



FAITH WISDOM KNOWLEDGE

NAZARETH
COLLEGE



CURRICULUM & LEARNING PROGRAMS GUIDE



WELCOME

Nazareth College is a co-educational school for students in Years 7 to 12. We are focused on providing students with a rich spiritual and educational experience.

The College excels academically, vocationally and in Applied Learning. It provides for individual needs in its quest to cater to everyone through personalised learning. It is a school of opportunity which provides a vast array of co-curricular and extra-curricular activities. Students simply need to get involved and 'give things a go'.

The College also prides itself on its Vertical Pastoral System. Having students in Years 7 to 12 in their Homeroom helps ensure that all students are known and recognised. We also offer acceleration courses which challenge high achieving students to achieve their full academic potential.

All in all, ours is a College where all students are known and have the opportunity to succeed.

Mr Sam Cosentino
PRINCIPAL



THE EDUCATIONAL JOURNEY

Nazareth College recognises that every student has unique goals for the future and educational needs to reach those goals. Support is given to our students to ensure that the most appropriate pathway. A vital feature of the educational journey at Nazareth College is our approach to personalised learning. Our small class sizes, a wide range of subject choices and abundant extra-curricular opportunities ensure all students' needs are met.

In Years 10 to 12, students choose the pathway that best meets their needs. This includes VCE, VCAL and VET with support from our dedicated Careers and Pathways staff.



Vertical Pastoral Groups

Our vertical Homeroom Pastoral Groups allow for cross-age mentoring and provide greater consistency and support for students. Enabling students to connect with the same pastoral teacher and student cohort throughout their entire secondary schooling.



YEARS 7 AND 8

Accelerated Learning

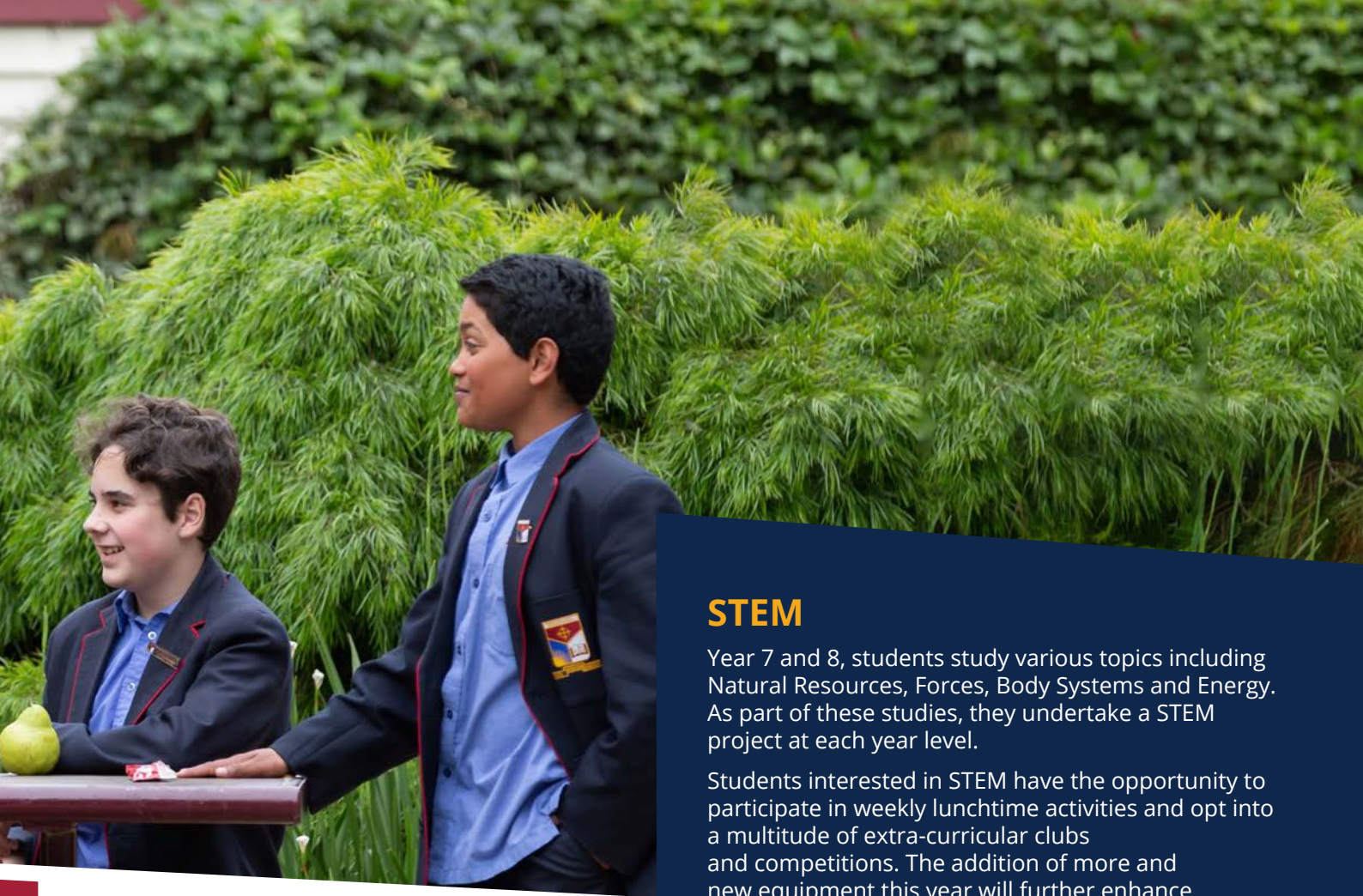
High achieving students in Maths and English are encouraged to participate in the Knowledge Stream in our new Learning Awareness Program for students in Years 7 and 8. Students can accelerate in Science with the Laurel Science program for Years 7, 8 and 9.

The Knowledge stream caters to highly able students' needs by providing content to challenge their ability and develop high outcomes to motivate them and enhance their capabilities. This is achieved by differentiating through academic acceleration, providing comprehensive content and developing higher-order thinking skills. The Knowledge stream is for students who possess the skills, interest, and desire to be challenged and are looking to continue acceleration in the following years.

This stream caters for students who:

- Have data that reflects their high results via NAPLAN, PAT and grade 6 reporting data
- Learn at a rapid rate and enjoy academic stimulation
- Are intellectually curious, ask questions and enjoy exploring topics in-depth
- Thrive on a new challenge and demonstrate good problem-solving skills
- Persevere when they encounter challenges and have independent study habits
- Pay attention to detail, and have an excellent memory.

Students have the opportunity to continue acceleration into VCE Units 1 & 2 in Year 10, VCE Units 3 & 4 in Year 11 and Tertiary studies in Year 12.



Learning Awareness Program

The Learning Awareness Program for Years 7 & 8 creates a learning environment focused on student agency, collaboration and partnership. The Program comprises of three learning streams, Faith (foundation), Wisdom (consolidation) and Knowledge (acceleration). Students have one on one “Learning Conversations” with their teachers before and after each topic, to determine which learning stream they should undertake and review their progress and learning outcomes. This tailored approach allows us to target the diverse needs of each student and personalise the learning experience. Students who need extra assistance are supported to strengthen their foundation skills, and students who are high achievers are stretched to grow and accelerate their learning.

Laurel Science High Achiever Program

High achievers in Science are invited to be a part of the separate Laurel Science class. These classes undertake the Science curriculum at a faster pace, allowing for acceleration right through to VCE. Students also participate in STEM and Science-based extra-curricular activities.

STEM

Year 7 and 8, students study various topics including Natural Resources, Forces, Body Systems and Energy. As part of these studies, they undertake a STEM project at each year level.

Students interested in STEM have the opportunity to participate in weekly lunchtime activities and opt into a multitude of extra-curricular clubs and competitions. The addition of more and new equipment this year will further enhance students' learning opportunities and provide more innovative learning outcomes, preparing our student for the future.

Some of the STEM Extra-Curricular activities:

- Environmental Club
- Coding & Design (3D Printing)
- Building Electronic Circuits
- Science Search Competition
- Science Olympiad
- ICAS.

LitSTEM Partnership

The LitSTEM Program is a partnership between Nazareth College and our local feeder Primary Schools. The objective is to improve student outcomes through collaborative learning. Literacy and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) offers an approach to learning that emphasises higher-order thinking and leverages technology to help students collaborate, contribute, connect, create, communicate and critique. The LitSTEM partnership aims to educate our students to become lifelong independent and robust learners who are adaptable and innovative. LitSTEM promotes strategies and programs which improve student outcomes in all disciplines. Nazareth College currently partners with Resurrection, St Gerard's, St Simon's, St Mark's and St Justin's Primary Schools for this Program.

MIDDLE AND SENIOR YEARS

The curriculum at Nazareth offers students comprehensive and exciting study programs within a Catholic context. It is extensive, balanced and inclusive; aimed at developing a passion for lifelong learning.

City Learning Days

At Nazareth, we aim to provide more than just an academic education; we teach invaluable skills for life outside the classroom. Year 9 students gain valuable life skills through our “City Learning Days”. Students learn how to navigate the Melbourne metropolis and historical landmarks and explore art and cultural activities within Melbourne. These skills help build confident young individuals. Students use their newly acquired skills to develop, research and present a significant research project.

VCE Pathways

Selected students are invited to accelerate in a Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) subject beginning in Year 10. This helps high achievers to enhance their ATAR by completing six VCE Unit 3 and 4 study units.

Monash University Mentoring

TEAM MENTORING

Transition, Experience, Access, Monash (TEAM) is a personal development program for selected Year 10 students designed to prepare and support students exploring higher education and transitioning into VCE the following year.

The sessions, held with mentors work on the following:

- Introduction to University
- Benefits of higher education
- Barriers to higher education
- Transitioning to VCE.

ACCESS MONASH MENTORING

Access Monash Mentoring is a program that provides intensive support to selected Year 11 and 12 students by supporting their decision making and preparation for university and careers. Students are matched with a Monash student who work one on one to provide many tailor-made opportunities specific to the student.

These can include:

- Fortnightly one on one sessions
- Academic/study assistance
- Enrichment activities
- Shadowing experiences
- Industry connection opportunities
- Exclusive access to Monash outreach and leadership activities.





ACU CSYMA Youth Academy

The CSYMA Youth Academy is offered in conjunction with Australian Catholic University (ACU). The Youth Academy consists of two programs taken over two years, students wanting to complete both programs in one year are required to seek prior approval.

Successful completion of the school-based Program by completing the relevant modules will result in the student receiving the CSYMA and ACU Faith and Ministry Award. Students who successfully obtain the award are guaranteed an additional 5 ATAR points towards an ACU undergraduate degree.

Learning Enhancement through Applied Pathways – LEAP

Some students in Year 10 may be better suited to the LEAP Program, combining both Applied Learning and academic pathways. The Program provides ideal preparation for VCE or VCAL in Years 11 and 12. LEAP students undertake VET at the Swinburne KIOSC Wantirna, where they will experience several industry areas.

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING – VET

Vocational Education and Training (VET) courses can form part of a student's VCE and VCAL Pathways timetable. Vocational knowledge and skills are acquired through formal TAFE VET lessons and hands-on experience each week. These are undertaken at local TAFEs and other Registered Training organisations and offer an extensive range of subjects and industries from which students can choose.

DIFFERENTIATED LEARNING

Nazareth College prides itself on supporting and celebrating the unique and diverse talents of all our students. Our focus is on the individual needs and achievements of every student. Our differentiated Learning Program's key objective is to deliver a curriculum that provides learning opportunities for students to develop knowledge, understanding and demonstrate growth, whether it be through learning support or learning acceleration.

STUDENT WELLBEING

Nazareth College is committed to developing resilient, respectful and responsible young individuals. Students are supported through our extensive Wellbeing program. Our Wellbeing team includes our Deputy Principal, a Director of Wellbeing, six Heads of House, School Psychologist, School First-Aid Officer, Careers Counsellor and Pastoral Teachers. Together, this team further cares for the social, emotional and safety needs of our students. We are committed to building and maintaining an engaging, positive learning environment where students feel safe and respected. Our emphasis on developing all aspects of a young person's life permeates and guides everything we do.

Through explicit teaching of social and emotional skills in our regular Pastoral classes, students learn how to:

- Think with flexibility and positivity
- Listen to and respect others
- Develop positive relationships
- Become emotionally resourceful
- Build self-regulation skills
- Establish short- and long-term goals
- Communicate safely and respectfully
- Become more resilient by developing strategies to deal with adversity.

Additionally, Nazareth College provides students with a Wellbeing Centre, a calm, tranquil place where students can relax, unwind and find support when they most need it.

Homework Club

Our Homework Club is available twice a week on Tuesday's and Thursday's. Tutors assist students that might need additional help outside of the classroom. Students from all year levels and subject areas are welcome. Homework club takes place in the Resource Centre, a tranquil space for productive study.

Other activities and clubs available to students include:

- Student Leadership Programs
- Student Action Team
- Creative Writing Competitions
- Book Club
- Camps
- Chess Club
- Choir
- Tutoring Club
- Art Club
- Debating
- Duke of Edinburgh Award
- Library Ambassadors
- Social Outreach Programs
- Building Bridges
- STEM Programs
- A Book in a Day Competition
- Performing Arts Competitions
- Teen Chef Competition
- Science Competitions
- Environmental Club.

CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

LEARNING AREA	YEAR 7	YEAR 8	YEAR 9
Religious Education	Religious Education #	Religious Education #	Religious Education #
English	English #	English #	English # Literature <i>elective</i>
Mathematics	Mathematics #	Mathematics #	Mathematics #
Health and Physical Education	Physical Education #	Physical Education #	Physical Education # or Year 9 Soccer Education or Year 9 Basketball Education
Science	Science #	Science #	Science # STEM <i>elective</i>
Humanities	Humanities # - Civics & Citizenship - Economics - Geography - History	Humanities # - Civics & Citizenship - Economics - Geography - History	Humanities # - Civics & Citizenship - Economics - Geography - History
Languages	Italian # or Japanese #	Italian # or Japanese #	Italian # or Japanese #
The Arts	Art * Music *	Visual Communication Drama * or Music * (for those continuing from Year 7)	Dance Drama Media Music Visual Art Visual Communication
Technology Studies	Information Technology * Textiles Technology *	Food Technology * Wood Technology *	Food Technology Information Technology Wood Technology Textiles Technology Design & Technologies
Elective Subjects	N/A	N/A	Choose 6 elective units (Including a Language which is 2 units) from: The Arts, Technology, Languages, Health & Physical Education and Literature. (Each elective is for one semester's duration).

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* 1 UNIT OF EACH AT THIS YEAR LEVEL



LEARNING AREA	YEAR 10	YEAR 11 (VCE UNITS 1 & 2)	YEAR 12 (VCE UNITS 3 & 4)
Religious Education	Religious Education or Youth Ministry	VCE Religion & Society or Youth Ministry (CSYMA /ACU Youth Academy)	VCE Religion & Society or Religious Education or Youth Ministry (CSYMA/ ACU Youth Academy)
English	# One of: English EAL English Literature Foundation English	# One or more of: VCE English VCE EAL English VCE Literature	One or more of: VCE English VCE EAL English VCE Literature
Mathematics	# One of: Advanced Mathematics Mathematics Mathematics – Foundation	VCE General Mathematics VCE Mathematical Methods VCE Specialist Mathematics	VCE Further Mathematics VCE Mathematical Methods VCE Specialist Mathematics
Health and Physical Education	# One or more of: Physical Education Sports Science Health Education Duke of Edinburgh	VCE Health & Human Development VCE Physical Education	VCE Health & Human Development VCE Physical Education
Science	# One or more of: Real Life Science Physical Science Human Science Environmental Science	VCE Biology VCE Chemistry VCE Environmental Science VCE Physics VCE Psychology	VCE Biology VCE Chemistry VCE Environmental Science VCE Physics VCE Psychology
Languages	Chinese (First Language) Italian Japanese (Second Language)	VCE Chinese (First Language) VCE Italian VCE Japanese (Second Language)	VCE Chinese (First Language) VCE Italian VCE Japanese (Second Language)
Humanities	# One or more of: History Legal Studies & Economics Business Management & Accounting	VCE Accounting VCE Business Management VCE Economics VCE Legal Studies VCE 20th Century History	VCE Accounting VCE Business Management VCE Economics VCE History: Revolutions VCE Legal Studies
The Visual Arts	Media Studio Art Visual Communication Design	VCE Media VCE Studio Arts VCE Visual Communication Design	VCE Media VCE Studio Arts VCE Visual Communication Design
The Performing Arts	Dance Drama & Theatre Studies Music	VET Dance VCE Theatre Studies VET Music Certificate III	VET Dance VCE Theatre Studies (2021) VET Music Certificate III
Technology Studies	Food Technology Information Technology Wood Technology Wood Technology – Build a Ukulele Design and Technologies Textiles Technology	VCE Product Design & Technology: Textiles VCE Product Design & Technology: Wood VCE Food Studies VCE Applied Computing	VCE Product Design & Technology: Textiles VCE Product Design & Technology: Wood VCE Food Studies VCE Data Analy
Elective Subjects	CHOOSE 8 ELECTIVE UNITS (including 1 from each of Humanities, Health & PE and Science)	CHOOSE 14 SEMESTER UNITS (including 2 from English and RE)	CHOOSE 12 SEMESTER UNITS (including 2 from each of English and RE)
VET in VCE Courses These courses are all off- campus and are also available in LEAP & VCAL	For a full listing of the wide range of VET courses available to Nazareth College students, please see the VET Subjects list in the VCE, VCAL and VET Course Guide 2020.		

CORE

SPORTS SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE

This unique Program helps students bring the love of the game into their education. Students are challenged to grow their technical skills and confidence both on and off the field. Soccer and Basketball have a strong presence within Nazareth and our surrounding communities. As a result, we offer both Soccer and Basketball in our Sports School of Excellence. Additionally, Tennis will be offered in the near future. The aim is to help talented student-athletes build and sharpen their skills while assisting them to further their education and vocational development. Our elite level, specialised coaches, address the PE curriculum's theoretical elements, whilst practical classes are based on skill acquisition and game training phases for each sport represented in the Program.

Annual Sports Carnivals

- Swimming
- Cross Country
- Athletics.

Sports School of Excellence

- Soccer
- Basketball
- Tennis – commencing soon.

Sport

Nazareth College is proud of its reputation as a talented and competitive member of the SIS competition. Students are encouraged to develop and utilise their sporting talents to represent the College in a range of competitive sports within the College community and through inter-school SIS competitions.

Extra-Curricular Activities Southern Independent School (SIS) Activities:

- Basketball
- Indoor Cricket
- Football (AFL)
- Handball
- Netball
- Table Tennis
- Tennis
- Touch Rugby
- Soccer
- Volleyball.





TECHNOLOGY STUDIES

Product Design Technology

Participating students study the analysis, modification, and improvement of a product design in relation to Food, Textiles or Wood Technology.

Students learn:

- Teamwork
- Design Innovation
- Creativity Processes
- Production Methods for a Product
- Food Technology
- Design and Technologies.

Our annual Arts and Technology Showcase event allows parents to view and experience students' achievements within the technology's subjects.

Information Technology

In Information Technology studies, students are provided with the opportunity to explore specialist subjects while also providing various ways of communicating information. The school has well-equipped computer laboratories and a Resource Centre where students develop the ability to follow the creative process of planning, designing and producing an idea from conception to implementation innovatively and efficiently using Problem Solving Methodology techniques.

BYOD Program

Our Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) program requires all students to have laptops compatible with the College's IT infrastructure. Laptop devices are used across all year levels in all classes.

APPLIED LEARNING

Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning (VCAL)

VCAL aims to provide students with the skills, knowledge and attitudes needed to make choices regarding pathways to work and further education. The VCAL program is ideal for students who desire to enter a trade, gain an apprenticeship, or complete TAFE certificates for further education. VCAL pathways can begin for students commencing with our Year 10 LEAP Program which offer students VET Taster Courses. Additionally, the LEAP curriculum also focuses on Personal Development Skills as well as Work-Related Skills.

Personal development and community service are strengthened by the varied partnerships we have within our local community (SCOPE's Balloon Football League and Men's Shed Community Service), local feeder Primary Schools and surrounding businesses. Our VCAL students become independent learners, build-essential teamwork skills and learn the importance of taking initiative within their future workplace settings.

Vocational Education Training

Vocational Education and Training (VET) courses can form part of a student's timetable within the VCE or VCAL Pathways. These are undertaken at local TAFEs and other Registered Training Organisations and offer an extensive range of subjects and industries from which students can choose.

International Program

Our College is proud to welcome International Students into our learning community and has successfully established a thriving International Program. Students accepted into the Program are matched with a local homestay family which provides a comfortable and nurturing environment during their education at the College. Our International Team oversees all International students' smooth transition into their studies within the Nazareth learning community and assists with the provision of support services for all International Students.

The College Wellbeing Team is also available to help work through any issues of concern to the students and work in close contact with the International Team. The College maintains regular contact with each student's family overseas to keep parents fully informed and updated regarding students' academic progress and overall wellbeing.

Visual Arts

Our students develop perceptual and conceptual understanding, critical reasoning and practical skills. This is achieved through exploring and expanding knowledge of their world and creatively responding through:

- Art
- Media Studies
- Studio Arts
- Visual Communication & Design.

Students engage with and develop knowledge of visual arts skills, techniques and processes, and use materials to explore a range of forms, styles and contexts. At Nazareth, students learn to reflect critically on their own experiences and responses to outside work and develop their Arts knowledge. They learn to express and communicate.



Performing Arts

At Nazareth College, every student can learn an instrument. We offer individual, paired and group lessons with specialised instrumental tutors to enhance musical knowledge. Lessons are in a variety of orchestral instruments, piano, guitar and voice. Students are also encouraged to join a musical ensemble lead by our Music tutors.

The expansion of our Performing Arts continues to evolve to include a variety of choices for students.

Students attend classes in Music, Drama and Dance. These classes can lead to the opportunity to obtain a Certificate III in Music Industry (Performance) and Certificate II in Dance in students' senior years at the College. VCE Theatre Studies is also available for students to study in Year 11 and 12.

Students in our Instrumental Program attend weekly rehearsals before and after school refining and perfecting their music, acting, and dance skills. Students prepare for musical productions, plays, music concerts, and combined performances that highlight the best work in all fields during rehearsals.

We currently offer the following ensembles:

- Stage Band
- Junior Band
- Contemporary Band
- String Ensemble
- Guitar Ensemble
- Year 7 Band
- Contemporary Choir.

Many activities on offer encourage students to learn the skills necessary to entertain audiences in the various art forms. Activities include evening and day concerts, external performance opportunities, Music camp, school partnerships and community work throughout the year.

Scheduled Performance events for 2021:

- College Production – Grease
- SIS Performing Arts Concert
- Showcase
- Nazareth Day Carnival Performance
- Primary school fete performances
- Singing Competition
- Piano Competition
- Talent Quest
- Lunchtime concerts
- Musical Soiree evenings in Semester 1 and 2.

VET Music Industry and Performance Dance

Our students are fortunate to have the opportunity to undertake a VET Certificate III Music Industry Performance course at Nazareth. This certificate offers students interested in music the opportunity to develop their musicianship and stagecraft skills in a dedicated performance auditorium and professional recording studio. Students hone their performance skills and stage presence to deliver effective and exciting musical presentations.

Vet Dance

Students electing to study Certificate II in Dance must possess a passion for dance and a strong dancing capacity. It is recommended that students have at least 3-4 years of formal dance training before studying this subject. They must be prepared to undertake regular individual practice. Group and solo performances are compulsory components of this course and include evening concerts.

Certificate II in Dance is a two-year program that will provide students with the technical and performance skills to establish a career in the entertainment industry. Students will learn the necessary knowledge and skills to participate in a variety of dance routines.

