



# VCAL

## Description

The VCAL (Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning) program is a full-time course and in 2021 the course will be restructured with students completing all VCAL subjects with a single VCAL teacher. Students undertaking VCAL at Leongatha Secondary College will be required to be at school three days per week, one day at TAFE completing their VETDSS course and one day out on Structured Workplace Learning. Two of the days at school will be dedicated to completing their required VCAL units and the third will be used to engage in hands on learning by participating in community projects.

Students undertaking a School Based Apprenticeship/Traineeship(SBAT) will typically be at school two days per week, two days with their employer and usually have one day per week of training.

At Year 11 students complete their Intermediate VCAL certificate and at Year 12 complete Senior VCAL certificate.

## Unit Topics

To gain a VCAL Certificate (Intermediate or Senior) requires 10 Credits;

- Literacy Reading & Writing
- Literacy Oral Communication
- Numeracy Units One and Two
- Personal Development Skills Units One and Two
- Work Related Skills Unit One and Two
- Structured Workplace Learning
- Industry Specific (90 nominal hours of VET course completed)

## Advance

VCAL students who are not undertaking an SBAT will be involved in ADVANCE on Tuesdays.

ADVANCE has 5 program elements:

- Learning modules 1, 2 and 3 - community, communication and project management skill development
- Recognised training
- A community project or series of volunteering activities - delivered in Community Partnerships (e.g Landcare), with innovative approaches to program delivery
- Recognition and celebration
- Young people involved in decision-making.

Students must apply to be part of the VCAL program and numbers are limited.

VCAL students will not be undertaking any VCE subjects.