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.

YEAR 12 ACADEMIC PROGRAM

VCE Summer School tutors a wider range of subjects than any other academic service provider. We were able to accommodate the subject selections of every single student who took part in our 2019 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.

Similar to a school timetable, there are a variety of activities that students experience throughout a day at VCESS. In addition to their classes, students take part in a variety of extracurricular activities such as a broad selection of workshops and seminars that provide valuable skills and are targeted at students’ interests. Such activities create a well-rounded experience for our students allowing them to get a head start, meet likeminded VCE students and expand their interests.

YEAR 11 ACADEMIC PROGRAM

The VCE Summer School Year 11 program offers a wide array of common Unit 1 & 2 subjects, depending on student demand.

Where this is not possible, a Year 11 equivalent class.

RESIDENTIAL PROGRAM

The Residential Program provides fully catered accommodation for rural and regional students for the duration of the program, in addition to the VCESS Academic Program. Located at St. Hilda’s College, it gives students a rare insight into college life at the University of Melbourne, with their own private room and study space. Students can also be accommodated over the weekend for an additional cost.

The residential students are supervised by a team of tutors with strong leadership and interpersonal skills, who undergo specialised additional training including mental health first aid. The Residential Program includes a number of activities in the evenings to explore various parts of Melbourne and introduce students to the experience of living away from home in a supportive and friendly environment.

RESIDENTIAL PROGRAM* 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! The residential 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.”