

Ringwood Secondary College
2017 Course Planning Document

VCE Unit 3 Psychology

Time Allocation

This unit of work will consist of approximately 100 hours of which at least 50 hours will be class time. **To complete this unit of work satisfactorily, students must complete each of the following learning outcomes.**

Learning Outcomes

Outcome 1: How does the nervous system enable psychological functioning?

On completion of this outcome the student should be able to explain how the structure and function of the human nervous system enables a person to interact with the external world and analyse the different ways in which stress can affect nervous system functioning.

Outcome 2: How do people learn and remember?

On completion of this outcome the student should be able to apply biological and psychological explanations for how new information can be learnt and stored in memory and provide biological, psychological and social explanations of a person's inability to remember information.

Assessment Tasks

1. Outcome 1 SAC 1: Test: Nervous System Structure and Function; and Stress

The student is required to explain how the structure and function of the human nervous system enables a person to interact with the external world and analyse the different ways in which stress can affect nervous system functioning.

Weighting: This task is worth 50 marks or 8% of the overall grade

Time allocated to task: 1 period

Due: Term 1, Week 5

2. Outcome 2 SAC 1: Insert Annotated Folio Activity

The student is required to apply biological and psychological explanations for how new information can be learnt and stored in memory and provide biological, psychological and social explanations of a person's inability to remember information.

Weighting: This task is worth 25 marks 4% of the overall grade

Time allocated to task: 1 period

Due: Term 1, Week 10

3. Outcome 2 SAC 2: Evaluation of Research

The student is required to apply biological and psychological explanations for how new information can be learnt and stored in memory and provide biological, psychological and social explanations of a person's inability to remember information.

Weighting: This task is worth 25 marks 4% of the overall grade

Time allocated to task: 1 period

Due: Term 2, Week 4