



Nagle College Acceleration Policy

Nagle College is committed to facilitating individual academic success for every student. We believe in a holistic and formative approach to education, encouraging students to fully engage with their educational program and pathway.

All students in Years 11 and 12 at Nagle College participate in the Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE). Those enrolled in the VCE – Vocational Major undertake subjects designed to prepare them for entry into the workforce upon completing secondary schooling.

Students pursuing VCE subjects typically aim for tertiary education post-school and undertake VCAA exams to achieve an ATAR (Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank). Academic success is relevant for personal achievement and for providing our students with diverse post-schooling opportunities. This policy prioritises students' well-being and academic progress while aiming to maximize their ATAR.

VCE and VET Acceleration

Acceleration involves a student studying a subject one year ahead of their current year level/group. Some students may benefit from accelerating beyond their current level to complete a subject earlier. Current Year 9 students may consider applying for a VET study or a Unit 1/2 VCE study, while Year 10 students may opt for a Unit 3/4 study. Approval for these courses of study is contingent upon meeting specific criteria, demonstrating academic capability throughout the current academic year.

Automatic acceleration does not occur at Nagle College; the College reserves the right to withhold acceleration if it's deemed not in the student's best interest. Acceleration approval is granted only to students who demonstrate the ability to manage the additional workload successfully.

The coordination of this process involves the School Coordinators, Applied Learning Coordinator, and Deputy Principal – Student Programs and Staffing. Students with inquiries about acceleration should consult the School Coordinator.

Objectives of Acceleration Programs

Acceleration programs aim to:

- Provide additional challenge, acceleration, and enrichment to capable students.
- Offer an early experience of VCE or VCEVET conditions and working environments.
- Expand students' subject options during their VCE years.
- Enhance the opportunity for achieving a higher ATAR score.
- Enable participation in enhancement courses and university subjects while in Year 12.

Participation in an acceleration program does not entitle students to enrol in fewer subjects in Year 12; Year 12 students are expected to study five subjects. It's important to note that students who do not accelerate are not disadvantaged in their educational pathway; all students have the opportunity to complete the VCE according to their individual pathway.

Completing a VCE subject in Year 10 offers several benefits:

- Exposure to the VCE program in Year 10.
- A pathway of extension and challenge.

Students wishing to study a Unit 1 and 2 subject in Year 10 must submit an application through the online subject selection acceleration link on SIMON. Criteria for approval include consistent high performance across all subjects, strong organizational skills, motivation to succeed, proficiency in the subject area, attendance above 90%, and adherence to College behavior standards.

While acceleration in VCE study is possible, it may not be in the best interest of all students. Students facing difficulties with accelerated subjects are advised to focus on consolidating their preparation in all subjects rather than accelerating.

Students applying to accelerate a Year 11 VCE subject should be aware of the impact on their Year 10 program and the extra study commitment required.

VET (Vocational Education and Training in Schools)

VET programs enable students to develop industry-specific skills, employability skills, and an understanding of the world of work. These programs may count towards a pre-apprenticeship qualification.

Students interested in studying a VCEVET program in Year 10 must apply during the subject selection period in Year 9. The approval of this application depends on the student's performance and behavior.

Students considering an accelerated VCEVET program are encouraged to consult with Ms. Kelly or Mrs. Sonka.

Most VET courses at Nagle occur one day a week. Students are expected to work productively in assigned study classes and outside of school hours to keep up with missed classes on those days.

Students applying to study Year 1 or Year 2 VET in Year 10 or Year 11 must submit an online acceleration application during subject selection, meeting criteria similar to those for VCE acceleration.

Acceleration Process

1. Students research and discuss subject interests and acceleration plans with their Pathways teacher and parents/carers.
2. Students complete an acceleration application via the link on SIMON.
3. Applications are reviewed by School Coordinators and the Deputy Principal – Student Programs and Staffing, with follow-up interviews as needed.
4. Successful applicants receive an email confirmation from the Curriculum office.
5. Unsuccessful applicants are notified by email and requested to adjust subject choices in web preferences.