# VCE - Outcome 3 (Musicianship & Theory) Curriculum Overview Sample – VERSION 1

For Students undertaking Units 1 to 4 across 2 years

Beginning with the Level 2 Musicianship & Aural Training for the Secondary School Books and CDs for Units 1 & 2 (Semesters 1/4 and 2/4)

and continuing with the Level 3 Musicianship & Aural Training for the Secondary School

**Books and CDs** 

for Units 3 and 4 (Semesters 3/4 and 4/4)

## VCE Unit 1 - Outcome 3 Curriculum Overview (Semester 1/4)

Note: Lesson refers to the Lesson number in Level 2 "Musicianship & Aural Training for the Secondary School" Books and CDs

Week No:	Lesson No:	Rhythm	Scales	Intervals	Melody	Chords	Chord Progressions
1 & 2	Prep Lesson 1  Prep Lesson 2  Prep Lesson 3	<ul> <li>Beat</li> <li>Rhythm</li> <li>Metre &amp; Time Signatures</li> <li>2 3 4</li> <li>4 4 4 4</li> <li>Conducting</li> <li>Inner Hearing</li> <li>Rhythmic Sightreading</li> <li>Rhythm Names</li> <li>Rhythmic Shorthand</li> <li>Rhythmic Dictation</li> <li>*/</li> <li>Two Part Rhythmic Sightreading</li> <li>Ties</li> <li>Anacrusis</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Pitch</li> <li>Treble Clef</li> <li>Tone Set</li> <li>Handsigns</li> <li>Melodic         Sightreading</li> <li>Scales</li> <li>The Pentatonic Scale</li> <li>The do Pentatonic         Scale</li> <li>The Major Scale</li> <li>The C Major Scale</li> <li>Keys</li> <li>Two Part Melodic         Sightreading</li> </ul>		Melodic Dictation		
3 & 4	Prep Lesson 5 Prep Lesson 6 Prep Lesson 7	Beat Values Simple Time Quaver/semiquaver rhythms	<ul><li>Sharps &amp; Flats</li><li>Canon</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Intervals</li> <li>Semitones &amp; Tones</li> <li>Minor 2nds and Major 2nds</li> <li>Major 3rd</li> <li>Minor 3rd</li> <li>Perfect 8ve</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Melodic Dictation - staff</li> </ul>		

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5 & 6	Prep Lesson 8 Prep Lesson 9	■ The Dot ■	<ul> <li>Interval pattern of a scale</li> <li>The la pentatonic scale</li> <li>Other pentatonic scales</li> <li>Transposition</li> <li>F Major</li> </ul>		Melodic Dictation		
	Prep Lesson 10		<ul><li>G Major</li><li>Key Signatures</li><li>Phrase</li></ul>				
7 & 8	Prep Lesson 11	Compound Time	The natural minor scale		■ Melodic Dictation		
	Prep Lesson 12	• J. }. J. —. • J ? J } • Compound Time Dictation					
	Prep Lesson 13	<ul><li>Note Grouping</li><li>Syncopation</li><li>Rhythmic Form</li></ul>					
9	1 2	<ul><li>Rhythmic Shorthand</li><li>Simple Time Dictation</li></ul>	<ul><li>The Major Scale</li><li>Scale degree names</li></ul>	<ul><li>Interval Names</li><li>Interval Numbers</li><li>Interval Quality</li></ul>	<ul><li>Melodic Sightreading</li></ul>		
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10 & 11	5	<ul> <li>Other compound time signatures</li> <li>6 12 9</li> <li>8 8 8</li> <li>Rhythmic Shorthand</li> <li>Compound Time Dictation</li> </ul>	■ Bass Clef			<ul><li>Chords &amp; Triads</li><li>Major Tonic</li><li>Triads of C, F</li><li>and G</li></ul>	
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12 & 13	7 8			<ul><li>Major &amp; Perfect Intervals</li><li>Minor Intervals</li></ul>	■ Visual Recognition of key	Primary Triads in a Major scale	<ul> <li>Major scale in Canon</li> <li>Adding a bassline</li> <li>Bassline singing</li> <li>Recognition of a bassline</li> <li>Chord Progression Singing</li> </ul>
14 & 15	10 11 12	■ Three Part Rhythmic Sightreading	<ul> <li>Tones &amp; Semitones in a Major Scale</li> <li>Interval pattern of a natural minor scale</li> <li>The harmonic minor scale</li> <li>Accidentals</li> </ul>			<ul><li>Intervals in the Major Triad</li></ul>	Transcription of a bassline  Transcription of a bassline
16	13 14 15		<ul> <li>Interval pattern of a harmonic minor scale</li> </ul>		Visual Recognition of key	<ul> <li>Intervals in the minor Triad</li> <li>Minor triads in a Major scale</li> <li>Diminished triad</li> <li>Intervals in the diminished triad</li> </ul>	
17	16 17 18	- 1)].			<ul><li>Aural Tonality Recognition</li><li>Two Part Melodic Sight Reading</li></ul>		■ Triads in the C Major Scale
18	19 20 21		<ul> <li>D and B♭ Major Scales</li> <li>B and G natural minor scales</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Identifying written intervals</li> <li>Writing ascending intervals</li> <li>Writing descending intervals</li> </ul>			<ul> <li>Transcription of a chord progression in a Major key</li> </ul>

### VCE Unit 2 - Outcome 3 Curriculum Overview (Semester 2/4)

Note: Lesson refers to the Lesson number in Level 2 "Musicianship & Aural Training for the Secondary School" Books and CDs

Week	Lesson	Rhythm	Scales	Intervals	Melody	Chords	Chord Progressions
1 & 2	22 23 24	<ul> <li>Semiquavers in compound time</li> </ul>	■ Pentatonic scale revision		<ul><li>Visual Recognition of key</li></ul>	<ul><li>The Augmented triad</li><li>Intervals in the Augmented triad</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Triads in the harmonic minor scale</li> </ul>
3 & 4	25 26 27	<ul> <li>Quaver/semiquaver combinations in compound time</li> <li>Four part rhythmic sightreading</li> </ul>					<ul> <li>Bassline singing in a harmonic minor key</li> <li>Transcription of a chord progression in a harmonic minor key</li> </ul>
5 & 6	28 29 30	Repeat signs			2 part melodic dictation	<ul><li>Writing triads</li></ul>	Perfect Cadence
7 & 8	31 32 33	- 577,577	<ul><li>E \( \) Major</li><li>C natural and harmonic minor scales</li></ul>				■ Plagal Cadence
9 & 10	34 35 36	<b>- - - - - - - - - -</b>	<ul><li>A Major</li><li>F# natural and harmonic minor scales</li></ul>				■ Imperfect Cadence
11 & 12	37 38 39		<ul> <li>The melodic minor scale</li> <li>The interval pattern in the melodic minor scale</li> </ul>				■ Interrupted Cadence
13 & 14	40 41 42	<ul><li>The triplet</li><li>The duplet</li></ul>	Aly Major     F natural, harmonic and melodic minor scales			<ul><li>Triads in root position</li></ul>	
15 & 16	43 44 45	The dotted quaver in compound time	<ul><li>E Major</li><li>C# natural, harmonic and melodic minor scales</li></ul>			<ul><li>Triads in 1st inversion</li></ul>	
17 & 18	46 47 48	- <b>,</b> , , ,			<ul><li>Modulation</li></ul>	<ul><li>Triads in 2nd inversion</li></ul>	

# VCE Unit 3 - Outcome 3 Curriculum Overview (Semester 3/4)

Note: Section refers to the Section number in Level 3 "Musicianship & Aural Training for the Secondary School" Books and CDs

Week	Section	Rhythm	Scales	Intervals	Melody	Chords	Chord Progressions
1	1 – REVISION NEW	<ul> <li>Simple Time Rhythm</li> <li>Rhythmic Shorthand</li> <li>Simple Time Transcription</li> <li>3 4 6</li> <li>4 4 4 6</li> <li>5 - 5 - 6</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>The Major Scale</li> <li>Focus on keys up to 1# and 1,</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Major, Perfect &amp; Minor Intervals</li> <li>Intervals within Scales</li> </ul>	Melodic     Transcription	<ul><li>Triads</li><li>Major Triad</li></ul>	Recognition of a Bassline in a melody
2	2 – REVISION	<ul> <li>The Dot</li> <li>Ties</li> <li>Ostinato</li> <li>\$\frac{4}{3}\$</li> <li>\$\frac{1}{3}\$</li> <li>\$\frac{1}{</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Other Major Scales</li> <li>Transposition</li> <li>Key Signatures</li> <li>Focus on keys up to 1# and 1,</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Writing Intervals</li> <li>Inversions</li> <li>Visual Interval Recognition in a Melody</li> </ul>	Melodic     Transcription	<ul> <li>Intervals in Triads</li> </ul>	Primary Triads in a Major Key
3 & 4	3 – REVISION	<ul> <li>Compound Time Rhythm</li> <li>Compound Time Transcription</li> <li>6 12</li> <li>8 8</li> <li>J. J</li> <li>y J }</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>The natural minor scale</li> <li>More Key Signatures</li> <li>Focus on keys up to 2# and 2<sub>3</sub></li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Writing Intervals         <ul> <li>Inversions</li> </ul> </li> <li>Visual Interval</li></ul>	<ul> <li>2 Part Melodic Transcription</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Major Triads in Major Scales</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Recognition &amp; Transcription of chord progressions in a Major key</li> </ul>
5 & 6	4 – REVISION NEW	Compound Time Rhythm 9 8	<ul> <li>The harmonic minor scale</li> <li>Accidentals</li> <li>Focus on keys up to 2# and 2<sub>3</sub></li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Intervals within the harmonic minor</li> <li>Scale</li> <li>Enharmonic intervals</li> <li>Compound intervals</li> </ul>	<ul><li>Melodic Transcription</li></ul>	■ The minor triad	<ul> <li>Major &amp; Primary Triads in a minor Key</li> </ul>
7 & 8	5 – REVISION NEW	<ul> <li>Two part rhythms</li> <li>3 3</li> <li>4 8</li> <li>Recognition of rhythms</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>The melodic minor scale</li> <li>Visual Key Recognition</li> <li>Focus on keys up to 3# and 3;</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Intervals within the melodic minor Scale</li> </ul>	<ul><li>Melodic Transcription</li></ul>	<ul><li>minor triads in scales</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Perfect &amp; Plagal Cadences</li> <li>Transcription of a Chord Progression in a minor key</li> </ul>

Week	Section	Rhythm	Scales	Intervals	Melody	Chords	Chord Progressions
9 & 10	6 – REVISION NEW	Compound Time Rhythm Anacrusis	<ul> <li>Diatonic &amp; Chromatic Scales</li> <li>Focus on keys up to 3# and 3}</li> </ul>	<ul><li>Diatonic &amp; Chromatic Intervals</li></ul>	<ul><li>Melodic Transcription</li></ul>	■ The diminished triad	Root Position Triads in a Major Key
11 & 12	7 – REVISION NEW	Simple Time Rhythm	<ul> <li>Aural Key Recognition</li> <li>Focus on keys up to 3# and 3,</li> </ul>	■ Revision	3 Part Melodic Transcription	■ The Augmented triad	Root Position Triads in a minor Key
13 & 14	8 – REVISION NEW	Compound Time Rhythm	■ The Chromatic Scale ■ Focus on keys up to 4# and 4♭	<ul> <li>Intervals within the Chromatic Scale</li> </ul>	<ul><li>Recognition of Melody</li></ul>	■ The Suspended 4th triad	■ Revision
15 & 16	9 – REVISION NEW	<ul> <li>Simple Time Rhythm</li> <li>Jij</li> <li>2</li> <li>¢</li> </ul>	■ The Pentatonic Scales ■ Focus on keys up to 4# and 4♭	<ul> <li>Intervals within the Pentatonic Scales</li> </ul>	<ul><li>Melodic Transcription</li></ul>	■ Triads in Root Position & 1 <sup>st</sup> Inversion	<ul><li>Imperfect &amp; Interrupted Cadences</li></ul>
17 & 18	10 – REVISION NEW	<ul> <li>Simple Time Rhythm</li> <li>6</li> <li>4</li> <li>Asymmetrical Time</li> <li>Signatures</li> </ul>	■ The Blues Scales ■ Focus on keys up to 5# and 5♭	<ul><li>Intervals within the Blues Scale</li></ul>	<ul><li>Melodic Transcription</li></ul>	■ Triads in 2nd Inversion	■ Revision

### VCE Unit 4 - Outcome 3 Curriculum Overview (Semester 4/4)

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Week	Section	Rhythm	Scales	Intervals	Melody	Chords	Chord Progressions
1	11 – REVISION NEW	• Simple Time Rhythm	<ul> <li>Modes and the Mixolydian Mode</li> <li>Focus on keys up to 5# and 5,</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Intervals within the Mixolydian Mode</li> </ul>	Melodic     Transcription	■ 7 <sup>th</sup> Chords & the Dominant 7th	<ul> <li>7<sup>th</sup> Chords in Progressions</li> </ul>
2 & 3	12 - NEW	<ul><li>Simple Time Rhythm</li><li>Syncopation</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Visual Key         Recognition of         Modal Melodies</li> <li>Focus on keys up to         6# and 6;</li> </ul>	■ Revision	Melodic     Transcription	■ The Major 7 <sup>th</sup> Chord	■ 7 <sup>th</sup> Chords in Progressions cont.
4 & 5	13 - NEW	<ul> <li>Compound Time Rhythm</li> <li>Rhythms including dotted quavers e.g.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Aural Key         Recognition of         Melodies</li> <li>Focus on keys up to         6# and 6<sub>b</sub></li> </ul>	■ Revision	<ul> <li>Melodic Transcriptions in a mode</li> </ul>	■ The minor 7 <sup>th</sup> Chord	<ul> <li>7<sup>th</sup> Chords in Progressions cont.</li> </ul>
6 & 7	14 – NEW	<ul> <li>Compound Time         Rhythm</li> <li>Duplet</li> <li>Ties in transcriptions</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>The Dorian Mode</li> <li>Focus on keys up to 7# and 7b</li> </ul>	Intervals within the dorian Mode	<ul><li>Melodic Transcription</li></ul>	■ The half diminished (7 <sup>th</sup> ) Chord	<ul> <li>7<sup>th</sup> Chords in Major Keys</li> </ul>
8 & 9	15 - NEW	<ul> <li>Compound Time Rhythm</li> <li>Various other mixed rhythms (see Level 3 contents)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Visual Key         Recognition without         a key signature</li> <li>Focus on keys up to         7# and 7½</li> </ul>	■ Revision	<ul> <li>Recognition of a Melody without a Key Signature</li> </ul>	■ The (Full) diminished 7 <sup>th</sup> Chord	■ 7 <sup>th</sup> Chords in minor keys
10 onwards	16 - NEW	<ul><li>Compound Time Rhythm</li><li>Revision</li></ul>	<ul><li>Other modes</li></ul>	■ Revision	■ Revision	<ul><li>Revision</li></ul>	■ Revision