



GEELONG GRAMMAR SCHOOL®
EXCEPTIONAL EDUCATION



CURRICULUM GUIDE 2025

SUBJECT PATHWAYS

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01 VCE Curriculum

CLASSIFICATION OF VCE STUDIES

ARTS	Art Making and Exhibiting	Media	Music	Theatre Studies	Visual Communication Design	VCE/VET III in Music Industry (Performance)
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ENGLISH	English	English/EAL	Literature	English Language
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LANGUAGES	French	German (2024 only)	Japanese SL
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BUSINESS STUDIES	Accounting	Business Management	Economics	Legal Studies
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HUMANITIES	Ancient History (Unit 1&2)	Modern History (Unit 1&2)	History Revolutions (Unit 3&4)	Australian and Global Politics	Geography
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SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY	Biology	Chemistry	Environmental Science	Physics	Psychology
	Agriculture and Horticulture	Product Design Technology (Materials & Textiles)	VCE/VET Furnishing Certificate II in Furniture		

MATHEMATICS	Foundation Mathematics	General Mathematics	Mathematical Methods CAS	Specialist Mathematics
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02 IB Diploma Programme

CLASSIFICATION OF IB PROGRAMME

GROUP 1	English A: Literature HL/ SL	English A: Language & Literature HL/ SL			
GROUP 2	French B HL/SL	German B HL/SL	Japanese B HL/SL	Chinese B HL/SL	Spanish Ab Initio SL
GROUP 3	Economics HL/SL	Geography HL/SL	History HL/SL	Psychology HL/SL	
GROUP 4	Biology HL/SL	Chemistry HL/SL	Physics HL/SL	Design Technology HL/SL	Sports, Exercise and Health Science HL/SL
GROUP 5	Mathematics: Analysis and Approaches HL/SL	Mathematics: Applications and Interpretations HL/SL			
GROUP 6	Music HL/SL	Visual Arts HL/SL	Theatre Arts HL/SL		
CORE (COMPULSORY) STUDIES	Extended Essay	Theory of Knowledge (TOK)	Creativity, Action, Service (CAS)		

03 VCE English Pathway

To obtain a VCE, all students are required to satisfactorily complete three units from the English group, including a Units 3/4 sequence selected from:

- English/English as an Additional Language
- Literature
- English Language

Specific eligibility requirements apply to students who wish to study English as an Additional Language (EAL).

All of the English group studies are rigorous, with elements that challenge students in different ways. English/EAL remains the most common and accessible English study for all VCE students, and is recommended for all students in Units 1/2.

Students may select multiple English group subjects in Units 1/2, and subsequently decide which subject combination to study in Units 3/4. It is also possible, and advisable for talented English students to complete more than one English group subject in Unit 3/4.

Advice Year 10 into 11

In considering their pathway, all students are encouraged to consult with their Year 10 English teacher, who will be well placed to evaluate each student's strengths and preferences.

Students may choose from any of the three English group subjects: English/EAL, English Language and Literature. It is recommended for some students when choosing to study Units 1/2 English Language or Units 1/2 Literature that they consider studying English/EAL alongside these subjects to keep their options open. Students may then choose which English group subject(s) to pursue in Units 3/4.

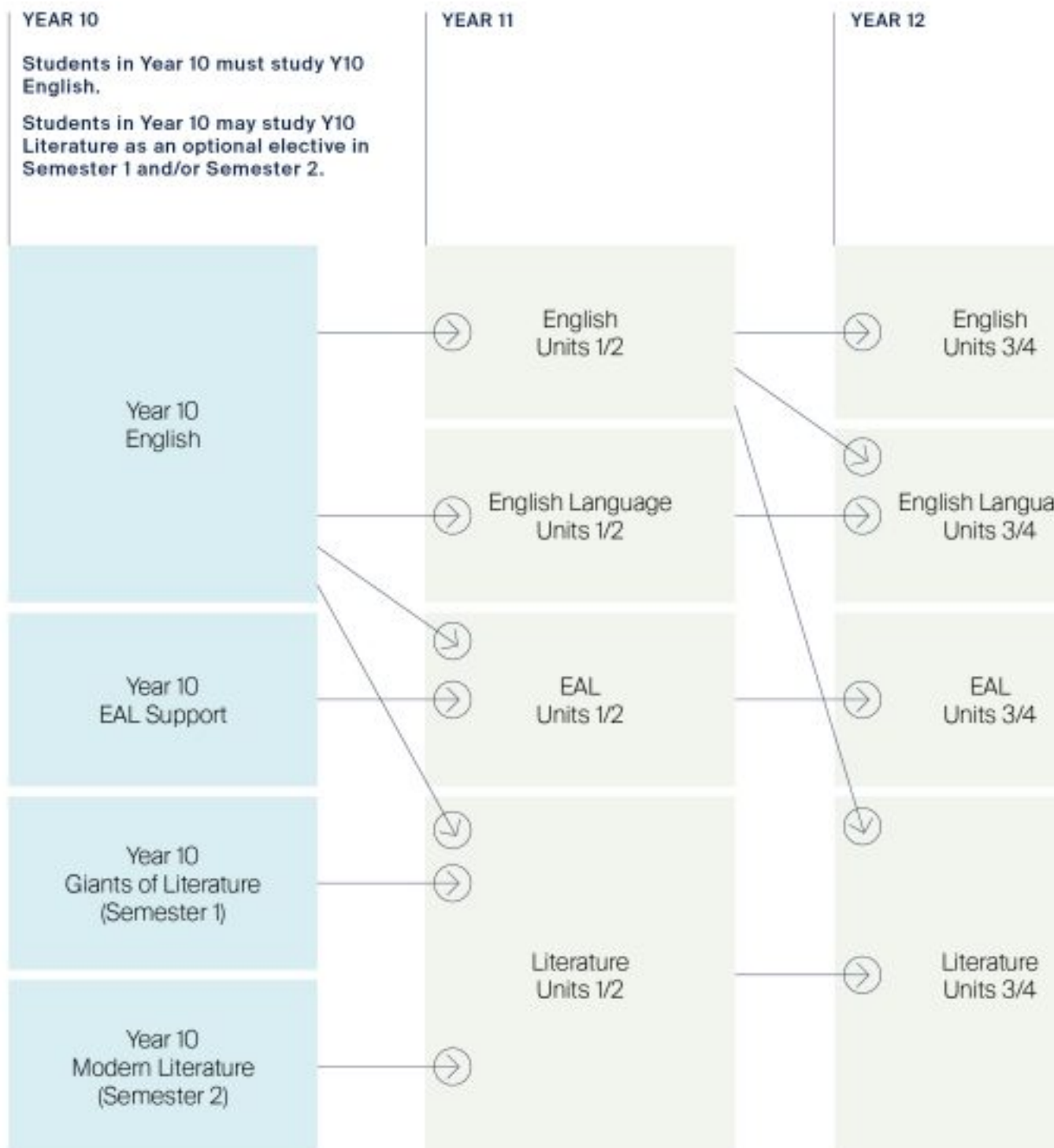
Students considering English Language or Literature as their **only** English group subject should have a consistent record of academic achievement and learning behaviours.

Advice Year 11 into 12

At the end of Year 11, students decide which subject they would like to complete as their English group subject in Year 12. Students considering English Language or Literature as their *only* English group subject **in Unit 3/4** should have a consistent record of academic achievement and learning behaviours.

Students may be asked to interview with the Head of English to confirm their selections.

ENGLISH – VCE PATHWAYS



04 VCE: Science Pathway

05 IB: Science Pathway

SCIENCE – IB PATHWAYS

YEAR 10

Science is a compulsory subject in Year 10.

Year 10 Science Semester 1 & 2

YEAR 11

There are 5 Science courses offered at Standard Level and Higher Level.



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06 VCE: Mathematics Pathway

MATHEMATICS – VCE PATHWAYS

YEAR 10

Students participate in one of three Maths courses dependent on their achievement in Year 9.

Year 10 Mathematics
Standard Level
Semester 1 & 2

Year 10 Mathematics
Standard Level Algebra
Semester 2

YEAR 11

There are 3 pathways in VCE Maths. It's important for students to choose the appropriate Unit 1/2 subjects to meet the criteria for studying Unit 3/4 subjects.

Foundation Maths
Units 1/2

General Maths
Units 1/2

General Maths
Units 3/4
Maths Methods (CAS)
Units 1/2

Maths Methods (CAS)
Units 1/2

Specialist Maths
Units 1/2
Maths Methods (CAS)
Units 1/2

YEAR 12

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07 IB: Mathematics Pathway

MATHEMATICS – IB PATHWAYS

YEAR 10

Students in Yr 10 must study Year 10 Maths: Higher Level or Year 10 Algebra Maths: Standard Level

Year 10 Algebra – SL

Year 10 Maths – HL

YEAR 11

Students must have completed Year 10 Maths: HL in order to study a HL subject in IB Diploma.

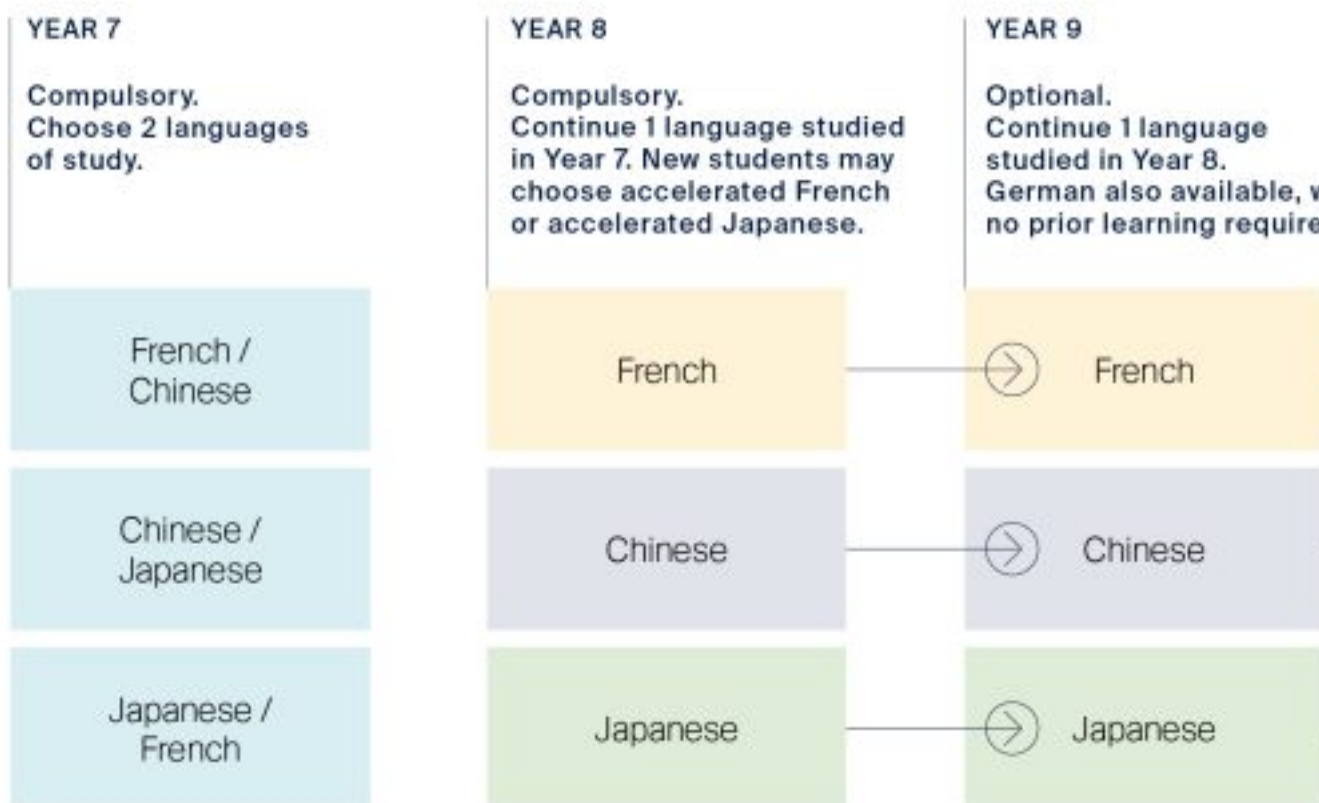
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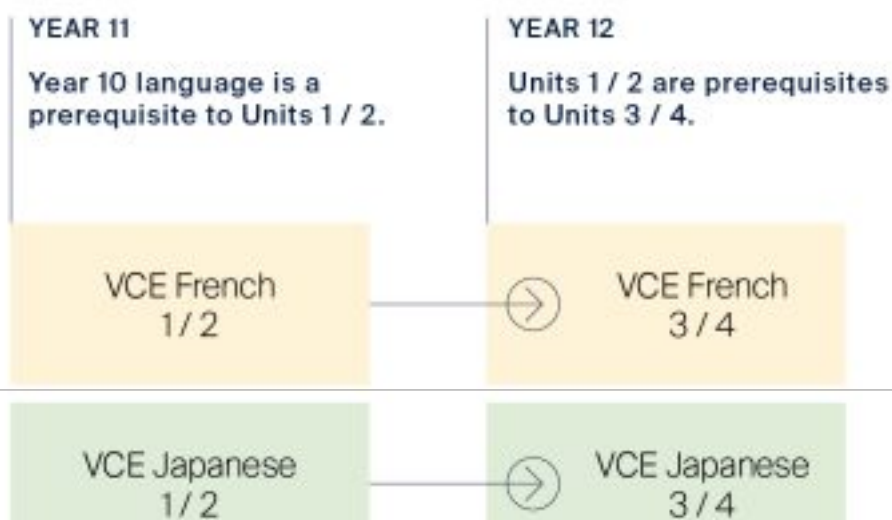
08 Language Pathways : VCE and IB

LANGUAGE PATHWAYS



Students who show aptitude in Language may choose to study VCE Units 1 / 2 in Year 10, VCE Units 3 / 4 in Year 11, or commence with the IB Diploma Language stream.

VCE LANGUAGES



IB DIPLOMA LANGUAGE

