

VCAL at Federation College

The Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning (VCAL) is a hands-on option for students wanting to obtain a senior secondary school qualification. It is an accredited, recognised qualification that gives students practical, work-related experiences, literacy and numeracy skills and the opportunity to build personal skills that are important for both work and life. Students who choose to undertake a VCAL program are usually looking for pathways to further study at TAFE, employment, traineeships and/or apprenticeships.

A big advantage of VCAL is its flexibility. Students can design a study program that suits their interests and learning needs.

Students at Federation College can enrol in VCAL at Foundation, Intermediate or Senior level as well as an accredited VET qualification. Students start and finish their VCAL at the level that matches their needs and capabilities.

VCAL student enrolments 2016 - 2019

| Program Identifier | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 |
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| VCAL Foundation | 87 | 58 | 58 | 34 |
| VCAL Intermediate | 93 | 112 | 119 | 102 |
| VCAL Senior | 117 | 97 | 89 | 65 |
| Total | 297 | 267 | 266 | 201 |

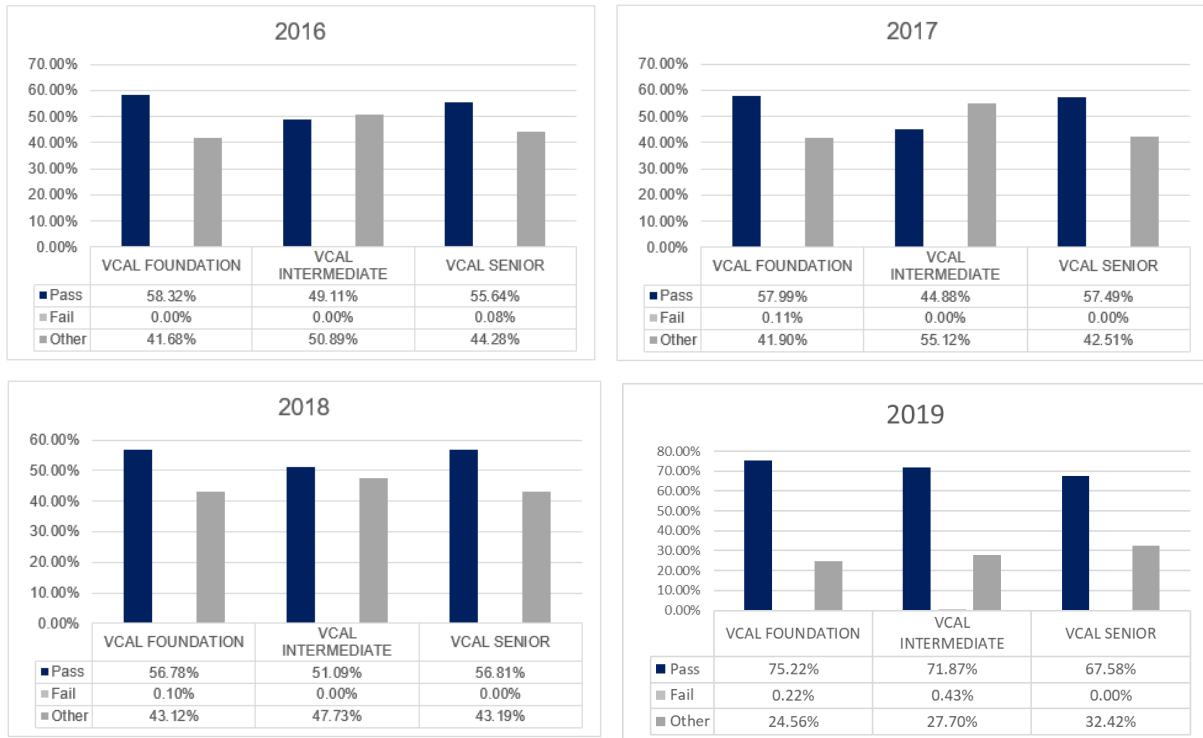
Federation College offers a range of Vocational Education and Training (VET) units for students to undertake as part of their VCAL certificate at Intermediate and Senior level. Students may choose to undertake units from a range of industries, including Hospitality, Business, Health and Community Services. PreCAL students will undertake units in Sport and Recreation.

Federation College also offers a Pathways in Technology (P-TECH) program at Intermediate and Senior level, which allows students to complete a senior secondary qualification whilst offering opportunities to experience a range of career options in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM).

A collaboration between IBM and Federation University Australia provides students with Industry learning experiences and workplace visits to help students identify career interests and further study options. P-TECH students are well equipped for a range of careers or university degrees.

All students participate in literacy, numeracy, work related skills, and personal development skills classes as part of their senior secondary qualification.

Unit pass and fail rates



Federation College is committed to assisting students to prepare for further education and the work force. Students are encouraged to seek structured work experience whilst undertaking their senior secondary qualification and have access to a range of industry mentors throughout their studies. Our VCAL programs provide an opportunity to link with other vocational education and training courses.

Every year a number of our students go on to continue further studies or gain employment in their chosen industry. Many of our students choose to continue into Vocation Education and Training with Federation TAFE.

Further Study with Federation TAFE

| | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 |
|--------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| VCAL Foundation | 18 | 20 | 25 | 9 |
| VCAL Intermediate | 29 | 36 | 37 | 26 |
| VCAL Senior | 33 | 32 | 32 | 17 |
| Grand Total | 80 | 88 | 94 | 52 |