

A photograph of two students, a young woman and a young man, sitting at a table in a library or study area. The woman is wearing a red knit beanie and a striped shirt, looking down at a book. The man is smiling and looking at the same book. They are surrounded by bookshelves filled with books. The lighting is warm and focused on the students.

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# ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS TO SECONDARY SCHOOL

Secondary education at Chisholm (Year 10, VCAL and VCE)

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# ABOUT CHISHOLM

Chisholm is a government-owned TAFE institute that offers foundation courses and programs, VCE, VCAL, certificate, diploma, advanced diploma, bachelor degrees and graduate certificate courses. We carefully structure our courses to ensure that all our students finish with the skills they need to achieve their career goal.

## OUR LOCATIONS

### Dandenong

121 Stud Road, Dandenong 3175

### Chisholm @311

311 Lonsdale Street, Dandenong 3175

### Frankston

Fletcher Road, Frankston 3199

### Berwick

25 Kangan Drive, Berwick 3806

### Cranbourne

New Holland Drive, Cranbourne 3911

### Mornington Peninsula

Boneo Road, Rosebud 3939

### Bass Coast

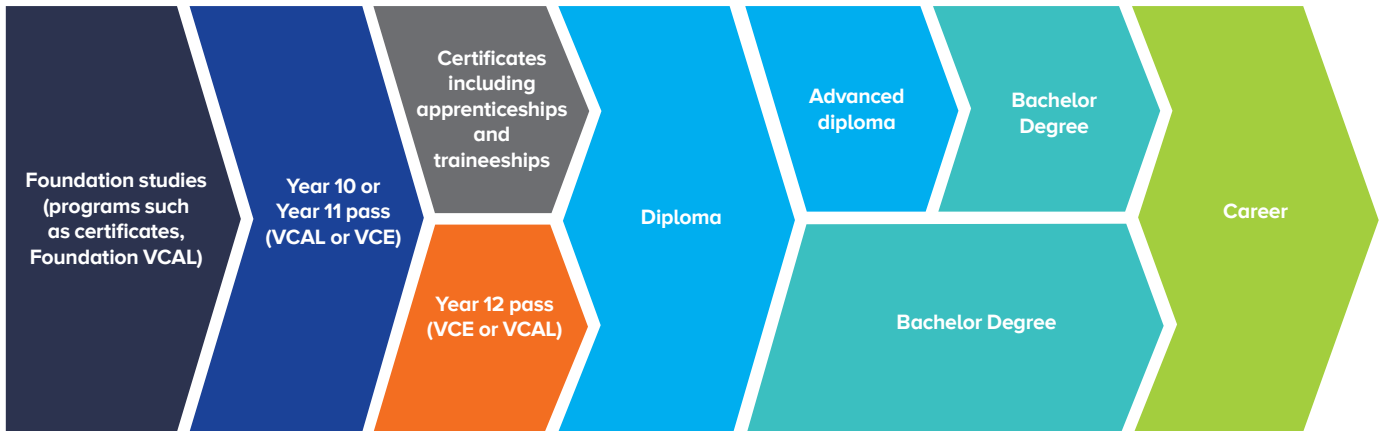
Corner Bass Highway and South Dudley Road, Wonthaggi 3995

### Springvale

Corner Boulton Street and Springvale Road, Springvale 3171

# PATHWAY OPTIONS

A course at Chisholm can lead you to many other qualifications through a pathway – that’s a staged approach to learning. You can study from foundation studies (the equivalent to Year 10 at secondary school), VCAL or VCE, right through to a bachelor degree, or leave at any stage and return to Chisholm later.



You might think about completing your secondary school education at Chisholm then moving on to a certificate, diploma and even a degree if you wish. The above diagram shows the different ways you can gain multiple qualifications. This will look impressive on any resume!

No matter what your education history, we can help you find a pathway into a career.

## HOW DOES LEAVING SCHOOL TO STUDY AT CHISHOLM WORK?

There can be a number of reasons why you might want to leave school.

In Victoria, the legal leaving age is 17 so it’s important that you and your family talk with your school careers coordinator to discuss schooling options. Legally, you must go to a school campus, or an approved alternative like Chisholm, until you finish Year 10. After Year 10, you don’t need to go to a school campus but must take part in education, training or employment for at least 25 hours a week until you are 17 years old.

At Chisholm, we provide qualifications and programs equivalent to Years 10, 11 and 12. VCAL and VCE at Chisholm are the same as at secondary school. This means that you can complete a TAFE education instead of a secondary school education and use this as a stepping stone to further study. You can even continue on to a degree without an ATAR.

## WHAT IS FOUNDATION COLLEGE?

If you are at least 14 years and 9 months of age, our Foundation College has a range of courses and programs for you. Foundation College courses give you a way to go on to VCAL or VCE at Chisholm. They prepare you with the knowledge and skills you need for an entry level or casual job, to get involved in your community and/or to go on to other qualifications. They also give you a pathway to full employment or even a trade – and they’re a great way to meet new people.

As a Foundation College student you will have access to a range of support services including careers counselling, personal counselling, mentoring, tutoring and more.

Call **1300 517 459** to speak with someone from the Foundation College.

[chisholm.edu.au/foundation](http://chisholm.edu.au/foundation)



# VET

## **WHAT IS VET?**

Vocational Education and Training (VET) allows you to do nationally recognised training, sometimes as part of your VCE or VCAL. It allows you to combine general and vocational studies, explore career options and pathways, learn in the workplace and develop skills that prepare you for work and further study.

VET courses cover a diverse range of industries including engineering, hairdressing, trades, automotive, health services and more.

# VCAL

Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning (VCAL) is a senior secondary certificate of education recognised within the Australian Qualifications Framework. VCAL is delivered by Chisholm and is also a pathway to further studies at a TAFE institute or university, to an apprenticeship or traineeship or to employment.

## AWARD LEVELS

VCAL is accredited and issued at three award levels:

Year 10 Foundation	Year 11 Intermediate	Year 12 Senior
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The three qualification levels cater for students with different abilities and interests.

## BENEFITS OF VCAL

VCAL provides you with the skills, knowledge and attributes you need to make informed choices about employment and education pathways. It includes personal development, your own interests, and pathways that involve applied learning.

At Intermediate and Senior levels, VCAL is completion of a senior secondary qualification that prepares you for further studies and work.

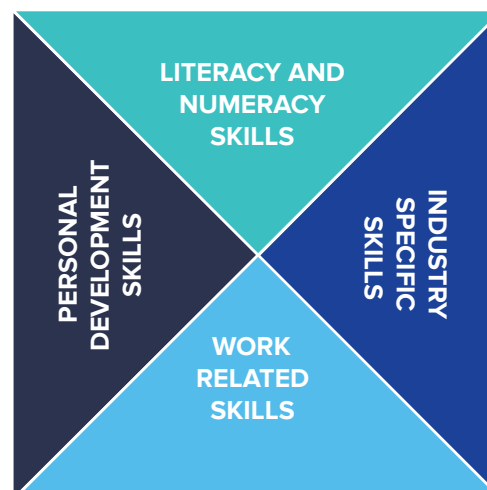
## DURATION

Each VCAL level involves a mix of class time and independent learning, and generally follows the school year. There are some differences and hours may vary depending on the specific needs of each student.

## STRUCTURE OF VCAL

VCAL programs include each of the following:

- > literacy and numeracy skills
- > industry specific skills
- > work related skills
- > personal development skills.



## QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

To be awarded a VCAL qualification, you must successfully complete a minimum of 10 credits. You'll gain a credit for successful completion of a unit of study, which can be:

- > one VCAL unit
- > one VCE unit
- > appropriate VET modules (generally 90 hours).

For more information about VCAL and its requirements, visit:  
[www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/Pages/HomePage.aspx](http://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/Pages/HomePage.aspx)



## VCAL WITH A SPORTS FOCUS – RISING STARS BASKETBALL AND FOOTBALL PROGRAM

Rising Stars is a VCAL program tailored for the basketball and football industry at our Chisholm Sports Academy. It allows senior secondary students to undertake a sports-focused VCAL program, similar to that of the VCE program.

Start kicking goals!

- > VCAL (Intermediate) – (VCALINT001)  
Year 11 Rising Stars Basketball and Football Program
- > VCAL (Senior) – (VCALSEN001)  
Year 12 Rising Stars Basketball and Football Program

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# VCE

## WHAT IS VCE?

Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) is a senior secondary certificate that provides you with pathways to tertiary education, to advanced certificate courses and to the workforce. It's a world-class credential, recognised nationally and internationally, that allows you to choose from a broad range of subjects.

Most students in Victoria receive their VCE when they complete secondary school, including when they complete VCE at TAFE.

## HOW IS VCE STRUCTURED?

VCE is made up of studies and units, and you may need to study some of these in a certain order.

A study is a subject, for example, English. It is made up of four units (Units 1, 2, 3 and 4). Each unit is one semester in length.

Most students complete VCE over two years, usually choosing Units 1 and 2 in their first VCE year and Units 3 and 4 in their second year. But at Chisholm, this can be flexible.

You can study Units 1 and 2 of a study as stand-alone units. But you must enrol in Units 3 and 4 of a study as a sequence. This sequence needs to be completed in the same year if your study score is to be calculated.

Our students usually study between 20 and 24 units (five or six studies) in Years 11 and 12. You can even take longer than two years to finish VCE if you need to. You and/or your parents can talk with our teachers about how to structure the VCE program to best meet your needs.

## HOW SHOULD I CHOOSE WHICH VCE STUDIES TO DO?

When you're thinking about doing VCE, the best idea is to choose units that you're interested in. Think about a subject or an area that you're good at that can lead to a job you might like, or a university or TAFE course that you want to do. You'll find a full list of VCE studies on [chisholm.edu.au](http://chisholm.edu.au).

## WHAT STUDIES CAN I CHOOSE?

You can choose from a variety of VCE study options that will help you follow your interests and build your skills. Our VCE studies and VCE VET programs cover areas such as the humanities, sciences, mathematics, technology, the arts and languages, as well as vocational studies.

For more information, please visit the Department of Education and Training web site: [education.vic.gov.au](http://education.vic.gov.au)

**YEAR 11. UNITS 1 AND 2****YEAR 12. UNITS 3 AND 4**

<b>Biology</b>	<b>Accounting</b>
<b>Business Management</b>	<b>Ancient History</b>
<b>Computing</b>	<b>Biology</b>
<b>English</b>	<b>Business Management</b>
<b>Environmental Science</b>	<b>EAL - English as an Additional Language</b>
<b>Geography</b>	<b>English</b>
<b>Health and Human Development</b>	<b>Environmental Science</b>
<b>Legal Studies</b>	<b>Further Mathematics</b>
<b>Mathematics General</b>	<b>History Revolutions</b>
<b>Mathematics Methods</b>	<b>Health and Human Development</b>
<b>Persian</b>	<b>Industry and Enterprise</b>
<b>Psychology</b>	<b>IT Software Development</b>
<b>Sociology</b>	<b>Legal Studies</b>
<b>Twentieth Century History</b>	<b>Literature</b>
	<b>Mathematics Methods</b>
	<b>Persian</b>
	<b>Psychology</b>
	<b>Sociology</b>

Check our web site as subject offerings and campuses may change.

## **VCE WITH A SPORTS FOCUS – RISING STARS BASKETBALL AND FOOTBALL PROGRAM (VCE0000001Y11)**

Our Chisholm Sports Academy allows senior secondary students to undertake a sports-focused VCE program that incorporates elite level basketball and football coaching supported by a strength and conditioning program.

The Rising Stars Program is tailored for emerging athletes with a passion for basketball and football who are looking for a career in the sports industry.

The VCE part of the program is delivered by Victorian Institute of Teaching registered teachers and is the same VCE qualification you would receive at secondary school. The sporting section is delivered by ex-Olympic basketball and AFL level coaches and qualified exercise science staff.

We provide our Rising Stars VCE students with every opportunity to succeed with their academic and sporting performance.

Our students gain real world industry experience through our network of partner organisations including AFL South East, PEAK, YMCA and other sporting associations. VCE Rising Stars students are also mentored by elite athletes and senior students studying our dual diploma and degree Sports Academy programs.

The program includes:

- > three mornings per week of elite level training and coaching sessions at the following venues:
  - > Casey Fields, with quality AFL level coaches in partnership with the Melbourne Football Club and Casey Demons
  - > Casey Stadium
- > individual strength and conditioning program for physical development
- > full Chisholm Sports Academy uniform
- > support in determining pathways and US college eligibility.



# APPRENTICESHIPS AND TRAINEESHIPS

## WHAT ARE APPRENTICESHIPS AND TRAINEESHIPS?

An apprenticeship or traineeship is a training contract between an employer and an employee (the apprentice or trainee), where the apprentice or trainee learns the skills required for a particular occupation or trade. It means you can qualify in the industry you want to work in while being directly employed in that industry – being paid while you learn!

As an apprentice or trainee, you can:

- > learn valuable, nationally recognised job skills
- > get paid while learning
- > combine a job with formal training from a TAFE institute or other training provider.

An apprenticeship or traineeship is the pathway to a career in hundreds of occupations across a wide range of industries.

An apprenticeship leads to becoming a tradesperson, such as a plumber, carpenter, electrician, motor mechanic, fitter and turner or hairdresser. Apprenticeships can take up to four years to complete.

A traineeship leads to an occupation such as childcare worker, business administrator, IT systems technician, or retail or hospitality service employee. Traineeships are usually shorter programs of one to two years.

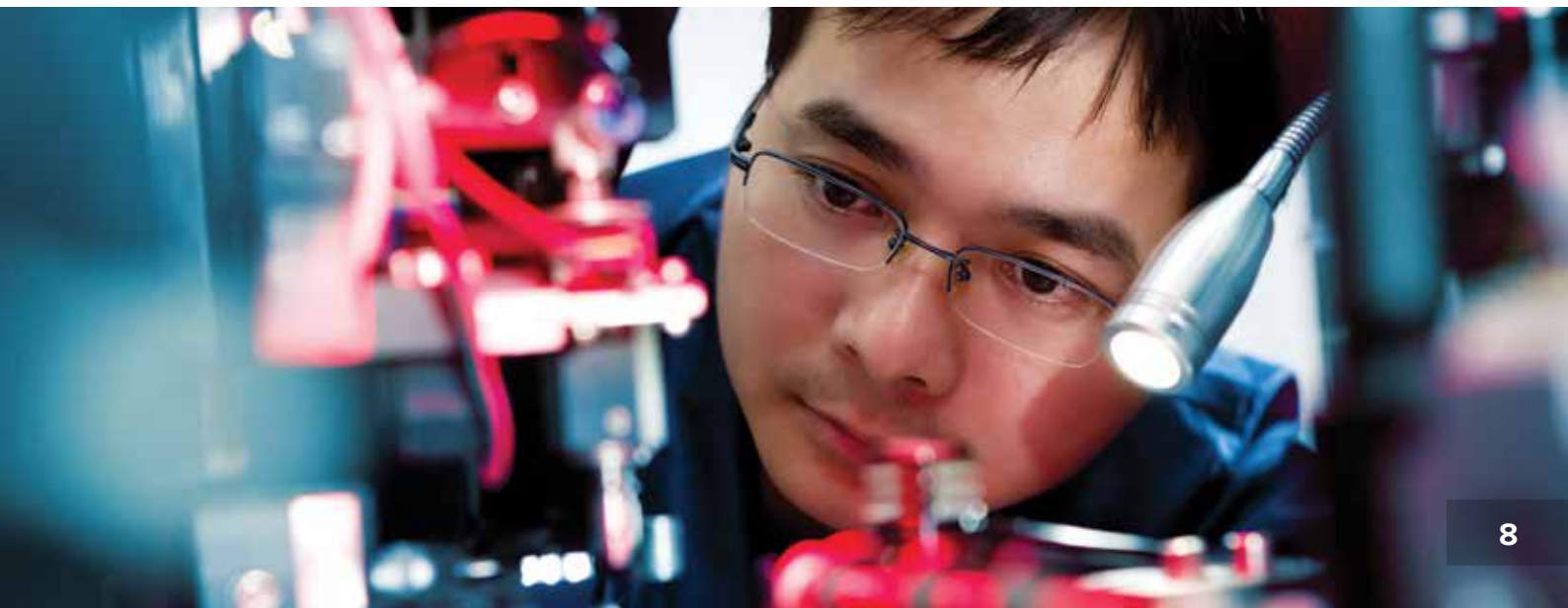
## ARE THERE DIFFERENT PATHWAYS TO COMPLETE AN APPRENTICESHIP OR TRAINEESHIP?

You can choose a number of different ways to enter and complete an apprenticeship or traineeship. Gaining employment as an apprentice can be quite competitive so you need to be prepared. Completing a VCE or VCAL is a good start.

## WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A PRE-APPRENTICESHIP AND AN APPRENTICESHIP?

A pre-apprenticeship is an introductory course and is usually a Certificate II (an apprenticeship is a Certificate III). If you are a pre-apprenticeship student you won't have a job with an employer; instead you'll complete your course full time at Chisholm. When you've successfully finished a pre-apprenticeship, our Chisholm Skills and Jobs Centre can help you find out more about getting an apprenticeship.

If you do find a job as an apprentice, completion of a pre-apprenticeship may reduce the length of your apprenticeship.



# COURSES FOR EARLY SCHOOL LEAVERS

COURSE TYPE	DURATION	MINIMUM AGE/YEAR LEVEL REQUIREMENTS
<b>Foundation courses or programs</b>		
VCAL – Victorian Certificate Of Applied Learning (Foundation) (VCALFND001)	6 months	14 years 9 months
Certificate I In General Education for Adults (22472VIC)	20 weeks	14 years 9 months
Certificate I In General Education for Adults (introductory) (22476VIC)	18 weeks	14 years 9 months
Certificate I In Initial Adult Literacy And Numeracy (22293VIC)	6 months	15 years
Certificate I In Transition Education (22301VIC)	1 year	15 years
Certificate I In Work Education (22302VIC)	1 year	15 years
Certificate II In Work Education (22481VIC)	1 year	15 years with a disability
Certificate II In General Education for Adults (22473VIC)	18 weeks	15 years
Certificate III In General Education for Adults (22474VIC)	18 weeks	15 years
<b>VCAL Intermediate (Year 11)</b>		
VCAL – Victorian Certificate Of Applied Learning (Intermediate) (VCALINT001)	1 year	15 years
<b>VCAL Senior (Year 12)</b>		
VCAL – Victorian Certificate Of Applied Learning (Senior) (VCALSEN001)	1 year	15 years
<b>VCE</b>		
VCE – Victorian Certificate Of Education (VCE0000001Y11)	1 year	15 years
VCE – Victorian Certificate Of Education (VCE0000001Y12)	1 year	16 years
<b>Certificate II</b>		
Certificate II In Automotive Air Conditioning Technology (AUR20218)	8 weeks	Year 10 completion
Certificate II In Automotive Body Repair Technology (AUR20916)	10 weeks	Year 10 completion
Certificate II In Automotive Servicing Technology (AUR20516)	10 weeks	Year 10 completion
Certificate II In Building And Construction Pre-apprenticeship (22338VIC)	10 weeks	Year 10 completion
Certificate II In Construction Pathways (CPC20211)	13 weeks	Year 10 completion
Certificate II In Electrotechnology (Career Start) (UEE22011)	10 weeks	Year 10 completion
Certificate II In Engineering Studies (22470VIC)	13 weeks	Year 10 completion
Certificate II In Furniture Making (MSF20313)	10 weeks	Year 10 completion
Certificate II In Horticulture (AHC20416)	6 months	Year 10 completion
Certificate II In Hospitality (SIT20316)	15 weeks	Year 10 completion
Certificate II In Information, Digital Media And Technology (ICT20115)	6 months	Year 10 completion
Certificate II In Kitchen Operations (SIT20416)	6 months	Year 10 completion
Certificate II In Plumbing (Pre-apprenticeship) (22304VIC)	10 weeks	Year 10 completion
Certificate II In Printing And Graphic Arts (General) (ICP20115)	23 weeks	Year 10 completion
Certificate II In Production Nursery (AHC20716)	6 months	Year 10 completion
Certificate II In Salon Assistant (SHB20216)	18 weeks	Year 10 completion
Certificate II In Water Industry Operations (NWP20115)	1 year	Year 10 completion
<b>Certificate III – Some courses may be available as an apprenticeship or traineeship</b>		
Certificate III In Commercial Cookery (SIT30816)	11 months	Year 10 completion
Certificate III In Hairdressing (SHB30416)	16 months	Year 10 completion
Certificate III In Individual Support (CHC33015)	9 months	Year 10 completion
Certificate III In Allied Health Assistance (HLT33015)	6 months	Year 10 completion
Certificate III In Automotive Body Repair Technology (AUR32116)	3 years	Year 10 completion
Certificate III In Automotive Refinishing Technology (AUR32416)	3 years	Year 10 completion
Certificate III In Barbering (SHB30516)	30 weeks	Year 10 completion
Certificate III In Beauty Services (SHB30115)	6 months	Year 10 completion
Certificate III In Bricklaying / Blocklaying (CPC30111)	3 years	Year 10 completion

<b>COURSE TYPE</b>	<b>DURATION</b>	<b>MINIMUM AGE/YEAR LEVEL REQUIREMENTS</b>
Certificate III In Business Administration (Education) (BSB30915)	5 months	Year 10 completion
Certificate III In Business Administration (BSB30415)	1 year	Year 10 completion
Certificate III In Business Administration (Medical) (BSB31115)	5 months	Year 10 completion
Certificate III In Cabinet Making (MSF31113)	1 year	Year 10 completion
Certificate III In Carpentry (CPC30211)	3 years	Year 10 completion
Certificate III In Carpentry And Joinery (CPC32011)	3 years	Year 10 completion
Certificate III In Commercial Cookery (SIT30816)	11 months	Year 10 completion
Certificate III In Community Pharmacy (SIR30116)	6 months	Year 10 completion
Certificate III In Community Services (CHC32015)	6 months	Year 10 completion
Certificate III In Conservation And Land Management (AHC31416)	6 months	Year 10 completion
Certificate III In Construction Waterproofing (CPC31411)	7 months	Year 10 completion
Certificate III In Dental Assisting (HLT35015)	9 months	Year 10 completion
Certificate III In Early Childhood Education And Care (CHC30113)	9 months	Year 10 completion
Certificate III In Early Childhood Education And Care / Certificate IV In School Age Education And Care (CHC40113)	18 months	Year 10 completion
Certificate III In Education Support (CHC30213)	9 months	Year 10 completion
Certificate III In Electrotechnology Electrician (UEE30811)	4 months	Year 10 completion
Certificate III In Engineering - Fabrication Trade (MEM30305)	3 years	Year 10 completion
Certificate III In Engineering - Mechanical Trade (MEM30205)	3 years	Year 10 completion
Certificate III In Fitness (SIS30315)	6 months	Year 10 completion
Certificate III In Hairdressing (SHB30416)	16 months	Year 10 completion
Certificate III In Health Services Assistance (HLT33115)	6 months	Year 10 completion
Certificate III In Heavy Commercial Vehicle Mechanical Technology (AUR31116)	3 years	Year 10 completion
Certificate III In Horticulture (AHC30716)	6 months	Year 10 completion
Certificate III In Hospitality (SIT30616)	6 months	Year 10 completion
Certificate III In Hospitality (Restaurant Front of House) (SIT30716)	9 months	Year 10 completion
Certificate III In Individual Support (CHC33015)	9 months	Year 10 completion
Certificate III In Information, Digital Media And Technology (ICT30115)	6 months	Year 10 completion
Certificate III In Landscape Construction (AHC30916)	3 years	Year 10 completion
Certificate III In Light Vehicle Mechanical Technology (AUR30616)	3 years	Year 10 completion
Certificate III In Make-up (SHB30215)	6 months	Year 10 completion
Certificate III In Micro Business Operations (BSB30315)	6 months	Year 10 completion
Certificate III In Mobile Plant Technology (AUR31216)	3 years	Year 10 completion
Certificate III In Nail Technology (SHB30315)	40 weeks	Year 10 completion
Certificate III In Parks And Gardens (AHC31016)	3 years	Year 10 completion
Certificate III In Pathology Collection (HLT37215)	6 months	Year 10 completion
Certificate III In Patisserie (SIT31016)	8 months	Year 10 completion
Certificate III In Plumbing (CPC32413)	3 years	Year 10 completion
Certificate III In Production Horticulture (AHC30616)	3 years	Year 10 completion
Certificate III In Production Nursery (AHC31116)	3 years	Year 10 completion
Certificate III In Sterilisation Services (HLT37015)	6 months	Year 10 completion
Certificate III In Telecommunications Technology (ICT30515)	6 months	Year 10 completion

For all Chisholm courses, you must meet the relevant prerequisites. This means there may be a minimum age, or you might need to have completed Year 10. You may also need to pass a learning, literacy and numeracy test or a lower level certificate.

Courses, campuses, duration and prerequisites might change so make sure you check [chisholm.edu.au](http://chisholm.edu.au) for the latest information.

A person wearing red shorts and a black helmet is riding a mountain bike on a dirt trail. The scene is set during sunset or sunrise, with warm, golden light illuminating the rider and the surrounding landscape. The background shows rolling hills and a clear sky.

# CASE STUDY

## MITCHELL'S STORY

Mitchell completed Year 11 VCE at secondary school but found it challenging. He wanted to find a course that matched his interests so he decided to study at Chisholm. As a mountain bike enthusiast and someone who loves the outdoors and travel, he enrolled in the dual Certificate IV in Outdoor Recreation and Certificate IV in Guiding.

While Mitchell was studying, he got a part time job in a mountain bike shop and travelled to Canada, enjoying the mountain bike slopes and other outdoor sports. He plans to return to Canada to work or volunteer at a youth camp where he can help run outdoor recreation activities.

Rather than completing Year 12 at school, Mitchell gained two Certificate IV qualifications at Chisholm and has been earning a salary to pay for his studies and travel.

“Although I could have gone on to Year 12, I found studying VCE challenging due to my dyslexia. There were no VCAL subjects I was interested in at the time. I learn better by doing things in a work environment, not from a classroom and reading books. My course is mostly taught out in the field where I’ve learned about risk assessments, planning, budgeting, leadership and teamwork. These are the skills I need for a job, skills that are transferable into any career I end up in. Knowing that people in my generation are likely to have five different careers and 17 different jobs in a lifetime, I think it’s better to focus on these skills than to lock myself into a specific industry. Because I’m young, I know I have options. I’ll probably go back to study one day, maybe a traineeship of some sort so I can apply what I learn to the industry I work in.

After research and getting advice – from my family, from Chisholm and from my school careers teacher – I worked out that leaving school and studying what I enjoy was the best option for me. I haven’t looked back and I’m much happier doing what I love.”

– Mitchell, 2019 Certificate IV in Outdoor Recreation and Certificate IV in Guiding student.

If you’d like to experience what life would be like as a Chisholm student, why not come along to our winter School Holiday Workshops?

Visit [chisholm.edu.au/workshops](https://chisholm.edu.au/workshops)



# SCHOLARSHIPS AND STUDENT SERVICES

## **Caroline Chisholm Education Foundation Scholarships**

The Caroline Chisholm Education Foundation is an independent charitable trust that supports current and potential students who, because of financial hardship, might otherwise not have access to vocational education and training. Scholarships are granted to support students studying at Chisholm.

Applications are open throughout the year and can be lodged by hand at any Chisholm Campus Student Services location, sent by post to Scholarship Applications, Caroline Chisholm Education Foundation, PO Box 684, Dandenong 3175 or emailed to [scholarships@chisholm.edu.au](mailto:scholarships@chisholm.edu.au).

**E:** [scholarships@chisholm.edu.au](mailto:scholarships@chisholm.edu.au)

**T:** 03 9238 8114

[chisholm.edu.au/about-us/caroline-chisholm-education-foundation](http://chisholm.edu.au/about-us/caroline-chisholm-education-foundation)

## **STUDENT SERVICES**

At Chisholm, we're here to support your success. When you study with us you can access a variety of support services including:

- > Counselling services
- > Disability support
- > Comprehensive libraries
- > Learning skills help desk
- > Studiosity
- > Career and employment services
- > Indigenous support.

Find out more at:

[chisholm.edu.au/students/support-services](http://chisholm.edu.au/students/support-services)

## **FREE TAFE COURSES AT CHISHOLM**

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To find out more, visit [chisholm.edu.au/freetafe](http://chisholm.edu.au/freetafe).



# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## **I am considering leaving school early. What should I do?**

First, we encourage you to speak to your school, a welfare officer or careers counsellor for advice on the different options available, as students have different reasons for wanting to leave school early. If you're still keen to leave school, then we may have a suitable alternative at Chisholm.

## **What is the legal leaving age in Victoria?**

Currently, the legal leaving age is 17 in Victoria and the law states that:

- > a child can't leave school until they are 17 years old
- > a child must go to a school campus (or an approved alternative such as Chisholm) until they finish Year 10
- > after Year 10 a child doesn't need to go to a school campus, but they must take part in education, training or employment for at least 25 hours per week until they are 17 years old.

## **What are my options if I'm 14 years and 9 months old and over?**

You may qualify to enrol in a Foundation College course or program. These courses are equivalent to Years 9 or 10 and provide the right skills to continue into other courses or educational programs. This age is the earliest Chisholm can accept students and only specific programs are available for this cohort.

## **What are my options if I'm 15 years old and over?**

You may qualify to enrol in a Foundation VCAL or other foundation programs. These courses are equivalent to Year 10.

Find out more about leaving school early at:  
[www.education.vic.gov.au/parents/career-planning/Pages/leave-school-early.aspx](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/parents/career-planning/Pages/leave-school-early.aspx)

## What are the options if I'm 16 years old?

You may qualify to enrol into a Foundation College course or program, and if you have successfully completed Year 10 there are more options. By law, you must do any one of these three things:

- > Take part in education such as VCE or VCAL (Intermediate level) at TAFE
- > Take part in training such as a certificate course (providing all prerequisites are met)
- > Be employed for at least 25 hours per week until you are 17 years old; this can include an apprenticeship or traineeship.

## What if I'm 17 years old, what are my options then?

You have far more options and may consider most courses offered at Chisholm providing you meet the prerequisites. If you can't meet them, one of our course advisors can help you with pathway options to enter your preferred course later. Courses may include Senior VCAL or VCE, or a range of certificate courses including apprenticeship or traineeship courses.

## What happens if I'm already doing a VET subject and I leave school early?

If you're already doing a VET subject at school as VET delivered to secondary students (previously known as VETiS), you will need to exit out of the VET course. You can then enrol in a full-time course that is the same as the unit and receive credits for the units already completed, or enrol in a similar course. If you're enrolling in a Chisholm VCAL or VCE course and want to continue with the same VET course will be asked to exit that one and re-enrol using Chisholm as the VCAL or VCE provider. Fees may vary.

## Can I get a degree or go to university without finishing Year 12?

Even if you didn't finish Year 12 at secondary school, it's still possible to enter tertiary study through a Chisholm pathway. A Chisholm qualification can allow you to gain credits towards a degree by completing certificates and/or diplomas first. These courses don't need an ATAR.

## Is TAFE better than school?

This depends on the individual. Some students thrive in school while others don't. By talking to the school, careers advisor or one of our Chisholm staff members, students and their families can find out what is best for the student.

## Is it better to finish Year 12 at school?

Finishing Year 12 at a school campus may not be the best option for you – it really depends on the individual. There are other options, like completing Year 12 through TAFE with more hands-on learning, or doing a school-based apprenticeship in a workplace. You can work out what is best for you and your career goals by speaking with your school.

## What are the benefits of staying at school?

Research shows that many students who leave school or education without finishing Year 12 will earn less money when they start work, be more likely to have long periods of unemployment and be less likely to return to study in later life. These statistics drastically improve if students complete Year 12 or a Certificate III VET course.





# Chisholm

# OPEN NIGHTS

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