



**VICTORIAN
VIRTUAL
LEARNING
NETWORK**

ENROLLING WITH THE VVLN IN 2019

INFORMATION FOR SCHOOLS

**VCE SUBJECTS DELIVERED
ONLINE FOR SECONDARY
SCHOOL STUDENTS**

The VVLN is an initiative of **BENDIGO SENIOR SECONDARY COLLEGE** to develop innovative, interactive, instructional online VCE subjects designed to be delivered to secondary school students using web-based technology.





In operation since 2011, the Victorian Virtual Learning Network has successfully delivered VCE subjects online to more than 1000 students in 94 schools across Victoria.



The VVLN program has allowed me to be equally successful with my distance education subject as my other school subjects. The resources of the site and thorough online lessons in Specialist Maths have given me the advantage of working at my own pace and have allowed me to go back to revise previous lessons at any time, something I've found suits my learning very well.

Grace Thorson
Leongatha Secondary College



I have been studying Maths Methods through the VVLN for two consecutive years. I first began studying Maths Methods 1&2 online in 2017 as there was a clash in my timetable at school. Having the VVLN as an option gave me the ability to still study Methods, without having to compromise any other subjects. Now in 2018, I have studied Maths Methods 3&4 through the VVLN. I thoroughly enjoy learning through the VVLN, as the independent learning style really works well for me. While the VVLN may seem as though you are completely left to yourself, I find that I am very supported in my learning with both my teacher at Bendigo SSC and also at my home school. This year there is a group of girls from my home school studying Maths Methods together through the VVLN, so we have arranged weekly study sessions and we often work together. The learning style may be independent, however, there is a great support network within the VVLN.

Harper Dawson
Matthew Flinders Girls Secondary College

WHAT IS THE VICTORIAN VIRTUAL LEARNING NETWORK?

The Victorian Virtual Learning Network (VVLN) provides opportunities for:

- **STUDENTS** to access VCE subjects which may not be available at their home school.
- **SCHOOLS** to maximise financial and teaching resources to improve opportunities for all students.

The VVLN incorporates a number of features to ensure students receive the instruction, support and feedback essential to their successful completion of the VCE subject.

- All subjects offered are based on VCE study designs and include all relevant assessment.
- Subjects are delivered via the internet using the VVLN Moodle learning management system.
- Delivery of all subjects is asynchronous providing flexible timetabling for schools, allowing students to access their subject at any time.
- Online lessons are entirely instructional, giving students a similar learning experience to the traditional classroom setting.
- The lessons incorporate digital learning resources including video, audio, text, simulations, high levels of interactivity, monitoring and feedback.
- Students receive individual support and direction through regular online contact with their teachers.
- At least once during the school year VVLN teachers visit each school for face-to-face meetings with students.

HOW DOES THE VVLN OPERATE?

WHAT STUDENTS NEED TO GET STARTED



Computer with a microphone and headset.



Webcam.

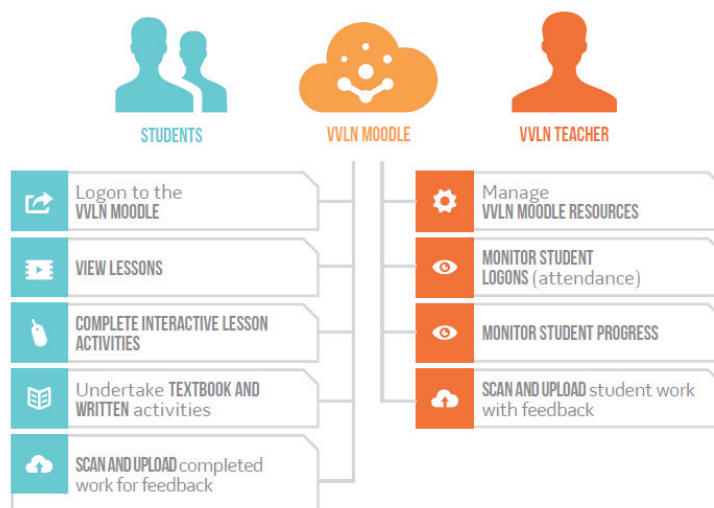


Broadband Internet connection and communication software.

SUBJECT DELIVERY

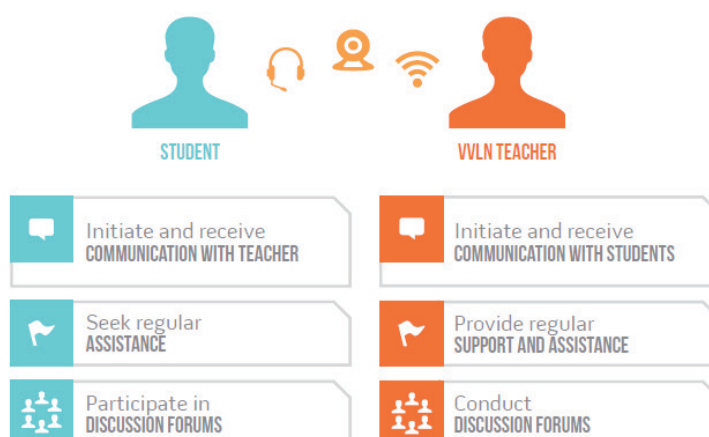
The VVLN website is the hub of all online learning. Here students have access to their online subjects. The VVLN teacher monitors student progress through the lessons, quickly identifying potential issues and provides regular feedback to students and schools.

[View samples of subject activities](#)



COMMUNICATION

All students are allocated a VVLN subject teacher who manages and directs their learning through the online subject. The VVLN teacher and student regularly connect with each other over the Internet by voice, and video conferences (e.g. Skype calls), instant messaging, email and discussion forums.

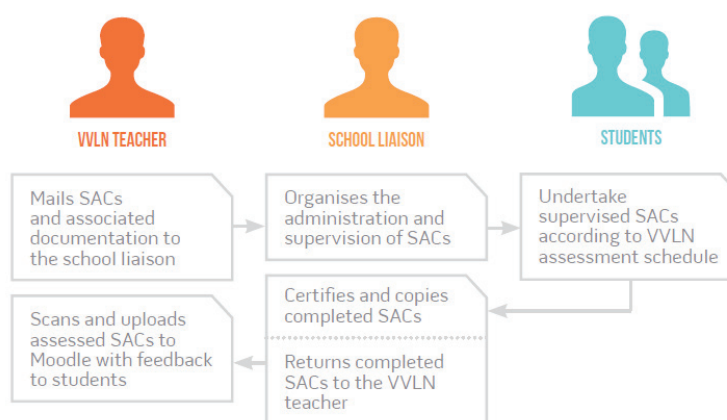


ASSESSMENT and REPORTING

The VVLN teacher is responsible for all aspects of student progress and assessment in the online subject.

All School Assessed Coursework (SAC) tests and exams are completed in hard copy, and conducted in accordance with VCAA assessment guidelines.

The VVLN teacher provides regular reports to students and schools on all aspects of student progress through the online subject.



ENROLLING WITH THE VVLN IN 2019

The VVLN takes enrolments directly from schools. All students must be enrolled in the VCE within the school prior to enrolling in a subject with the VVLN.

Once enrolment with the VVLN has been confirmed, individual schools enter in to an annual Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the VVLN. The MOU outlines the areas that both the VVLN and home school will be accountable for in relation to:

- Course delivery
- Administration
- Technical requirements
- Assessment

The success of the VVLN project is closely aligned to the relationship between staff in participating schools and VVLN staff. The key point of contact is a designated liaison staff member appointed in both the VVLN and the home school.

VVLN SUBJECTS

In 2019 the VVLN offers:

SCIENCE

- Physics 1-2
- Physics 3-4
- Psychology 1-2

MATHEMATICS

- Maths Methods 1-2
- Maths Methods 3-4
- Specialist Maths 1-2
- Specialist Maths 3-4

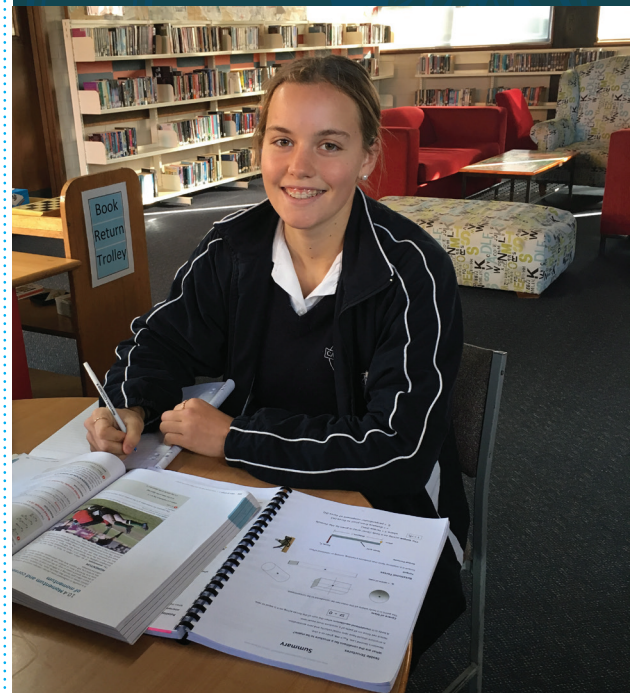
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COST TO SCHOOLS

The cost for each subject covers the whole school year.

In 2019 each student undertaking a combination of school based and VVLN online studies will need to be dual enrolled by their home school and counted as a part time student at 0.2 SRP for each subject studied with the VVLN.

REFUND POLICY: Once a student has been enrolled and payment made for a VVLN subject, BSSC does not have the capacity to refund schools as staffing costs are put in place at the end of the previous school year.



I have really enjoyed studying Physics through VVLN. The website is easy to navigate and can be accessed from either school or home. I like this flexibility and that fact that you have access to your teacher whenever you want. I am grateful for the one on one attention and the fact teachers are very knowledgeable, supportive and encouraging. I am also impressed with the quick turn around with feedback.

Olivia Henzen
Camperdown College



I like the design of VVLN. I prefer VVLN rather than the traditional class. The learning is flexible as it allows me to study whenever I want. Although I am an EAL student, the videos in Specialist Maths 1-2 make the topics easy to understand. I can pause them to have a break or keep replaying them when I don't really understand. The website also has the full solutions of textbook questions so I can make sure I get all the questions correct.

Xing Ong
Charlton College

WHERE TO FROM HERE FOR 2019 ENROLMENTS

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

We invite schools that would like to enrol their students with the VVLN for 2019 to complete an Expression of Interest.

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KEY DATES

12 OCTOBER 2018
EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST close

19 OCTOBER 2018
Individual school's expression of interest confirmed by the VVLN

22 OCTOBER to 23 NOVEMBER 2018
MOU finalised between schools the VVLN
Student enrolment process occurs

26 NOVEMBER 2018
Orientation and induction for students and liaison staff commences

29 JANUARY 2019
VVLN school year begins

VVLN has allowed our students to pursue the subjects of their choice whilst in their chosen learning environment. The students have access to video lessons and can also Skype their teachers. Most times these Skype sessions are instant, if not there will be email interaction that is very thorough. There is also ongoing feedback and interaction with the students about their progress. I have coordinated 13 girls across five different subjects this year and have heard nothing but positive feedback from the students about the teaching and learning they are receiving. The teachers make school visits to develop a stronger teacher student relationship. As Liaison Teacher I continually get feedback about the student's progress and work with the VVLN teachers to address any concerns. Our school has a structure in place that allows the students to get extra support if they need it which has worked very well for our students. Overall the VVLN structure has allowed us to provide a program for our students to access their learning needs in a positive learning environment.

Gerd Jahnecke
VVLN Liaison Teacher
Matthew Flinders Girls Secondary College

Charlton College has been very fortunate to access the VVLN in 2018 to provide Specialist Maths curriculum which we could not provide ourselves. Our student has established an excellent rapport with the teacher and the online method of instruction has been seamless with the staff member accessible, approachable and extremely knowledgeable. This type of learning, enables self-paced instruction which has been extremely beneficial.

Kelvin Baird
Principal, Charlton College

"The VVLN is a great network which has allowed me to do a subject which I otherwise wouldn't have been able to access. With great teachers who are always willing to help, and great resources, I would recommend the VVLN to anyone interested."

Riley Ford
Maryborough Education Centre





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www.vln.vic.edu.au



The VVLN is supported by the Victorian Government and Bendigo Senior Secondary College, which has created the courses and provides the online teacher



Studying with the VVLN has helped me become a more independent and motivated learner. The VVLN has allowed me to study Psychology after it was not offered at my home school. I am always provided with work and easy to follow video lessons to go along with it. Throughout the course I have received continuous support and assistance from my online teacher.

Macey Martin
East Loddon P-12 College