



viva!

Performing
Arts Program

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Assessment and Reporting: **Reports; how and when do we get them?**

Reports will be sent out as part of the normal home school reporting process. Parents will receive reports twice a year. The Viva! teacher will write the report for the online course using the host school format. In the case of Southern Cross College Burwood, parents receive the report as an email attachment - please ensure you give your current/up to date email address to the teacher for communication.

How are we going to be assessed? How and when do we do assessment tasks?

Assessment tasks will be developed and scheduled by the beginning of the school year. Students will receive an Assessment handbook from their school which will include the assessment schedule for The Viva! course

Parent teacher nights, how often and when?

Parent teacher nights are scheduled by the host school. The Viva! teacher will be available on the night or prior to the evening for appointments.

How are assessment tasks marked?

Assessment tasks will be marked by The Viva! teacher of the course. Students will generally submit assignments electronically and the teacher will provide feedback and marking sheets in the same manner. Written examinations are generally conducted on the Face to Face Days / Sessions and returned to the students either at the next Face to Face Day / Session or delivered to the home schools. Practical assessments are conducted on the Face to Face days.

Costs and Resources: **Excursions / cost of excursions?**

Excursions will be arranged by The Viva! teachers and the cost will be borne by parents.

Textbooks?

Textbooks and other resources will be determined by The Viva! teacher. This information will be conveyed to parents by the beginning of the course.

Timing:

How often and when will the classes be run?

The Viva! classes are run every week in the school term. Students receive a break during the session and are encouraged to bring their own afternoon tea. Students must wear their **School Sports Uniform** each week.

How much time is used for this in school?

Students will be allocated one **LESS subject on their school timetable, which means they receive free/study periods.** This will allow them sufficient time at school to complete the course work.

Where are the face to face days/sessions held?

Viva!: 1 weekly session will be held at SCCC Burwood or another host school where indicated

How will students be able to catch up on missed work or move ahead?

Canvas allows students to access all previous lessons delivered and uploaded.

Students and Parents:

What other involvement do parents have?

None. Parents are encouraged to play an active role in their child's learning just as they would with any other subject.

How will misbehaviour or incomplete homework be dealt with?

As per the individual host school's processes and procedures.

Is the course suited to those who are self disciplined learners?

Yes.

Is communication with The Viva! teacher regularly available? Will questions be responded to in a timely manner?

The Viva! teacher will inform students and parents of available times for consultation and communication. Protocols for communication with the teacher will be developed on the Student Orientation Day.

Technology:

What equipment is needed?

Preferably a laptop with an inbuilt webcam / microphone.

What level of Internet or software is needed at home for the course?

The most Internet intensive application used during the course will be Zoom. All Secondary Schools in the Archdiocese will comfortably cater for Zoom. Students who need to use Video Calling at home can adjust the bandwidth settings as described in [here](#) to reduce the load on your home Internet if required. Parents are advised to contact their Internet Service Provider (ISP, Telstra, Optus etc.) to enquire about the suitability of their home Internet.

The Viva! teacher will coordinate the installation of any specialist software for their course. Students and Parents will be notified in advance if this will incur an additional cost. Google Chrome is the preferred browser when using Google Apps. It can be downloaded and installed for free on any device [here](#). Online work is provided on Canvas.

Windows or Mac system, which is preferred?

Google Apps can be accessed from a browser (preferably Google Chrome - but not essential) on either a Mac or Windows Operating System.

Can 'The Cloud' be accessed from any computer or just the student's school laptop?

Google Apps can be accessed by any desktop / laptop computer, tablet, smartphone with an Internet connection.