

Victorian Student Number

The Victorian Student Number (VSN) is a student identification number that will be assigned by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development to every student enrolled within Victoria's school and Vocational Education and Training (VET) sectors. The school sector includes government, Catholic and independent primary and secondary schools and the VET sector includes TAFE institutes, Adult Community and Further Education (ACFE) centres and private registered training organisations (RTOs). The number will remain with the student throughout their education until the age of 25.

A VSN will be allocated to a student either when they enrol in a Victorian school as a Prep student or if they move from interstate or overseas to Victoria. Evidence of identity will be required when a VSN is first issued.

The information collected about the student will be located within a central registry called the Victorian Student Register (VSR). The information recorded by the VSR will include the student's name, date of birth, gender, and over time, will include the student's enrolment history consisting of the education provider's identifier and name, the date on which the student enrolled at the education institution and the date they left the institution.

Strict privacy protocols will apply to the collection of student information. As a result, information on students' academic achievements, health and welfare will not be collected. The VSR will be managed and operated by the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority.

The VSN will provide accurate information on a student's movement through the educational system, which will allow the education system to identify students who have left the system or made many movements within the system, which in turn may lead to intervention and support.

Schools will be required to include the VSN in specified reports and returns about students to educational authorities such as the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority and the Victorian Registration and Qualifications Authority.

The VSN will only be used for educational purposes within Victoria and legislation will prohibit its use outside the sector. The VSN cannot be used by any other government departments.

Students and their parents or guardians will have access to their VSN. Parents will be able to access the information held by the VSR unless there are restrictions imposed by law, custodial parents or the students themselves.

It is anticipated that students in independent schools will be assigned their VSN sometime in the second half of 2009.

For further information, visit the [Department of Education and Early Childhood Development website](#).