

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Fees

In 2015, there will be no fees charged for this program.

Where are the classes held?

Classes are held at Swinburne University, John Street, Hawthorn. It is approximately a one-minute walk from Glenferrie station. Belgrave, Lilydale and Alamein train lines from the city travel to Glenferrie station in 10 minutes. Tram No.16 Kew to St Kilda Beach stops on Glenferrie Road.

What are the dates for Semester 1 and Semester 2, 2015?

A university semester consists of 12 weeks of teaching – with a one-week break during school holidays.

Semester 1: February – May

Semester 2: August – November

Will students receive the same support as full-time university students?

Extension Studies students will be allocated a dedicated orientation session to enable a smooth transition to university learning pedagogy. Students will also have the same access to university facilities as full-time students.

What support is available?

Students will have access to our on-line content management system: Blackboard iLearn. They will be able to participate in on-line discussion groups with other students enrolled in the unit. They will have email and telephone

contact with their tutor and the Academic Coordinator of the program.

What is the expected workload?

The university model is that students complete at least 2 hours of their own study to match every 1 hour of face-to-face contact.

What if there is a clash between university exams and VCE exams?

In the unfortunate situation where this may occur, a dedicated exam for Higher Education in VCE Studies students will be set.

What if I have other commitments at the end of the school day and find it difficult to attend classes?

Unfortunately you will need to give this program priority. Attendance at lectures and laboratory sessions is required for you to successfully complete this program. Lectures and tutorials will run one night a week.

Will this in any way detract from the number of VCE units I can study?

No, as the name implies, Higher Education Studies within the VCE units are considered your 5th or 6th VCE study. They are designed for academically strong students who are keen to transition into the university-learning environment while completing their VCE.