

VCE Aboriginal Languages of Victoria 2023–2027

Written examination – End of year

Examination specifications

Overall conditions

The examination will be sat at a time and date to be set annually by the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority (VCAA). [VCAA examination rules](#) will apply.

There will be 15 minutes of reading time and 2 hours of writing time.

The examination will be assessed by a panel appointed by the VCAA.

The examination will contribute 40 per cent to the study score.

Content

The *VCE Aboriginal Languages of Victoria Study Design 2023–2027* is the document for the development of the examination. All of the key knowledge and key skills that underpin Outcomes 1 and 2 in Units 3 and 4 are examinable.

Format

The examination will be in the form of a question and answer book.

The examination will consist of two sections.

Section 1 will consist of short-answer questions, including questions with multiple parts, that relate to language structure and to the social and cultural dimensions of language. Section 1 will be worth a total of 70 marks.

Section 2 will consist of two extended-answer questions that relate to broad issues of language reclamation. Each of the two extended-answer questions may have multiple parts. Students must attempt **one** of these two questions. Section 2 will be worth a total of 20 marks.

The total marks for the examination will be 90.

Assessment criteria

Section 2 will be assessed against the following criteria.

Content

The extent to which the student demonstrates an understanding of:

- the broad issues related to language reclamation
- how and why languages differ and how they change over time
- the relationship between language and culture

Presentation

The quality of responses, demonstrated by:

- the comprehensiveness of the response(s)
- the coherence and relevance of the response(s)
- the effectiveness of the use of language examples

Approved materials and equipment

- Normal stationery requirements (pens, pencils, highlighters, erasers, sharpeners and rulers)
- Any printed monolingual and/or bilingual dictionary in one or two separate volumes

Relevant references

The following resources should be referred to in relation to the VCE Aboriginal Languages of Victoria examination:

- *VCE Aboriginal Languages of Victoria Study Design 2023–2027*
- Aboriginal Languages of Victoria – Support materials
- *VCAA Bulletin*

Advice

During the 2023–2027 accreditation period for VCE Aboriginal Languages of Victoria, examinations will be prepared according to the examination specifications above. Each examination will conform to these specifications and will test a representative sample of the key knowledge and key skills from Outcomes 1 and 2 in Units 3 and 4.

Examination questions may relate to one or more areas of study. The weighting of examination questions will reflect approximately the weighting of the outcomes in the study design.

Students should use [command/task words](#), other instructional information within questions and corresponding mark allocations to guide their responses.

A separate document containing a sample examination has been published on the VCE Aboriginal Languages of Victoria [‘Examination specifications, past examinations and examination reports’](#) page on the VCAA website.

The sample examination provides an indication of the format of the examination, and the types of questions teachers and students can expect until the current accreditation period is over.

The VCAA does not provide answers to sample examinations.