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VICTORIA IS SOMETHING MORE



A College of Distinction

Victoria Junior College (VJC) was established in 1984 and quickly became a college of distinction. The College has grown from strength to strength, nurturing Victorians who have made their mark in society, from the arts and sports arenas to the academic, business, and public sectors.

VJC is well-known for its vibrant school culture, legendary spirit and strong camaraderie forged through a multitude of shared experiences. Being Victorian makes us one, but there is nothing common about the myriad of subject offerings, activities and experiences you can look forward to here.

As a Victorian, you can expect to be engaged in learning that develops your talent, character and leadership, and just as importantly, you will forge strong friendships and create memories that will last beyond your school years.

Come and be part of VJC's legacy.

> *The personal touch characterises VJC. While the rigour of the formal lessons laid a fantastic foundation for continued education in university, it was the conversations, the listening ear and the encouragement that helped. Junior college is not easy but going to VJC was truly a journey with the best pilgrims and mentors.*

Teh Yi Ying (10A12)
Senior Assistant Director
Resourcing & Ecosystem, Sector Strategy and Development Division
Ministry of Social and Family Development, Singapore (MSF)

Victorians can aspire to develop their academic and other interests through the total curriculum at VJC. This comprehensive and integrated set of programmes, designed and led by experienced and passionate staff, has been put together to provide you a full Victorian experience.

At VJC, you can develop your interests and competencies through various platforms, including class-based lessons, stretch programmes, co-curricular activities, leadership appointments, and self-initiated projects. Outstanding students can look forward to being part of our Talent Development Programme which encompasses various domains and provides a vast array of opportunities to take Victorians to the next level.

Pursue your passion. Lead others. Initiate change.
Serve communities. Interact with thought leaders. Chart your success.
You can do all these and more at VJC.



Victoria is Something More



The Victorian SEAL



***S**ervice at the Heart*
Expose, Inspire, Lead

***E**xcellence in Co-Curricular Domains*
Learning for Life

***L**eadership Impact & Influence*
Influence, Rally, Serve

***A**cademic Enrichment & Achievement*
Learning to Learn

The Victorian SEAL embodies our commitment to nurture every Victorian as a holistically developed individual. Grounded in values, guided by purpose, and ready for the challenges of the future. Anchored on our College Values and the Emerging 21st Century Competencies, SEAL places these at the heart of the Victorian experience.

Through the four SEAL domains, Victorians are given opportunities to lead, serve and excel both within and beyond the classroom. They are supported by the Victorian Village — a community of caring teachers, mentors, and peers who guide, coach, and cheer them on. #vgotyourback

Ultimately, SEAL empowers every Victorian to define their own "Outstanding" — discovering what excellence means to them and realising their fullest potential.



Academic Disciplines

The academic programme at VJC has been shaped through our years of experience preparing students for the A-Level examinations. You can look forward to pursuing a variety of subjects, and if you are looking to challenge yourself in a discipline you are passionate about, you can apply to offer the relevant subject at Higher 3 (H3) level in JC2.

At VJC, we pay particular attention to nurturing 21st century competencies such as critical and inventive thinking, cross-cultural awareness, and communication and collaboration skills to better prepare you for life after junior college. Just as importantly, the close support, encouragement and affirmation that Victorians get from their teachers and peers are a vital aspect of the College culture and ethos, and you can be assured you are never alone on this journey.

Knowledge Skills & Languages

General Paper | Project Work | Mother Tongue Languages | French | German | Japanese | Spanish

Science & Mathematics

Biology | Chemistry | Physics | Mathematics | Further Mathematics | Computing

Humanities

Art | China Studies in English | Economics | Geography | History | Literature in English | Chinese Language and Literature | Tamil Language and Literature | Theatre Studies and Drama



Subject Combinations at VJC

VJC offers a wide range of subject combinations. All combinations include General Paper, Project Work, and Mother Tongue at Higher 1 (H1) level.

Students offering subjects in the Science course are assumed to have prior knowledge in these subjects, which may come from having offered a similar subject in secondary school. Subjects offered in the Arts course do not have pre-requisites. Students in VJC can offer a Foreign Language as a Higher 2 (H2) subject in any of the subject combinations. To experience a broad-based education, all students in a junior college will have to do a contrasting subject.

Students with the ability and passion to deepen their learning can apply to offer H3 subjects in the Humanities and the Sciences. There is a range of H3 offerings that are either taught by VJC teachers in the school or by university lecturers at the National University of Singapore (NUS), Nanyang Technological University (NTU) and Singapore Management University (SMU). VJC also offers a special H3 programme – H3 NAV Science Research – in collaboration with the Agency of Science, Technology and Research (A*STAR) and NUS.

Arts Course

Course		Subjects offered in the Arts Course			Contrasting Subject
ARTS	A1	Literature in English	History	Art | China Studies in English | Chinese Language and Literature | Economics | Tamil Language and Literature | Theatre Studies and Drama	Mathematics
		Literature in English	Geography		
		Literature in English	Economics	Art | China Studies in English | Chinese Language and Literature | Tamil Language and Literature | Theatre Studies and Drama	
		Geography	Economics		
		History	Economics		

Science Course

Course		Subjects offered in the Science Course			Contrasting Subjects
SCIENCE	S2	Mathematics	Chemistry	Physics	Economics
	S3	Mathematics	Chemistry	Biology	Art | China Studies in English | Chinese Language and Literature | Economics | Geography | History | Literature in English | Tamil Language and Literature | Theatre Studies and Drama
	S4	Mathematics	Chemistry	Physics	
	S5	Mathematics	Economics	Physics	Art | China Studies in English | Chinese Language and Literature | Geography | History | Literature in English | Tamil Language and Literature | Theatre Studies and Drama
	S6	Mathematics	Economics	Chemistry	
	S7	Mathematics	Economics	Biology	Geography | History | Literature in English
	S8	Mathematics	Further Mathematics	Physics	Economics
	S9	Mathematics	Computing	Physics	Economics
	S10	Mathematics	Computing	Chemistry	Economics

Knowledge Skills and Languages

Victorians are exposed to general knowledge skills crucial for navigating the complex landscape of the new economy and engaging in intricate global trends and issues. Whether through General Paper, Project Work, or the Languages, these skills and competencies also develop the creative and persuasive side of Victorians, affording them the ability to articulate and advocate.

The College uses the Stanford University d.school model of Design Thinking as the approach to Project Work. As part of the process, students analyse a problem, understand the needs of the affected community, and prototype their ideas for breakthrough solutions. In consideration of the unique and sometimes opposing needs of different users, students develop and hone their empathy, critical and inventive thinking skills, amongst other 21st century competencies. Projects with the potential to create real social impact are pursued further with guidance from the Active Citizenry Committee. As all our teachers are trained in Design Thinking, students' development in those skills continue beyond PW on other platforms such as CCAs and Science Research.

Language skills are useful in an increasingly globalised world, and students taking Mother Tongue Languages can look forward to a range of experiences beyond the classroom. If you are keen on learning a Foreign Language, you can also choose to take French, German, Japanese or Spanish as a H2 subject. These classes are conducted at the MOE Language Centre.

> *One thing you find out quickly is that VJC places great emphasis on students developing their personal voice, and there are opportunities not just in the classroom but beyond, for students to build their personal conviction, confidence and courage to articulate their views.*

James Ho
Head, English Department



Science and Mathematics

As a Science student at VJC, you will be given opportunities to ask deep and meaningful questions about the nature of science and practice scientific inquiry. Beyond knowledge of scientific theory and principles, you will also be equipped with a variety of skills and competencies relevant to the future workplace.

Besides standard subjects such as Biology, Chemistry, Physics and Mathematics, VJC also offers Further Mathematics and Computing for those who aspire to use related skill sets to drive advancements in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM). For example, Computing aims to develop strong problem-solving and computational thinking skills to help students adapt to advancements in the field of computing and to respond flexibly to changes affecting the workplace and society.

Exceptional Science students can look forward to taking H3 modules offered by Cambridge Assessment International Education and local Institutes of Higher Learning, namely Singapore Management University, Nanyang Technological University and National University of Singapore. These modules include Game Theory, Molecular Biology, as well as Semiconductor Physics and Devices.

Additionally, VJC houses its very own Science and Technology Centre, a designated block featuring research laboratories and well-equipped learning spaces. Using advanced techniques and state-of-the-art tools such as 3D printers and programming kits, our students get a taste of authentic research. In addition to in-house research opportunities, students can expect unique experiences such as learning journeys to STEM-related industries, customised training for Science, Math and Computing Competitions, and participation at the prestigious Singapore Science and Engineering Fair.

> *Computing skills and coding grant one the power to solve some of the biggest problems in the world – from breathing 'life' into a machine learning algorithm to create artificial intelligence, to shielding fellow netizens through cyber security measures. Computing and coding are the rawest expressions of one's creative self, that allow one to make a massive impact in an increasingly digital world, with just a laptop.*
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> *Aishwarya Prahbat (13S48)*
> *AI Solutions Architect, Google*

Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Talent Development

STEM Talent Development seeks to harness the talents of students in science, mathematics and research, and enable them to utilise these talents to create an impact on society. In this way, our students' love for the subject is further enhanced as they are exposed to various forms of research and experimentation.



Special Programme

NUS A*STAR-VJC (NAV) Science Research

Since 2006, VJC, in collaboration with our partners, NUS and A*STAR, has offered a unique H3 programme known as H3 NAV Research. Students of this programme can look forward to an individual investigative study, using an interdisciplinary framework, under the mentorship of VJC teachers as well as world-class research practitioners from NUS and A*STAR. The H3 NAV research programme not only trains students to think critically and work independently, but also sharpens their interest and passion in STEM.

> *VJC's Science Programme launched my academic career by nurturing my early interest in scientific research. Rigorous training in the scientific method qualified me for the A*STAR Undergraduate Scholarship and the CN Yang Scholars Programme in Nanyang Technological University (NTU). Conducting H3 NAV research sparked my interest in the intersection of chemistry and physics, spurring me to delve into the interdisciplinary field of Materials Science for both my undergraduate degree at NTU and PhD at Stanford University.*

Melissa Tan (12S48)
Health Sensing PD, Apple



ONE of our OWN

Professor Teo Yik Ying is the Dean of the Saw Swee Hock School of Public Health at the National University of Singapore. Prior to his appointment, he was the Founding Director of the School's Centre for Health Services and Policy Research and also served as the Director of the Centre for Infectious Disease Epidemiology and Research from 2015 to 2017.

Yik Ying gained international recognition for his work in genomics, having conducted large scale genomic studies on populations from Africa, Europe and Asia. He is currently a member on the Council of Scientists for the International Human Frontier Science Program, as well as a governing board member of the Regional Centre for Tropical Medicine and Public Health Network for Southeast Asia.

In 2020 and 2021, as the Covid-19 pandemic unfolded, Yik Ying's views as a leading public health policy expert was sought by both the local and global media. He regularly shared his insights on the multi-prong measures Singapore has put in place that goes beyond simply a health-sector response.

Yik Ying is active in mentoring youths in science research and was awarded the Singapore Youth Award in 2011 (Science and Technology category) by the Singapore Youth Council in recognition of his contributions. His work with youth can be traced to his time in Victoria Junior College, where as a Venture Scout he returned to his secondary school to train and plan activities for his Boy Scouts juniors.

Professor Teo Yik Ying (95S24)
Dean, Saw See Hock School Of Public Health
National University Of Singapore



Humanities

At VJC, students of the Humanities are guided by teachers who will provoke and challenge. Students can pursue up to 3 Humanities subjects in the Arts course, and up to 2 Humanities subjects in the Science course. Students who possess the passion and aptitude in the Humanities are invited to apply for the H3 programme in Economics, Geography, History and Literature in English.

Besides these subjects, VJC offers a number of niche subjects. If you have genuine interest and passion in things artistic, take up Art and engage in the process of art making that utilises a myriad of media and technologies. Admission is based on an aptitude test or a submission of a portfolio, and Art at O-Level is not required. Students keen to learn about contemporary China can look forward to China Studies in English. The subject is in-depth and current, with an independent research component. Studying CSE will certainly raise your understanding of China - the 21st century's most intriguing and strategically important global power.

I absolutely enjoyed my time in VJC and am extremely grateful to the staff and teachers who genuinely care and go the extra mile to ensure our holistic well-being. Teachers engage us in rigorous academic discourse, yet also indulge us with inane banter. From discussions about existentialism in our Literature classes to investigating Japan's historical revisionism at the Yasukuni Shrine during our HSP trip to Tokyo, I've grown to become more confident, curious and appreciative of the world around me. Pursuing Humanities in VJC was a very empowering experience.

Ma Xueqing (18A11)
Barnard College of Columbia University
Liberal Arts



ONE of our OWN

Film producer Low Ser En is the first Singaporean to win a British Academy of Film and Television Award (BAFTA), widely regarded as the British equivalent of the Oscars, for a stop-motion animation short film, Poles Apart. Her works have also screened, and won awards, at over 100 international film festivals.

It was in VJC that Ser En found her calling. She took Art alongside Knowledge & Inquiry, Physics and Mathematics. Though juggling both Humanities and Science was a challenge, Ser En persevered and found inspiration to excel through her interaction with her Art teacher. She even returned as a relief Art teacher before pursuing her undergraduate studies, imbuing her passion for the subject to her juniors.

Ser En graduated with a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Filmmaking from the Nanyang Technological University (NTU), and later pursued a Master of Arts degree from the prestigious National Film and Television School in the United Kingdom. Ser En's contributions to the local and international filmmaking scene led to her alma mater, NTU, conferring her the Outstanding Young Alumni award. Amidst the Covid-19 pandemic, Ser En co-founded Sendjoy, a social video firm that sends personalised video messages from celebrities and content creators to your loved ones. This innovative enterprise received a round of funding from venture capital and angel investors, and aims to continue sending joy and strengthening ties.

Low Ser En (07S43)
Producer



Special Programmes

Humanities Scholarship and Programme (HSP)

VJC is one of the centres for the MOE Humanities Scholarship and Programme (HSP). The VJC HSP journey begins with a broad exposure to the key concepts in the different subject disciplines and brings you to the study of human society and culture.

As an HSP Scholar, you can expect to be engaged and guided through the process of investigating the world through an interdisciplinary lens. Our scholars further hone their skills through exposure to theatre and the arts, as well as platforms such as the Humanities Symposium, Singapore Model United Nations conferences, and competitions.

The VJC HSP programme also seeks to nurture thought leaders and changemakers who will inspire positive change in their communities and create the future with conviction, courage and compassion.

Students in this programme are required to offer Literature in English at H2 level.

> *The VJC Humanities Programme afforded new perspectives in understanding the world that we live in and the problems that confront us. Our teachers taught us to think deeply and tackle issues in a multi-disciplinary way. We were encouraged to not just master the subject for its own sake, but to discover, for instance, how literature could teach us something about politics, or how our geography might define our economic path and shape our historical significance. As someone who's had a rather varied and untraditional career, from teaching to trade negotiations to technology policy, I can safely say that the exposure and grounding the Programme gave me played a huge part in making sure I stay curious and hopeful in these uncertain times.*

Andrea Phua (02A52)
Director (Industry)
Ministry of Communications and Information

Regional Studies Programme (RSP)

For students with an interest in the region, the MOE Regional Studies Programme (RSP) Scholarship affords you the opportunity to engage in a multi-disciplinary study of its rich history, culture and contemporary developments.

The programme inculcates deeper appreciation of the region through a myriad of local enrichment activities such as culinary experiences, dance workshops, plays and cultural performances. The RSP also includes an overseas cultural immersion trip to the region.

Students in this programme are required to offer History at H2 Level, and Malay (Special Programme) or Bahasa Indonesia as a third language.

> *Being in the RSP at VJC has opened doors to many new experiences and opportunities. It deepened my interest and understanding of the region and helped me gain insights into the issues shaping its politics, economy and society. More critically, RSP broadened my horizons and cultivated in me a habit to have a personal voice about issues that I read about.*

Audrey Tey Ee Teng (16S62)
Singapore Armed Forces Scholar
University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA)
Double Major in Sociology and Statistics





Credit: Navy Recruitment Center

Special Programme

TSD | Drama Elective Programme (DEP)

As the pioneer school to design the syllabus and start Theatre Studies and Drama (TSD) in Singapore, VJC has over the years produced numerous illustrious alumni who continue to impact the arts scene in Singapore, such as Michelle Chong, Janice Koh, Natalie Hennedige, and Zizi Azah.

The course is distinct from the usual academic subjects and allows you to go in-depth into various elements of the discipline. Students can look forward to weekly practical workshops where you can explore approaches to performance and appreciate a range of set skills, such as acting, movement/dance, set design and, costume and makeup design.

Classes are conducted in the Drama Studio incorporating two black-box style performance spaces, a costume room and a resource room. Students also get to perform in a bigger theatre studio (LT AVA) and the state-of-the-art 800-seater VJC Performance Theatre.

> *The VJC TSD program helped me develop a wide range of skills, thought processes, and confidence that have fundamentally helped set me on the path to working as a designer, all over the world. It is thanks to the uniquely practical and intimate nature of this course that I've been able to transition into various different roles and gain some truly remarkable life experiences. Most importantly, it has given me a network of lifelong friends and connections who themselves have had incredibly successful careers across multiple industries. I can say without a doubt that the TSD program at VJC sowed the seeds that helped me build my life as it is today.*

Leonard Choo (03A52)
Director of Industry Development & Internationalisation
at the Singapore Fashion Council



ONE of our OWN

Well known and highly sought-after, Michelle Chong lives by her own saying, "I write and watch films and do everything else in between." Led by her creative vision and insistence on quality productions, Michelle Chong Productions is known for creating memorable, relatable characters, and producing engaging, original content across all media platforms. These include wildly viral digital ads starring her popular characters such as Ah Lian and schoolgirl Chiang Ying Wen.

Michelle's first foray into theatre started in VJC through the TSD programme. Her TSD lecturer saw her great potential and encouraged her to pursue theatre as a career.

Since then, her prolific career has only been on the rise. Her movie, Already Famous, was selected as Singapore's entry for Best Foreign Film at the 85th Academy Awards (Oscars) in 2013. A woman of many hats, Michelle has gone on to produce and direct two other movies - 3 Peas in a Pod, an acclaimed coming-of-age road trip movie filmed in Australia, and Lulu The Movie, which is among the top 6 Chinese movies in terms of box office takings in Singapore.

In 2021, Lazada appointed Michelle as the first local ambassador for the Singapore market. Considered one of the top comedic talents, and easily the most recognisable female comedic actress in Singapore, this collaboration celebrates Michelle's success as an artiste and entrepreneur, and recognises her capabilities in reaching out to a wider audience with her sense of humour.

Michelle Chong (94A53)
Producer, Writer and Director



Livin' it! Events at VJC

DID YOU KNOW?

You can follow us on Instagram @victoriajc_official and also on Facebook! The Students' Council also captures significant VJC moments through its own @thevictorianverve Instagram account.

Our calendar is jam-packed with activities to provide you with a pulsating student life. Along with the various co-curricular activities available, these events allow you to experience the camaraderie and vibe for which VJC is well-known.

MAR - MAY
National Schools Games

During competition season, our athletes play the ultimate sportsmen's game and keep our Victorian flag unfurled! Be part of the action on the field or cheer with one united voice on the stands, led by the Red Shirts. VJ Boleh!





FEB - JC1 Orientation

JC Orientation at VJC is like no other. Spend a day at the beach with the college and partake in various games such as jousting in the sea, Bola-Bola and inflatable obstacle course. In the evening, we head to Suntec City's Fountain of Wealth to wow the public with our mass dance. This annual event is not to be missed – alumni often pop by to join in the fun and relive their VJC days.



MAR - MAY
Concert Series

Be dazzled by the unique talent of your friends from the performing arts groups! Let your senses be titillated by the colourful and exquisite showcases by the choral, dramatic, dance and musical CCAs! Always a crowd-pleaser on the college calendar.



APR - MusicFest

Victorians battle for MusicFest tickets, and you wouldn't want to miss it, either as a performer or audience. Victorians will blow you away with their mesmerizing talent, be it their singing prowess, dance moves, or the Teachers' Band.

MAY
Feeling Fab

Feel fabulous as you get moving with your classmates under the bright blue sky! Whether you are gliding through the breeze on in-line skates or working those muscles in a dragon boat, you are bound to create fun-filled memories as a class!





JUL
College Day

Celebrate all that is Victorian on this day! College pride comes to the fore as we connect with alumni and mark the achievements of students and staff. The rousing singing of the Victorian Anthem at the end of the event is a hair-raising experience in itself!

JUL
Connecting Leaders in Camp (CLIC)

Network with other student leaders, learn from the experiences of those who came before and reflect deeply on your own leadership values. CLIC is part of the Leadership Development programme in VJC, designed to help our student leaders grow and blossom.





JUL
EdVantage! Fair

EdVantage! Fair is our annual in-house careers, higher education and scholarships fair which aims to provide students with up-to-date and comprehensive knowledge of the higher education and job landscape, and information of scholarship opportunities. Visit information booths and attend talks by representatives from over 40 organisations.

OCT
University Panel Discussion

Planning for further studies is not left till JC2. Riding on the Higher Education programme which starts in JC1, get up close and personal with local university admissions representatives and learn about the special programmes and opportunities they provide. This session is catered for both JC1 students and their parents.





NOV
Victorian Affair

Victorians definitely end the year with a bang! Victorian Affair presents the JC1 cohort with a range of exciting yet meaningful activities. Bond as a class as you compete within your Houses. Interact with the public and spread a social message. Be treated to a thumping concert put up by peers and alumni, who are always thrilled to be part of this uniquely Victorian experience!

Co-Curricular Activities

If there is one line you will hear from Victorians time and time again, it is this: we work hard and play hard.

VJC provides a range of facilities and activities for students to develop their physical and aesthetic talents. Beyond the full-length synthetic field, 8-lane track, mini-hockey field and tennis courts, students have access to an air-conditioned hall and a sheltered court. Across the road, East Coast Parkway provides an ideal venue for Cross-Country, Sailing, outdoor camp craft, Orientation activities, and general relaxation!

VJC is also home to a full-sized Performance Theatre which serves as the venue for the annual Concert Series featuring dance, music and drama performances. Victorians also get their aesthetic fix through exposure to various local and international arts performances, and annual showcase events like MusicFest. Victorians perform regularly at public venues such as the Esplanade, the Botanic Gardens, and the amphitheatre at Vivo City.

The College offers a myriad of Co-Curricular Activities (CCAs) and we are confident that you will find a CCA, or two, that you fancy. CCAs in VJC are integral for a balanced and holistic education. Beyond merely providing an avenue to pursue your interests, these CCAs will stretch your capabilities and imbue you with the character and values to guide you through life.

Beyond the rich plethora of CCAs from students to choose from, VJC also offers students the opportunity to start their own Student Interest Groups (SIGs). SIGs bring together like-minded Victorians who share a common interest to pursue that interest within the school. Spanning an approximate duration of 8-weeks, SIG activities are of an ad-hoc nature. Initiated by students for students, they are interest-based and also seek to bring about positive change in the College. The College renders resource support in the form of publicity and the provision of venues for SIG initiatives. Examples of SIGs are Pets and Animals Welfare Society (PAWS), a group that looks out for canine and feline friends, and the Japanese Club that not only partakes in things Japanese, but also hosts visiting student groups from Japan.







> *StudioV has provided me with the opportunity to hone my leadership skills in different environments, pursue my passion and play a vital role in supporting school events all year round. Being a catalyst for creativity, we are given a plethora of opportunities to explore videography. Pursuing my passion through my CCA has been an enriching, fulfilling and meaningful journey.*

Lukas Ho (20S47)
Undergraduate at SUTD, Entrepreneur

Performing Arts

We are on the lookout for people who live and breathe the arts to continue VJC's long tradition of excellence in the performing arts. From our award-winning Choir to the dynamic Dance Club, we believe in doing what we love and loving what we do.

There are several art forms and genres available for students to choose. Students without the experience but who are interested and keen to learn are welcome to join. If you would like to develop your talents and be part of an exciting scene, join a performing arts group at VJC!

- Chinese Orchestra
- Choir
- Dance Club
- Drama Club
- Guitar Ensemble
- Harmonica Band
- String Ensemble
- Symphonic Band

DID YOU KNOW?

The VJC choir was the first school choir from Singapore to win an international choir competition. It beat 30 top choirs from other parts of the world in the 800-year-old Cardigan Eisteddfod Competition in Wales in 1990, thus putting Singapore choirs on the world's cultural map.



ONE of our OWN

Joanna Dong is a familiar face in Singapore's entertainment scene. A bilingual talent who sings, acts and hosts, Joanna first burst into the music industry when she entered Singapore Idol in 2004. Her outstanding performance in the 2017 Sing! China competition propelled her further in the music scene, as her talents became recognised internationally. Joanna's talents and achievements have garnered the respect and admiration of industry peers, evident in her collaborations with local and international artistes.

Joanna's passion for the arts was already evident during her time in VJC, where she was a member of the choir and pursued Theatre Studies and Drama. Apart from her musical achievements, she has also been active in the local theatre scene. Joanna assumed the lead role in numerous local productions such as the stage production of Roystan Tan's 881.

Joanna Dong (98A55)
Local artiste



Photo by Joel Low,
Courtesy of Do Be Do Di



Sports

Victorians put on the VJC jersey with deep pride and passion. When our athletes go out to compete, the entire school is behind them, led by the Red Shirts from the Students' Council. No one is left behind - we cheer, whether in victory or in defeat, as we celebrate displays of sportsmanship, resilience, and humility from our Victorian gladiators.

Student athletes don't just run for their own cause, they encourage and support one another throughout the competition season. That is the heart of the Victorian spirit.

Badminton | Basketball | Cricket | Cross Country | Floorball | Football | Hockey | Netball | Rock Climbing | Sailing | Swimming | Table Tennis | Taekwondo | Tennis | Track and Field | Volleyball | Wushu

DID YOU KNOW?

To support DSA students in managing their sports and academic commitments, DSA students go through a set of preparatory lessons before the JAE Victorians join VJC. This allows these student athletes to confidently hit the ground running during competition season.

ONE of our OWN

Gavin Lee is the youngest head coach in the Singapore football league. A Tampines boy at heart, it was a dream come true for Gavin to be able coach the club that he grew up watching.

During his time in VJC, Gavin was selected to fly overseas to meet his idol, Zinedine Zidane. That meeting cemented his love for the sport as he acquired a first-hand experience of how it was like to pursue one's passion as a profession. Though juggling academics and football was not an easy task, Gavin truly exemplified the mantra of "Work hard, play hard" and persevered with the support of his teachers and peers. To further hone his craft, Gavin pursued Sports Science and Management at Nanyang Technological University (NTU), a testament of his deep love for sports.

As head coach, Gavin faced the challenge of commanding the respect of players who possess far more experience than him. Yet, this young talent has managed to inspire and empower his players, and impressed them with his deep knowledge of the game.

Gavin Lee (07S52)
Head Coach of the Singapore Men's National Football Team







Clubs and Societies

Art Club | Astronomy Club | Chinese Society | Debating Society | Earthwatch | Global Affairs Society | Indian Cultural Society | Interact Club | Malay Cultural Society | Mathematics Society | Medical Society | Outdoor Activities Club | PA Crew | Photography Society | Robotics and Makers Club | Science Society | Strategic Games Club | StudioV | VEconomist | Writers' Circle





Ditch the tired idea of clubs and societies being boring. Here in VJC, they are edgy and cool. They are for those who march to the beat of a different drum.

Want a space to express yourself and develop your creative streak? Enter the world of Writers' Circle and StudioV to hone your writing and directing abilities as you create meaningful works for a discerning audience. Interested in discussing national policies? Be part of Global Affairs Society, which organises the Singapore Model Cabinet in partnership with the People's Association.

Fancy being a shutterbug? The Photography Society provides you with the training and equipment, and a platform to showcase your work – the annual Canon Exposé. At VJC, you can reach for the stars, quite literally in fact, through the Astronomy Club! For those with feet firmly planted on the ground, the Science Society and Medical Society provide exposure and research opportunities.



Character Development and Active Citizenry

The Character Development Programme nurtures the requisite values and competencies for Victorians to be leaders who serve the community. Using MOE's 21CC framework as a reference, the holistic education Victorians receive develops in them civic literacy, global and cross-cultural awareness, and communication and collaboration skills. These will enable them to lead themselves and others with confidence, and to make a positive impact on society.

Extraordinary Service – this is the bedrock of character development at VJC, and the College offers countless opportunities for Victorians to serve the community within and beyond the school. Our active citizenry programme is built on the framework of **Expose**, **Inspire** and **Lead**. All students take part in the class-based Service Leadership Venture (SLV) where students plan and carry out service learning projects to uplift different communities. Students who are further inspired can sign up for voluntary work with our partner community groups to become guided on self-initiated projects or on community initiatives with their CCA groups. Students can also initiate projects under Citi-YMCA Youth for Causes or Youth Action Challenge by National Youth Council. Covid-19 has also opened up new frontiers for students to make an impact through virtual engagements with partners and develop resources for them.



ONE of our OWN

Having held senior positions in a number of global investment banks, Trina Liang-Lin is a pioneer and specialist in the Asia bond markets. Despite her busy schedule, she never forgets to give back to society. Trina recalls losing both her grandmother and mother during her JC2 year and though coping with the pain of her loss was challenging, it emboldened her to believe that she can do anything she puts her mind to.

Trina sits on the board of the National Volunteer and Philanthropy Centre, and along with her husband Mr Edmund Lin, set up the Lin Foundation in 2016 to support the underserved and overlooked in Singapore and Asia.

More recently, she founded FoodSteps a free school nutrition education outreach programme for primary school kids in Singapore that targets children from lower income backgrounds. For her commendable achievements and contributions, Trina was commended as one of Forbes Asia's Heroes of Philanthropy in 2018, and in the same year, conferred the Singapore Tatler's Philanthropy Award.

Trina Liang-Lin (87A11)
Managing Director, Sidra Capital, President of WISE Singapore and
President of Netball Singapore



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Singapore Management University (SMU) valedictorian, Kexin is the first alumna from the university to be appointed on the SMU Board of Trustees. She has also been described by Her World Singapore magazine as 'one of Singapore's most successful and inspiring achievers'.

Over a dynamic tax career spanning Singapore, London and Jakarta, Kexin has advised leading global and Asian business families, entrepreneurs, investors and multi-national groups on a wide range of assignments. Active in the community from her VJC days, she is now a council member of the Singapore Chamber of Commerce in Indonesia, mentor to emerging start-up founders at global non-profit, Endeavor, and still finds time to return to VJC to nurture the next generation of leaders. Notably, Kexin was also the youngest council member in the Institute of Singapore Chartered Accountants' history.

Multiple award winning, Kexin has been named 'Rising Star' at the Financial Times-RBS Coutts Women in Asia Awards 2010, 'Young Accountant of the Year' at the inaugural Singapore Accountancy Awards 2014 and one of Singapore's 2015 '40 under 40 to watch' by Prestige magazine.

Lim Kexin (99S42)
Tax Partner, PwC Singapore

Here in VJC, the College prides itself in preparing Victorians to become future-ready global citizens. The Beyond Borders programme which cuts across academic, co-curricular, service and leadership domains achieves that by broadening the exposure, experiences and perspectives of participating students.

The College organises Overseas Values-in-Action (OVIA) trips around the region. Our Students' Council and Outdoor Activities Club (ODAC) have ventured to countries such as Cambodia, Indonesia and Nepal to serve the needs of various communities. Although the COVID pandemic has curbed travelling, new opportunities to learn and make contributions through Youth Expedition Project - Goes Online (YEP-GO) by National Youth Council have been made available to Victorians.





Higher Education and Career Guidance

VJC has a comprehensive higher education and career guidance (ECG) programme which empowers Victorians to embark on their future with confidence. The programme starts with a career guidance, higher education and scholarship roadmap to guide students in envisioning their life after JC. Subsequently, career talks, lessons and personal coaching are conducted where Victorians are exposed to endless possibilities and encouraged to chart their own unique paths. Additional guidance such as personal statement writing and interview skills workshops, as well as access to an MOE career guidance counsellor are also made available, equipping them with the necessary tools to advance towards their goal. The programme continues after JC where Victorians can continue to expect various support in their university and scholarship applications which in turn encourages them to pay it forward to their juniors.

Held annually, EdVantage! Fair exposes Victorians to a myriad of higher education, scholarship and career options. Victorians get to meet university representatives as well as industry professionals to learn more about the practical aspects of their careers such as their job scope and day-to-day challenges.

> *VJC offered an awesome environment where I made lifelong friends, but it was also when I first started exploring my higher education and career options. Conversations with my peers and teachers kick-started my journey of discovery, as I contemplated my future options.*

Rear-Admiral Goh Kim Hua Alan (93S34)
Commander, Maritime Security Task Force,
Republic of Singapore Navy

At the end of JC1, students and parents can look forward to the JC1 University Panel Discussion to clarify admission requirements to local universities, and interact with current university students. Additionally, VJC also hosts talks by deans and university admissions teams from prestigious overseas universities throughout the year. Representatives from universities in the United Kingdom (such as from Oxford, Cambridge, and the London School of Economics), the United States (such as New York University and Wisconsin), Canada (University of British Columbia and Toronto) and others from the region (such as Hong Kong University and Waseda University) are regular visitors. These sessions provide valuable opportunities for Victorians to consult experts about their higher education options.

DID YOU KNOW?

Victorians continue to come together when studying abroad, creating their own support networks overseas, and also actively reaching out to their juniors in Singapore, who might be interested to pursue an overseas university education. The College can always count on our alumni to share personal stories, provide insights on interview tips as well as conduct workshops on university applications. Even though we may be apart, the familiar Victorian spirit is not lost with distance and time.



Talent Development Programme

The Talent Development (TD) Programme at VJC cuts across the academic, co-curricular, leadership, service, higher education and scholarship mentoring programmes to provide a uniquely comprehensive and integrated approach to identifying, guiding, and nurturing students who can be stretched and developed further.

The VJC TD approach of honing **Leadership**, **Service**, and **Intellect** takes direction from the Public Service Commission and other scholarship boards, as well as experts in industry and education. The various heads of programmes collaborate closely to provide mentoring, stretch opportunities, training workshops, and alumni and industry networks for students to develop deep skills and knowledge as well as broad-based competencies to become leaders and innovators in their own right. Victorians in Conversation series is one platform which allows students to engage with distinguished Victorian alumni and industry leaders and deepen their knowledge, hone their communication skills and widen their network.





Student Leadership

At VJC, we believe that a Victorian Leader is one who strives to grow in the 3 facets of leadership - being a good influence, serving with excellence and building camaraderie. Captured in the VJC Leadership Language, the Victorian Leader is one who is armed with the knowledge, skills and competencies, and, most importantly, right values and attitudes, through the various student development programmes in the College.

Students' Council

Student Councillors are at the forefront of service and leadership among the student body, and serve the college and community in various ways. They carry out initiatives to better student life, organise college-wide activities, bringing Victorians together and keep the Victorian spirit at a constant high.

CCA Leaders

Our CCA leaders also play a big part in enhancing student life. They work with the Students' Council to organise college-wide activities such as Open House and Orientation. As CCA leaders, they are integral in forging bonds among CCA members and motivating them to work towards achieving common goals and creating shared experiences.

Class Leaders

At the heart of all interactions in the College is the classroom, and class leaders, who are also peer support leaders, play a very important role in promoting a dynamic and caring class culture. Victorians step forward readily to perform the role of class, subject, or Active Citizenry representatives, as well as Project Work group leaders or peer support leaders.

Events and Project Leaders

Events like The Victorian Affair, a year-end event that celebrates each cohort's journey, Teachers' Day and the various festivals offered opportunities for Victorians to step up to lead and serve. Many Victorians also stepped up to serve as Orientation Group Leaders, so as to welcome their juniors and induct them into the Victorian family. These platforms provide unique opportunities for students to discover more about themselves and further develop their strengths.

> *Students' Council taught me emotional resilience and sharpened my leadership abilities - how to embrace failures, conquer them and emerge stronger from it - all of which are important lessons that have stayed with me and enabled me to run my business today.*

Diana Teo (08S65)
Co-Founder WaaCow!



Scholarships

For students eager to gain an edge, VJC is just the place for you! With abundant opportunities to hone your leadership skills, develop your intellect, and enable you to serve the community, we offer you a fulfilling and meaningful student life on top of the academic rigour. Scholarship aspirants are also able to reap the rewards of our comprehensive TD programme, which equips students with the skills, competencies, and portfolio they need to be successful in their scholarship applications.

In VJC, you can look forward to various opportunities for scholarships and awards. The VJC Scholarship is offered to JC2 students who have excelled academically and contributed actively to co-curricular activities. VJC is also a centre for the Humanities Scholarship and Programme (HSP) and Regional Studies Scholarship Programme (RSP), and we have a significant number of Pre-U Scholarship holders in our midst annually. Students in both JC1 and JC2 can be selected for various other awards such as A*STAR Science Award, the Singapore Armed Forces (SAF) Young Leader Award and the Singapore Police Force (SPF) Book Prize. Beyond academic awards, VJC recognises outstanding student athletes with the VJC Sports Excellence Award.



Outstanding students get to be part of Project EdVantage, a mentoring programme for aspiring scholars. You will be assigned a teacher mentor who will guide you in understanding your education and career needs, and prepare you for scholarship applications and university admissions. Additionally, you will also get the support of the Higher Education and Scholarship teams, as well as alumni, to prepare you for scholarship interviews.

Upon graduation, Victorians can look forward to attaining prestigious scholarships such as the President's Scholarship, the Public Service Commission Scholarship, the SAF Scholarship, the SPF Scholarship, and many others offered by ministries, statutory boards, universities and private enterprises. Every year, about 1 in 5 VJC graduates receive such undergraduate scholarships.



> *I had a fruitful learning experience in Project Edvantage. My schoolmates and underwent mock interviews with teachers and our Principal. We also had the privilege of their time and advice over many afternoons after classes as we prepared our scholarship applications. Under their guidance, we learnt how to present ourselves confidently during interviews and honed our ability to consider issues with breadth and a critical eye. I had the chance to ask my teachers about their university years, too. Their experiences and advice shaped my eventual choice to read Mechanical Engineering at Imperial College London. I would urge my juniors to consider signing up for Project Edvantage!*

Siow Mein Yeak (17S44)
President's Scholar
Imperial College (Mechanical Engineering), London

Admissions

VJC offers a two-year programme leading to the GCE A-Level examinations. The programme is open to students who have just completed their GCE O-Level examinations or Secondary 4 equivalent in an Integrated Programme.

You can apply for admission to VJC through one of the following:

Joint Admission Exercise

The Joint Admission Exercise (JAE) to junior colleges is conducted by the Ministry of Education. Secondary 4 students will receive an instruction booklet from their secondary schools, with detailed instructions on how to apply. Students can apply through the internet or personally at any junior college during the stipulated registration period.

Direct School Admission

Direct School Admission (DSA) is for Secondary 4 students applying for the A-Level programme based on specific talents. DSA applications typically open in May of the year preceding admission. You may find out more about DSA application to VJC at the following site: http://go.vjc.sg/dsa

Victoria-Cedar Alliance Integrated Programme

VJC offers the Victoria-Cedar Alliance Integrated Programme (VCA IP) together with Victoria School and Cedar Girls' Secondary School. Students who are enrolled in the Integrated Programme at the two secondary schools enter VJC to complete Year 5 and Year 6 of the programme. You may find out more about the VCA IP from the websites of the three schools.

DID YOU KNOW?

VJC admits more than 60% of its student body through the Joint Admission Exercise (JAE). In fact, our students come from more than 50 secondary schools, adding much to the vibrant college culture.

School Placement Exercise for Returning Singaporeans

Returning Singaporeans are advised to participate in the School Placement Exercise for Returning Singaporeans (SPERS-JC/MI), which is a centralised placement exercise conducted in November each year. Returning Singaporeans who have done the SPERS-JC/MI test and have Victoria Junior College on their result list may approach us for admission application.

You can find out more about SPERS-JC/MI from the Ministry of Education website at https://www.moe.gov.sg/admissions/returning-singaporeans/spers-jc-mi.

International Students

International students may apply to VJC directly. Admission is based on available vacancies and on the student's suitability to pursue the A-Level course.







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To ignite the imagination of all Victorians to create the future with conviction, courage and compassion

VISION

Victoria is Something More

Lead. Serve. Excel

VALUES

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Conviction, Courage and Compassion

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