

11 June 2024

Dear Families.

We hope this message finds you well.

On Tuesday, 18 June 2024, all students undertaking a Year 12 subject within the VCE and VCE VM program will be required to complete the General Achievement Test (GAT). The GAT is a pen-and-paper test of general knowledge and skills taken by students in the course of completing their senior secondary studies.

The GAT plays an important role in the quality assurance of VCE assessments and also provides students with an opportunity to demonstrate they meet the Victorian Literacy and Numeracy Standards expected at a senior secondary level. No special study is needed. Past study of subjects like English, Mathematics, Science and History prepares students for the GAT by building their general knowledge and skills in writing, numeracy and reasoning.

- Students will complete Part A from 9.00am to 11.15am on the Broadmeadows Campus. Students are urged to be at school by 8.30am to assist with marshalling.
- Lunch will then be provided by the College to all GAT participants.
- Students will then complete Part B from 1.15pm to 3.00pm.
- At the end of Part B, students will be dismissed from the College.

Students are not permitted to leave the College grounds if required to complete Part B. Some VM students may not need to complete Part B and will be advised if this is the case. These students will be permitted to leave the College at the end of Part A.

<u>Students are required to bring their own pens, pencils and an eraser to complete the GAT.</u> Students may use an English and/or bilingual printed dictionary for both sections of the GAT. Electronic dictionaries, a thesaurus or a combined thesaurus dictionary is not permitted. A scientific calculator is permitted for both sections.

Should you have any questions or require further information regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to reach out to the Senior Programs Coordinator Ms Jo Barton. More information about the GAT can be accessed at:

https://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/assessment/vce-assessment/general-achievement-test/Pages/index.aspx

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,

Ms Vera Treloar

V. Thelow

Deputy Principal Learning and Teaching

2

Ms Erin Bonavia

Deputy Principal Senior campus