



2024 Mid-Year Examination Period and General Achievement Test

Monday 17 June - Friday 21 June

The mid-year school-based exam period and the General Achievement Test (GAT) will take place during Week 10 of Term 2 and will affect all students at the St Mary's Campus.

School-based internal exams provide students with an opportunity to demonstrate their learning and practise skills that prepare them for the structure of Units 3 & 4 exams, whilst the GAT is an essential assessment for the majority of our Year 11 and 12 students.

YEARS 10 AND 11 INTERNAL EXAMINATIONS

Our Years 10 and 11 Semester 1 exams will take place on Monday 17 June, Wednesday 19 June, Thursday 20 June and Friday 21 June. Please note Tuesday 18 June is the General Achievement Test.

Students should note the following key points for the exam period:

- Students must bring their student ID Cards to all sessions.
- Students will complete their exams as subject exams, not lines. The exam timetable will be published on SIMON.
- When students do not have a scheduled exam or class, they are permitted to study and prepare at the College in our library, or a designated study space, or at home. Students are not permitted to go down the street for recreational purposes during school hours and should be using this time to prepare for their exams and to consolidate their learning.
- Year 10 students and Year 11 students not needing to complete the General Achievement Test will have a study day at home on Tuesday 18 June.
- Students are permitted to leave school after their final exam or class of the day.

EXAMINATION EXPECTATIONS AND CONDUCT

Students are required to wear their full Academic College winter uniform including their Blazer for their exams, including the GAT. Students who are not in correct uniform need to obtain a uniform pass by attending the General Office prior to their exam with a note from their parent/carer. Students will adhere to examination conditions and the Student Code of Conduct at all times.

GENERAL ACHIEVEMENT TEST (GAT)

The GAT will take place on Tuesday 18 June for students studying at least one VCE Unit 3 and 4 subject or scored VCE-VET Unit 3 and 4 subject (and sitting end-of-year exams) or students studying a senior-level VCE-VM subject. There will be no other classes or exams taking place on this date and Years 10 and 11 students who are not required to sit the GAT are expected to study at home.

Students should note the following key points for the GAT:

- Students sitting the GAT should aim to be onsite at St Mary's at 8.20am for an **8.30am briefing for all students**. Venue TBC.
Part A of the exam commences at 9.00am and concludes at 11.15am.
Part B of the exam commences at 1.15pm and concludes at 3.00pm.
- On the day of an exam or GAT, if a student is unable to complete the exam due to illness, or has an emergency, **it is essential that the College is contacted between 8.00am and 9.00am by phoning 5445 9100**. The General Office will inform either Mrs Joanne MacDonald, Mrs Kate Watts or Mr Kieren Prowse. Depending on the situation, you may be required to apply for Emergency Special Examination Arrangements via the VCAA for your child.
- Students will be encouraged to use restrooms prior to entering the exam locations, and between GAT exam sessions. This will minimise any disruption to other students during the exam period.
- All students are required to remain in the exam room for the entire exam period. Once the students have been given permission to leave by the Exam Supervisors, all students are to leave the College grounds immediately.
- All relevant information from the VCAA regarding the GAT is available via the following link: [General Achievement Test \(GAT\)](https://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/General-Achievement-Test-GAT) (vcaa.vic.edu.au)

PERSONAL DIGITAL DEVICES

Students are not allowed to bring items such as mobile phones, iPods or smart watches into their exam rooms. All exam rooms will have a clock visible to students. Any students seen with a personal digital device will be asked to leave the exam room and report to their Year Level Learning Leaders.

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION & TRAINING (VET) CLASSES

Most VET classes are **cancelled** for this week along with Years 10 and 11 classes. The only VET classes that will run this week are VCE-VET subjects, which will run according to the Year 12 students alternate exam and class timetable for this week. These subjects are:

- Unit 3 Sport and Recreation
- Unit 3 Allied Health
- Unit 3 Business

YEAR 12 STUDENTS and YEAR 11 VCE-VOCATIONAL MAJOR (VM) STUDENTS

All Year 12 VCE and VCE VM, and Year 11 VCE VM students will attend an adjusted timetable for the week, excluding the day of the GAT, Tuesday 18 June. Classes will run on a modified timetable to align with the internal exam times.

Students will be advised of this timetable closer to the exam period, and it will be made available on SIMON for students to view.

CANTEEN

Canteen facilities will be available as normal for student access between exam sessions and classes.

GAT (Tuesday 18 June), the canteen will be available between sessions from 11.15am to 12.30pm with limited offerings. Students cannot leave the grounds so please plan to bring your lunch or utilise the college canteen facilities.

BUSES

Bus services to St Mary's will continue as normal throughout the week.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the College by phoning 5445 9100.

YEAR 12 and Year 11 VCE VM Altered Timetable

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9.00-10.40am	Year 12 and Year 11 VCE VM Line A	GAT	Year 12 and Year 11 VCE VM Line C	Year 12 and Year 11 VCE VM Line D	Year 12 and Year 11 VCE VM Line F
Break 1 30mins					
11.10-12.50pm	Year 12 and Year 11 VCE VM Line B		Year 12 and Year 11 VCE VM Line D	Year 12 and Year 11 VCE VM Line C	Year 12 and Year 11 VCE VM Line A
Break 2 45mins					
1.35-3.15pm	Year 12 and Year 11 VCE VM Line F		Year 12 and Year 11 VCE VM Line B	Year 12 and Year 11 VCE VM Line E	Year 12 Line E Year 11 VCE VM Line G only