

Year 10 2026

Course Counselling Information Evening



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Acknowledgement of Country



Pakenham Secondary College acknowledge the traditional owners of the land, the Boon Wurrung peoples and their neighbours, the Wurundjeri, members of the Kulin Nation and give thanks to their Elders, past, present and future for allowing us to share the land with them.



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Our School Values

At Pakenham Secondary College, our students are at the centre of all that we do. We aim to develop the whole student and create pathways for their future. The College values hinge upon the acronym SOAR, which was inspired by the eagle in the school's logo.

S stands for
**Social and
Personal
Responsibility**

O stands for
**Opportunities
for All**

A stands for
**Achieving
Personal Best**

R stands for
**Respect and
Relationships**

S

O

A

R



Structure of Bunjil & Balam Balam

Bunjil VCE

Assistant Principal
Michelle Scheiwiller

Sub School Leader
Nevicia Reynolds

Team Leader 10.1 – 10.5
Evans Ndlovu

Team Leader 11.1 – 11.5
Ally Bystersky

Team Leader 12.1 – 12.5
Ally Bystersky

Balam Balam VCE VM

Assistant Principal
Michelle Scheiwiller

Sub School Leader
Jo-Anne Duggan

Team Leader 10.6–10.10
Gerard Meerwald

Team Leader 11.6 – 11.10
Joanne Nadal

Team Leader 12.6 – 12.10
Joanne Nadal



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Satisfactory Completion of Year 9

- ▶ The follow information is based on the satisfactory completion of Year 9 in 2025.
- ▶ You, and we, need to consider next year as a pathway into Year 11 and 12 when making your decision. However, your pathway can be changed at the end of Year 10 if you change your mind.



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Year 10 Structure

► There are 4 options available in Year 10:

► **Mainstream**

► **Enhancement**

► **VET**

► **Connections** *(if suitable, individuals will be selected and contacted for this program)*



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Year 10 Structure

Year 10 Mainstream	Year 10 with TAFE (VET)	Year 10 with VCE Enhancement
English 4 periods	English 4 periods	English 4 periods
Maths 4 periods	Maths 4 periods	Maths 4 periods
Science 4 periods (1 semester)	Science 4 periods (1 semester)	Science 4 periods
Humanities 4 periods (1 semester)	Humanities 4 periods (1 semester)	Humanities 4 periods
Futures 1 period	VET Wednesday/Friday (5 periods)	Futures 1 period
Electives (3 per semester)	Electives (2 per semester)	Electives (1 per semester)
		VCE Subject 4 periods



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Year 10 Electives to choose from (in Semester Blocks)

Key Learning Area:

Elective

English
Humanities
Humanities
Humanities
Mathematics
Science
Science
Science

Health & Physical Education
Health & Physical Education
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Health & Physical Education

Technology
Technology
Technology
Technology
The Arts
The Arts
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The Arts

Literature
Money Matters
Crime and Punishment
History, People and Power
Fun Functions
Science of Food
Science of Crime
The Science of Life and Career
Mind, Body and Soul
Body Attack
Sport and Leadership
Game On
Food Technology
Digital Technology & App Development
Textiles and Product Design
Wood Technology and Product Design
Art
Digital Art and Design
Photography
Drama
Music



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Unit 1 & 2 VCE Electives

(Enhancement and Mainstream)

- VCE Applied Computing
- VCE Art Making & Exhibiting
- VCE Biology
- VCE Business Management
- VCE Food Studies
- VCE Health & Human Development
- VCE Legal Studies
- VCE Literature
- VCE Modern History

- VCE Physical Education
- VCE Politics: Australian & Global
- VCE Product Design & Technology: Textiles
- VCE Product Design & Technology: Wood Tech
- VCE Psychology
- VCE Sociology
- VCE Visual Communication Design



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Key VET Courses Available

- Agriculture
- Animal Care
- Automotive
- Building and Construction
- Computer Assembly & Repair
- Early Childhood Education & Care
- Equine Studies
- Hospitality
- Make-up
- Retail Cosmetics
- Screen & Media

- Visual Arts
- Engineering Studies
- Allied Health Assistant
- Community Services
- Beauty Services
- Applied Fashion Design & Technology
- Construction Pathways
- Electrotechnology
- Horticulture
- Integrated Technologies
- Plumbing
- Salon Assistant
- Sport & Recreation
- Workplace Skills



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VET 'Mini Cluster'

Department of Education & Training
Secondary Schools Network
VET Programs offered
for 2026

Edenbrook Secondary College

Contact: Leanne Wilson - Careers & Pathways Leader
Phone: 5943 9200 | Email: leanne.wilson2@education.vic.gov.au

SHB30121 Certificate III Beauty Services

Koo Wee Rup Secondary College

Contact: Kylie Borchers - VET Coordinator
Phone: 5997 1444 | email: kylie.borchers@education.vic.gov.au

ACM20121 Certificate II Animal Studies

AHC21020 Certificate II in Conservation & Ecosystem Mgmt

UEE22020 Certificate II Electrotechnology



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Contact: Nicole Robertson - VET Coordinator
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22614VIC Certificate II Building & Construction
Pre-apprenticeship
CHC22015 Certificate II Community Services
CHC32015 Certificate III Community Services
CHC30121 Certificate III Early Childhood
Education & Care
BSB20120 Certificate II Workplace Skills



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Contact: Alister Quinn - VET Coordinator
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22632VIC Certificate II Engineering Studies
BSB30120 Certificate III Business
CUA30920 Certificate III Music - Sound Production
SIS30122 Certificate III Sport, Aquatics & Recreation



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NEXT STEPS



Contact the Careers Department at each College to learn more about the VET Program proposed for 2026.



Express your child's interest in the VET Program of choice by registering your details with the relevant school.



Look for updates as to any further information sessions relating to the VET Program of interest at each of the Secondary Schools (Term 3, 2025 - *tbc*)



Limited places available in each of the VET Programs proposed so be quick to Express Your Interest



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Course Counselling Interviews

- **Course Counselling Interviews** will be held on **Monday, 28th July**. There will be **no scheduled classes** that day for Year 9 students, but **students must attend their course counselling appointment**, which is now available in their Compass schedules.



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Student Experiences

- ▶ Gurleen Kaur
- ▶ Finley Clayton



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Resources to consult in your decision making

- Course Counsellor
- Year 10 Handbook 2026 (available on our website at: <http://www.pakenhamsc.vic.edu.au> and your Compass Newsfeed)
- My Future – <https://myfuture.edu.au>
- Labour Market Insights – www.jobsandskills.gov.au/data/labour-market-insights
- The Good Universities Guide – www.gooduniversitiesguide.com.au/careers-guide
- Mid and End of Year Reports
- Morrisby Careers Program
- Naplan
- Career Action Plans
- Your teachers



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Important things to note

- ▶ Year 10 2026 **Course Counselling** is on **Monday 28th July**
- ▶ **Year 9 students do not attend school on this day**, but they are expected to come to their scheduled Course Counselling interview
- ▶ Parents/guardians are invited to attend with their child. If that is not possible, a Webex link has been provided on Compass for parents/guardians to attend online.
- ▶ Appointment times are allocated and are on your Compass. If you can't make the allocated time, please call your Counsellor to organise either an online meeting or another time.
- ▶ The Course Handbook and descriptions for each subject are available on our website at: <https://pakenhamsc.vic.edu.au/curriculum-handbooks>
- ▶ Students are to bring their Career Action Plans and Morrisby Profiles to their Course Counselling interviews



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Year 10 Handbook

- ▶ Available on our website:
pakenhamsc.vic.edu.au/learning
- ▶ Or visit your Compass Newsfeed

