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# VCAL Information

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**Four in five** parents would prefer their children go to university after leaving school rather than undertake a vocational training pathway.

<http://saf.org.au/perceptionsarenoreality/>

## ⊗ Myth

*VET graduates earn low wages.*

**One in five** Australians (21%) believe one of the main reasons Australians are increasingly choosing to undertake university courses over VET/TAFE courses is because of the perception that VET graduates earn lower wages than university graduates.

## ✓ Fact

*VET graduates earn wages comparable to, if not exceeding, that of university graduates.*

The median full-time income for a VET graduate is \$56,000.

The median graduate salary for students completing a Bachelor's degree is \$54,000.

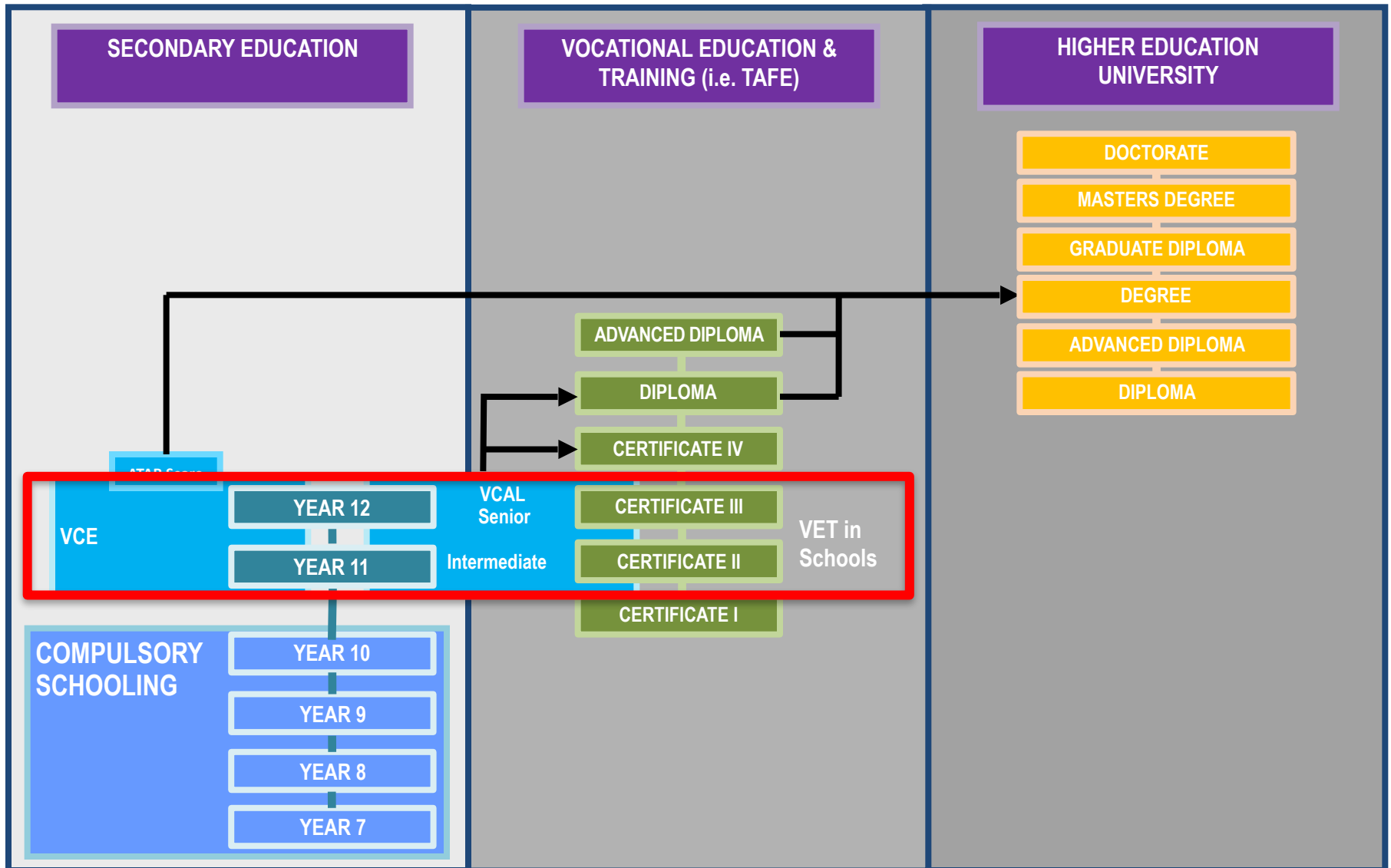


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# What is VCAL?

**Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning**

**A Senior Secondary School Certificate (just like VCE)**



- BOTH programs are a Victorian Senior Secondary School completion / certificate

	VCE	VCAL
Content	Academic, i.e. text books, essays, tests, homework, etc.	Applied, practical, relevant, hands on, group work, flexibility, in class assessments etc.
Pathways	Direct university	Apprenticeships and traineeships  Certificates and Diplomas  Employment



# BHI's VCAL Approach

Part educational and part vocational:

Roughly speaking:

- 2 days educational (Core VCAL)
- 2 days vocational
- 1 day placements, work, private study

# Core VCAL units

## Educational (Core VCAL) component:

- Literacy x 1
- Numeracy x 2
- Personal Development Skills x 2
- Work Related Skills x 2



# Industry Specific Skills

**Vocational component: Should be done on same campus**

**Full Cert II or III completed in the year\***

\*At this late stage, not all options will still be available

**Certificates could be in:**

**Carpentry, Electrotechnology, Plumbing,  
Hospitality.**

**Make-up, Animal Studies, Community Services,  
Music Industry, Visual Arts, Health Services  
Assistance**

# Transitioning to TAFE

- Transition from **child** to **adult**
- Transition from **school** to **employment**
- Transition of work from **NYC** to **competent**
- **You chose this program**
- **Learners are here for own careers**
- **Active, participate, seek knowledge**
- **Mature / adult interactions & courtesy**

# What is expected of you?

- We are looking for learners who are:
  - responsible for themselves, their behaviours and their actions
  - driving and directing their own learning
  - demonstrating respect, tolerance, societal behaviours
  - wanting to improve and grow

# Parents...

- We Speak to learners first, then parents
- No out of class supervision
- Move between campuses unsupervised
- Timetables, work & results all online
- Unexplained absences first with students, parents later
- Mid Year Reports End Term 2

# Skills First Funding Subsidies

- **'2 course commencements in a year'**
- **'2 courses at a time'**
- **'2 lifetime commencements at level'**
- **'Upskilling' once over 20**

# Skills First Funding Subsidies

- Vocational courses within VCAL:
  - OUTSIDE '2 *lifetime commencements* at level'

# Skills First Funding Subsidies (2018 rates)

- Tuition Fees est. - \$1.10 (non-concession) or \$0.22 per hour (concession)
- Service & Amenity Fee - \$145
- Course Teaching Materials - varies
- Retained Items (Equipment kits) - varies
- Core Skills support - \$70

# Skills First Funding Subsidies

## Withdrawals & Refunds:

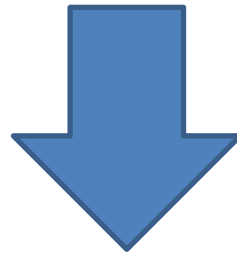
- 28 days from commencing – full refund\*
- After 28 days – no refund  
(Payment Plan will remain effective)
- Been disengaged for 4 weeks?
  - will be automatically withdrawn

*\* Less administration charges*



# Guaranteed Pathway

**Achieve a vocational qualification  
at Box Hill or CAE**



**guaranteed pathway  
next level of study in the same field**

# Selection

**Selection is based on:**

- 1. You have completed a year 10 (or 11 for senior) equivalent program.**
- 2. Your demonstrated passion for your vocational interest**
- 3. Your commitment to improving yourself (lifelong learning)**
- 4. Your demonstrated ability to succeed in an adult learning environment**

# After Application

**You will be contacted to complete**

 **Core Skills Diagnostic Assessment**

 **Application assessed**

**- Conditional Offer**

**OR**

**- Interview**



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