



VCAL at Worawa

An all girl secondary school for Years 7-12



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About Year 11 and 12

In 2018 Worawa Aboriginal College is introducing the Victorian Certificate in Applied Learning (VCAL). This is a 'hands-on' certificate that is a recognized senior secondary year 11 and 12 qualification.

It is a practical way of getting year 11 or 12 that fits with the way many people like to learn. There are no exams or tests but projects that give students many opportunities to show what they can do.

VCAL provides a pathway to many TAFE and to some University courses and makes the transition to work much easier. It is a really great way to get a year 11 and 12 because subjects allow students to explore work options, career choices and to gain credits towards a TAFE qualification. Projects also give students the chance to give back to community in ways that they choose. The qualification further builds social skills, work and leadership skills as well as study options.

Stepping up to the next level of education is a milestone for students. At Worawa Aboriginal College we prepare students for work and study as well as leadership roles in

their community. Worawa students are prepared to walk in two worlds so they can make good choices about their own futures. The VCAL provides an alternative for young women as they journey to adulthood, further studies, work and community engagement in a supportive, culturally safe boarding school environment with a sound, 'Two-Way' educational background. The program provides real skills for employment, study and adult life. College programs are also strengthened by a range of partnerships in the academic, sports, health and creative arts sectors.

All VCAL students have an array of work experience choices and practical skills that make getting work in the future much easier.

Pathways and Partners

All VCAL students take part in a Certificate II in Business unless they decide to participate in paid traineeships and on the job training that will help them gain employment and get in to further study.

Subjects

Work Related Skills – Participate in work experience, getting a learner's permit and gaining advice from work mentors.

Industry Specific Skills – Complete the Certificate II in Business as part of the VCAL and gain Food Handlers, First Aid and Barista skills as part of the program. Students can also complete a paid traineeship.

Literacy – Practical projects include communication skills, writing skills as well as the presentation of research and information. This includes report writing, presenting arguments and opinions as well as letters, emails and other useful forms of writing.

Numeracy – Practical projects that include budgets, maths for living, maths for work and any other numeracy skills that are needed for adult life, work and study.

Personal Development Skills – Working with community, organising events, fundraising, understanding how to work in a team and be self-motivated.

Who is Eligible to Apply?

If you have successfully completed year 10 and you meet the general Worawa application criteria, you can apply to study VCAL.

How to Apply

Accommodation is limited and so for the first intake of VCAL students in 2018 we are only accepting current or past Worawa students. All students wanting to apply for year 11 at Worawa need to fill in the application form and attend an interview.

Want to Know More About VCAL?

To find out more, have a yarn with the Worawa VCAL Coordinator or you can find more detailed information about VCAL at www.vcaa.vic.edu.au.

We encourage students and their families to look at this information. Summary information from the website will also be provided to you to discuss at home.

Work readiness, life and study within an Aboriginal framework.





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