Year 11, 2012
Subject Selection
Student Information Session
August 8, 2011
Agenda

❖ 11:50 am  Introduction  Mr. Reedy
❖ 11:55 am  Pathways at SBC (inc. VCE)  Ms. Sheehan/Mr Caulfield
❖ 12:15 pm  RE Options in Year 11  Mr. Knauf
❖ 12:20 pm  English Options in Year 11  Ms McGee
❖ 12:25 pm  Subject selection Procedures  Mr. Reedy
❖ 12:35 pm  Questions / Dismissal
Careers Information

• Be aware of pre-requisites
• Individual appointments (your responsibility)

Mr Rosel (Careers Advisor)
Pathways at SBC

Ms Sheehan
(Director of Learning)
Pathways at SBC

❖ VCAL
❖ VET
❖ Agere
❖ Acceleration
Vocational Education and Training Courses

VCE

VET
V.E.T. (2)

❖ Usually on a Wednesday
❖ Will mean missing classes on Wed.
❖ Must complete Units 1, 2, 3 & 4 to receive a TAFE certificate qualification and VCE sequence
V.E.T. (3)

❖ There is a VET levy
❖ Clothing and equipment to purchase
❖ Will require a pre-selection interview.
❖ Mr Peter Wilson CVX staffroom and on 9289 1157
Agere with VCE focus

- Parallel program for students.
- Entry usually at Yr 10, can be in Yr 11 – usually with YLC recommendation.
- English, RE and Maths in Agere with three subjects in the mainstream.
- Intensive and supportive
- ‘Expression of Interest’ to Peter Wilson
VCAL
What is VCAL?

- Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning
- Offered at Year 11/12 at SBC
- Provides practical work related experiences
- Improves employability skills
Who is VCAL for?

- Students who best learn in a practical or ‘hand-on’ situation
- Students seeking a vocational pathway
- Students who find academic learning difficult
VCAL curriculum strands

- Literacy and Numeracy skills = English and Maths
- Industry specific skills = VET
- Personal development skills = R.E. and other activities
- Work related skills = work placement
Pathways & Acceleration

Year 9 students

Mainstream

Discere Blue

Discere Gold

Y10 Mainstream

U1/2 Acceleration

Y11 VCE

Y11 Agere VCAL

Y11 Agere VCE

U3/4 Acceleration

Y12 VCE

Y12 VCAL
VCE Structure

Mr Caulfield
(VCE Coordinator)
V.C.E. Information

- VCE Student Handbook available on line at school website
  - Publications -> Downloads -> Parent Information Handbooks -> VCE Student Handbook 2011

- VCAA website
  - VCE Publications (Study Designs and Resources)
  - VCE VET Programs / scored assessment
  - VCAL
Understanding the VCE

Two-tiered system
Firstly to obtain a secondary school certificate.

Secondly to obtain a study score that allows a tertiary application to occur.
VCE Requirements for Satisfactory Completion

- Minimum: total 16 units
- At least four (4) full Year 12 subjects (sometimes referred to as a Unit 3-4 sequence)
- At SBC Year 11 = 6 subjects
  Year 12 = 5 subjects (generally)
- 10% bonus on 5/6th subjects
- Must include at least 3 units from the English list
- Generally completed over 2 years
Meeting Outcomes

- We report either an S or N for all VCE units
- Provided previous criteria met, students are awarded a VCE
- Assessment can be flexible
Study Scores

- For Unit 3-4 subjects, we complete SACs and SATs and report a score
- This is moderated against the end of year exam
- A study score is obtained and an ATAR (formerly ENTER) can then be calculated
Accelerated

❖ 3/4 sequence in Year 11
❖ All subjects (except Maths) are available for acceleration
❖ entry is **not** automatic after completing U1/2
❖ Generally require a “B” grade or better on relevant semester one results.
❖ Except in exceptional circumstances students will only be permitted to undertake one accelerated subject sequence.
Acceleration & ATAR

❖ The ATAR is a rank based on an aggregate of scaled marks in unit 3/4 subjects comprising a student’s:

❖ Subject score in English (or English Language, Literature or ESL);

❖ The next best 3 subject scores permissible;

❖ 10% of the fifth and sixth permissible ATAR subject scores that are available
Why Accelerate?

❖ At SBC we offer five subjects in Year 12

❖ The benefits of acceleration include:
  ❖ An extra subject in Year 11 added to the five completed in Year 12;
  ❖ Experience in a 3/4 subject;
  ❖ Challenge involved in doing an advanced subject; and
  ❖ Possibility of an additional 10% to ATAR
Acceleration

❖ Acceleration requires application

❖ Attach copy of relevant report to application

❖ **May** require an interview to ascertain that a student is capable and motivated.

❖ Application forms are available online

❖ Final date for applications is 31st August
Assistance

❖ Careers:                  Mr David Rosel
❖ VET:                     Mr Peter Wilson
❖ VCE Course advice:       Mr Geoff Caulfield
❖ Acceleration:            Ms Caroline Sheehan
❖ VCAL:                    Mr Chris Mannix
❖ Agere:                   Mr Peter Wilson
Subject Advice

❖ How well are you doing in this subject or similar subjects?
  ▪ Your Yr 10 subject teacher can advise you here.

❖ Which subjects do you enjoy or think you might like to try?
  ▪ Check the VCE Information on the website; and ask questions.

❖ What Tertiary Courses you may be interested in.
  ▪ Read the VCE Handbook for specific subject descriptions.
The Subject Selection Process

Mr. Reedy

(Subject Selection Coordinator)

Subject information
Process

- Research your options
- Make choices
- Have an interview
- Submit choices including a reserve subject
Process (continued)

- We endeavour to fit more than 5000 subject selections into 80 classes to suit everyone.
- Some classes do not run and some choices may not be able to be accommodated.
- Any adjustments to your choices will be discussed with you.
Forms to download for assistance

❖ Subject codes
❖ Record of selection
Record of Subject Selection  
Year 11, 2012

Name ___________________________ 2011 Homeroom _________

1. Read the Subject Selection information carefully and consult with the relevant people.

2. You must do some form of English and some form of Religious Education.

3. If you intend to apply for an acceleration subject, download and fill out the appropriate form. Applications for acceleration close on Wednesday, 31st August at 3:30 pm.

4. Fill in the checklist below and keep this page as a record of your selections.

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Student signature (optional) ____________________________
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Final Date for input of selections: 3:30 pm Friday 2nd September

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Inputting your selections on-line

Selection input
Important Dates

- Monday 8 August - Subject Information available on website
- Friday 12 August - Data entry open
- Wednesday 31 August - Acceleration applications closed
Most Important Date

Friday 2 September

Data entry closed