



# St Francis

## CATHOLIC COLLEGE

## Acceleration Policy (VCE Units)

### Introduction

Acceleration at St Francis Catholic College is available to current Year 9 and 10 students who have opportunity to choose VCE units in the following year. Acceleration requires the student to work at a level that would suggest they are at least 12 months in advance of their age in terms of academic ability and maturity; hence, this policy aims to outline a clear set of criteria for acceleration. Students who accelerate will have a well-documented and proven work ethic and stress management plan. They must demonstrate a sound ability to cope with the challenge of acceleration academically and personally in all their current subjects.

### Opportunities for acceleration

Acceleration for Units in VCE are limited to:

#### At Year 9

- Students will be invited to accelerate in **one** subject only. Only in exceptional circumstances approved by the College Leadership Team will students be invited to accelerate in two or more subjects.
- Students who average at least 80% in the related subject that they wish to accelerate in. Students should also be exceptional students of English also averaging 85% in English assessments.
- Students who meet the requirements of the application process will receive an invitation letter to apply. All candidates will be required to prepare a formal application letter and attend an interview with members of the Acceleration Interview Panel consisting of Gadal Director, Domain Leader or related subject teacher, as part of the application process.
- Late applications will not be considered.
- Entry into a Unit 3/4 study the following year will not be automatic simply because the student has completed the Unit 1/2 study in that subject. The student must show high academic achievement to continue with the study.

#### At Year 10

- Year 10 students who have NOT completed a Unit 1/2 study but would like to enrol in a Unit 3/4 study in Year 11 must ensure the study can be completed without a combination of Unit 1/2.
- Inform their subject teacher, the related Domain Leader and VCE Coordinator and obtain permission from all three people to accelerate.
- Have completed the corresponding Year 10 Pre-VCE subject or related subject and maintained above 80% for all assessment tasks
- Are not enrolled in Unit 3/4 in another subject

Note:

- Year 10 Religious Education (Unit 1 The role of Religion in Society) is not considered an acceleration unit for the purposes of this document.
- VET will not be considered an acceleration unit and will be chosen on advisement from the VET Coordinator.

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