

Dimboola Memorial Secondary College

Satellite VCAL – Student re-engagement Policy



Rationale:

Satellite VCAL - the Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning - is a re-engagement program for individuals who have experienced challenges in mainstream schooling. Students are between the ages of 16 and 21 years of age. It is designed to provide students with skills and development to prepare them for further education, training or employment. The VCAL has three levels: Foundation, Intermediate and Senior. Individuals are enrolled in the level that matches their needs and abilities

Entry into the Program:

Students can enter the program from mainstream schooling or as a re-engagement program.

Aims:

Satellite VCAL students are enrolled at a government school but the program is delivered entirely by the school, external to the school site. Satellite VCAL provides a flexible learning option for students who, for a range of reasons, will achieve better outcomes in this type of supported environment.

Implementation:

- Students involved in the re-engagement program are assigned a VCAL teacher who will communicate with them regularly (at least weekly). Communication will be in person, via emails and phone calls, and via Edmodo.
- The VCAL teacher will develop an individual program for each student based on their needs. The program will include Numeracy, Literacy, Work Related Skills and Personal Development skills.
- Students will be given the opportunity to participate in a VET (Vocational Education and Training). The involvement in VET will be determined by the VCAL coordinator and the Principal.
- All Satellite VCAL students will also have the opportunity to undertake a Unit 1-2 VCE subject if they choose to do so.
- Detailed notes will be kept by the Satellite VCAL Coordinator, detailing the individual program, meeting notes and any other relevant information. (Refer to VCAL Coordinator position description.)
- There is no prescribed uniform, however students are required to attend meetings dressed neatly and cleanly in accordance with the DMSC uniform policy.

Evaluation:

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three-year review cycle.

This policy was last updated in September 2019 and will be reviewed in September 2022