

Authors' Note to Biology, Chemistry, Physics Teachers – Unit 1

- Ian Alexander, Alan Reynolds and Bill Healy as the authors and editors of this series have been motivated to complete this project by the new Study Guides for the VCE sciences for the period 2016 - 2021.
- Teachers will find that the content of these books goes well beyond the content of standard Year 11 Textbooks. We believe this will suit the new emphasis on research and investigation in the new Study Guides. We also expect these books to have wide application to other Australian Biology, Chemistry and Physics courses.
- We are keen to provide all schools with quality material at a bargain basement price. We have been able to do this because of the relationship between Kilbaha Multimedia Publishing in Australia and OpenStax in the United States. We are grateful to OpenStax for their support.
- It has taken considerable work to make these texts Australian in word and context and to meet the expectations of the new VCE courses commencing in 2016.
- Try to think of these electronic books in a different way. They are like Apps on your smartphone. These are just versions 1.1 and we envisage that additional material (free to all subscribers) will be added after feedback from teachers. We have, in fact, done a recent update of the Physics text to provide information on the new and exciting discovery of gravitational waves.
- These textbooks are electronic only. Kilbaha does not offer printed copies.
- Schools can buy a one year unlimited school site licence for \$25 per VCE Unit.
- We have Unit 1 available now for Biology, Chemistry and Physics.
- Unit 2 will be available shortly.
- Textbooks for Units 3 and 4 for Biology, Chemistry and Physics are also being planned for 2017.
- The Unit 3 and 4 Textbooks will be tightly focussed on the Year 12 Syllabi whereas the Year 11 Textbooks are wide-ranging in content.
- Ian Alexander, Alan Reynolds and Bill Healy hope that you find these electronic books a valuable addition to your teaching materials for Year 11 and Year 12
- Please support us in this project by respecting the licence conditions. They are extremely generous and flexible.
- We will, of course, be delighted if you tell your colleagues about these books.

Best wishes,

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