



CHES is a centre of excellence for high-achieving and high-ability senior secondary students from across Victoria's government schools. CHES delivers Higher Education Studies in partnership with universities and selected VCE studies.

About CHES

The Centre for Higher Education Studies (CHES) has been established to provide senior secondary students from across the state with opportunities for stretch and challenge in their studies.

CHES enables you to access first year university-level studies and selected VCE subjects, accompanied by an enrichment program. Through CHES, you can study a subject aligned to your skills and interests that may contribute to your ATAR, and potentially earn university credits, providing a head start on your undergraduate degree. These programs are available through a hybrid and flexible approach, with opportunities to study online, on-site at CHES, at university campuses, or a combination of these.

Include a subject at CHES in your VCE program

Discuss with staff at your school if they think you'd benefit from taking a subject through CHES as part of your VCE program at your school, and then apply through our website. The enrolment process and application timelines are published on: www.ches.vic.edu.au

Through CHES you can meet other high-achieving students from across Victoria and establish new connections with students, CHES teachers and university academics, while maintaining your existing friendships at school. CHES provides a strong foundation for future university study.

You are able to access your classes at CHES regardless of where you live in Victoria. Our state-of-the-art centre in South Yarra is surrounded by public transport options, providing convenient access for many students. Additionally, you will be able to participate in classes at CHES from your home or school. Students engaging remotely can interact with their teachers and peers who may be on-site or located elsewhere in Victoria.

CHES subjects and programs

Higher Education Studies: In partnership with universities, CHES will become a hub for Higher Education Studies (HES). These first-year university subjects are offered across a wide range of disciplines. HES can contribute ATAR points and potential university credits, while you are completing VCE at school. This offers a valuable head start on your university study. The time requirement for a HES is equivalent to a VCE Unit 3/4 subject sequence and there may be pre-requisite (or co-requisite) VCE subjects related to the selected HES.

VCE studies: CHES offers selected VCE studies that are highly regarded and have appeal for high-ability students, providing breadth and stretch to your VCE studies. In 2024 CHES will offer:

- Algorithmics Units 3 & 4
- English Language Units 1 – 4
- Extended Investigation Units 3 & 4
- Specialist Mathematics Units 1 - 4



Student Enrichment Series: Students who undertake a HES study or a VCE subject through CHES also have access to our Student Enrichment Series which includes workshops, masterclasses, special events and mentoring opportunities with a range of universities and industry leaders.

How does CHES reach out to students across Victoria?

CHES is a specialised provider for students in government schools and offers access for students across Victoria, including those in regional and rural areas. The CHES building is technology-rich, enabling students to participate and engage in online learning through a virtual environment.

Students have opportunities to build positive relationships with staff and peers. We work closely with your school and universities to support your success.

What is the enrolment criteria?

There is no entrance test or exam for enrolment into a CHES program. The application considers key information provided by your school including your academic achievements, as well as a statement to confirm your suitability to undertake a CHES program and any special or extenuating circumstances that should be considered.

Students initiate the application process through a simple online application form. CHES VCE applications will open on 13 June for VCE subjects and at the beginning of Term 3 for Higher Education Studies subjects. Applications for 2024 programs will close on 31 August. More information on the application process and key dates are published on the CHES website.

CHES encourages applications from students regardless of their location or background and will take into consideration any extenuating or special circumstances.

For more information

Visit the CHES website for regular updates on programs, application processes, selection criteria and upcoming information evenings: www.ches.vic.edu.au

Why study with CHES?

There are numerous benefits to studying a Higher Education Study or a VCE subject through CHES:

- We have established partnerships with universities to support pathways into university and to provide opportunities such as mentoring and masterclasses, further enhancing transition to tertiary study.
- Independent study and collaborative working groups are a key feature at CHES and our dedicated team of staff offer challenging programs and wrap-around support and guidance. CHES is a combination of a tertiary learning environment with the structure of a senior secondary school.
- Our programs enable you to accelerate and deepen your learning, experience university while still at school, and continue to build an impressive CV for the future.
- CHES students remain enrolled at their current school with their CHES subject factored into their VCE program as per arrangements for students undertaking a VET subject or studying a VCE subject through Virtual School Victoria.

