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Virtual School Victoria (VSV) is Victoria's leading virtual school. Located in Thornbury, in 2026 we provided virtual learning programs to 7000 students from Foundation to Year 12. More students study at VSV than any other government school in Victoria.

Our students come from diverse and unique backgrounds, and are based in a wide variety of locations. We provide education to students who are unable to attend full-time mainstream schooling and to students who are unable to access the VCE Study of their choice in their home school.

As our name suggests, we teach the Victorian Curriculum using virtual and blended learning. We describe virtual learning as gaining knowledge or skills through study, experience, collaboration and teaching through information and communication technologies. Our online learning environment, VSV Online, allows for flexible, engaging and self-paced learning. This is complemented with a mix of live online classes and face-to-face learning opportunities.

The Bellum Bellum Blended Learning Hub enhances virtual learning for students in the local area. In addition to online lessons and our rigorously tested self-paced courses, students will have the opportunity to participate in immersive learning on a timetabled regular basis at the both the Morwell Campus of TAFE Gippsland and/or in participating school outreach classes.

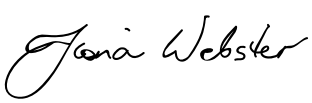
This exciting initiative is the first of its kind in Victoria. The program creates better pathways for eligible students by giving them greater VCE subject choices, with a range of VCE subjects to be offered in 2026.

Students will benefit from small classes with a specialised teacher. They will also grow from the opportunity to meet and be inspired by other students with similar interests. The campus will provide state-of-the-art learning facilities, including labs, where students can engage in meaningful hands-on activities.

The teachers at Virtual School Victoria are experts in their field as well as in virtual learning.

Virtual School Victoria's learning programs are rigorously developed using best practice virtual learning techniques and user experience testing. Whatever your reason for considering an enrolment with us, I encourage you to read the information in this handbook, as well as the subject information available on our website.

Kind regards,



Fiona Webster
Principal

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About Us

For students enrolling in VSV's Bellum Bellum Hub

What is VSV?

Virtual School Victoria (VSV) is the state's leading virtual school. We foster a safe, engaging and inclusive learning environment by combining learning technologies with innovative and adaptive teaching practices. Our teachers are trained and experienced in best-practice online learning techniques, providing students with opportunities for regular interaction and individualised support. We are focused on challenging students to pursue excellence and achieve their individual learning goals.

We are a system leader in online, virtual and blended learning, constantly evolving our practice based on the latest research. We are dedicated to do all that we can in order to build the confidence and resilience of every student.

What is VSV's Bellum Bellum Hub?

In 2024, VSV's Bellum Bellum Hub opened in Morwell, for students to access select VCE subjects that are not offered at their secondary school.

VSV's Bellum Bellum Hub is located at the Morwell campus of TAFE Gippsland, and co-located with the Gippsland Tech School, which is utilised by a number of secondary schools in the Gippsland area.

VSV's Bellum Bellum Hub is set up as a campus of Virtual School Victoria. It offers a blend of face-to-face and online learning, with students regularly coming together in Morwell and/or at participating school campuses to learn with peers from other schools across the region.

What subjects will be offered at VSV's Bellum Bellum Hub?

In 2027 VSV's Bellum Bellum Hub will offer the following VCE subjects (to be confirmed based on enrolment interest):

- VCE Accounting (Units 1-4)
- VCE Economics (Units 1-4)
- VCE Legal Studies (Units 1-4)
- VCE Politics (Units 1-4)
- VCE Physics (Units 1-4)
- VCE Specialist Maths (Units 1-4) # ^

#VSV recommends you satisfactorily complete Unit 1 before attempting Unit 2 of this subject.

^VSV recommends you satisfactorily complete Units 1 & 2 before attempting Units 3 & 4 of this subject.

Before selecting your subjects, make sure you read through the Subject Information pages at **www.vsv.vic.edu.au**

Time commitment: Most VCE studies require students to undertake at least four and five hours of classes per week per study. This may be scheduled as one session or spread over two or more sessions per week. To support your learning in class, you will be expected to spend an equivalent amount of time on study outside of class.

Students should speak to the relevant Student Coordinator at their home school if they have further questions.

What is a Blended Learning approach?

VSV's Bellum Bellum Hub is set up as a campus of Virtual School Victoria. It offers a blend of face-to-face and online learning, with students regularly coming together in Morwell and/or at participating school campuses to learn with peers from other schools across the region.

Students will attend in-person classes at both VSV's Bellum Bellum Hub and at some participating school campuses on a regular timetable. These classes will be scheduled to allow for travel time and to limit interruptions to learning in other subjects. The remainder of classes will be delivered online, either with teachers and students interacting in 'real time' or with students completing work independently in their own time or in designated periods at their home school.

Transport to and from in-person classes both at VSV's Bellum Bellum Hub and other school campuses will be supported and may involve train, bus, taxi or parent transport – to be determined depending on need.

Enrolment Process

What is the Enrolment process?

Students from government secondary schools in Inner Gippsland and a limited number of Outer Gippsland schools (Sale, Maffra and Yarram) will be able to enrol in the subjects offered at VSV's Bellum Bellum Hub where these subjects are not available at their school.

Enrolment information will be available from eligible schools, as well as in this handbook and on the Virtual School Victoria website, here: **www.vsv.vic.edu.au/regions/bellumbellum/**

Students and their families can get further information on VSV's Bellum Bellum Hub from the career practitioner or VCE Coordinator at their school or by emailing: **hubenrolments@vsv.vic.edu.au**

How to apply

Complete the online enrolment application form, which you can access on our website: **https://www.vsv.vic.edu.au/enrolment/students-in-other-schools/**

How to contact VSV

Post

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Virtual School Victoria
315 Clarendon Street,
Thornbury, VIC 3071

Phone

Reception: 03 9965 0003
Enrolments: 03 9965 0005

Email

hubenrolments@vsv.vic.edu.au

Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this handbook, please contact Virtual School Victoria on 03 9965 0000 or **feedback@vsv.vic.edu.au**.

Payments – Finance

Information for Government Schools

Funding arrangements for Government Schools

7-10 Students

Students from Year 7 to Year 10 are considered full-time at their home school if they are undertaking a full school workload (6 or more subjects), and studying no more than one subject at VSV.

11-12 Students

Students undertaking Year 11-12 subjects at VSV should be counted by their home school as part-time students. Schools should use the table below to determine and claim the appropriate Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) time fraction for students undertaking combinations of Units studied at the home school and VSV.

VCE Units undertaken at VSV	1						2				
VCE Units undertaken at home school	6	5	4	3	2	1	5	4	3	2	1
Time fraction FTE for home school	**1**	**0.9**	**0.9**	**0.8**	**0.6**	**0.3**	**0.8**	**0.8**	**0.7**	**0.6**	**0.3**

Source: Department of Education: 'Guidelines for Counting Students for School Census'

The Department of Education provide 0.1 FTE to the student's time fraction at their mainstream school, in recognition of the support provided to the student's VSV studies. For further information please see: **www.education.vic.gov.au/Documents/school/principals/management/CountingStudentsguidelines.pdf**

Upfront costs for Government Schools

There are no enrolment costs at Virtual School Victoria for Government School students.

International Students

The Department of Education will allocate the appropriate funding to Virtual School Victoria, from the enrolment.

Information for Non-Government Schools

Funding arrangements for Non-Government Schools

Any state or federal government funding received by Non-Government Schools is not affected if a student enrols in subjects at VSV.

Upfront costs for Non-Government Schools

The total upfront costs for Non-Government Schools enrolling students in VSV is $850 per subject ($425 per unit) with a maximum of two subjects (4 units) per student.

International Students

The total upfront cost for Non-Government Schools for international students to enrol at VSV is $1435 per subject ($717.50 per Unit).

Enrolment Requirements

1. Enrolment at a local school or VSV students in the local area

Enrolment at VSV's Bellum Bellum Hub is subject to Department of Education guidelines and is only available to students who are:

- a Victorian resident;
- currently enrolled at a mainstream Victorian school or at VSV;
- able to attend in-person learning at VSV's Bellum Bellum Hub or to-be-determined participating school campuses;
- undertaking Senior Secondary studies in at least one of the VCE subjects offered at VSV's Bellum Bellum Hub.

Students who are aged 17 years or older are not eligible to enrol for the following year unless an exception or exemption applies. An exception is where a student automatically meets certain age eligibility requirements. An exemption is where there is no automatic eligibility to enrol, and permission needs to be granted by the Minister (or their delegate). The need for an exemption will depend on the student's age, proposed course of study and educational history. To find out if a student is eligible for an exception or requires an exemption, see: **https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/enrolment/guidance/school-age-requirements.**

Where there are more applicants than places available in a particular subject, enrolments at the VSV's Bellum Bellum Hub will be prioritised in the following order:

1. Students from one of the specified Victorian government schools.
2. Students directly enrolled in VSV.
3. Students from any other Victorian school (government or non-government).

The specified Victorian government schools are:

- Bass Coast College
- Drouin Secondary College
- Foster Secondary College
- Korumburra Secondary College
- Kurnai College
- Leongatha Secondary College
- Lowanna College
- Maffra Secondary College
- Mirboo North Secondary College
- Neerim District Secondary College
- Sale College
- Trafalgar High School
- Traralgon College
- Warragul Regional College
- Yarram Secondary College

2. Principal's approval

The Principal of the student's home school must approve an application to study at VSV.

3. Nominated School Supervisor

It is a requirement for a member of staff at the student's home school to be nominated as their School Supervisor. The School Supervisor has a range of important responsibilities, outlined in detail on page 8.

4. Maximum subject enrolments

Year 7-10 school-based students can study a maximum of one subject with VSV each semester. Year 11 and 12 school-based students can apply for all subjects on offer under the guidance of their school. Applications will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

What will happen once an application is submitted?

Step 1 – Reviewing and confirming your enrolment

Once an enrolment application has been submitted, it will be reviewed by our Enrolment Officers in order to ensure that the application form has been completed in full, and that both the Student Enrolment Agreement and School Principal Endorsement have been included. We will also ensure we have the staffing capacity to offer the subjects selected.

Step 2 – Providing online access

Once the student's details are entered onto our system, it takes another 48 hours for an enrolment confirmation to be emailed. This will be sent out to all email addresses indicated on the application. This will include the student's login details to access VSV Online.

Enrolment Dates

When can students start?

VSV's Bellum Bellum Hub operates on the same term dates as all other Victorian Government Schools.

The dates for 2027 are:

Term 1: Thursday 28 January to Thursday 25 March

Term 2: Monday 12 April to Friday 25 June

Term 3: Monday 12 July to Friday 17 September

Term 4: Monday 4 October to Friday 17 December

For 11-12 students, Semester 1 commences on **Thursday 28 January**. Semester 2 starts on **Monday 7 June**, three weeks before the end of Term 2.

Semester 1 intake

Returning students: Semester 1 enrolments are open from **Monday 7 September 2026** (Week 9, Term 3) until **Friday 30 October 2026** (Week 4, Term 4).
Late applications will not be accepted.

New students: Semester 1 enrolments are open from **Monday 7 September 2026** (Week 9, Term 3) until **Friday 27 November 2026** (Week 8, Term 4). Late applications will not be accepted.

Please note, schools should ensure that they submit the enrolment applications for their students by the 27 November to enable them to commence at the start of Term 1.

Semester 2 intake

Semester 2 enrolments for Year 11 only are open from **Monday 19 April 2027** (Week 2, Term 2) until **Friday 14 May 2027** (Week 5, Term 2).
Late applications will not be accepted.

Nominated School Supervisor Requirements

School Supervisors have five main responsibilities as outlined below:

Enabling access

School Supervisors must ensure students have access to adequate means of communication with their VSV teachers during designated times at school. This will include access to a phone and email, and may include access to other technology such as webcams, microphones and video-conferencing equipment. Supervisors should ensure that students can access VSV Online (learning management system), and that they and their parents/carers know how to access and download student reports, which will be available online only.

Distributing resources

School Supervisors must ensure students are able to access their online learning materials.

Any supplementary printed materials posted to the school must be promptly passed on to each student. Any completed assessments must be promptly sent back to VSV's Bellum Bellum Hub.

Administering assessments

School Supervisors must administer assessment tasks in a fair and consistent manner in accordance with the assessment rules set out by the VSV teacher. The supervisor is required to keep an electronic copy of all completed assessments. Supervisors must also liaise with their school's Exam Coordinator to confirm the time, location and any special conditions under which exams are to be held. Supervisors need to ensure students are aware of the details and requirements of their exams.

Liaising with VSV teachers

School Supervisors must liaise with VSV teachers and keep them up to date regarding any situations that might impact upon a student's ability to engage with their studies. If a student has been absent from their home school for an extended period of time, if their contact details (or that of the school) have changed, or if special provision arrangements are required for assessment tasks, the supervisor has to inform the Schools Liaison Coordinator at VSV. School Supervisors should regularly check VSV Connect to keep up to date on their students' progress.

Encouragement and support

School Supervisors should encourage and support students to complete and submit their completed work to VSV regularly, according to their prescribed submission timetable.

VSV study time needs to be integrated within their weekly school timetable. Supervisors should support students to make regular personal contact with their VSV teacher, and connect them with available local sources of assistance where possible.

Technology Requirements

All students enrolling at VSV's Bellum Bellum Hub require regular and reliable access to a computer/laptop and the internet. Students will need to log in to VSV Online (the school's learning management system) to communicate and submit work online regularly. They are expected to participate in multiple areas of the online courses, including online classes, forums and interactive activities. All student reports are only available online.

To have the best experience with Virtual School Victoria, students should have a device that is able to join live classes with a camera and a microphone. It is also recommended that students have a device with a physical keyboard to easily take notes and respond to communication.

Students attending onsite are expected to bring this device to class

Most desktops or laptops are compatible with VSV Online and our online classrooms. **Please note that a smartphone, tablet or Chromebook is not sufficient to meet the needs of the study.** For a full list of minimum technical specifications, please see **http://www.vsv.vic.edu.au/enrolment/technical-requirements-specifications**

Students will need access to YouTube. YouTube videos form an essential part of the learning materials for many subjects. Access will need to be arranged at the home school and may require adjustment of internet permissions. For further information about the technological requirements for individual subjects, please see **www.vsv.vic.edu.au/subjects**

VSV Connect

VSV Connect is a special area on our website where parents, carers and School Supervisors can view information about a student's progress at VSV. Once you have registered and logged in, you will be able to find details about:

- subjects the student is completing
- information about the work the student has submitted and the feedback they received
- teachers' contact details
- individual student reports
- helpful resources for parents and carers.

To access VSV Connect, parents, carers and School Supervisors need to provide a valid email address in the 'Primary Carer Information' and 'Home School Supervisor Information' sections of the enrolment application form.

Will resources need to be purchased?

Some of our subjects recommend resources to be purchased. These are listed on the subject information pages, and our Resource List for 2027 available at **www.vsv.vic.edu.au/enrolment/book-resource-lists/**

Exam Information

For Units 3 and 4 Studies Only

The student's home school is responsible for all VCAA examination arrangements, including subjects taught by VSV.

The VCAA end-of-year examinations are subject-specific exams for students studying Unit 3 and 4 subjects.

All students studying a Unit 3 and 4 subject are expected to sit the VCAA General Achievement Test (GAT).

Home schools are responsible for applying directly to the VCAA for any Special Exam Arrangements. School Supervisors should inform the student's VSV's Bellum Bellum Hub teacher of any approved arrangements that are in place. Refer to the VCAA website for 2027 exam dates **www.vcaa.vic.edu.au**

VCE Assessment Information

It is the home school's responsibility to register students for VCE assessment. Schools are responsible for ensuring that their VASS administrators accurately record those Units studied at VSV's Bellum Bellum Hub.

Non-scored VCE

Students can complete their VCE without receiving an ATAR. They are required to demonstrate an understanding of each outcome and unit for satisfactory completion, however no achievement score is reported. Students will receive a satisfactory (S) or a non-satisfactory (N) for a unit. The minimum requirements of the VCE still apply. Students who are enrolled in a non-scored VCE will need to have their School Supervisor confirm this in writing to their VSV Bellum Bellum Hub Teacher. Students can choose this program for a range of reasons, but it is important to consider the implications this may have on your pathway options.

Learning in a Virtual World

Digital Learning at Virtual School Victoria

VSV uses online services to support a high quality and innovative online learning environment. Learning in a Virtual World: Digital Learning at Virtual School Victoria is our plain language policy statement about student participation, privacy compliance, and copyright components of digital and online learning at our school. The policy statement can be accessed at: **www.vsv.vic.edu.au/our-school/virtual-school-victoria-policies/**

Online Acceptable Use Agreement

This agreement applies to all students undertaking study at VSV. Please note that Virtual School Victoria may monitor and keep records of your activity on our platforms.

When engaging in school work, either at VSV's Bellum Bellum Hub or at home, I agree to be a safe, responsible and ethical user at all times by:

- respecting others and communicating with them in a supportive manner; never participating in online bullying (e.g. harmful, inappropriate or hurtful online behaviours)
- protecting my privacy; not giving out personal details, including my full name, telephone number, address, passwords and images
- protecting the privacy of others; never posting or forwarding personal details, images or recordings without consent
- contacting a teacher or a trusted adult if I personally feel uncomfortable or unsafe online
- contacting a teacher or a trusted adult if I see others participating in unsafe, inappropriate or hurtful online behaviours
- contacting a teacher or a trusted adult if someone writes something I don't like, makes me and/or my friends feel uncomfortable or requests information from me I know is private
- carefully considering the content that I upload or post online; knowing that this is a personal reflection of who I am and what people may think of me
- investigating the terms and conditions of use of the websites I sign up to as part of the learning program (e.g. age restrictions, parental consent requirements) and if my understanding is unclear, seeking further explanation from a trusted adult
- confirming that I meet the stated terms and conditions and completing the required registration processes
- respecting copyright and intellectual property laws and requesting permission to use images, text, audio and video and citing references where necessary
- using social networking sites for education purposes as directed by the school
- not downloading unauthorised programs, including games, while using the school's ICT equipment
- not interfering with network systems and security, the data of another user or attempting to log into the network with a user name or password of another student, parent/carer or school staff member
- not revealing my password to anyone, including teachers or administrators at the school
- not deliberately entering or remaining in any site that has obscene language or offensive content.

In addition, when I use my personal mobile devices (including my phone), while engaging with my school work, I agree to be a safe, responsible and ethical user at all times by:

- respecting the privacy of others; only taking photos or recording sound or video when others are aware and formal consent has been provided as part of an approved learning program
- respecting others and communicating with them in a supportive manner, including outside school hours and in social contexts by not making harassing phone calls/text messages or forwarding on messages

- obtaining appropriate (written) consent from individuals who appear in images or sound and video recordings before forwarding them to other people or posting/uploading them to online spaces
- ensuring that all schoolwork submitted for assessment is my own, and that any use of services that provide additional support, such as AI resources, are acknowledged at the point of submission.

I understand and commit to uphold the expectations of me as a student at Virtual School Victoria when using digital technology. I will do my best to:

- be safe to protect personal information and keep safe online;
- be respectful and kind to others when using technology;
- be responsible by demonstrating honesty, handling technology with care and following the school rules;
- ask for help if I feel unsure or see something inappropriate.

I will continue to learn about how to use digital technology in a safe and responsible way.

Privacy Information for Parents and Carers

During the ordinary course of your child's attendance at VSV's Bellum Bellum Hub, school staff will collect your child's personal and health information when necessary, to educate your child and/or to support your child's social and emotional wellbeing or health. Such information will also be collected when required to fulfil a legal obligation, including duty of care, anti-discrimination law and occupational health and safety law. If that information is not collected, the school may be unable to provide optimal education or support to your child or fulfil those legal obligations.

For example, health information may be collected through the school's social worker, psychologist or Student Wellbeing & Inclusion Coordinators. If your child is referred to a specific health service at school, such as a Student Wellbeing & Inclusion Coordinator, or Department of Education Health Wellbeing or Inclusion workforce member, the required consent will be obtained.

Our school may use online tools, such as apps and other software, to collect and manage information about your child. When our school uses these online tools, we take steps to ensure that your child's information is secure. These online tools enable our school to efficiently and effectively manage important information about your child and also to communicate with you. If you have any concerns about the use of these online tools, please contact us.

School staff will only share your child's personal or health information with other staff who need to know, enabling the school to educate or support your child, or fulfil a legal obligation.

When our students transfer to another Victorian Government School, personal and health information about that student will be transferred to that next school. Transferring this information is in the best interests of our students and assists that next school to provide optimal education and support to students.

In some limited circumstances, information may be disclosed outside of the school (and outside of the Department of Education). The school will seek your consent for such disclosures unless the disclosure is allowed or mandated by law.

Our school values the privacy of every person. When collecting and managing personal and health information, all school staff must comply with Victorian privacy law. For more information about privacy, including about how to access personal and health information held by the school about you or your child, see the Department of Education's information privacy policy at: **www.vic.gov.au/schools-privacy-policy**

The term, 'staff' refers to principals, teachers, Learning Advisors, Student Wellbeing & Inclusion Coordinators, social workers and any other allied health practitioners, as well as all other staff at our school. This includes employees, agents and service providers (contractors) of the Department, whether paid or unpaid.

Who to contact

If there are questions or concerns about the enrolment process, please contact the VSV Enrolment Office. For subject selection advice, please talk to your relevant coordinator at your home school.

Phone: (03) 9965 0003
Free call: 1800 133 511
Email: hubenrolments@vsv.vic.edu.au

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Policy Review, Approval and Communication

Virtual School Victoria's enrolment policy, eligibility criteria and enrolment timelines (including closing dates) are determined by the Department of Education.

VSV's Bellum Bellum Hub Enrolment Handbook is revised annually, approved by the VSV Principal and published to the school community at the end of Term 3, to coincide with the opening of enrolments for the following school year.

Virtual School Victoria's enrolment policy, eligibility criteria and enrolment timelines are communicated to the school community in the following ways:

- Supervisors and Principals are directly emailed instructions on where to find enrolment information and how to enrol students.
- VSV's Bellum Bellum Hub Enrolment Handbook is made available in hard copy from school administration upon request by contacting our Enrolments Department.
- Links to Enrolment Information are included in various enrolment promotional articles in the school newsletter and on social media.

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