

## 2017 VCE Extended Investigation

### Enrolment requirements

VCE Extended Investigation is aimed at students who wish to challenge and extend themselves academically. This subject provides the opportunity for students to investigate in depth a research question about which they have a passion or interest.

To succeed in this course students need to have high level organisational skills, as well as the ability to work independently for sustained periods of time. Students need to be self-motivated and have well developed study skills; for instance, the ability to plan and organise over the course of the year. To study by distance, students also need high level computer skills as the course and teacher-student interactions are conducted online.

Students will complete a 4000 word thesis and present their research findings to an external panel of assessors at the end of the year. Throughout the year, students must meet a number of milestones for completing research and present their work orally to peers and teachers. In addition, they complete a critical thinking sub-unit and a mid-year exam on critical thinking.

To successfully enrol in Extended Investigation, the following documents need to be submitted with the Distance Education Centre Victoria (DECV) enrolment application:

- A written recommendation from a teacher with whom the student has studied previously or who has knowledge of the student.
- A brief statement of the area of research to be investigated.

For further information about enrolling, please contact the DECV Enrolment Office:

Phone: (03) 8480 0000

Free Call: 1800 133 511

Fax: (03) 9416 8493

Email: [enrol@distance.vic.edu.au](mailto:enrol@distance.vic.edu.au)

For further information about the course content, please contact the subject teachers:

- Will Byron – (03) 8480 0163
- Julian Lowndes – (03) 8480 0130

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### Recommendation from a teacher

*To be completed by a teacher with whom the student has studied or who has knowledge of the student.*

VCE Extended Investigation is a highly challenging and demanding subject, requiring students to have strong academic study skills. This recommendation needs to provide an appraisal of the student's suitability to undertake VCE Extended Investigation and their readiness to participate in this challenging course. Based on your knowledge of the student, please provide a brief statement indicating whether you believe the student has the requisite study skills to complete this subject successfully.

**How long have you known this student?**

**In what capacity have you worked with this student?**

**Appraisal** *(Please provide a brief statement indicating whether you believe that the student has the necessary skills and abilities to succeed in VCE Extended Investigation.)*

**Please evaluate the applicant in comparison with other students whom you have known during your professional career.**

	<b>6</b> <i>Exceptional</i>	<b>5</b> <i>Superior</i>	<b>4</b> <i>Above Average</i>	<b>3</b> <i>Standard</i>	<b>2</b> <i>Fair</i>	<b>1</b> <i>Weak</i>
<b>Work habits</b>						
<b>Writing skills</b>						
<b>Resilience</b>						
<b>Ability to work independently</b>						

<b>Signature</b>		<b>Contact Number</b>	
<b>Teaching Position</b>		<b>Date</b>	

*Thank you for your time in providing this reference.*

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### Area of research to be investigated

*To be completed the student*

If you are enrolling in VCE Extended Investigation, it may be because you have a passion about a particular topic that you hope to explore in depth. If you don't have a topic or general idea, give some thought to what kind of research you would like to do. The documents, resources and videos available on the DECV website ([www.distance.vic.edu.au](http://www.distance.vic.edu.au)) Subject Information Page for Extended Investigation, under the headings 'Things to think about', 'Things you can do now' and 'Things to have a look at', can be used to assist in developing and refining your research topic and question.

**Have you identified a topic or general area of investigation? If so, please provide some detail on what you would like to research. If not, please provide an indication of something that you are interested in investigating.**

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**What prior knowledge do you have on this topic? Please provide a brief indication of your level of knowledge in the area you wish to explore and if you have conducted some research in this area.**

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