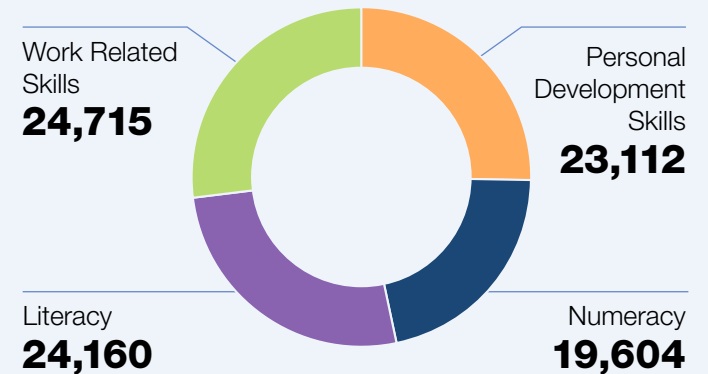
Final enrolment figures for 2025 are confirmed in 2026.

Final VCE VM enrolment figures for 2024

VCE VM students



Students enrolled in VCE VM studies



The difference in enrolment figures across the VCE VM studies reflects that VCE VM students can meet the literacy and numeracy requirements of the certificate by taking VCE English and VCE Mathematics.

VCE VM providers

477

Students who graduated with the VCE VM

8,290

VCE VM students enrolled in VET

22,950

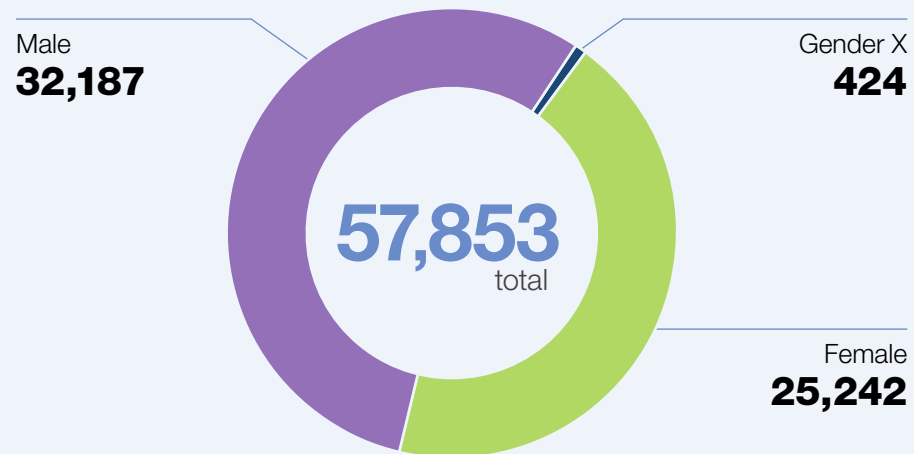
VCE VM students enrolled in a VCE study

11,552

VET facts and figures

Final VET enrolment figures for 2024

VCE, VCE VM and VPC students enrolled in at least one VET certificate



VET students who undertook a School-based Apprenticeship and Traineeship

2,691

Total VET certificate enrolments

82,118

Note: final VET enrolment figures for 2025 are not confirmed until mid-January of the following year.

How students get their results

The VCAA and VTAC offer the following options for accessing VCE results and the ATAR: internet, email and mail (VCE results only) and the VCE Results and ATAR app.

Website

resultsandatar.vic.edu.au

The website is free and available from 7 am Thursday 11 December until 5 pm Monday 15 December 2025.

Mail

VCE Statement of Results will arrive in the mail from Thursday 11 December 2025. VCE certificates are distributed by schools and colleges, rather than mailed with the results.

Email (VCE students with a VCE Unit 3–4 enrolment only)

Students with a Unit 3 and Unit 4 enrolment and who have opted to receive their 2025 results via email will receive their results from 7 am Thursday 11 December 2025.

VCE Results and ATAR app

VCE results and ATAR will be available via the VCE Results and ATAR app from 7 am Thursday 11 December 2025. Students will need their VCAA number and secure password of their choice to view their results and ATAR.

The VCE Results and ATAR app is free and available to download in the App Store and on Google Play.

How students get their results (continued)

Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR)

Student ATARs are calculated by the VTAC.

Before the release of ATARs, enquiries about the ATAR should be directed to VTAC:

Phone (03) 9926 1020

Website vtac.edu.au

After the release of ATARs, student enquiries about the ATAR should be directed to the Post Results and ATAR Service.

Post Results and ATAR Service (PRAS)

The PRAS website contains detailed information about student results and ATAR, as well as answers to frequently asked questions.

vcaa.info/results

Students who have further questions after receiving their results and ATAR can contact PRAS by phone or email from Thursday 11 December to Monday 15 December 2025.

Phone 1800 653 080 (free-call)

Email pras@education.vic.gov.au

