VCAL LITERACY

OVERVIEW

This subject seeks to integrate the development of students' knowledge and communication skills in practical and task driven contexts. The purpose is to allow students to develop their language usage in its various forms – writing, reading and speaking – so that they can apply these in real life contexts, such as interactions with family, social settings, the community, training environments and the workplace.

VCAL is offered as a two-year program: Year 11 – VCAL Intermediate level and Year 12 – VCAL Senior level.

Students study Reading and Writing, and Oral Communication units within the two-year VCAL program offered by the college and must complete a total of 12 Learning Outcomes at each year level.

Classwork is a mix of individually based tasks (investigative assignments, projects, and oral presentations) and co-operative small group work based on a variety of learning activities and situations.

Across the two years, VCAL Literacy students are expected to develop the ability to:

effectively communicate using both written and oral language for s variety of purposes and in a range of   contexts

understand and respond effectively to a range of texts written for different purposes

be able to plan effectively in relation to their own work tasks and in order to achieve outcomes

be organised in their approach to work situations and in their engagements with others

work effectively and appropriately with other students as part of a larger team or in small group activities in   order to realise outcomes

take on leadership roles within groups in the planning and organising of tasks or activities

ASSESSMENT

Assessment occurs throughout the course of the year at each year level and is based on the successful completion of a range of tasks, activities and outcomes. In order to satisfactorily complete each of the VCAL levels (Intermediate and Senior), students must demonstrate competency in all 12 Learning Outcomes. The following is a sample of the range of both formal and informal assessment tasks that may be used across the VCAL Literacy units:
Project based work
Powerpoint presentations

Oral presentations
Small group activities
Investigative research projects
Completion of a 2-week Work Experience or Structured Work Placement

SUBJECT PREREQUISITES

There are no prerequisites for this subject