

# VASS new users training manual 2014





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### Introduction

VASS (Victorian Assessment Software System) is a web-based application that allows student personal details; enrolments for VCE, VET and VCAL and results to be entered and stored on the central VCAA database.

Data is either entered online or by importing data (Student Personal Details and Student Programs only).

- A web-based application has several advantages for schools:
- The student's details or program are saved directly to the central VCE database,
- VCAA Student Numbers are automatically generated,
- Schools can see changes made to student data by the VCAA as soon as they are completed.

VASS can be accessed using any PC using a Windows operating system and only Internet Explorer (up to version 9) with the correct browser settings (available from the VASS Browser booklet) and the MeadCo Software and Licence installed.

Access to students' details is limited to:

- home schools via name or Student Number,
- assessing schools via the Student Number only.
- Assessing schools can enter VCE enrolments and results but not VET and VCAL.

For Administrative purposes a student's home school is responsible for the entry of all VET and VCAL enrolments and results, irrespective of the actual assessing school.

VASS upgrades are controlled by the VCAA and Schools are notified of new VASS enhancements when they occur and schools are notified in advance of dates and times of planned outages for system maintenance.





### **VASS** databases

The **training** database consists of fictitious schools with fictitious students. It is not accessible outside the training venues.

The **production** (real) database contains real students in real Schools and should not be used with the exercises in this training booklet or to practice by adding fictitious data.

#### Web addresses

- VASS Production database https://www.vass.vic.edu.au
- VCAA www.vcaa.vic.edu.au
- Notices to Schools www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/Pages/correspondence/index.aspx

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**Victorian Student Number (VSN) team:** 1800 822 635, fax (03) 9032 1798 or victorian.student.register@edumail.vic.gov.au

Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC): 1300 364 133, www.vtac.edu.au

Government schools with problems using CASES21 should contact the CASES21 Help Desk on 1800 641 943 or for CASES21 Timetabling Support on 9637 2824.

# Logging in

VASS has a three-layered security system. To access VASS, a user requires a Username, Password and a valid Authentication key.

Users are logged out after 30 minutes of inactivity.

When logging in for the first time, registered VASS Users must have a USB flash drive/memory key available. This then becomes the User's Authentication Device. During this and subsequent logins, a unique file called *valid key* is written to the device. The *valid key* file changes with every log in (it is a one use key).





#### **Exercise 1 Logging In**

- 1. Open Internet Explorer and <a href="https://www.vass.vic.edu.au">https://www.vass.vic.edu.au</a>. The 'Welcome to VASS' screen will be displayed.
- 2. Place the USB flash drive into the appropriate port and click on VASS User Login link
- 3. Enter the username and password then [Login]
- 4. The message 'Please insert your VASS Authentication device into the PC' will be displayed. Click **[OK]** to the messages until the message appears, 'Authentication successful. You may now remove your authentication device.'
- 5. Click **[OK]** the 'Enter Year' screen with the Privacy statement will be displayed.
- 6. Click [Accept] You have logged in successfully when the VASS Home Page with the Key Dates and pull down menus appears.

The first time a user logs into VASS from any computer the MeadCo Software and Licence agreement should appear but only if the user has sufficient network permissions for the download to occur. If the MeadCo Software and Licence agreement is not downloaded then VASS will not function correctly. Please refer to the VASS Browser booklet for instructions.

# **Important Administrative Dates**

The Important VASS Administrative Dates are available on the VASS Home Page. A more detailed list can be found by clicking on the Help button on the home page of VASS.

### **VASS** menus

Reading left-to-right, the seven principal menu items are:

- Student Admin
- School Admin
- Teacher Admin
- School Program
- Student Program
- Results Admin
- System Admin.

All VASS Users can see all menu items but cannot access 'greyed out' (restricted) menus.

Some VASS functions are disabled after key dates have passed:

- Student enrolment (VCE, VET and VCAL)
- Results entry (VCE, VET and VCAL).

If data cannot be entered by the due dates, contact Student Records and Results using the 'VASS Critical Dates – Extension of Time' form from the downloads section of VASS.

Student Records and Results can and does apply penalties for lateness.

### **Download function**

The Download function in VASS contains many useful documents, such as most forms needed for student administration, second language applications and examination documentation. The Checklist of Important Steps for VASS Administrators is placed in the downloads section at the end of each year as a reference document for VASS Administrators. The menu: **SYSTEM ADMIN > Downloads.** 





### VASS user access

The VCAA has established a number of different user types with varying levels of access to VASS.

A school can have as many VASS administrators as they feel they require – within reason. To obtain a list of your school's VASS administrators you will need to contact VASS Operations.

Once a user has been set up as one user type it is a straight forward process to change the user type for that user. VASS Operations can also transfer users from one school to another.

# Types of school users

VASS Administrators have system control at their school and can set up the other user types listed below. To change the details of a VASS Administrator contact VASS Operations.

#### Clerical users can:

- · add/modify student personal details
- set up the school program for VCE, VET and VCAL
- enrol students in VCE, VET and VCAL
- · enter results for any class
- produce certain types of reports.

#### Teacher (unrestricted) users can:

- enter results for any class
- produce certain types of reports
- access the VCE Data Service.

This group is suitable for KLA managers

#### Teacher (restricted) users can:

- enter results for their own VCE classes
- produce certain types of reports for their own VCE classes
- access the VCE Data Service.

This group is not suitable for VET teachers.

Teacher Reports (restricted – read only) users can:

- only access reports for their own VCE classes
- access the VCE Data Service.





#### School VET Group (VETFE) users can:

- set up and enrol students in VET Certificates
- modify VET Assessment plans
- enter VET results
- run Student Eligibility for VET
- run some Statistical Reports.

### School Statistics and Results Group (SSRG) users can access:

- the VCE Data Service
- school statistics menus
- · results reporting menus
- All Eligibility reports
- Examination Centre Summary
- Examination Clashes

### Principal's Statistics Group (PRIN) users can access:

- the VCE Data Service
- · school statistics menus
- · results reporting menus.

Inactive Group users can no longer access VASS.

VASS administrators should regularly audit the VASS users at their school. Only the VCAA can modify VASS administrators.

Refer to the download document *Managing School Based User Access* for further details **SYSTEM ADMIN > Downloads** 





### Student Admin

The menus in the Student Admin section of VASS allow users to add new students, either online or by importing data. Existing students can be modified, transferred to a new home school, 'rolled' over to the next year or flagged as having exited the school. Student Course Codes, Consents and Home Group can be changed without visiting each student's personal details. Various reports are available including the Student Full Details report which is the key report to check the accuracy of a student's personal details and enrolment.

### **Deceased Students**

When a student or ex-student dies it can be a very distressing time for the school community and the VCAA has full compassion for those involved. The VCAA student database is used by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development to support a number of programs, including that of the Victorian Electoral Commission, in contacting prospective voters on their seventeenth birthday. To prevent inadvertent additional grief to the family through contact from these programs, Home schools are requested to communicate the death of a student or ex-student to the VCAA. This can be done by sending a letter signed by the Principal to the Manager, Student Records and Results. The student record will be supressed. The student record will not appear in any data extract or report sourced from the VCAA database, including those available to the school through VASS.

### Student Rollover

Each student has a record for each year that they are registered on the VCAA database. The Student Rollover function allows you to move (rollover) all eligible students in a year level in a given year, to the next year level in the next year (e.g. Year 11 in 20XX to Year 12 in 20ZZ) thus creating a new year record for the students.

The Rollover function will change Year 10 students flagged as PDO (Personal Details Only) to Year 11 VCE Students.

Students flagged with an exit date are not presented in the list of students to roll over.

If students are not returning to your school in the new year, you do not want to create a year record for them. This is done by removing the tick in the 'General Declaration Signed?' checkbox.

Once the Student Record exists on your 2014 VASS database, the student can be enrolled into their academic program or transferred to another school.

### **Exercise 2A: Bulk Student Rollover**

- 1. Select **STUDENT ADMIN > Student Rollover**. The Student Rollover Parameters screen will be displayed.
- 2. Select Year 11 and click [Rollover Students] Five students are listed as being eligible to be rolled over from Year 11 in 2013 to Year 12 in 2014. Remove the tick from the general declaration box for *Kim Adalot*.
- 3. Click [Rollover] The message 'Do you want to rollover all students...?' will be displayed.
- 4. Click [Yes] A report will be displayed showing the results of the rollover.
- 5. Click [Close]

Only Adult Providers can rollover Year 12 students using this method. Other schools can rollover Year 12 students individually using the **STUDENT ADMIN > Modify Students Personal Details** screen.





It is also possible to retrieve students who attended your school in previous years as long as they haven't been claimed by any other school in the meantime.

#### **Exercise 2B: Individual Student Rollover**

- 1. Logged in as 2014.
- 2. Select STUDENT ADMIN > Modify Students Personal Details.
- 3. Change the year displayed on this screen to the **last year** the student was at your school, in this case 2013.
- 4. Enter the student's name (Kim Adalot) and click **[Find]** If more than one student is displayed select the correct one and click **[Modify]**
- 5. Click [Save] The message 'Do you want to create.....?' will be displayed.
- 6. Click [Yes] The message 'Student details updated successfully' will be displayed.
- 7. Click [OK] then [Close]

### **Student Transfer**

When students change home schools either during the year or at the end of the year the 'ownership' of the student must be transferred to the new home school.

#### **Exercise 3: Student Transfer**

- 1. Select STUDENT ADMIN > Student Transfer > Transfer Student.
- Enter part or all of Michael Phan's name an click [Find] Michael's details will be displayed.
- 3. Enter the New School Code and click on the binoculars, the school name will be displayed.
- 4. Click [Transfer]. A message about entering results for the student will be displayed.
- 5. Click **[Yes]** The message 'Do you want to transfer.....?' will be displayed.
- 6. Click [Yes] and [OK]

At this point an email is automatically sent to the student's new home school informing them of the transfer. See Figure 1 for a sample transfer email.



Figure 1: A transfer email

#### **Automatic Email Generation in VASS**

Certain actions on VASS will automatically generate an email:

- school to school (Student Transfer or student enrolment/withdrawal from units assessed elsewhere)
- school to VCAA (withdrawal from Performance Studies or changes to a Focus Code) after the Enrolment 2 due date.





# Registering a New Student

Student Personal Details can be entered online, student by student, or imported into VASS in bulk.

A VCAA student number is automatically allocated as soon as a student's personal details have been saved successfully.

All students undertaking a VCE, VET or VCAL program must be flagged with a course code of 'VCE'. Year 10 students entered as part of the 'On Track' project (that is with no enrolments for the year) should be flagged with a course code of 'PDO' (Personal Details Only).

The 'PDO' flag prevents a student from being enrolled in any program. A student initially entered on VASS with a course code of 'PDO' can have their course code changed to 'VCE' if they need to be enrolled in a VCE, VET or VCAL program using: **STUDENT ADMIN** > **Modify Student Personal Details** or **STUDENT ADMIN** > **Change Student Course Code.** 

#### **Exercise 4: Adding a New Student**

- 1. Select STUDENT ADMIN > Add Student.
- 2. Enter appropriate details in the relevant fields. Mandatory fields are marked with a red asterisk. If the course code of 'PDO' is selected then fields not relevant to PDO students are deactivated.
- 3. Click [Save] The message 'Do you want to create......?' will be displayed.
- 4. Click [Yes] The message 'Student details saved successfully' will be displayed.
- 5. Click **[OK]** The screen will be refreshed and will now include a VCAA student number for the new student.
- 6. Click [Close]

When entering a student who is claiming past Year 11 or 12 results, VASS will attempt to match the new enrolment with the student's previous records. The student's previous student number will be allocated if it is in the current format. Otherwise, a new student number will be allocated linking the new and previous enrolments.

If Past Results are not claimed when the student is initially being added to VASS, any claims for Past Results must be made through Student Records and Results as a new student number will have been already allocated and the student's record has NOT been linked to any previous results.

Only students who have been absent from school for at least one academic year should be flagged as claiming past results.

If the New Student's Details match those of an existing student on the database, a 'Student Search Results' dialog box will appear. The details of the listed students should be studied carefully to ensure that the new student is not already on the database (see Exercise 9).





# **Modifying Existing Student Personal Details**

This menu can be used to modify Student Personal Details for existing students.

#### Exercise 5: Changing a student's family name

- 1. Select STUDENT ADMIN > Modify Student Personal Details.
- 2. Enter part or all of Marjorie Minno's name and click [Find]
- 3. Change the Family Name to George.
- 4. Click [Save] The message 'Do you want to save.....?' will be displayed.
- 5. Click **[Yes]** The message 'Do you want to.....?' will be displayed.
- 6. Click **[Yes]** The message 'The student's family name.....?' will be displayed.
- 7. Click [Yes] The message 'Student details updated successfully' will be displayed.
- 8. Click [OK] and [Close]

# Importing Student Personal Details Data into VASS

The VASS Import process can be used to create new Student Personal Details and Student VCE and VCAL and VET Program data for a year or to amend existing Student Personal Details data. The importation process provides an alternative to the manual keying in of data.

The VASS Import process is one of four VASS processes that are scheduled and then processed in the background. This means that a file scheduled for import is placed in a queue with jobs from other schools and will be processed in turn. It is not necessary to remain logged into VASS during this time or to even have the computer switched on. It is also possible to undertake work in other areas of VASS as long as the data input does not involve the same group of students as the import.

Only the home school is able to import Student Details or Student Programs, regardless of where the units are being assessed.

New student data is generally imported in preparation for the start of the new school year, either late in the current year, or early in the new school year. Alternatively, data may be imported in the middle of the year for Unit 1 or 2 enrolments in Semester 2.

The import file must be correctly formatted or the data will be rejected. The Student Personal Details Import File Structure is described in Appendix 1. The Student Program Import File Structure is described in Appendix 2.

The Amend Student Import may be used at any point during the year when it becomes necessary to update Student Personal Details. Schools should ensure that Student Personal Details are correct prior to the Enrolment 5 due date as after this date the VCAA extracts address details to send to external organisations such as VTAC. It is important that the address details of students expecting to complete their VCE and VCAL certificates at the end of the year are accurate so that Australia Post can deliver Statement of Results to the correct address.

Government schools are able to extract Student Personal Details in a format suitable to import directly into VASS from CASES21. Government schools that use the CASES21 timetabling package can also extract VCE Student Personal Details and Student Program data.





Student Personal Details and Student Program data may be extracted from other student management systems and timetabling packages and then imported into VASS as long as the files are correctly structured (see Appendixes 1 and 2).

The ability to import data is controlled by the VCAA. Unit 3/4 enrolments cannot be imported after the Enrolment 2 due date. It is not possible to Import Student Personal Details or Unit 1 and 2 enrolments after the Enrolment 5 due date.

The VASS Import Document provides a more detailed explanation of the import process. This document can be downloaded from **SYSTEM ADMIN > Downloads.** 

Records that are rejected because the student too closely matches an existing student, or are rejected due to an invalid suburb/post code combination are placed on the Import Hold Table (see Exercise 9).

The steps involved in a Student Personal Details Import can be seen in Figure 2. The status of a file is initially 'Scheduled'. It will eventually move to 'In Progress' and then if it is not found to be a 'Bad File' it becomes 'Validated but not updated'. This means that the file structure is suitable to load onto the VCAA database. To load the data onto the database the Import Report must be opened in order to access the [Update Students] button. The status of the file is again 'Scheduled' and then 'In Progress'. Once the data has been loaded onto the database the status is 'Complete'.

Individual student records will have been loaded onto the database, placed on the 'Hold Table' or rejected.

A file is declared to be a 'Bad File' if the data it contains does not match the VASS file requirements, e.g. it is not a text file, or it has a header row, etc.

### **Exercise 6: Importing Student Personal Details into VASS**

- 1. Select **STUDENT ADMIN > Student Imports**. The Imports screen lists any imports made during the last two weeks.
- 2. Click [Run New Import] The Imports dialog box will appear.
- 3. [Browse] to the required file, e.g., year10\_10A and click [Open]
- 4. Click [Import Students] The message 'Do you want to import.....?' will appear.
- 5. Click **[Yes]** to schedule the Student Details Import. The message 'Import of student details has been successfully scheduled' will be displayed. Click **[OK]**
- 6. The Imports screen will be refreshed with the details of the scheduled import. The Import Type column indicates that this is a validation run, i.e., the file will be checked for the accuracy and completeness of the data only. No data will be loaded to the database.
- 7. Click [Recheck Status] to refresh the screen and display the latest status of the import.
- 8. To check the position of your import in the list of scheduled jobs click **[Last Completed Tasks]** The Last Completed Tasks dialog box will be displayed showing the Job ID, Job Type and the Date/Time of the last completed tasks for each Job Type. The difference between the Job ID for the currently scheduled Import and the Job ID for the last completed task of the same job type will give an indication of your position in the queue.
- 9. When the status of the Student Details Import is '*Validated but not updated*' highlight the Import to activate [View Import Report]
- 10. Click [View Import Report] The report displays the line number and description of errors in the import file, a summary of the number of records potentially inserted into the database, the number of records that already exist for the current year, the number of potential Import Hold table records and the number of records with errors. The Import Report for a validation run includes the words: 'These counts are what would apply for an Update Students run.'





- 11. To complete the Import Process click **[Update Students]** The message 'The Update Students run......' will be displayed.
- 12. Click **[OK]** The progress of the import can be checked by clicking **[Recheck Status]** When the status has changed to *Complete*, highlight the Import and **[View Import Report]**.

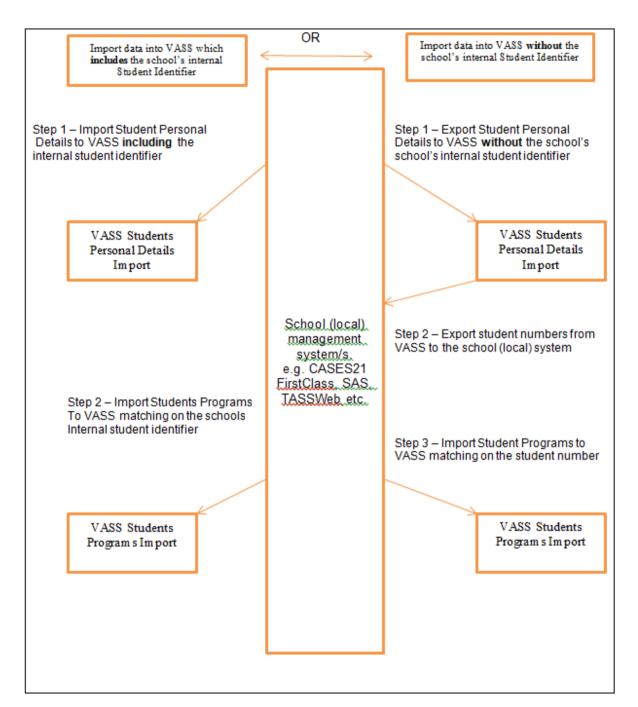


Figure 2: The steps in a Student Personal Details Import





### **Student Full Details Report**

The Student Full Details Report is the key report for checking Student Personal Details and enrolments.

The Student Full Details Report must be printed and given to students for checking and signing at the beginning of the year and always when changes have been made to either the students' personal details or enrolments.

#### **Exercise 7: Student Full Details Report**

- 1. Select STUDENT ADMIN > Student Full Details Report.
- 2. Enter all or part of the VCAA Student Number/ name and click on [Find]
- 3. Enter the appropriate parameters for the selected student and click [Run Student Full Details Report] See Figure 3.
- 4. Click [Close]

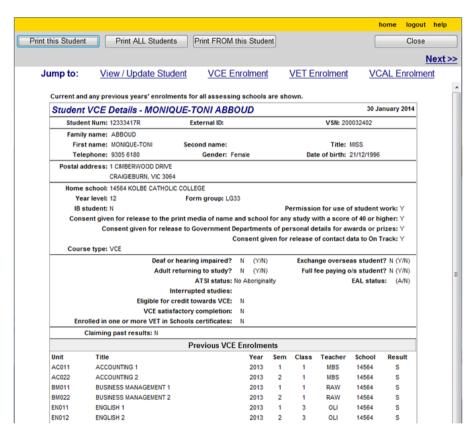


Figure 3: A VCE Student Full Details Report





### **Student Personal Details Forms**

This form can be printed as a 'blank' or can be used for Students who already have their details entered in VASS e.g. students rolled over from the previous year. Forms are produced by going to **STUDENT ADMIN > Student Personal Details Forms**. The forms can be blank for students to complete or printed pre-loaded with the student details currently in the VASS database and students either confirm or update the information.

To print as a four-page booklet on A3-size paper, set the printer preferences as follows: leave the paper size as A4, set the Duplex to Booklet, and tick the 'Non-Reduction Booklet' checkbox. You will get a warning message saying you must have A3 paper loaded.

# **Changing Student Consents**

VASS displays four consent flags for each student: 'Consent for Media Release', 'Consent for Awards Processing' Copyright and 'Consent for On Track Release'.

All four flags are set to 'No' when Student Personal Details data is imported.

Student Consents may be changed for individual students using the **STUDENT ADMIN** > **Modify Student Personal Details** menu or for students on a form group basis using the **STUDENT ADMIN** > **Student Consents** > **Change Student Consents** menu.

The report: **STUDENT ADMIN > Student Consents > Results Not to be Released** report displays a list of students who have one or more of their consent flags set to 'No' or blank. It is important to check this report, as students who have chosen NOT to have their results reported in previous years may wish to change their preferences once they are in Year 12. Consent flags of '**YES**' means that any score over 40 appears in the press and they will be eligible for consideration for a Premier's Award or an Australia Prize if they obtain a study score of 50.

#### **Exercise 8: Changing Student Consents**

- 1. Select STUDENT ADMIN > Student Consents > Change Student Consents.
- 2. Click [Find] A list of Year Levels and Form Groups will appear.
- 3. Select Year 12, and click [Change Students]
- 4. Cathy Kendall's 'Consent Media', 'Consent Awards' and 'Consent for On Track Release' flags are all set to 'No'. Set all three to '**YES'**.
- 5. Click [Save] The message 'Do you want to change.....?' will be displayed.
- 6. Click [Yes] The message 'Student consents saved successfully' will be displayed.
- 7. Click [OK] then [Close] The changes will be saved.





# **Matching Students Process and the Import Hold Table**

When students are added to the VCAA database, they are matched against those already on the VCAA database using four criteria:

- Family Name
- First Name
- Date of Birth
- Gender.

Students imported into VASS will be placed on the Import Hold Table if they match existing students on any three of these four criteria. This occurs when details for same-sex twins are imported. The second twin will be placed on the hold table as they match the existing twin's record on Family Name, Gender and Date of Birth.

Students on the Import Hold Table have not been allocated a VCAA Student Number and their personal details record is therefore incomplete.

Students must be moved from the Import Hold Table and allocated a Student Number before they can be enrolled in a program.

Invalid Suburb/Post Code combinations will also cause students to be placed on the Import Hold Table.

If an incoming student exactly matches a student who already has a record for the current year then the incoming student record is rejected. If the incoming student is not the existing student then it will be necessary to contact Student Records and Results for further advice.

If an incoming record containing a Student Number, Family Name, First Name, Gender and Date of Birth matches a student already on the VCAA database (but without a current year record) then a new year record will be created for the student and the existing data will be updated by the incoming record.

### **Exercise 9: Moving a Student from the Import Hold Table**

- 1. Select STUDENT ADMIN > Modify Student Personal Details.
- 2. Type 'IMPORT' in the Student Number field and click [Find] A list of all students on the Import Hold Table will be displayed.
- 3. Highlight the first student and click [Modify Student Details]
- 4. Click **[Save]** The Student Search Results dialog box will appear, displaying the details of students matching your student's details on any 3 of the 4 criteria.
- 5. If your student is not one of those listed, click **[Save as New Student]** Your student will be added to the database and allocated a Student Number.
- 6. Click [Next >>] to move to the next student on the Import Hold table.
- 7. Repeat these steps with the remaining students on the Import Hold Table.
- 8. When the final Import Hold student has been processed click [Close]

If the student is already on the database for 2014, close the match list by clicking **[Cancel]** and **[Delete Student with Pending Student Number]** The record will be deleted and the next student on the Import Hold table will be displayed.





### **Duplicate Student Search**

The **STUDENT ADMIN > Other Student Reports > Duplicate Student Search** produces a report that lists any possible duplicate students based on three out of four matches to Family Name, First Name, Date of Birth and Gender at your school.

Previously generated Duplicate Student reports can be viewed / printed, or a new report can be generated.

If the report indicates that you have a student with two student numbers you should contact VASS Operations for assistance.

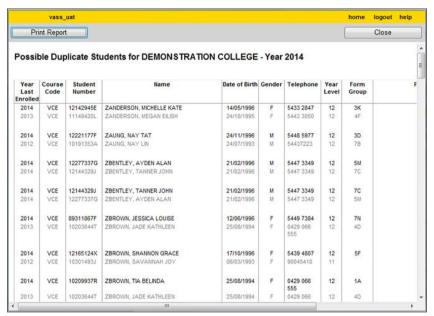


Figure 4: A Duplicate Student Search Report

# **Exporting Student Details**

Many VASS menu items allow data to be extracted from the system as a pipe (' | ') delimited text file. The extracted data can be used in many ways: mailing lists, imports into MarkBook or as the basis of a Student Program import file.

Once all your Students' Personal Details have been entered into VASS it is possible to extract the data including the Student Number for use as the basis of a Student Program import file.

MS Excel is usually used to view the extracted files.

### **Exercise 10A: Exporting Student Details from VASS**

- 1. Select STUDENT ADMIN > Export Student Details.
- 2. Select year 11 and click [Export Student Details]
- 3. Ensure the 'Always ask before opening this type of file' box is ticked and click [Save]
- 4. Select the USB in the Save In field.
- 5. Rename the file 'student.txt' and click on the **[Save]** The Download Complete dialog box will be displayed.
- 6. Click [Close]





#### **Exercise 10B: Imported VASS Student Details into Microsoft Excel**

- 1. Open Microsoft Excel.
- 2. Select File > Open.
- 3. In the 'Look in' field select the USB and in the 'Files of type' field select Text files.
- 4. Select the file student.txt. Click [Open]
- 5. Step 1 of 3 Text import Wizard Select 'Delimited' and click [Next]
- 6. **Step 2 of 3 Text import Wizard** Select **[Other]**, Type a '|' symbol in the 'Other' field. The '|' symbol is the pipe, hence the term 'pipe delimited' file. The pipe symbol is usually located on the same key as the backslash key on the computer keyboard and is shown as a broken vertical line. When the 'pipe' is entered, vertical lines will appear in the data preview pane.Click **[Next]**
- 7. **Step 2 of 3 Text import Wizard** This step is used to mark certain fields as 'text' to preserve the format click **[Finish]** The file should now be saved in Excel format for ease of use. This file can then be used by the school for mailing labels, etc.

# **Personal Details Summary**

The **STUDENT ADMIN > Other Student Reports > Personal Details Summary** is used to print a Summary list of the students once their personal details have been entered into VASS.

This report is very useful as it lists the course code as well as telephone number, date of birth and optionally the address of the students.

This report can be viewed on screen and printed, or extracted as a text file.

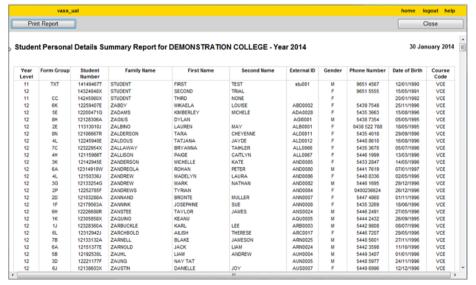


Figure 5: A Personal Details Summary report





### **School Admin**

### **Email Distribution Lists**

Changes made to email addresses on VASS do not automatically update the Edumail Distribution Lists (DLs) used to send VCAA Notices to Schools:

- DL Government Schools
- DL Government Schools Coordinators
- DL Non-government Schools
- DL Non-government Schools Coordinators.

Staff members from Government Schools should download the 'Joining the Distribution List – Government Schools' instructions from VASS to place themselves on the Edumail Distribution List (DL). Only Edumail email addresses can be used for Government Schools.

For Non-Government Schools, there is provision for only 2 email addresses per school. VASS Operations must be notified in writing of any changes to email addresses.

The main email address for Non-Governments School must be generic .e.g. vce@demonstration.vic.edu.au

# **Modifying School Details**

School contact details should be updated on VASS as soon as changes occur, e.g. address, telephone, fax, principal, VASS administrator and coordinators.

### **Exercise 11: Modifying School Details**

- 1. Select SCHOOL ADMIN > Modify School Details.
- 2. Make changes to details in this screen
- 3. Click [Save] The message 'Do you want to save.....?' will be displayed.
- 4. Click [Yes] The message 'School details saved successfully' will be displayed.
- 5. Click [OK] and [Confirm Details]
- 6. The message 'Do you want to confirm these details?' will be displayed.
- 7. Click [Yes] The message 'School details confirmed successfully' will be displayed.
- 8. Click [OK] and [Close]

Changes to a school name and main email address can only be done by the VCAA. Please contact VASS Operations for further details. School email addresses will only be changed after an email or fax has been received from the Principal or delegate.

Exam Centre Messages sent via VASS go to the school email address and to the VCE Coordinator (if an email address has been entered in VASS).





# **Viewing Other School Details**

Contact details for other VCE Providers may be viewed using SCHOOL ADMIN > View School Details.

#### **Exercise 12: Viewing Other School Details**

- Select SCHOOL ADMIN > View School Details.
- 2. It is possible to do a complete or partial search on the school name. Type VSL in the School Name field.
- 3. Click [Find]
- 4. Select 01314 VSL Altona North/Footscray/Sunshine by clicking on the appropriate line to highlight it.
- 5. Click [View] to view the school's details then click [Close]

### **Teacher Admin**

### **Teacher Rollover**

Continuing teachers must be 'rolled over' on VASS each year to create a record for the New Year. Teachers who have left the school can be omitted from the 'rollover' by removing the tick from the 'Required to be Registered?' box.

#### **Exercise 13: Teacher Rollover**

- 1. Select TEACHER ADMIN > Teacher Rollover.
- 2. Click [Rollover Teachers]
- 3. The Rollover Teachers screen will be displayed.
- 4. Remove the tick from the 'Required to be Registered?' column for one of the teachers as they have left the college and click [Rollover]
- 5. The message 'Do you want to rollover.....?' will be displayed.
- 6. Click [Yes] the 'Teacher Rollover Complete' report will be displayed. Click [Close]

# Adding a New Teacher

New teachers may be added to VASS at any time during the year.

### **Exercise 14: Adding a New Teacher**

- 1. Select TEACHER ADMIN > Add Teacher...
- 2. Enter a Teacher Code and values in each of the Title, Family Name and First Name fields.
- 3. Click [Save] The message 'Do you want to create.....?' will be displayed.
- 4. Click [Yes] The message 'Teacher details saved successfully' will be displayed.
- 5. Click [OK] then [Close].





# **VCE School Program**

# Selecting VCE units offered by the home school

Only units being assessed by your school should be selected.

Setting up a VCE program involves:

- Selecting VCE Units offered by your school.
- Setting up classes for VCE Units being offered at your school.
- Setting up classes for VCE Units being undertaken by your students at an assessing school.

### **Exercise 15: Selecting Units Offered by the home school**

- 1. Select SCHOOL PROGRAM > VCE > Select Units to be Offered.
- 2. Click [Add Units] The Add VCE Units screen will be displayed
- 3. Select: PL011 Philosophy 1, PL022 Philosophy 2, and PL033 Philosophy 3.
- 4. Click [Add] The message 'Do you want to add.....?' will be displayed.
- 5. Click [Yes] The message 'Units added successfully' will be displayed.
- 6. Click [OK] then [Close]

# **Setting up Classes**

VCE classes can be rolled over from the previous year if the Units have been selected in the current year. Class codes cannot be edited. If the teacher has not been rolled over from the previous year, the class will be rolled over but the Teacher Code will be blank. If time blocks have been added to the classes in the previous year, these will be rolled over with the classes.

VCE classes can be set up using one of two menus. The Add Class menu is best used where only one class is required for a Unit. The Add/Modify Classes menu is used where a school has multiple classes for the same Unit.

A home school is required to set up classes for all studies undertaken by their students even when those studies are assessed elsewhere. However, studies being assessed elsewhere should not be selected as being offered by your school.

When a Unit 3 class is set up the corresponding Unit 4 class is created. Unit 1 and 2 classes can be set up together or independently

#### **Exercise 16A: Setting Up Classes Taught by the home school**

- 1. Select SCHOOL PROGRAM > VCE > Add Class.
- 2. Enter **PL011** (Unit 1 Philosophy) or click on the binoculars and select from the pick list
- 3. Enter the Class Code and [Select] a Teacher Code from the pick list
- 4. Enter a Tick in the box for "Also create PL022? This will create a class for the Unit 2.
- 5. Click [Save] The message 'Do you want to create....?' will be displayed.
- 6. Click [Yes] and [OK]





When setting up classes assessed elsewhere it is not necessary to select the VCE unit or enter a teacher code.

#### Exercise 16B: Setting up classes taught by another school

- 1. Select SCHOOL PROGRAM > VCE > Add Class.
- 2. Enter LO093 (LOTE:French 3) and enter ZZ as the Class Code.
- 3. Click [Save] The message 'Do you want to create.......?' will be displayed.
- 4. Click **[Yes]** The message 'You are creating a class for a unit that is not being offered at this school. Do you wish to continue?' will be displayed.
- 5. Click [Yes], [OK] then [Close]

When a Unit 3 class is set up this way a matching Unit 4 class is automatically set up with the same class, time block and teacher details.

#### Exercise 16C: Setting up multiple classes for a unit

- 1. Select SCHOOL PROGRAM > VCE > Add/Modify Classes.
- 2. On the Add/Modify Classes Browse VCE Units screen change the 'Include units not assessed at this school?' radio button to **YES** and enter **EV033** in the Unit Code field.
- 3. Click [Find] enter a Class Code and click [Add Class] The message 'Do you want to create.....?' will be displayed.
- 4. Click **[Yes]** and **[OK]**. Repeat steps 4, 5 and 6 to set up classes B and C. Teacher details and time block data can be added later.
- 5. Click [Close]

When a Unit 3 class is set up this way a matching Unit 4 class is automatically set up with the same class details but the time block and teacher details must be added separately.

# **School Program Summary**

The School Program Summary (SCHOOL PROGRAM > School Program Summary) is a list of the Units, Teachers, classes, and number of students enrolled in each class taught at your School. Units will only show on this report after a class is set up for that Unit. It can be run for the entire School Program or separately for VCE, VET and VCAL Programs.

This report can be viewed on screen and printed, or extracted as a text file.

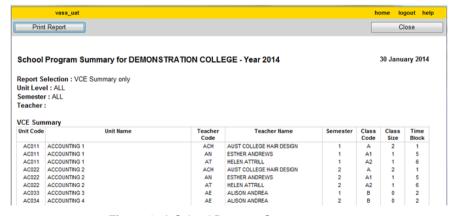


Figure 6: A School Program Summary report





# **Programs Offered by Schools**

The SCHOOL PROGRAM > Programs Offered by Schools is used to locate assessing schools offering Units that your students may wish to undertake and Schools with whom your school may be able to form a Partnership.

In both cases you must have permission from the selected School before enrolling a student with them or attempting to form a Partnership.

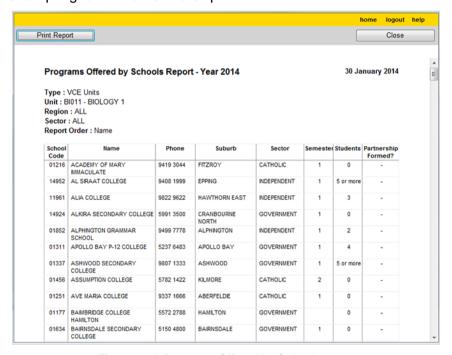


Figure 7: A Programs Offered by Schools report

# **School Assessment Dates entry**

The SCHOOL PROGRAM > VCE > School Assessment Dates screen allows the user to enter all internal school assessment due dates. Once these dates are enterd into VASS, they will appear in the Student Assessment Timetable report for each student when the 'Include School Assessments' option is selected.

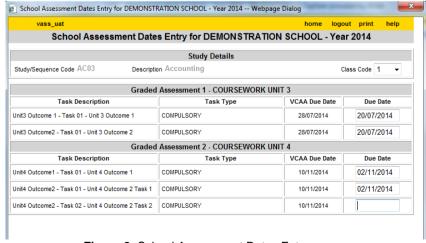


Figure 8: School Assessment Dates Entry screen





# **VCE Student Program**

#### Certificate of enrolment

#### From 2014:

- Students can only be awarded one senior secondary certificate, either VCE or VCAL in a single academic year
- Students will no longer be awarded both a VCAL and VCE certificate for the same program of study.
- Students will need to nominate one certificate in each academic year to be their certificate of enrolment.

### **VCE** enrolment

#### Exercise 17a: VCE enrolment at the home school

- 1. Select STUDENT PROGRAM > VCE > Enrolment.
- 2. Enter the initials J.A. and click [Find]
- 3. Select John Adams and click [Modify Student's VCE Enrolment]
- 4. Click [Add]. A box is shown listing all the classes that the school has set up.
- 5. Click on AC011 (ACCOUNTING 1) and click [Add]
- 6. Select and [Add] PY022 (PSYCHOLOGY 2), AR011 (ART 1), and:
- BM011 (BUSINESS MANAGEMENT 1), class G
- BM022 (BUSINESS MANAGEMENT 2), class G
- EN011 (ENGLISH 1), class A
- EN012 (ENGLISH 2), class A
- MA071 (MATHS: GENERAL MATHEMATICS 1), class M
- MA072 (MATHS: GENERAL MATHEMATICS 2), class M
- PY011 (PSYCHOLOGY 1), class K. All are now Pending Enrolments
- 7. Click [Submit Pending Enrolments] The message 'You are about to enrol JOHN ADAMS in the following units.....?' will be displayed.
- 8. Click **[Yes]** and **[OK]** The enrolment maintenance screen will be displayed with John Adams' enrolment details.
- 9. Click [Close]

Enrolments into studies assessed by another Provider can be made either by the student's home school or by the assessing school. The assessing school must know the students student number to undertake enrolments. The assessing school is responsible for the entry of results.

The exception to the above is students studying Dance with a private provider. The home school is responsible for the student's enrolment and results entry. The assessing school code however should be that of the private provider with the class code of the home school.

Focus areas are mandatory for MC043/4 – Music Performance, Units 3 and 4, MC053/4 – Music Investigation Units 3 and 4 and TT033/4 – Texts and Traditions, Units 3 and 4 so the correct focus area code should be initially entered.





The remaining studies requiring focus areas are:

- AR033/4 Art Units 3 and 4
- DT033/4 Product Design and Technology Units 3 and 4
- ME033/4 Media Units 3 and 4
- SA033/4 Studio Arts Units 3 and 4
- SE033/4 Systems Engineering Units 3 and 4
- VC033/4 Visual Communication Design Units 3 and 4.

If the focus area is not initially known for these studies, the default value of Not Specified can be used until the correct focus area is known. The cut-off date for changing focus codes is Enrolment 2.

### Exercise 17b: VCE Enrolments at another assessing school and Focus Codes

- 1. Select STUDENT PROGRAM > VCE > Enrolment.
- 2. Enter the initials L.L. and click [Find]
- 3. As there is only one student (*Larry Lescun*) matching the entered data his details will be displayed immediately. Some versions of Larry have no enrolments and some have enrolments in Greek.
- 4. Click [Add] and select EN013 (English 3) DT033 (Product Design and Technology).
- 5. When Product Design and Technology is added to Pending Enrolments
- 6. In Focus Area next to Product Design and Technology, select an area of your choice.
- 7. [Add] LO093 and LO094 (LOTE: French 3/4), class ZZ
- 8. Larry is studying French at another school; therefore the assessing school Code for this Unit needs to be changed. Click on the binoculars next to LO093 and [Select] 01870 VSL Lote Distance Education Centre Victoria. Repeat steps for LO094 (LOTE: French 4).
- 9. Click [Submit Pending Enrolments] The message 'You are about to enrol Larry Lescun......?' will be displayed.
- Click [Yes] and [OK] At this point an automatically generated email is sent to the assessing school for both Units LO093 and LO094. School 01870 now has an enrolment for Larry Lescun in LO093 and LO094. You will be returned to the VCE Enrolment Maintenance screen.
- 11. To change the Focus Area, select **DT033** Product Design and Technology Unit 3, click **[Modify]** and select the correct Focus area then click **[Save]**
- 12. The message 'Do you want to save the changes...?' will appear. Click [Yes]
- 13. Click **[OK]** and **[Close]** The Focus Area for DT033 and DT034 has been changed. Assessing schools and class codes can also be changed using this method.
- 14. Click [Close] to exit the enrolment screen for Larry.

### **Class Lists**

**STUDENT PROGRAM > VCE Reports > Class Lists** are the key reports for teachers to check that all students have been allocated to the correct class. There are three versions of the class list: Template with Blank Columns, Detailed List on Screen and Export Detailed List. The Detailed List version is the only summary report of focus codes.

Class Lists must be printed and distributed to teachers for checking at the beginning of the year and whenever a student's enrolment details change.





See Figure 10 for a sample of a class List – Template with Blank Columns. Figure 11 is a sample of the Detailed List on Screen version.

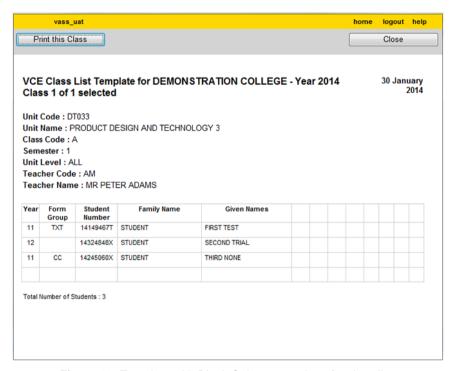


Figure 10: Template with Blank Columns version of a class list.

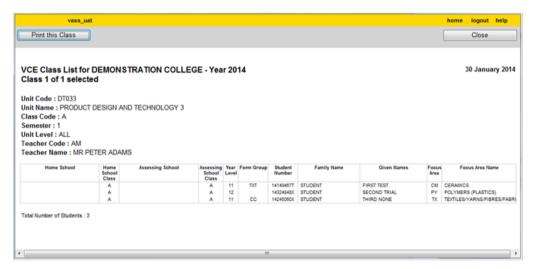


Figure 11: Detailed List on Screen version of a class list with Focus Area Code and name columns.





### Student Level Program by Block Report

The STUDENT PROGRAM > Student Program Inquiries Reports > Student Level Program by Block report lists all students in alphabetical order by Year Level and Form Group with their semester one and two VCE enrolments, then VET and VCAL enrolments.

The VET enrolments will be listed by certificate code once in a column, VCAL unit codes will be shown.

VET and VCAL enrolments will be omitted if the report is filtered by semester.

If the Timetable Block information is entered when the classes are set up then the students' enrolments are displayed per block. If not, all enrolments are listed as 'Block Unassigned'.

This report can be used to indicate if a student is enrolled in two studies that occur in the same block on the timetable.

This is the report produced for the Government Schools Auditors.

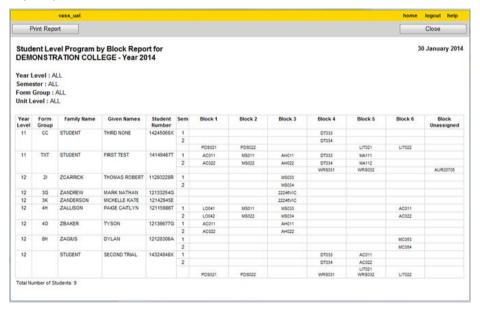


Figure 12: Student Level Program by Block Report.

# **Students Not Allocated to Classes Report**

The STUDENT PROGRAM > Student Program Enquiries Reports > Students Not Allocated to Classes report lists any student who has not been assigned to a class by either their home or assessing school.

A student's enrolment is not complete until each Unit the student is enrolled in has a class code entered by both the home school and the assessing school. For most students these are the same, as they are assessed by their home school.

If the assessing school has not entered a class code then they will be unable to enter results for that Unit or print class lists.





There are three groups of students whose enrolments may not be complete due to a missing class code:

- Students who have been transferred to a new home school. The original home school class codes are removed when a student is transferred but the assessing school class code does not change. The new home school will need to place the student in the appropriate classes.
- Students who have been enrolled by their home school to undertake a Unit at an assessing school where the assessing school has not yet entered the class code.
- Students who have been enrolled by their assessing school to undertake a Unit at that School and the home school has not yet entered the home school class code.

Do not change class codes for units completed at the previous home school. e.g. Unit 1 or 3 in semester1 if the student was transferred to your school in Semester 2.

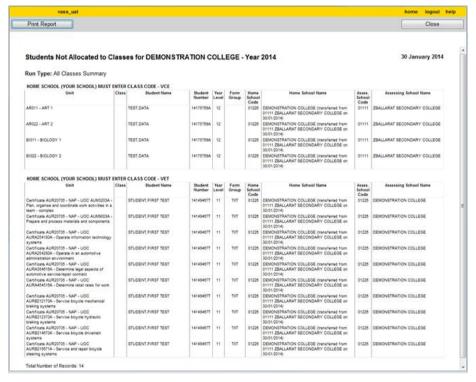


Figure 13: Student Not Allocated to Classes Report





# **Changing a Student Class Code**

The Change Student Class Code function can also be used to change student class codes.

Students enrolled in a Unit 3/4 sequence can change classes without being withdrawn first from the unit by this method.

### **Exercise 18: Change Student Class Code**

- 1. Select STUDENT PROGRAM > VCE > Change Student Class Code.
- 2. Enter *LO223* (LOTE: Greek 3) and click **[Find]** Two records will be displayed. A class with no class code and a class with class code 'X'.
- 3. Select the record with no class code and click [Change All Students]. A list of students without a class code for this Unit will be displayed.
- 4. Select Class Code X and click [Save]
- 5. The message 'Do you want to allocate....?' will be displayed. Click [Yes]
- 6. Click [OK] Repeat the same procedure for LO224 (LOTE: Greek 4).

# **Students Without a Program Report**

The STUDENT PROGRAM > Student Program Enquiries Reports > Students Without a Program report is used to check that all non PDO students enrolled in the current year have been enrolled in a Program of Study.

Any students listed who are no longer at your School should be exited then deleted as early in the year as possible.

# **Student Eligibility Reports**

There are four Student Eligibility reports:

- The VCE Student Eligibility report STUDENT PROGRAM > VCE Reports > Student Eligibility is used to check the eligibility of students to complete the VCE or VET Certificate in which they are enrolled.
- The VET Student Eligibility report STUDENT PROGRAM > VET in Schools Reports
   VET Student Eligibility is used to check the eligibility of students to complete the VES VET Certificate in which they are enrolled.
- The VCE (Baccalaureate) Eligibility report STUDENT PROGRAM > VCE Reports > VCE (Baccalaureate) Eligibility is used to check the eligibility of students to receive the VCE Baccalaureate Certificate
- A separate VCAL Eligibility report is available through the menu: STUDENT PROGRAM > VCAL Reports > VCAL Student Eligibility.

It is recommended that the VCE and VET Eligibility Reports be run for all Year 12 students prior to the Enrolment 2 date and again later in the year, but especially following any changes to enrolments for Year 12 students.

The Eligibility Reports work on the basis that a blank result is a potential 'S' so it is important to rerun the VCE Eligibility Report after the entry of semester 1 results.

When running the Eligibility report it is possible to include or exclude eligible students.





Once scheduled, the status of the Eligibility report will progressively move from 'Scheduled' to 'In Progress'. To check the progress of the report, click [Recheck Status] This will refresh the page.

Like the Duplicate Student Search and Imports, the Student Eligibility report is processed in the background.

The Eligibility Reports are stored for 2 weeks. They are not interactive reports and so must be rerun following any changes to enrolments or the entry of results.

Once the Eligibility Report has been completed it may be viewed by selecting the radio buttons to filter the Eligibility report and using **[Run Report]** 

Other filters can be used as required.

The Student Full Details Report with an Eligibility statement can be printed selecting the Display Student Full Details Report radio button.

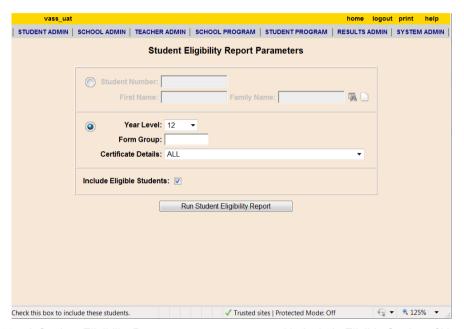


Figure 14a: A Student Eligibility Report parameters screen with 'Include Eligible Students?' box ticked.





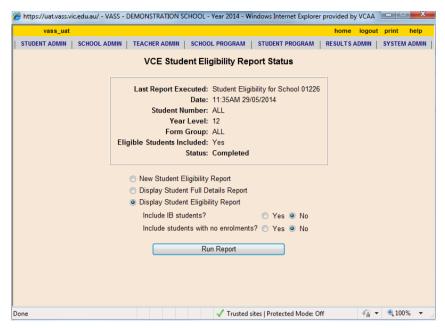


Figure 14b: A Student Eligibility Report status screen

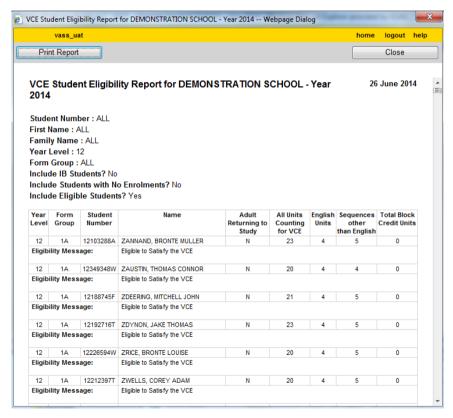


Figure 15a: A VCE Student Eligibility Report with 'Include Eligible Students?' box ticked.





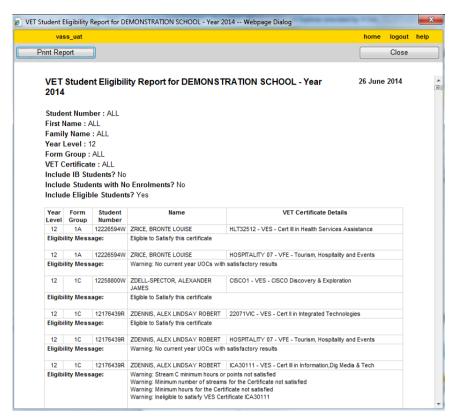


Figure 15b: A VET Student Eligibility Report with 'Include Eligible Students?' box ticked.

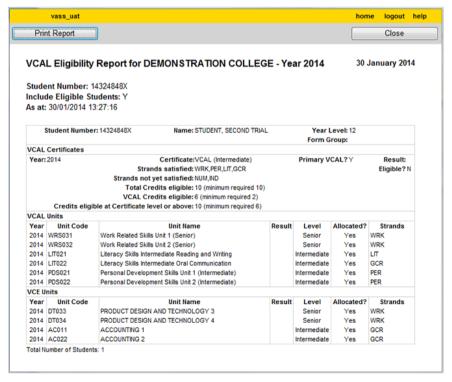


Figure 16: A VCAL Student Eligibility Report





# **VET School Program**

For administrative purposes all VET certificates (VES, NAP and VFE) are deemed to be delivered by the students' home school. This means that home schools are responsible for enrolling their students and entering results. The correct RTO must be recorded against the students' enrolment.

Setting up a VET program involves:

- selecting the VET/FE certificate/s offered by your school
- selecting the RTO/s responsible for each VET certificate offered by your school
- setting up classes for the required VET/FE UoCs (Units of Competence).

Students undertaking a VFE Certificate as part of a School Based New Apprenticeship (SBA) must be correctly flagged.

# Selecting a VET Certificate

#### **Exercise 19: Selecting a VET Certificate**

- 1. Select SCHOOL PROGRAM > VET in Schools > Select Certificates to be Offered.
- 2. Four certificates have already been selected. Click [Add Certificates]
- 3. Select LMF20309, VES, Certificate II in Furniture Making.and click [Add]
- 4. The message 'Do you want to add the certificates.....?' will be displayed.
- 5. Click [Yes] The message 'Certificates added successfully' will be displayed.
- 6. Click [OK] then [Close]

# **Certificate UoC Structure Report**

The Certificate UoC (Unit of Competence) Structure Report is an extremely useful report that provides information about Streams, compulsory and optional UoCs, scored UoCs and indicates when a class has been set up for a UoC.

The Certificate UoC Structure report indicates whether a Certificate can be undertaken as a School Based New Apprenticeship.

All NAP Certificates are only available as School Based New Apprenticeships. Some VFE Certificates may be undertaken as School Based Apprenticeships. VES Certificates are not available as School Based Apprenticeships.





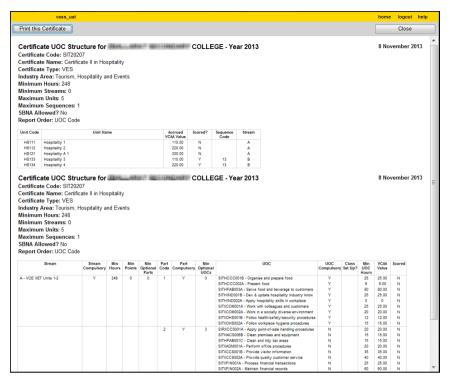


Figure 17: Certificate UoC Structure Report

# **VET Add/Modify RTOs**

#### **Exercise 20: Selecting the RTO for a VET Certificate**

- 1. Select SCHOOL PROGRAM > VET in Schools > Add/Modify RTOs/Classes.
- 2. Select LMF20309, VES, Certificate II in Furniture Making
- 3. Click [Add/Modify VET RTOs]
- 4. Select an RTO and click **[Add RTO]** The message 'Do you want to create.....?' will be displayed. Note: If the required RTO is not listed, you must contact Student Records and Results.
- 5. Click [Yes] The message 'RTO details saved successfully' will be displayed.
- 6. Click [OK] and [Close]





### **VET Add/Modify Classes**

The only way to distinguish UoCs taught at the home school and those offered by an RTO is by the use of the Teacher Name. The Teacher Name can be left blank where the UoC is taught outside the school or a made-up teacher using the name of the RTO. A made-up teacher will help when distributing enrolment lists and/or results input sheets to RTOs.

#### **Exercise 21: Setting up UoC Classes**

- 1. Select SCHOOL PROGRAM > VET in Schools > Add/Modify RTOs/Classes.
- 2. Select *LMF20309, VES, Certificate II in Furniture Making* and click [Add/Modify VET Classes]
- 3. Select Stream B, Units 3 / 4 and click [Add Stream]
- 4. Enter Class Code for the required UoCs.(compulsory UOC's are at the top of the list)
- 5. Once all the details in the top row have been completed, remove the tick in the **Delete?** next to the '**All UoCs'** or against every UOC you wish to keep and all the following rows will also be completed
- 6. Or select each UoC by taking the tick out of the withdraw box and completing the Class Code and Teacher Code.
- 7. Click [Save] The message 'Do you want to create.....?' will be displayed.
- 8. Click [Yes] [OK] Teacher details can be added if required Click [Close]

# **VET Student Program**

### **Enrolling in a VET Certificate and UoCs**

Enrolling a student in a VET Certificate is a two-step process. The student must first be enrolled in the Certificate and then they must be enrolled in the appropriate UoCs or Stream. The alternative is a one-step complete program enrolment.

In both cases, the VET program must be set up first in VASS.

Students undertaking a school-based apprenticeship must have their enrolment correctly flagged.

#### Exercise 22a: Enrolling a student in a VET Certificate

- 1. Select STUDENT PROGRAM > VET in Schools > Enrolment.
- 2. **[Find] Valerie Martins** and select **BSB20107, VES, Certificate II in Business.** in the VET maintenance screen.
- 3. Select an RTO and click **[Add]** The message 'You are about to enrol Valerie Martins in.....?' will be displayed.
- 4. Click [Yes] and [OK] The VET Enrolment Maintenance screen will be displayed.

The next step is to enrol the student into the Stream (UOC classes) within the certificate.





#### Exercise 22b: Enrolling a student in UoCs

- 1. Select Stream A Units 1-2.
- 2. Click [Add Stream] The Add VET Stream screen will be displayed, listing all the UoCs in that stream for which classes have been set up.
- 3. To select all the UoCs Units you have created classes for in this stream, remove the tick in the top box of the 'Withdraw?' column. Alternatively, select the UoCs Units you wish to enrol the student into by removing the tick in the 'Withdraw?' column beside each UoC.
- 4. Click [Save] The message 'Do you want to save the changes.....?' will be displayed.
- Click [Yes] and [OK] The VET Enrolment Maintenance screen will be displayed with *Units 1 and 2 UoCs from Stream A.* VCE VET units *BU171*, *BU172* and *BU181* will also be displayed.
- 6. Click on the blue VCE Enrolment link at the bottom of the page. The automatically allocated VCE VET Units are displayed on the VCE Enrolment screen in light grey.

VCE VET Units provide the link between a student's VET Certificate enrolment and their VCE Enrolment. VCE VET Units can be viewed but not altered from the VCE Enrolment screen.

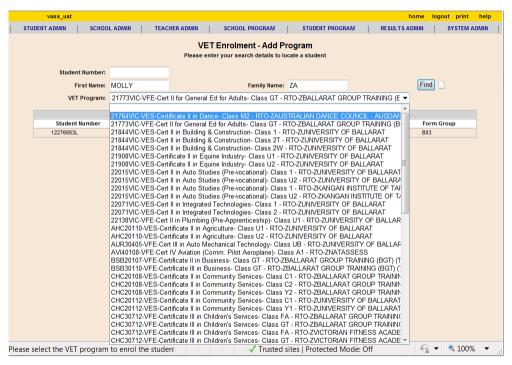


Figure 18: VET Enrolment - Program

#### Exercise 22c: Enrolling a student in a complete VET Program

- Select STUDENT PROGRAM > VET in Schools > Enrolment > Add Program.
- 2. [Find] the student and highlight the line
- 3. Select 21908VIC, VES, Certificate 11 in Equine Industry from the list.
- 4. Click [Add VET Program]
- 5. The VET Enrolment Maintenance screen will be displayed showing the students enrolment into the *VET Equine Program Stream A.*
- 6. Any messages regarding the enrolment will be displayed at the top of the UoC list. Any modifications can be made if needed now click **[Close]**





#### **Certificate Enrolment List**

The STUDENT PROGRAM > VET in Schools Reports > Certificate Enrolment Lists reports on all students enrolled in Certificates offered by the School. This report also provides information on the number of UoCs each student is enrolled in and the status of their Assessment Plan.

A student's VET enrolment is not valid if they are only enrolled in the Certificate and the UoC count is zero.

This is the report produced for the Government Schools Auditors.

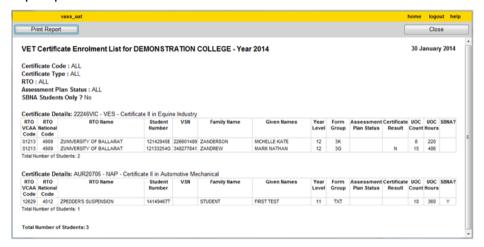


Figure 19: VET Certificate Enrolment List

### **Entering an Assessment Plan**

An Assessment Plan is mandatory for all students enrolled in a VET Certificate with a scored Unit 3–4 stream. The Assessment Plan is essentially coursework for VET and the screen can be accessed via the link on the VET Enrolment Maintenance screen or via the menu STUDENT PROGRAM > VET in Schools > Modify Assessment Plan.

#### Exercise 23: Entering an Assessment Plan for a student

- 1. Select STUDENT PROGRAM > VET in Schools > Modify Assessment Plan.
- 2. [Find] Graeme O'Meara and [Modify Assessment Plan]
- 3. Graeme O'Meara's details will be displayed. The 'Assessment Plan Status' field is **No Plan**. The following Assessment Plan information has been provided by Graeme's RTO:

UoC	Task Description
CUESOU07B – Apply audio general knowledge to work activities	Work Performance
CUESOU08B – Select/Manage microphone/audio inputs	Portfolio
CUSSOU301A – Provide sound reinforcement	Product
CUSSOU302A – Record and mix a basic music demo	Work Project
CUSSOU303A – Set up and disassemble audio equipment	Work Performance





- 4. In the pull down menu next to **CUESOU07B** Apply audio general knowledge to work activities, The Task Options will be displayed.
- 5. Select either *task 01 Work performance* or *02 Work performance*. Although the Task Description is the same these are different Task Types based on the Task Number.
- 6. Repeat for *CUSSOU303A* Set up and disassemble audio equipment using the task type allocated by the RTO.
- 7. Select the tasks for the other UoCs listed.
- 8. Click [Save] The message 'Do you want to save the changes....?' will be displayed.
- 9. Click [Yes] The message 'Assessment Plan details saved successfully' will be displayed.
- 10. Click **[OK]** Note that at the top right of the screen next to the 'Assessment Plan' field the words *Invalid Plan* are displayed. The reason the Plan is Invalid will also be displayed.
- 11. In real life it would be necessary to contact the RTO to solve this issue. In this example, change the '*Portfolio*' task to the same task type used for *CUSSOU302A* Record and mix a basic music demo that is, to *Work Project*.
- 12. Click **[Save]** and **[Yes]** The message 'Assessment Plan details saved successfully' will be displayed.
- 13. Click [OK] The value in the 'Assessment Plan' Status field is Valid Plan.
- 14. Click [Close] The Modify Assessment Plan Browse Students screen will be refreshed.

### **Assessment Plan Report**

The Assessment Plans Report shows, for scored VET Certificates and streams, the details for each student for whom an Assessment Plan is required.

For students with Assessment Plans, each task being undertaken by the student is reported, along with the UOCs allocated to the task and the weighting of the task. The weighting is the number of hours of UOCs allocated to this task as a percentage of the hours of UOCs allocated to all tasks.

The report can be used to verify that Assessment Plans have been correctly recorded:

- 1. Select STUDENT PROGRAM > VET in Schools Reports > Assessment Plans.
- 2. Select a Certificate from the pull down menu or leave as default 'ALL'
- 3. Click [Run Assessment Plan Report]

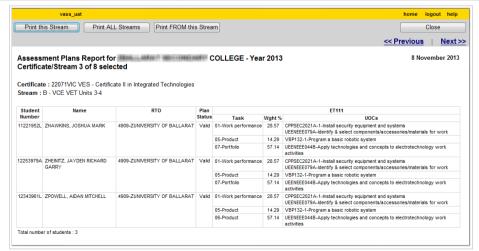


Figure 20: Assessment Plan report





# VCAL School Program

As with a VET Certificate a student's VCAL Program is deemed to be delivered by the home school. This means that home schools are responsible for enrolling their students and entering results.

Like all enrolments on VASS, the Student's Personal Details must first be entered and a VCAA Student Number obtained before enrolments into a VCAL Program can commence.

A student's VCAL program can consist of VCAL Units, one or more VET/VFE Certificates and some VCE Units.

Setting up the school's VCAL program can involve:

- selecting the VCAL Certificate/s as being offered by your school
- selecting the Provider/s for the VCAL Certificate
- selecting the VCAL Units/s as being offered by your school
- selecting the Provider/s for the VCAL Units
- setting up classes for the VCAL Units being offered
- setting up classes for the VCE Units being offered as part of the VCAL program
- selecting the VCE VET and VET/VFE Certificates being offered as part of the VCAL program
- setting up classes for the required VCE VET and VET/VFE Units of Competence (UoCs).

### **Curriculum Strand Report**

In order to be awarded a VCAL Certificate, a student must obtain a number of credits. These credits may be made up of VCE Units, VET/VFE Training and VCAL Units. There must be at least one credit from each of the Curriculum Strands: Industry Specific, Literacy, Numeracy, Personal Development, VCAL General Credit Pool and Work Related.

The Curriculum Strand Report lists the VCAL units, VCE units and VETV/FE training required for students to complete each Strand of their VCAL Certificate at a particular level.

The Curriculum Strand Report can be accessed via **SCHOOL PROGRAM > VCAL > Curriculum Strand Report**.





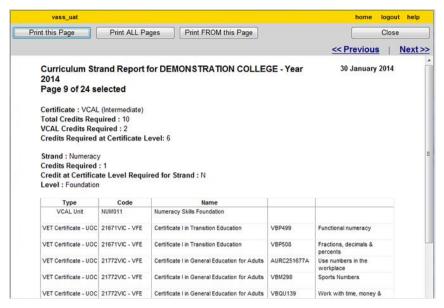


Figure 21: A Curriculum Strand Report.

### Selecting a VCAL certificate

#### **Exercise 24: Selecting a VCAL Certificate**

- 1. Select SCHOOL PROGRAM > VCAL > Select Certificates to be Offered.
- 2. Click [Add Certificates] and select VCAL (Intermediate).
- 3. Click [Add] The message 'Do you want to add.....?' will be displayed.
- 4. Click [Yes] The message 'Certificates added successfully' will be displayed.
- 5. Click [OK] then [Close]

### **Selecting a VCAL Certificate Provider**

#### **Exercise 25: Selecting a VCAL Certificate Provider**

- 1. Select SCHOOL PROGRAM > VCAL > Add/Modify Certificate Providers
- 2. Click [Add/Modify Providers] and select the correct Provider from the list.
- 3. Click [Add Provider] The message 'Do you create.....?' will be displayed.
- 4. Click [Yes] The message 'Provider details saved successfully' will be displayed.
- 5. Click [OK] then [Close]





### Selecting a VCAL unit

#### **Exercise 26: Selecting a VCAL Unit**

- 1. Select SCHOOL PROGRAM > VCAL > Select Units to be Offered.
- 2. Click [Add Units] and select WRS021 Work Related Skills, Unit 1 (Intermediate)
- 3. Click [Add] The message 'Do you want to add.....?' will be displayed.
- 4. Click [Yes] The message 'Units added successfully' will be displayed.
- 5. Click [OK] and [Close]

### Selecting a VCAL Unit Provider

#### **Exercise 27: Selecting a VCAL Unit Provider**

- 1. Select SCHOOL PROGRAM > VCAL > Add/Modify Unit Providers
- 2. Click [Add/Modify Unit] and select the correct Provider from the list.
- 3. Click [Add Provider] The message 'Do you create .....? will be displayed.
- 4. Click [Yes] The message 'Provider details saved successfully' will be displayed.
- 5. Click [OK] and [Close]

### **VCAL Add/Modify Classes**

#### **Exercise 28: Setting up VCAL Classes**

- 1. Select SCHOOL PROGRAM > VCAL > Add/Modify Classes.
- 2. [Find] VCAL Unit: WRS021 Work Related Skills Unit 1 (Intermediate).
- 3. Click [Add/Modify Classes] The VCAL Class Details screen will be displayed.
- 4. Enter the Class Code and click **[Add Class]** The message 'Do you want to create.....?' will be displayed.
- 5. Click [Yes] The message 'Class details saved successfully' will be displayed.
- 6. Click [OK] and [OK] then [Close]





# VCAL Student Program

#### Certificate of enrolment:

- Students can only be awarded one senior secondary certificate, either VCE or VCAL in a single academic year
- Students will no longer be awarded both a VCAL and VCE certificate for the same program of study.
- Students will need to nominate one certificate in each academic year to be their certificate of enrolment.

VCAL students can be enrolled into VCE units but VCE students cannot be enrolled into VCAL units.

### **Enrolling in a VCAL Certificate and VCAL Units**

A VCAL student is first enrolled in the VCAL Certificate and then in the appropriate VCAL Units, VET UOCs and VCE Units.

#### Exercise 29a: Enrolling a student in a VCAL Certificate

- 1. Select STUDENT PROGRAM > VCAL > Enrolment.
- 2. [Find] John Adams and [Add VCAL Enrolment]
- 3. Select VCAL (Foundation) and the correct Certificate Provider for this student
- 4. Click [Add] The message 'You are about to enroll......?' will be displayed.
- 5. Click **[Yes]** The message 'John Adam has been enrolled in the following VCAL Certificate: **VCAL** (**Foundation**).' will be displayed.
- 6. Click [OK]

#### Exercise 29b: Enrolling a student into VCAL Units

- 1. Click [Add Multiple Units]
- 2. Select the VCAL Units you wish to enrol the student into by removing the tick in the 'Withdraw?' column.
- 3. Select the correct *Unit Provider* for each unit if more than one is available.
- 4. Select the correct class if more than one is available.
- 5. Click [Save] The message 'Do you want to save.....?' will appear.
- 6. Click **[Yes]** The message 'The student's VCAL enrolment details have been saved successfully' will be displayed.
- 7. Click **[OK]** The Modify VCAL Enrolment screen will be displayed with the selected VCAL Units.
- 8. Click [Close]





# **Results Entry**

#### **Data Entry of School Assessments**

The current version of Data Entry of School Assessments provides a Summary of the Assessment for each study. The booklet can be downloaded through VASS: **SYSTEM ADMIN > Downloads.** It is recommended that a copy of the appropriate pages of the current version be provided to teachers when available at the beginning of the year. This spread sheet is updated yearly.

All VCE sequences (except VCE VET sequences) have three Graded Assessments. However, the combination of Coursework Unit, School-assessed Tasks and Examination Graded Assessments varies across studies.

VCE VET programs offering a study score have only two Graded Assessments (Coursework Unit 3–4 and End-of-year Examination).

#### Focus Area approval

The Focus Area approval process allows VCAA to confirm that each student enrolled in VCE Music Investigation Units 3-4 has selected a Focus Area of appropriate depth and breadth, that this Focus Area has appropriate links to a work selected from a VCE Music Prescribed list and that the Focus Area provides adequate scope for the student to prepare and present a performance examination program that will allow them to address assessment criteria at the highest level.

Each section of the approval form must be completed. Copies of the form can be downloaded from the VCE Music Investigation study page.

Approval forms should be uploaded via VASS on or before 5:00pm of the cut-off date as published in the Important Administrative Dates and on the VASS home page. A reply indicating 'approved' or 'not approved' will be sent by VCAA as soon as possible after the cut-off date.

#### **Extended Investigation**

The VCE Extended Investigation enables students to develop, refine and extend knowledge and skills in independent research and carry out an investigation that focuses on a rigorous research question.

The investigation may be an extension of an area of curriculum already undertaken by the student or it may be completely independent of any other study in the student's VCE program.

Through this study, students develop their capacity to explore, justify and defend their research findings to a general audience in both oral and written forms.

Students must undertake Unit 3 prior to undertaking Unit 4. Units 3 and 4 are designed to a standard equivalent to the final year of secondary education. Accordingly, the standards of research expected of students undertaking the VCE Extended Investigation is that of the final year of secondary education.

Units 3 and 4 each involve at least 50 hours of scheduled supervised instruction and mentoring combined with independent study monitored by the supervising teacher. It is expected that students will commit out-of-school time to undertake research and that schools will monitor this aspect of the study.





#### **VCE** (Baccalaureate)

The VCE (Baccalaureate) will be awarded to eligible students from 2014.

The VCE (Baccalaureate) will support the Government's objectives to encourage more students to include languages and higher level mathematics in their senior secondary program of study.

To be eligible for the award of the VCE (Baccalaureate), students will be required to meet the requirements of satisfactory completion of the VCE and:

- satisfactorily complete a Units 3 and 4 sequence from English or Literature or English Language with a minimum study score of 30 or English as an Additional Language (EAL) with a minimum study score of 33
- satisfactorily complete a Units 3 and 4 sequence in either Mathematics Methods or Specialist Mathematics
- satisfactorily complete a Units 3 and 4 sequence in a VCE Language.

This is an initiative to strengthen enrolment in Languages and intermediate and advanced level calculus-based Mathematics. The award of the VCE (Baccalaureate) will recognise that students have chosen to undertake a course of study that includes both these elements.





### **Graded Assessment (GA)**

Study Sequence	GA 1	GA 2	GA 3
AC03, AH03, BI03, BM03, CH03, CS03, EC03, EL01, EN01, EN09, EV03, GE03, HH03, HI08, HI13, HI16, IE03, IT02, IT03, LI01, LS03, OS03, PE03, PH03, PL03, PS03, PS05, PY03, RE03, SO03, TT03	Coursework Unit 3	Coursework Unit 4	Examination
AR03, DT03, FY03, ME03, SE03	Coursework Unit 3-4	School-assessed Task	Examination
DA03, DR03, TS03, MC04	Coursework Unit 3/4	Performance Examination	Examination
MC05	Coursework Unit 3	Coursework Unit 4	Performance Examination
Languages (Auslan, Australian Indigenous Languages, Classical Greek and Latin do not follow this pattern)	Coursework Unit 3	Coursework Unit 4	Oral and Written Examinations
MA07, MA09, MA11	Coursework Unit 3/4	Examination	Examination
SA03	School-assessed Task	School-assessed Task	Examination
VC03	Coursework Unit 3	School-assessed Task	Examination
MS03	Coursework Unit 3/4	Externally Assessed Task	Aural and Written Examination
XI03	Coursework Unit 3/4	Externally Assessed Task	
VCE VET Programs	Coursework Unit 3/4	Examination	No GA 3

Table 1: Graded Assessment Summary table

Table 1 is a summary of the distribution of Graded Assessments between Examinations, Coursework and School Assessed Tasks for all studies.





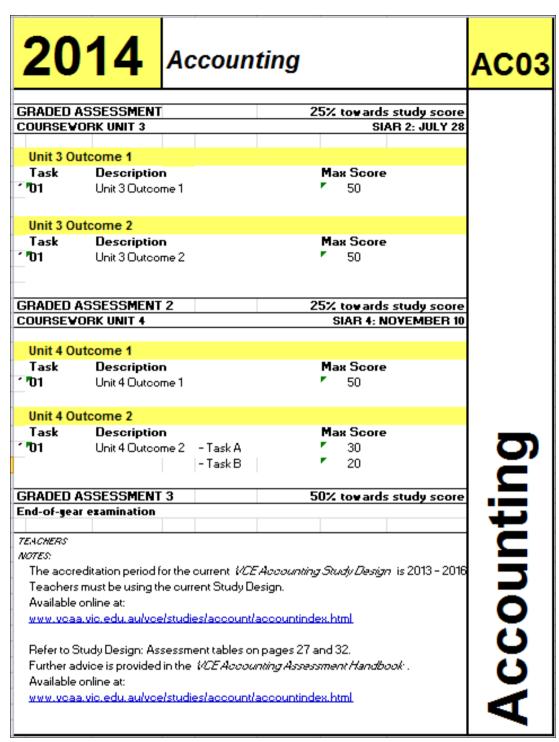


Figure 22: Accounting Graded Assessments





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Figure 23: Business Management Graded Assessments





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Figure 24: Art Graded Assessments





### **School Scores (Coursework) Results**

#### **Exercise 30: Entering Coursework Results**

- 1. Select RESULTS ADMIN > VCE Results Entry
- 2. Enter BM033 and click [Find]
- 3. The Coursework Results Entry screen will be displayed as there is only one class created Click [Modify School Scores]
- 4. Select 1 **COURSEWORK UNIT 3 SIAR 2** from the list of GA's for the study
- 5. Click [Continue]
- 6. Enter valid scores including **NA** (Not Assessed) See the Business Management page from the 2014 Data Entry of School Assessments
- 7. Click [Save] The message 'Do you want to save.....?' will be displayed.
- 8. Click [Yes] The message 'Coursework results saved successfully' will be displayed.
- 9. Click **[OK]** The overall GA score will be calculated for the students as the GA for Unit 3 has been completed. Click **[Close]**

### School Scores (School Assessed Tasks) Results Entry

#### **Exercise 31: School-assessed Tasks Results**

- 1. Select RESULTS ADMIN > VCE Results Entry.
- 2. [Find] AR033 and click [Modify School Scores]
- 3. Select **School Assessed Task SIAR 3** from the list of GA's for the study
- 4. Enter valid scores which include **NA** (Not Assessed) for each student. The criterion scores must be all numeric or all NA for each student.
- 5. Click [Save] The message 'Do you want to save.....?' will be displayed.
- 6. Click **[Yes]** The message 'School Assessed Task results saved successfully' will be displayed.
- 7. Click [OK] and [Close]

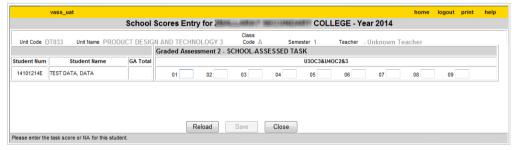


Figure 25: School Assessed Task score entry screen





### **Producing a School Scores Report**

This report is used for both Coursework and School-assessed Tasks. It can also be used as an input sheet for teachers and later as a summary sheet and a 'Missing Results' report.

It is essential for the school's internal audit process that these reports are given to teachers for checking once scores have been entered. Best practice includes the collecting and filing of these reports once they are countersigned by the teacher.

#### **Exercise 32: School Scores Report**

Scenario 1 – To display all results for a SIAR

- 1. Select RESULTS ADMIN > VCE Reports > School Scores > by Class
- 2. Select SIAR: 2 Unit 3 Coursework and UNIT: ME033
- 3. Accept the default values for 'Display Missing Results Only?', 'Display Students Assessed Elsewhere?' and the 'Report Order'.
- 4. Click [Run School Scores Report] The report will list all students in the class whether they have results entered or not. Click [Close]

Scenario 2 - 'Missing Results' Only Mode

- 5. Change the default value for 'Display Missing Results Only?' from 'No' to 'Yes'.
- 6. Click [Run School Scores Report] The report will now display only those students in the class who have missing results. Click [Close]

Coursework and School Assessed Task results can be altered after the due date using the Score Amendment Sheet and forwarding it to Student Records **RESULTS ADMIN > VCE Reports > School Scores > Amendment Sheet**. Penalties may apply.

### **VCE Unit Results**

All VCE Unit results (Units 1 to 4) must be entered by the SIAR 5 due date of 17 November 2014. Most schools enter Unit 1 and 3 results soon after the end of Semester 1 as this allows checks such as the Eligibility Report to be run mid-year. Without such checks there is a possibility of Year 12 Students failing to achieve their VCE.

#### **Exercise 33: Unit Results Entry**

- 1. Select RESULTS ADMIN > VCE Results Entry
- 2. **[Find] BM033,** Business Management 3, and **[Modify Unit Results]** The Unit Results Entry screen will be displayed.
- 3. Click **[Set Blank Unit Results to 'S']** All students in the class will be given an overall 'S' result. To enter an overall '**N'** result for a Unit, highlight and delete the 'S' result and then enter individual outcome results, one of which must be an 'N'.
- 4. Press **[Tab]** key to move the cursor out of the last outcome field. This will cause an 'N' to appear in the Unit Result field.
- 5. Click [Save] The message 'Do you want to save.....?' will be displayed.
- 6. Click [Yes]. The message 'Unit results saved successfully' will be displayed.
- 7. Click [OK] and [Close]

A RESULTS ADMIN > VCE Reports > Unit Results > Amendment Sheet can be used to alter unit results after the due date.





### **VET Results: VET UoC Result Entry**

VET UoC results can be entered by class or by student.

#### **Exercise 34: Entering VET UoC Results by Student**

- 1. Select RESULTS ADMIN > VET in Schools Results Entry > Unit of Competence > By Student.
- 2. Select CUS30209 Certificate III in Technical Production from the drop down list.
- 3. Click [Find] A list of students in this certificate will be displayed.
- 4. Select *Graeme O'Meara* and click [Modify Student UOC Results] The 'UoC Results Entry for Graeme O'Meara' screen will be displayed.
- 5. Click [Set Blank UoC Results to 'S'] An 'S' result will appear against each UoC.
- 6. Click [Save] The message 'Do you want to save.....?' will be displayed.
- 7. Click [Yes] The message 'UoC results saved successfully. VCE/VET Unit results updated.' will be displayed. Click [OK] and [Close]

### **VET Task Score Entry**

VET Task scores cannot be entered unless a student has a Valid Assessment Plan. A task score cannot be entered against a UoC with an N result.

VET task scores can be entered by class or by student.

#### **Exercise 35: Entering VET Task Scores**

- 1. Select RESULTS ADMIN > VET in Schools Results Entry > by Student.
- 2. Select CUS30209 Certificate III in Technical Production from the drop down list.
- 3. Click [Find] A list of students in this certificate will be displayed.
- 4. Select Graeme O'Meara and click [Modify Student Task Scores]
- 5. Enter valid scores in the range 5 to 25 for each task.
- 6. Click [Save] The message 'Do you want to save.....?' will be displayed.
- 7. Click [Yes] The message 'Task Scores saved successfully' will be displayed. Click [OK] and [Close]

### **VCAL Unit Result Entry**

VCAL Unit results must be entered by the SIAR 5 due date of 17 November 2014 using **RESULTS ADMIN > VCAL Results Entry > by Class or by Student**.

VASS allows providers who record an N for an overall VCAL unit to record S for individual VCAL learning outcomes.

Students with an S for some VCAL learning outcomes (existing credit) are permitted to complete the outstanding VCAL learning outcomes that were not achieved previously to enable them to record an S for the unit.

The carry forward of existing credit is limited to two years based on the date when the student was last enrolled in the VCAL unit. A document called VCAL Unit Learning Outcomes is available in the downloads section of VASS.





#### VCE VET Programs **VET** offering a Study Score COURSEWORK UNITS 3 and 4 SIAR 5: NOVEMBER 17 Business, Community Services, Dance, Engineering Studies, Equine Industry, Furnishing, The following programs require **THREE** Assessment Tasks to be selected and scored: BSB20112 BU203 / BU204 **Business** Technologies, Laboratory Skills, interactive Digital Media, Music, Music Technical Hospitality, Hospitality (Kitchen Operations), Information Technology, Integrated CHC20112 CT253 / CT254 Community Services CUA20111 DN053 / DN054 Dance 22209VIC EG163 / EG164 **Engineering Studies** 21908VIC EQ043 / EQ044 Equine Industry LMF20309 FN163 / FN164 **Furnishing** Information Technology ICA30111 IN503 / IN504 MSL30109 LB203 / LB204 Laboratory Skills CUF30107 MU053 / MU054 Interactive Digital Media MI133 / MI134 Music CUS30109 CUS30209 MI153 / MI154 Music - Technical Production SIS30513 SR293 / SR294 Sport and Recreation SIT20207 HS133 / HS134 Hospitality SIT20307 HS143 / HS144 Hospitality (Kitchen Operations) 22071VIC ET113 / ET114 Integrated Technologies **Available Assessment Tasks** Score Range Task Description Type 5-25 'n1 Work performance 02 Work performance 03 Work project 04 Work project **7**05 Product Recreation **7**06 Product 07 Portfolio 08 Portfolio GRADED ASSESSMENT End-of-year Examination Sport and TEACHERS NOTES For all VCE VET programs, apart from VCE VET Dance and VCE VET Music (CUS30109), Graded Assessment 1 contributes 66% towards the Study Score; Graded Assessment 2 contributes 34% towards the Study Score. For VCE VET Dance and VCE VET Music Production, (CUS30109), each Graded Assessment contributes 50% towards the Study Score

Figure 26: VCE VET Programs offering a Study Score





# **Removing Students**

### **Exiting Students**

Students who have officially left the school system or moved interstate or overseas may be flagged as having 'exited'. The Student Exit function is used to record the date of the student's exit from the school system, to prevent students who have left school being reenrolled by mistake and to ensure that all results are entered for the student.

Before a student can be recorded as having left the school system they must be withdrawn from all possible VCE units, VET UoCs and VCAL units and all possible results should be entered.

Ideally, students should complete the 'Student Exit Form' available from the downloads section of VASS before they are withdrawn from their entire program. This form should be retained by the school.

Students cannot be withdrawn from VCE units, VET Certificates/UoCs or VCAL units that have had results entered or when it is past the appropriate cut-off date.

The Student Exit function should not be used for students transferring to another school.

#### **Exercise 36: Student Exit**

- 1. Select STUDENT ADMIN > Student Exit > Student Exit.
- 2. [Find] Neil Frost and [Record Exited Student]
- 3. The Date student exited school field is unavailable until all possible enrolments are withdrawn and all results for remaining enrolments are entered. As this student has enrolments, he must be withdrawn from these enrolments before an exit date can be entered. Click [Close]

### Withdrawing a Student

Students are withdrawn from their VCE program as a result of withdrawing them from all units in the current year that have not had results entered or it is not past the cut-off date.

The same process is used to withdraw a student from an incorrect enrolment.

#### Exercise 37a: Withdrawing a student from a VCE program

- 1. Select STUDENT PROGRAM > VCE > Enrolment.
- 2. **[Find]** *Neil Frost* and **[Modify Student Enrolment]** Neil Frost's 2014 VCE enrolments will be displayed.
- 3. Click in the check box in the 'Withdraw?' column against each enrolment. Click on the [Withdraw] button. The message 'You are about to withdraw Neil Frost......?' will be displayed.
- 4. Click [Yes] The message 'The student has been successfully.........' will be displayed.
- 5. Click [OK] and [Close]

Students are withdrawn from a VET Certificate as a result of withdrawing them from all VET UoCs in the current year that have not had results entered or if it is not past the cut-off date.





#### Exercise 37b: Withdrawing a student from a VET program

- 1. Select STUDENT PROGRAM > VET in Schools > Enrolment.
- [Find] Neil Frost and [Modify VET Enrolment] button. Neil's 2014 VET UoC enrolments will be displayed.
- 3. Click [Withdraw Certificate] The message 'You are about to.....?' will be displayed.
- 4. Click [Yes] The message 'Certificate has been withdrawn successfully' will be displayed.
- 5. Click **[OK]** Neil Frost is withdrawn from all VET in Schools enrolment, and as a result from the VCE.

Withdrawal from VCAL Certificates and Units occurs in a similar manner.

#### **Student Exit**

#### **Exercise 38: Student Exit**

- 1. Select STUDENT ADMIN > Student Exit > Student Exit.
- 2. **[Find]** *Neil Frost* and **[Record Exited Student]** The Record a student as having exited screen. will be displayed.
- 3. Enter the date in the Exit field and [Tab] or click away from the field to activate [Save]
- 4. Click **[Save]** The message 'For this student you should have entered any previously determined:-Indicative Examination Grades.' will be displayed.
- 5. Click **[Yes]** The message 'Do you want to record.....?' will be displayed.
- 6. Click **[Yes]** The message 'Student has been......' will be displayed.
- 7. Click [OK] and [Close]

## **Deleting a Student Record**

It is possible to delete the year record of a student who has been rolled over in error, who has been entered onto the database twice (duplicated) or who leaves the school during the year. Only the current year's record is deleted. Any previous years' records are preserved.

A student's year record can only be deleted if they have no enrolments or results entered for the year, and an exit date has been entered. Therefore any Unit 3 and 4 enrolments must be withdrawn before the Enrolment 2 date.

A student's record for the year is deleted using the [Delete] button on the Modify Student Personal Details screen **STUDENT ADMIN > Modify Student Personal Details** 





# **Appendix 1**

### **VASS Student Personal Details Import File Structure**

The same file structure applies to both the Import Students and the Amend Students imports.

An import file can contain either Student Personal Details or Student Programs for one-year level only or for multiple year levels but not both Student Personal Details and Student Programs at the same time.

Each of the 24 fields must be present in the file. Where data is not available for a field and it is not a mandatory field, then the field should be left empty but not omitted.

There must be one record (line) for each student, i.e., 60 students equals 60 records (lines) in the file.

A new student record is created if there is no Student Number in the file and no existing student with exactly the same Family Name, First Name, Gender or Date of Birth.

The correct Date of Birth must be used to prevent the creation of duplicate students on the system. The Date of Birth must be in the Australian format (DD/MM/YYYY or D/M/YYYY) or DD/M/YYYY).

A bad file will be declared if the date entered is not a valid date, e.g., May 32, or February 29 but the year of birth is not a leap year.

A bad file will be declared if more than 1.5% of the students in the file (to a maximum of 6) have the same Date of Birth.

There are three possible course codes:

- VCE All students undertaking a VCE, VET or VCAL program must have a course code of 'VCE'. International Baccalaureate students must also have a course code of 'VCE'.
- PDO Year 10 students entered onto VASS for the purposes of the On Track Project, and so without a program, should have a course code of 'PDO' (Personal Details Only).
- GAT The course code of 'GAT' is for students from overseas schools undertaking the GAT only.

The Address Lines are for the students' postal address and not their home address. The data in the first Address Line should not be repeated in the second Address Line.

The Student Personal Details import sets the three consent flags (Consent for Media Release, Consent for Awards Processing and Consent for On Track Release) to 'No'. These flags must be subsequently amended according to the Student Personal Details form that the student has signed.

The VCAA uses the Australia Post preferred format for the suburb/location name. Abbreviations are not used, i.e., Mount is spelt fully and not abbreviated to Mt and the direction follows the suburb name, i.e., Ballarat East and not East Ballarat. Either of these types of errors will cause the student's data to be placed on the Import Hold Table as the suburb/location name will not match the postcode. The suburb/location name must be corrected before saving the student to the VCAA database.





VASS will only accept either a pipe or tab delimited text file containing the correct number of fields with the appropriate type of data in each field. Other types of file formats such as: Excel, Word or Access cannot be used as they contain hidden formatting which will cause the file to be rejected.

An import file must not contain any blank lines and must not contain a header row.

The import file name must not contain any brackets or other special characters. The file name or file path must not be over 30 characters in length.

Importing Student Personal Details is a two-step process. The Validation step checks the data for accuracy and completeness and the Update step loads the data onto the VCAA database.

The Validation step checks that the file matches the VASS file specifications: a Pipe or Tab delimited text file with the correct number of fields; no fields exceed the maximum allowed length; an acceptable date format; the correct type of data in each field, etc. If the file or any record in the file fails any one of these checks then the validation process will stop at that point, the file will be rejected and will be given a BAD FILE status.

When a file has been given a BAD FILE status it is not possible to proceed with the import. The data in the file must be corrected and the corrected file revalidated.

On completion of each stage of the import process an Import Report is produced. This report lists any problems encountered with the incoming data and is accessed from the [View Import Report] button on the Import Retrieval screen. This report must be checked to determine if any difficulties were encountered with the records in the file.

Not all incorrect data will produce a BAD FILE status. If a record in the import file contains data that already exists in the database for the current year then that RECORD will be rejected but a BAD FILE status will not be declared. Other records in the file will be imported if the Update step occurs.

The External Student Identifier field on VASS is the student identifier used by the school's local student management system. For Government schools this is the student's CASES21 ID. The External Student Identifier is not a mandatory field but it is useful data to include in the Student Personal Details import as it is used along with the student's name to match the student in a Student Program import or in an Amend Student import without having to enter the VCAA Student Numbers into the school's local Student Management System.

The import process deals with telephone numbers in the following manner:

- Any characters following a forward slash are discarded.
- Any illegal character is replaced with a space. Legal characters belong to the set {-, 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, space}. Examples of illegal characters are: any letter of the alphabet, a forward slash, brackets, etc.
- Any sequence of multiple spaces is replaced by a single space.
- Any leading or trailing spaces are removed.
- The first three characters are removed if they are '03' then a space.
- The resulting sequence of numbers is truncated to 15 characters.





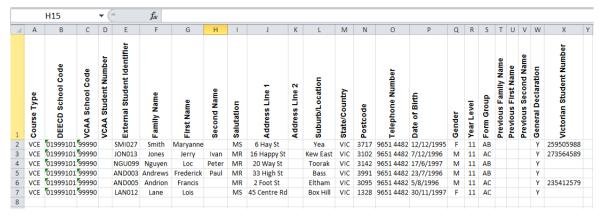


Figure 27: Sample Student Details Import in Excel with a header row.

Field (Column)	Max no. of characters	Details
Course Type (A)	3	Mandatory. Can be 'VCE', 'PDO' or 'GAT'.
DEECD School Code (B)	10	Mandatory if VCAA School Code is blank. Found on the SCHOOL ADMIN > Modify School Details screen of VASS. Excel tip: Mark as text to preserve the leading zero.
VCAA School Code (C)	5	Mandatory if DEECD School Code is blank. Found on the SCHOOL ADMIN > Modify School Details screen of VASS. Excel tip: Mark as text to preserve the leading zero.
VCAA Student Number (D)	9	<b>Optional.</b> Alphanumeric. If entered it must be a valid VCAA Student Number.
External Student Identifier (E)	12	Optional. Alphanumeric. If included it can be used to identify the student instead of the Student Number in the programs and amend student import.
Family Name (F)	25	<b>Mandatory.</b> Can only contain letters, hyphen, apostrophes and single spaces. Must contain at least one character.
First Name(G)	15	<b>Mandatory</b> . Can only contain letters, hyphen, apostrophes and single spaces. Must contain at least one character.
Second Name (H)	15	Optional. Can only contain letters, hyphen, apostrophes and single spaces.
Salutation (I)	4	Mandatory. MR, MRS, MS or MISS.
Address Line 1 (J)	25	<b>Mandatory.</b> The postal address to which end of year results are sent. Must contain at least one numeric character.
Address Line 2 (K)	25	Optional. This must not be the same as Address Line 1.





Field (Column) (cont)	Max no. of characters	Details
Suburb/Location (L)	30	<b>Mandatory</b> . Alphabetic only. The Australia Post approved format MUST be used: suburb name followed by the direction, e.g. 'Kew East' and not 'East Kew', the word 'Mount' and not abbreviated to 'Mt'.
State/Country (M)	17	<b>Optional</b> if the postcode is a valid Australian postcode. If entered must be NSW, NT, QLD, SA, TAS, VIC or WA. Must be present if the postcode is ****.
Postcode (N)	4	<b>Mandatory</b> for Australian addresses. Use **** for overseas addresses.
Telephone Number (O)	15	Optional. May only contain numbers, hyphens and spaces. Excel tip: Mark as text to preserve the leading zero if the area code or a mobile telephone number is entered.
Date of Birth (P)	10	Mandatory. Must contain numbers and forward slashes only and be in DD/MM/YYYY, D/MM/YYYY, DD/M/YYYY or D/M/YYYY format. Excel tip: Mark as text to preserve format.
Gender (Q)	1	Mandatory. Must be F or M.
Year Level (R)	2	Mandatory. Must be in the range: 7 to 12.
Home Group (S)	8	Optional. Must be alphanumeric.
Previous Family Name (T)	25	Optional. Can only contain letters, hyphen, apostrophes and single spaces.
Previous First Name (U)	15	Optional. Can only contain letters, hyphen, apostrophes and single spaces.
Previous Second Name (V)	15	Optional. Can only contain letters, hyphen, apostrophes and single spaces.
General Declaration (W)	1	Mandatory. If not 'Y', the student will not be imported.
Victorian Student Number (X)	9	Optional. If entered, must be the valid VSN for the student

Table 2: The VASS Student Personal Details Import file structure





# **Appendix 2**

### **VASS student program Import File Structure**

VCE, VET and VCAL programs can be imported into VASS in the one file but can only be imported for home school students; however, the import file can contain enrolments for home school students assessed by other schools.

The school program must be set up for the year before a programs import can occur. This involves at least the selection of the units that will be taught at the home school. If any units taught by assessing schools are included in the file then these units must have been selected by the schools concerned. Any enrolments in the file for Units not selected by either the home or assessing school will be rejected.

VCAL Certificates to be selected and providers must be allocated to the selected certificates.

VCAL units must be selected and providers allocated to those units.

If VCE or VCAL classes are not set up and class codes are included in the import file then the import lines will fail.

Once a student's program has been entered onto VASS it is not possible to use a Student Program import to change any existing enrolments but additional units may be added.

All students in the Import Program file must have a year record for the current year. Enrolments for students on the Import Hold Table will be rejected.

A Program import file can contain enrolments in units Unit 1 and/or 2 and/or 3. If the import file contains a valid Unit 3 enrolment, VASS will automatically enrol the student in the equivalent Unit 4, regardless of whether the file contains the Unit 4 record.

Most studies only require the first 11 of the 12 fields in the import file. The twelfth field, focus code, is only required for the small number of studies requiring a focus code. Wherever you do not have data for a field and it is not a mandatory field, then the field should be left empty but NOT omitted, the only exception to this is the focus code field. If the file contains VET enrolments, the Focus code field must contain the VET Type.

Focus codes are mandatory for Music Performance (MC043 and MC044, MC053 and MC054) and Text and Traditions 3 and 4 (TT033 and TT034).

A Student Programs import file must contain one record (line) for every unit the student is enrolled in, i.e. a student with 10 unit enrolments will have 10 lines in the import file.





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3	01999101°	99990		SMI027	Smith	Maryanne		LO223	A	01999101	01870								
4	01999101°	99990		SMI027	Smith	Maryanne		MA071	A	01999101°	99990								
5	01999101°	99990		5MI027	Smith	Maryanne		MA072	A	01999101	99990								
6	51999101	99990		SMI028	Smith	Maryanne		VCAL-Int	Y	51999101	99990								
7	01999101°	99990		SMI027	Smith	Maryanne		LITO21	A	01999101	99990								
8	01999101	99990		SMI027	Smith	Maryanne		LIT022	. A	01999101	99990								
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18	Row 5			Sample line for a Unit 2 study - Unit 2's are not automatically created when a student is enrolled							enrolled in	Unit 1.							
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Figure 28 - Sample Student Program Import in Excel with explanatory notes and a header row.

### The VASS Student Program Import File Structure is described in Table 3.

Field (Column)	Max no. of characters	Details
DEECD School Code (A)	10	Mandatory if VCAA School Code is blank.  Must be a valid DEECD School Code and match the login school. Found on the SCHOOL ADMIN > Modify School Details screen of VASS.  Excel Tip: Mark as text to preserve the leading zero. If this field is left blank and Excel is used in the preparation of the file, then make sure that the field is not deleted by Excel.
VCAA School Code (B)	5	Mandatory if DEECD School Code is blank. Found on the SCHOOL ADMIN > Modify School Details screen of VASS. Excel Tip: Mark as text to preserve the leading zero.
Student Number (C)	9	<b>Mandatory</b> if External Student Identifier is blank. Alphanumeric. If entered it must be a valid Student Number.
External Student Identifier (D)	12	Mandatory if Student Number is blank. Alphanumeric. If used, the External Student Identifier must already be on the VCAA database, having been entered with the Student Personal Details.
Family Name (E)	25	<b>Mandatory</b> . Can only contain alphabetic, hyphen, apostrophes and single spaces. Must contain at least one character.





Field (Column) (cont)	Max no. of characters	Details
First Name (F)	15	Mandatory. Can only contain alphabetic, hyphen, apostrophes and single spaces. Must contain at least one character.
Second Name (G)	15	<b>Optional.</b> Can only contain alphabetic, hyphen, apostrophes and single spaces.
Unit Code or VET/VCAL Certificate code, VCAL Unit Code (H)	15	Mandatory. Must be a valid VCAA unit code or VET or VCAL Certificate code
Class Code (I)	2	Mandatory. Must be a valid class set up in VASS
DEECD assessing school Code, RTO code or VCAL certificate provider code (J)	10	Mandatory if VCAA Assessing School Code is blank. Excel Tip: Mark as text to preserve the leading zero.
VCAA Assessing School Code, RTO Code or VCAL Certificate Provider Code (K)	5	Mandatory if DEECD Assessing School Code is blank. Excel Tip: Mark as text to preserve the leading zero.
Focus Area or VET Certificate Type (L)	3	Focus codes are <b>mandatory</b> for Music Performance Units 3-4, Music Investigation and Text and Traditions Units 3-4. VET Certificate type: VES, VFE, NAP <b>mandatory</b>

Table 3: The VASS Student Program Import file structure





# **Appendix 3**

### Additional notes on student program files – VET

The home school must set up the VET Certificate program in VASS before programs can be imported.

Set up VET certificates using SCHOOL PROGRAM > VET in Schools > Select Certificates to be Offered.

Set up RTOs for VET certificates using SCHOOL PROGRAM > VET in Schools > Add/Modify RTOs/Classes - Add /Modify VET RTOs

Set up classes for UOCs using SCHOOL PROGRAM > VET in Schools > Add/Modify RTOs/Classes - Add/Modify VET Classes. Do not set up classes for UOCs in which it is not intended to enrol students in the current year.

The import function will enrol a student in the VET certificate at the RTO, and then in all the UOCs set up for the certificate and class.

A student will not be enrolled in UOCs where they have not met the requisites.

It is not necessary to enrol a student in the VET certificate before running the import.

It is not necessary to specify each UOC in the import file.

Where a student is already enrolled in the VET certificate and some UOCs, the import function can be used to enrol the student in additional UOCs. UOCs where the student is already enrolled are ignored.

The import function will set the SBA status of a student depending on the certificate.

For certificates that must be undertaken as SBA, the student will be flagged accordingly.

For certificates that may optionally be undertaken as SBNA, the student will be flagged as not undertaking the certificate as SBA as the majority of students do not undertake these certificates as SBA. If necessary set the student's status online using **STUDENT PROGRAM** > **VET in Schools** > **Enrolment.** 

The most common situation for importing VET certificates is where many students are undertaking the same program of UOCs. In this case it is important that all UOCs are set up with the same class code.

In a situation is where a school has two or groups of students undertaking the same VET certificate, but each group is undertaking a different program, possibly at a different RTO.

- 1. Set up classes for the first group's UOCs with one class code, for example A
- 2. the second group's UOCs with a different class code, for example B
- 3. then the import file should specify class A for the first group of students and class B for the second group of students.

The first group of students will be enrolled in all the UOCs with a class A set up, and the second group of students will be enrolled in all the UOCs with a class B set up.

