

# VCAL

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Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning



**Seymour**  
College

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## 1. What is VCAL?

**A senior pathway for students that know what they want to do in the future. VCAL allows students to get ahead by completing Structured Workplace Learning, Vocational Training and Apprenticeships, whilst completing a senior level certificate.**

VCAL is an alternative Senior Secondary qualification.

Unlike VCE, where students prepare for University studies, VCAL prepares students for the world of work. Students learn hands on skills that allow them to make an easy transition into the workforce.

**There are four subjects in the program:**



## 1. Applied Learning- but what is it?

Applied learning focuses on 'real-life application'. It is a shift from a traditional focus on discrete curriculum areas, and allows students to focus on **applying the skills and knowledge they need to solve a problem, implement a project or participate in the workforce.**

Applied learning nurtures **personal strengths, interests, goals and previous experiences.** It involves valuing skills and knowledge that may not normally be the focus of more traditional school curricula. It also means taking into account differences in preferred learning styles and ways of learning. VCAL acknowledges that part of the transition from school to work is being treated as an adult, and that moving students out of the classroom to learn also means helping them to make a shift to become more independent and responsible for their own learning.

**Applied learning needs to be student centred, goals and outcomes should be negotiated with students, as well as other stakeholders.**

## What does a typical VCAL week look like?

**Monday:** Attend Seymour College VCAL

**Tuesday:** Structured Workplace Learning or School Based Apprenticeship

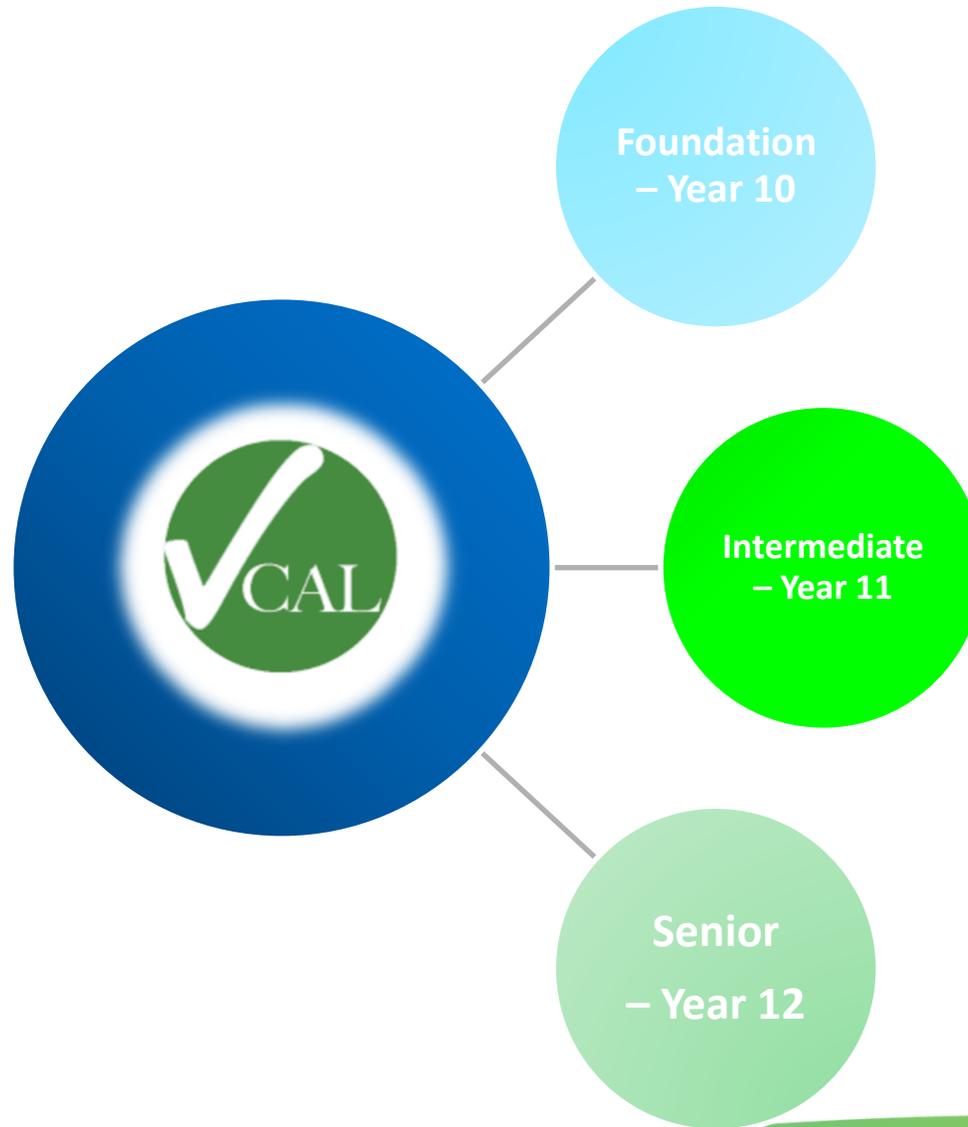
**Wednesday:** Vocational Education and Training (VET)/School Based Apprenticeship

**Thursday:** Attend Seymour College VCAL

**Friday:** Attend Seymour College VCAL



## 2. VCAL Levels



## Conclusion

- VCAL is designed for students wanting a trade OR work in an industry that does not require a University education.
- **Students are at school 3 days a week, and working in the industry/VET courses two days a week.**
- Students must be prepared to work independently
- **Student led projects not teacher directed**
- Hands on, work ready skills