



**Develop
study skills**

**Meet like-
minded peers**

**Gain a head
start in VCE**

9-20 January 2023



VCE Summer School (VCESS) is a two-week tutoring program that takes place every January at the University of Melbourne.



Our aim is to help high school students from a diverse range of backgrounds, including (but not limited) to those:

- ⚡ from lower socioeconomic circumstances or contexts;
- ⚡ who are rural or regional students;
- ⚡ from non-English-speaking backgrounds;
- ⚡ from underrepresented areas or schools;
- ⚡ who have been impacted by personal circumstances during their education; to gain a head start on their final years of education.

VCESS is a not-for-profit organisation which provides academic support with a focus on creating healthy study-life balance.

- ⚡ In 2023, VCESS will primarily take place in-person. To find out more, go to umsu.unimelb.edu.au/things-to-do/summer-school





ACADEMIC PROGRAM

VCE Summer School tutors a wider range of subjects than any other academic service provider. In most cases, we are able to accommodate the subject selections of every single student taking part in our program.

Our small class sizes (normally 6-12 students) create an encouraging environment which allows students to receive a personalised learning experience. A key feature of the VCE Summer School is strengthening study skills and techniques to allow students to succeed in the year ahead. One-on-one focus tutoring can also be arranged during the program to further students' knowledge.

Students are supported by carefully selected and trained tutors. Our tutors are current university students who are passionate and knowledgeable in their subject areas. VCE students will have the opportunity to ask their tutors about their own VCE experience, as well as future study pathways.

In 2023, we are returning to an in-person model for most VCESS activities. Classes take place in-person at the University of Melbourne Parkville campus.

There are a variety of activities that students can do in addition to their classes at VCESS. Students can take part in a variety of extracurricular activities such as a broad selection of workshops and seminars that provide valuable skills and are targeted to students' interests. Such activities create a well-rounded experience for our students allowing them to get a head start, meet like-minded VCE students and expand their interests.

In 2023, the VCESS program will comprise of two cohorts.

Our standard student cohort will attend 10 days of in-person academic classes and extracurricular activities.

Our online cohort will have access to all digital resources available to in-person students, and additional online guided private study time. Students unable to travel to campus each day are encouraged to apply for the online cohort or our Residential Program (see more over page).



access
digital
study
resources



10
days of
in-person
activities





RESIDENTIAL PROGRAM

In addition to the VCESS Academic Program, in previous years we have held a Residential Program with fully catered accommodation for rural and regional students for both weeks of the program. While we hope to run a Residential Program in January 2023, more details need to be confirmed before we can provide more information about the size, timing and nature of the Residential Program.

Located at a college on campus, the Residential Program has given students a rare insight into college life at the University of Melbourne, with their own private room and study space. It has also given rural students the opportunity to attend classes and events in-person. Each year, we plan a jam-packed program full of activities, workshops and seminars to introduce our residential students to Melbourne.

Residential students are supervised by a team of tutors with strong leadership and interpersonal skills, who undergo specialised additional training. The Residential Program has included a number of activities in the evenings to explore various parts of Melbourne, provide additional support tailored to rural students, and introduce students to the experience of living away from home in a supportive and friendly environment.

ONLINE PROGRAM

For students not attending the standard Academic Program as day or residential students, we're trialling a study-from-home online cohort. Online students will have the same digital resources as students in our standard program, including subject booklets and recorded English seminars. In addition, this cohort will have an online study night, online classes run for limited subjects, and an online social event to meet new friends while studying from home.



SUBJECTS OFFERED IN 2022*



Art, Product Design and Technology,
Studio Arts, Visual Communication and
Design



Accounting, Business Management,
Economics, Legal Studies



Biology, Chemistry, Environmental Science,
Physics, Psychology



Dance, Drama, Media, Music Performance,
Music Style and Composition,
Theatre Studies



English, English Language, EAL, Literature



Food Studies, Health and Human
Development, Outdoor and Environmental
Studies, Physical Education



Further Mathematics, Mathematical
Methods, Specialist Mathematics



Australian Politics, Extended Investigation,
Geography, Global Politics, Religion and
Society, Sociology



Ancient History, Australian History,
Classical Greek, Classical Studies, History,
Latin, Philosophy, Revolutions, 20th
Century History



Chinese, French, German, Greek,
Indonesian, Italian, Japanese, Vietnamese,
and more!



Algorithmics, Computing, Data Analytics,
Software Development, Systems
Engineering

***Let us know if any of your subjects aren't in this list
and we'll do our best to find a tutor for you!**

For a full list of available subjects, visit
**[umsu.unimelb.edu.au/things-to-do/summer-school/
students/previous-subjects](https://umsu.unimelb.edu.au/things-to-do/summer-school/students/previous-subjects)**

TESTIMONIALS

"VCESS was an amazing experience that I won't forget anytime soon. Every single tutor and group leader I met was supportive, inspirational and I found that I learnt a lot from them, whether it was in their classes or about their uni experiences. Thank you for a truly brilliant experience :D"

"If you're feeling unsure and nervous about your upcoming years of schooling, VCESS really helps to prepare and educate you on every corner of what is to come. I couldn't have wished for more."

"The tutors were knowledgeable in their fields and the workshops taught me new information that I never thought I needed to know. Everyone so nice here and the environment was a really safe and inclusive one! a solid 11/10"

"VCESS was such a valuable program going into year 12 - it left me feeling prepared and relieved going into the school year and gave me so many ideas and resources that will undoubtedly help me with my studies."

"The resident program was perhaps one of the best experiences of my life! The incredible work demonstrated by the multitude of tutors was simply amazing. The program as a whole was simply wonderful."

Our January 2022 students rated us...

4.5/5

for helping them feel more prepared for the year ahead

4.3/5

for the quality of tutoring

4.7/5

for an easy student portal experience

4.5/5

for valuable seminars and workshops

HOW TO APPLY

Applications for the January 2023 VCESS program will open around October 2022. Join our expression of interest list here to find out all the details when applications open! Learn more and add your name here: **umsu.unimelb.edu.au/vcess-enrol**

BURSARIES

The VCE Summer School believes that a student's financial situation should not preclude them from participation in the program. We have a number of full and partial bursaries available and recommend contacting us for information specific to your application.

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