

VICTORIAN
VIRTUAL
LEARNING
NETWORK

ENROLLING WITH THE VVLN IN 2017

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 750 students in 76 schools across Victoria.

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.



“ Studying both Specialist and Math Methods through the VVLN has been great experience. The videos are highly informative and doing these classes through the VVLN has provided me with the opportunity to study what I want and has aided me in becoming a more independent learner.

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MATTHEW ALLEN
 Student, Cobram Secondary College

“ When thinking of studying via correspondence, you would normally think of an impersonal learning environment where you're all alone. While the VVLN does encourage independence, the learning feels anything but lonely – constant support from your online teacher and thorough video lessons give you what could be a more personal learning experience and relationship with your teacher than even normal schooling. It is a very unique way to study.

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SHANNON THOONEN
 Student, Drouin Secondary College

HOW DOES THE VVLN OPERATE?

WHAT STUDENTS NEED TO GET STARTED



Computer with a microphone and headset.



Webcam.

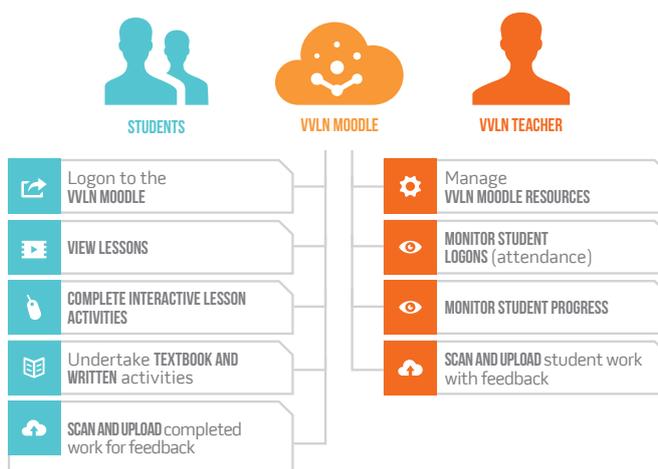


Broadband Internet connection and communication software.

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.

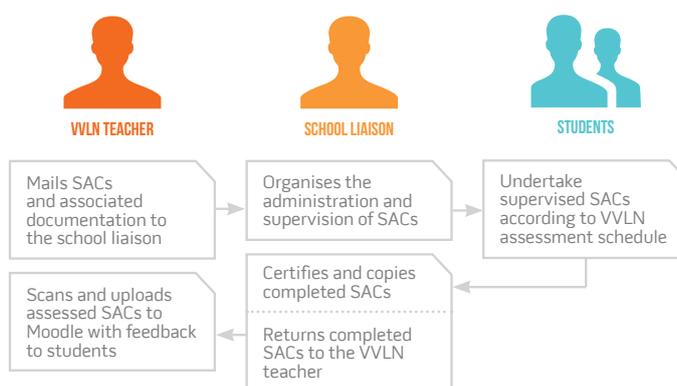


ASSESSMENT AND REPORTING

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 2017

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

COMMERCE

- Legal Studies 1-2
- Legal Studies 3-4

SCIENCE

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

MATHEMATICS

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

HUMANITIES

- Health & Human Development 1-2
- Health & Human Development 3-4

COST TO SCHOOLS

The cost for each subject covers the whole school year,
that is, units 1&2 or units 3&4.

In 2017 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 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.

“ VVLN provides students with the opportunity to study VCE units in a supportive online learning environment. The program runs efficiently from enrolment to delivery and the VVLN teachers are very helpful and make themselves available to assist with any queries. The students receive all the support and guidance they need to successfully complete their studies. I would definitely recommend VVLN as an excellent option to traditional study.

MARIA HART

Careers Advisor, Cobram Secondary College



“ I enjoy learning with the VVLN because it allows flexibility when learning rather than going to a classroom at a specific time. I can watch the videos at anytime I want to make sure I meet due dates and stay vaguely on track. I study Physics and Specialist Mathematics with the VVLN so being able to study either subject whenever has been an advantage. Many of the times for classes cross over with friends that I can then work with, even though they're not doing the same classes.

EMMA SEMMENS

Student, Matthew Flinders Girls Secondary College

“ We have been very happy with the service provided by the VVLN. The program has enabled our students to access VCE subjects that we have been unable to offer. The standout feature of the program is the quality of the teaching. The teachers have at all times been accessible, organised and friendly in their dealings with our students. The online learning materials are of the highest possible quality and they allow students to go back over their learning at a pace that suits the individual.

DAVID SUTTON

Principal, Maryborough Education Centre



WHERE TO FROM HERE FOR 2017 ENROLMENTS

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

We invite schools that would like to enrol their students with the VVLN for 2017 to complete an [Expression of Interest](#).

KEY DATES

• **EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST** close
7 OCTOBER 2016

14 OCTOBER 2016
• Individual school's expression of interest confirmed by the VVLN

17 OCTOBER TO 25 NOVEMBER 2016
• MOU finalised between schools the VVLN
• Student enrolment process occurs

24 NOVEMBER 2016
• Orientation and induction for students and liaison staff commences

27 JANUARY 2017
• VVLN school year begins

“ During the last two years many of our students achieved outstanding results by incorporating one and sometimes two VVLN subjects into creating their preferred VCE program whilst continuing to learn in their preferred school environment here at Matthew Flinders Girls Secondary College.

Our students and I have established an excellent rapport with the experienced, caring and specialist VVLN staff who understand the demands of VCE study and the nature of a busy school environment. The VVLN staff members are accessed easily and always ensure we have the materials and detailed instructions required well in advance of assessments, practical classes and due dates for course work.

The strong partnership developed between our College and the VVLN provides the opportunity for our students with a variety of needs to access the high quality education they desire.

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CHRISTOPHER KELLY
VVLN Liason Teacher,
Matthew Flinders Girls Secondary College



“ The VVLN gave me the opportunity to pursue my Maths Methods 1-2 course after having a timetable clash with another subject. The one-on-one learning experience that the VVLN provides with the support from a teacher, allowed me to study independently. This helped me improve my overall organisational and communication skills.

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HAYLEY WALKER
Student, Kyneton Secondary College



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