

VCE Assessment Planner

How VCE assessment builds across the year, a term-by-term map of what typically happens when, and a blank grid to fill in with your own subjects and dates.

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How VCE assessment builds

The VCE runs Unit 3 and Unit 4 as one continuous assessment year. School-Assessed Coursework, commonly called SACs, begins accumulating from the first weeks of Term 1 and is combined with your end-of-year VCAA examination result to produce a study score out of 50 for each subject.

Because your SAC results are moderated against the cohort's examination performance, a strong SAC score early in the year still depends on exam performance in November. This is why VCE preparation works best when exam-style practice runs alongside class content all year, not only in Term 4.

VCE year at a glance

TERM	WHAT'S TYPICALLY HAPPENING	WHAT TO PLAN FOR
Term 1	Units 3 and 4 begin; the first SACs of the year land in most subjects.	Build a subject-by-subject SAC calendar and start an error log from the very first task.
Term 2	SAC density continues; the GAT (General Achievement Test) is sat by all Unit 3&4 students in June.	Prepare briefly for the GAT and keep reviewing earlier SAC topics so they stay current for the exam.
Term 3	The heaviest SAC load of the year in most subjects; some subjects complete their final SAC.	Begin timed, exam-style practice for subjects that have finished their SACs.
Term 4	VCAA written examinations run from mid-October to mid-November; study scores and the ATAR are released in December.	Shift fully to past-paper practice under timed conditions and consolidate the full study design for each subject.

Dates shift between schools and years — this maps the typical rhythm, not a fixed calendar. Confirm exact dates with your school and the official authority for your state.

Assessment types explained

TYPE	WHAT IT INVOLVES	HOW IT COUNTS
SAC	School-Assessed Coursework completed during class time under supervised conditions.	Combines with the exam to form your study score — confirm the exact split for your subject.

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GAT	A general test of literacy, numeracy and general knowledge, sat by all Unit 3&4 students.	Does not count directly, but supports quality assurance of school-based assessment.
Examination	VCAA's end-of-year written (and for some subjects, oral or performance) assessment.	Combines with SACs to produce your study score out of 50.

My planner

Fill this in with your own subjects, tasks and dates as your school confirms them.

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Notes and tutor hand-off

Bring this page to your next session so the tutor can start from what actually blocked you.

Which subject's task calendar is least clear to you right now?

One thing to confirm with your teacher this week:

The task you are most behind on:

What you want a tutor to focus on first:

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