



VCAL/VET

2018

Year 10, 11, 12

Senior School Studies in 2018 at Red Cliffs Secondary College

Dear Students, Parents and Guardians of new and current students, welcome to Red Cliffs Secondary College and studies in years 10, 11 and 12.

Red Cliffs Secondary College provides high quality education to students in years 7 -12 and caters for the varying needs and aspirations of those students in terms of their academic and social development. At all times we have a strong commitment to educating and developing the whole student.

The Senior School at Red Cliffs Secondary College places great emphasis on students having a positive attitude to every aspect of school life and on generating an enthusiasm for self-directed learning and becoming informed active global citizens.

Our emphasis is on developing confident, resilient and purposeful young adults with realistic aspirations for meeting the challenges they will face in their chosen careers. As members of the Senior School, Year 10 students are challenged and supported to think positively about their future pathways and their leadership responsibilities. Students have the opportunity to participate in a range of curricular and co-curricular activities to expand their horizons.

Every student in the senior school is assisted through individual careers counselling to develop an individual career pathway that provides a global perspective and a sense of direction. A strong, integrated and holistic wellbeing program seeks to provide students with an additional element of support and care.

The purpose of this handbook is to provide students and their families with information about the Senior School and the subjects that will be offered. It is vital that students in the Senior School plan carefully and make informed decisions that enable them to fulfil both academic and personal goals.

The best advice is to choose studies:

- Which the student enjoys;
- In which the student achieves success;
- That the student may need for future study (prerequisites) or work;
- Which maintain and develop the student's special skills and talents.

Each student should ensure that he/she is fully informed before making decisions about his/her course of study.

The teaching staff are committed to assisting all students to achieve success.

Qualities required from the students to assist in this journey are:

- A desire to do one's best at all times in all aspects of school life and learning;
- A commitment to their studies;
- Determination and perseverance when things become difficult;
- Dedication to their studies and personal growth
- Discipline at school, the workplace and at home.

These qualities are necessary to meet the challenges of the final years of secondary schooling and allow students to succeed. Students need to establish sound work habits and learn to set priorities for their commitments at school and at home. Red Cliffs Secondary College aims to encourage all senior students to invest effort and time into achieving success and doing their best.

Although the senior schooling years can be challenging at times, we hope our students will also find them enjoyable and some of the most memorable of their school years.

Welcome to the senior years of study at Red Cliffs Secondary College in 2018 and beyond.

Narelle Calder
Senior School Coordinator

Cath Banks & Deanne Marr
Assistant Principals

David Browne
Principal

VCAL: Levels

At Red Cliffs Secondary College we offer 3 levels of VCAL.

Year 10: Foundation

This is a bridging unit for students who are certain that they want to complete VCAL in Year 11 and 12.

It is an alternative to mainstream Year 10, and is offered to a small number of students who have shown initiative, interest in early or direct entry to the work force.

The subjects for this course are set – so there is no need for you to pick subjects yet!

Due to the nature of this program, the number of places in this course are limited.

If you are interested in being part of the VCAL Foundation group in 2018, please fill out the attached application form.

Year 11: Intermediate

This is a year-long Senior School certificate course.

The course provides students with the opportunity to learn about life in the workplace, display leadership and teamwork skills, contribute to the community, and develop literacy and numeracy skills necessary in the workplace.

Students who choose this course will be expected to complete a VET subject – either on site, or off campus; and will be expected to source and arrange a Work Placement one day per week (starting in Term 3).

If you are interested in completing VCAL Intermediate at RCSC in 2018, please fill out the attached application form.

The subjects for this course are mostly set – so there is no need for you to pick subjects yet. You will choose these during your application interview.

Year 12: Senior

This is a year-long Senior School certificate course.

The course provides students with the opportunity to further develop their workplace skills, display strong leadership skills, contribute to the community, and continue to develop literacy and numeracy skills necessary in the workplace.

Students who choose this course will be expected to complete a VET subject – either on site, or off campus; and will be expected to source and arrange a Work Placement one day per week (starting in Term 3).

If you are interested in completing VCAL Intermediate at RCSC in 2018, please fill out the attached application form.

The subjects for this course are mostly set – so there is no need for you to pick subjects yet. You will choose these during your application interview.

VET SUBJECTS

A full range of VET offerings are available to students at RCSC.

You can complete the following subjects as part of your regular timetable (offered on-site at RCSC):

VET MUSIC

Learn about the music industry. Focus on all aspects of the music process, from the formation of a band, performance, and technical expertise.

VET FASHION

Practical skills in fashion design and industry are taught throughout this course. Students are guided through the design and production processes in creation of garments.

OFF – SITE VET Subjects:

We can offer access to a vast range of off-site VET courses through TAFE, St Joes TTC, and Mildura TTC. To discuss these options and what is available, please see Mrs Amanda Boulton at RCSC.

If you complete an off-site VET course, you will be out of school 1-day per week. Your teachers will assist you in compensating for this time off by modifying your expected classwork.



VCAL Application Form 2018

Student name: _____ **Student Advocate:**

1) Why do you want to be a VCAL student at RCSC?

2) What do you want to do when you leave school? (Circle any that apply)

Go to TAFE Get an apprenticeship Get a job Go to university

3) What career are you interested in after completing secondary school? _____

4) What VET course are you going to complete as a part of your VCAL program?

5) Have you completed Work Experience? Yes No If not, will you? Yes No

6) Do you have a part time job? Yes No

Where: _____

7) Do you belong to a community group or have interest outside of school?

9) Are you prepared to:

- Find and attend weekly work placement? Y/N
- Attend every VET session and Travel independently? Y/N
- Attend all scheduled classes? Y/N
- Be available at recess and lunch time for VCAL activities? Y/N
- Complete all VCAL Outcomes to a satisfactory level? Y/N
- Complete all OH&S training? Y/N
- Undertake Community/Volunteer Work? Y/N

10) From the field of words, circle five (5) that relate strongly to you:

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| Neat | Restless | Honest | Leader | Sporty |
| Co-operative | Helpful | Organized | Bored | Quiet |
| Hands-on | Problem solver | Polite | Happy | Creative |
| Punctual | Hard-working | Team player | Kind | Loud |
| Unorganised | Good communicator | Good listener | Unconfident | Respectful |

Endorsement by Teacher or Advocate

I believe that _____ would be an asset to the VCAL program because

Teacher/Advocate Name: _____

Teacher/Advocate Signature: _____

VCAL Teacher Name: _____

VCAL Teacher Signature: _____

Student Declaration

I acknowledge that by signing this contract, I agree to all of the above mentioned conditions of VCAL enrolment.

Student Name: _____

Student Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

VET subject, please see the VET/VCAL subject offerings.