Senior Secondary Pathways Reform

Changes to the senior secondary school system

The changes to the senior secondary school system are part of a rich history of education changing with the needs of society in Victoria.

**Pre-1970**

* The Year 12 Matriculation Certificate (discontinued in 1969)

**1969-1980**

* 1969: Year 11 Leaving Certificate (discontinued in 1972)
* 1972: The Higher School Certificate (HSC) introduced

**1980-1990**

* 1987: The Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) introduced.

**1990-2000**

* 1990: VCE introduced as a two-year certificate for Years 11 and 12
* 1995: Introduction of Vocational Education and Training (VET) into VCE

**2000-2020**

* 2002: Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning (VCAL) introduced into Victorian schools

**2020-onwards**

* 2020: Release of the Review into Vocational and Applied Learning Pathways in Senior Secondary Schooling.
* 2021: Design and development of a new certificate and curriculum for the Victorian Pathways Certificate (VPC) and VCE Vocational Major. Consultation with schools, teachers, students, parents, education providers, disability peak bodies and industry.
* 2022: Release of the final certificate and curriculum. Students will receive information and guidance on the new pathway options through their course counselling sessions.
* 2023: First enrolments in the VPC and VCE Vocational Major. VCAL is no longer offered.

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