



# Geelong Lutheran College

## Secondary (Years 7 – 12) Curriculum Delivery

Geelong Lutheran College implements the Australian Curriculum as detailed by the **Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA)**. Secondary School students develop their ability to be analytical and critical thinkers, applying abstract thought, skills and knowledge in the world in which they live.

Geelong Lutheran College promotes connectedness between and across year levels through focus activities including Australian Lutheran World Service Week, R U OK? Day and the Peer Support program. Students are encouraged to work collaboratively with their peers, increasing their capacity for interpersonal development in the areas of empathy and compassion.

We seek to empower life-long learning where students grow in independence and have the opportunity to taste a Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE), Victorian Certificate of Education Vocational Major (VCEVM) or Vocational Education and Training (VET) subjects where the procedural and administrative requirements are introduced at Year 10.

In Year 11 and 12, we offer both the Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) and Victorian Certificate of Education Vocational Major (VCEVM) pathways with a range of subjects across all faculty areas. Engaging in the career development process is an integral part of the Senior School program. Students explore pathway options related to their areas of interest so that they can make informed decisions about their future and understand the steps required to achieve their goals.

Additional learning opportunities are offered beyond the classroom, focusing on character development and encouraging students to be thoughtful, productive and engaged members of their community.

### Years 7 and 8 Curriculum

#### Core subjects taught across Years 7 & 8

- Christian Studies
- English
- Mathematics
- Science
- Languages (German or French)
- Humanities
- Physical Education
- Health and Respectful Relationships
- Sport

All Year 7 and 8 subjects are divided into a mixture of core subjects and rotational subjects/elective units.

All students complete units in Food Technology, Textiles, Digital Technology, Materials Technology, Robotics, Music, Art, Drama and Visual Communication. By the end of Year 8, students have experienced a

broad and balanced curriculum covering the eight key learning areas that provides the foundation for further specialisation as they progress through the school.

## Years 9 & 10 Curriculum

In Years 9 and 10, students at this age are looking towards adulthood, thinking about careers, increasing specialisation in their subject interests and participating as a community member within and beyond the school.

A comprehensive pathway program has been developed across these years. This program aims to develop:

- Organisational skills for school and life.
- Cognitive skills including the more formal skills required for future learning.
- Skills of self-awareness about their personal strengths and weaknesses and the development of strategies to support learning and successful interaction with others.
- Skills and behaviours to effectively participate in their communities and work places.

### Year 9 Course

Our Year 9 program is designed so that each student experiences:

- Discipline based learning areas in line with the Australian Curriculum
- A strong focus on developing the full range of interdisciplinary, physical, personal and social skills and behaviours
- Opportunities that enable them to take initiative, to manage elements of their learning, and make responsible decisions about their future pathway.

Students are required to study the prescribed number of semester length units across all learning areas, and make some choices of their own. In addition to this, all students participate in a Career Action Plan Development

### Core Units

- Christian Studies
- English
- Mathematics
- Science
- Humanities
- Physical Education (2 units)
- Health and Respectful Relationships
- Sport
- Languages: German or French

### Elective Units

Students must select 4 electives across the course of Year 9. Elective options are:

Food Technology	2D and 3D Art
Textiles	Visual Communication
Writers Workshop	Media
Music	Drama
Digitech	Business Studies
Sporting Stories	Legal Studies
Languages: German or French (Further study)	Psychology
Systems Technology	Exercise, Science & Health
Outdoor Environments	Materials Technology

Students must complete an elective in each Learning areas of Arts and Technologies across Year 9-10 age range.

### Year 10 Course

Each student's program will consist of a mixture of core and elective units.

#### Core Units

Core units are those subjects which must be included in each Year 10 program to fulfil the requirements of the Australian Curriculum while allowing for some choice.

The core units are:

- Christian Studies
- English
- Mathematics
- Science
- The Humanities
- Physical Education and Health
- Health and Community Connections

#### Elective Units

Elective units are those subjects which may be included in each Year 10 program and can be chosen from any domain. Students are encouraged to keep their choices broad. Year 10 students may apply to study a Unit 1/2 sequence if they choose to, according to set criteria.

It is a requirement that a student must complete an elective in each of the Learning areas of Arts and Technologies across Year 9-10 age range.

Elective options at Year 10 are split into 2 categories:

- Elective Series 1- accounts for 5 lessons a week and
- Elective Series 2 - accounts for 3 lessons a week.

In **Elective Series 1**, students choose either:

Year 9/10 elective (3 lessons – please see table below) plus either Sport, Peer Support and Careers (2 lessons)

**OR**

VCE accelerated subject (5 lessons per week) from the list of:

- VCE Media
- VCE Outdoor and Environmental Studies
- VCE General Mathematics
- VCE Business Management

In **Elective Series 2**, students choose from one of the following options for 3 lessons a week.

Food Technology	2D and 3D Art
Textiles	Visual Communication
Writers Workshop	Media
Music	Drama
Digitech	Business Studies
Sporting Stories	Legal Studies
Languages: German or French (Further study)	Psychology
Systems Technology	Exercise, Science & Health
Outdoor Environments	Materials Technology

In addition to this, all students participate in a comprehensive careers development and skill enhancement program.

### **Work Experience**

All students in Year 10 take part in a week of work experience with external employers to provide insights into the industry and the workplace in which they are located. This opportunity provides students with the valuable opportunities to:

- develop employability skills
- explore possible career options
- understand employer expectations
- increase their self-understanding, maturity, independence and self-confidence

### **Years 11 & 12 Curriculum**

Year 11 and 12 students have access to the Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) and Victorian Certificate Vocational Major (VCEVM).

A wide range of Vocational Education and Training (VET) options can also be included in their program.

### ***VCE Course Structure***

Geelong Lutheran College offers a wide range of VCE Studies. These are offered and run according to set VCAA (Victoria Curriculum and Assessment Authority) policy which is based on numbers and available staffing and thus the exact list of subjects varies slightly each year. Year 11 students may apply to study a Unit 3/4 sequence if they choose to, according to set criteria. Students may also continue the VCE study they commenced in Year 10.

#### **ENGLISH**

- English
- Literature

#### **MATHEMATICS**

- General Mathematics
- Further Mathematics
- Mathematical Methods

#### **SCIENCE**

- Biology
- Chemistry
- Physics
- Psychology

#### **LANGUAGES**

- German
- French

#### **HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES**

- Accounting
- Business Management
- History
- Legal Studies

#### **PERFORMING ARTS**

- Drama
- Music

## **VISUAL ARTS**

- Media
- Studio Arts

## **TECHNOLOGIES**

- Food Studies
- System Engineering

## **DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES**

- Computing

## **HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION**

- Health and Human Development
- Physical Education
- Outdoor and Environmental Studies

### ***Vocational Education and Training (VET) Offerings***

A range of VET programs are available to our students and is offered as part of both VCE and VCEVM programs. Most courses are run through Gordan TAFE with a small selection of other providers

### ***Victorian Certificate Applied Learning and Victorian Certificate in Education Vocational Major (VCEVM) Course Structure***

Geelong Lutheran College offers the VCAL/ VCEVM pathway to both Year 11 and 12 students.

The course is structured so that students attend timetabled classes with one day per week allocated to structured workplace learning.