

VCE Psychology -Units 3 & 4

OVERVIEW

Psychology is the study of how and why we think, feel and act the way we do. In Units 3 & 4, students investigate the physiological processes and social influences that determine how we interact with the world around us.

Students investigate the processes involved in sleep, wakefulness, memory and learning.

They also learn about how the nervous system works in significant detail, from whole-body structures to individual neurones.

Students apply this knowledge to an understanding of how it affects, and is affected by, our mental health.

ASSESSMENT

Students must satisfy the learning outcome for each Area of Study through the completion of coursework and School Assessed Tasks.

In unit 3 there are 3 outcomes and 3 School Assessed Coursework tasks.

In unit 4 there are 2 outcomes with 2 School Assessed Coursework tasks.

There is also an externally assessed 3 hour exam in October.

SUBJECT PREREQUISITES

Previous study of Psychology is recommended, but not required. Knowledge of the scientific method would be highly advantageous.

Students wishing to continue Psychology into university would be highly encouraged to study a mathematics subject at VCE level.