



# Stotts College

## The Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning VCAL



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## WHAT IS VCAL?

- Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning
- Vocational hands approach
- Recognised as an accredited qualification
- Very flexible program
- Vocational option for senior students in Years 11 and 12
- Pathway into Diploma and TAFE

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## VCAL FRAMEWORK

- Fully accredited modules and units are selected from the following four compulsory strands:
  - Literacy and Numeracy Skills
  - Work Specific Skills
  - Industry Specific Skills
  - Personal Development Skills
- Like VCE, VCAL students receive a certificate and statement of results that details the areas of study they have completed

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## LEVELS OF COMPETENCY

VCAL has 3 levels-

- Foundation
- Intermediate
- Senior (Year 12)



Stotts entry is Intermediate level

Stotts students graduate at the end of Year 12 with a Senior certificate

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## RATIONALE

- VCAL @ Stotts is the ideal program for many international students
- Increases confidence in learning and taking risks
- Fosters independent learning
- Promotes research skills
- Provides alternative pathway



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## ADVANTAGES OF VCAL @ STOTTS

### 1. Very flexible program

- **Entry procedures –**
  - Students not constrained by the normal academic timetable of SAC's, exams, deadlines etc
  - Admission into the course is flexible, at any time of year
  - The VCAL certificate is achieved once a student has reached the required level of competency

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## ADVANTAGES OF VCAL @ STOTTS

### 2. Individual learning programs

- VCAL is a competency-based program
- Students working at their level to complete all required skills
- This may take one year, or may take 2 years, depending on the individual student
- Teachers are experienced in teaching international students

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## ADVANTAGES OF VCAL @ STOTTS

### 3. Pathways

- Alternative entry into University via Diploma
- Stotts offers Diploma of IT and Business which students can enter upon satisfactory completion of VCAL
- Students can enter second Year University upon completion of their Diploma

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## A GLIMPSE INTO THE WORLD OF VCAL @ STOTTS

### The Stotts Rooftop Garden

- Stotts College is located in the heart of the city of Melbourne
- Feasibility study for a roof top garden



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## INTEGRATED CURRICULUM APPROACH

- Engineering
- Accounting
- OH&S
- Communications and English Skills
- Botany/Horticulture
- Economics
- Aesthetics
- Physics
- Urban Orienteering
- Nursery Management and Design
- Environmental awareness
- Mathematics

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## CONCLUSION

- Great success
- VCAL @ Stotts has had a very positive impact on students



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