



# Vocational Education & Training

Information Booklet  

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# Vocational Education & Training at Sacred Heart College

Sacred Heart College offers Marcellin Campus students the opportunity to undertake Vocational Education and Training (VET) as part of their studies. This enables students to earn credit towards a nationally recognised VET qualification whilst at the same time completing their South Australian Certificate of Education (SACE).

The recognition arrangements for VET in the SACE include recognition of:

- completed qualifications
- partly completed qualifications (for which a student has completed one or more units of competency)

The SACE Board recognises that VET:

- is listed on the training.gov.au website
- is delivered and assessed by, or under the auspices of, registered training organisations (RTOs), which are registered to deliver and/or assess the VET qualification
- is delivered and assessed in accordance with the VET Quality Framework
- can be certified on a transcript, statement of attainment, or qualification issued by an RTO

The SACE enables students to include a significant amount of VET in their SACE studies. A student earns 10 SACE credits for the successful completion of 70 nominal hours of VET, up to the maximum number of credits allocated to each qualification.

For more information on how specific VET qualifications can earn SACE units at Stage 1 and 2, refer to the SACE website VET Recognition Register

[www.sace.sa.edu.au/web/vet/vet-coordinators/vet-recognition-register](http://www.sace.sa.edu.au/web/vet/vet-coordinators/vet-recognition-register)

## Why do a VET course?

There are many benefits for students who undertake a VET course while at SHC. These benefits include:

- Obtaining a nationally recognised qualification (such as a Certificate II, Partial Certificate III or Full Certificate III)
- Gaining credit toward their SACE (Some fully completed VET courses, at Certificate III level or above can contribute to an Australian Tertiary Rank (ATAR) which is required for entry into University)
- Developing a renewed sense of purpose and motivation for senior schooling
- Gaining skills, knowledge and confidence that enhance employability
- Developing a network and knowledge of possible industry employers
- Discovering whether their vocation is a possible future career pathway

## VET pathways

Students can undertake VET courses in Years 11 and 12. Short "taster" VET courses are available to Year 10 students in Semester 2. An example of a typical pathway:

### Year 10 try-a-trade/introductory

- Commence in Semester 2
- 'Taster' short courses
- Up to 5 days depending on course
- Held in addition to a student's normal curriculum (it does not replace a subject area).

### Year 11

- Full year
- One full day or evening a week
- Certificate II or Certificate III qualification
- SACE Stage 1 or Stage 2 and nationally accredited.

### Year 12

- Full year
- One full day or evening a week
- Certificate II or Certificate III qualification
- SACE Stage 1 or 2 and nationally accredited.

## How does VET work?

In most instances students:

- Attend a VET course, usually one full day a week at a Registered Training Organisation (RTO) outside or at the College. Locations of the courses and the training day depends upon the RTO running the course.
- Participate in on-the-job learning at a workplace of their choice. This is in addition to attending their course and is organised by the student (refer to the section on Structured Workplace Learning (SWL) below).

Examples of the types of courses available to students include:

- Agriculture
- Community Services
- Construction
- Early Childhood Education and Care
- Electronics/Electrotechnology
- Entrepreneur & New Business\*
- Fitness\*
- Game Development
- Hairdressing/Salon Assistant
- Health Services (Nursing Pathway)
- Horticulture
- Hospitality
- Individual Support (Disability and Aged Care)
- Metal Engineering
- Music\*
- Plumbing
- Retail Cosmetics
- Rural Operations (Animal Studies)

\* Delivered at Sacred Heart College Marcellin Campus

## VET readiness orientation (VETRO)

The South Australian Government will subsidise certain VET courses for school students aged at least 16 years of age or enrolled in Year 11 or 12 through the VET for Secondary School Students scheme.

Flexible Industry Pathways (FIPS) are specific Certificate II and III VET courses linked to strong future employment opportunities in SA, which will be subsidised for eligible students from 2022.

To be eligible students must;

- meet the age and year level criteria and
- have completed relevant VET Pathway experience (eg. work experience, taster course)
- complete a literacy and numeracy assessment

## In addition to VET, what SACE subjects do VET students study?

It is recommended that students intending to undertake a VET course select Workplace Practices as one of their subjects at either Stage 1 and/or Stage 2. This subject complements a student's VET course.

Workplace Practices students develop knowledge, skills, and an understanding of the nature, type and structure of the workplace. Students learn about the changing nature of work, industrial relations legislation, safe and sustainable workplace practices and local national and global issues in an industry and workplace context.

Year 11 VET students have supervised study lessons scheduled in their timetable. Supervised Study lessons are provided to catch up on work which has been missed, due to being out of school one day per week. These lessons are to be treated like any other – a teacher will be supervising and a roll will be marked at the beginning of each lesson for attendance purposes.

All Year 12 VET students have the Year 12 study line.

## Structured Workplace Learning

Structured Workplace Learning (SWL) is often a compulsory part of VET. SWL can be described as a more formal form of work experience, with students and their workplace hosts needing to complete a log book. SWL is organised by students.

SWL is in addition to VET course days and occurs during school holidays and/or out of school hours. It must be completed by the end of the Term 3 school holidays. Students, parents and their workplace hosts will be required to complete Structured Workplace Agreement Forms prior to the student undertaking their placement for insurance purposes and students are required to complete a log book and self appraisal.

## Considerations

VET Certificate II and III courses are an option for Year 11 and 12 students and are often delivered one day a week for a full year. They are suited to these year levels as students receive a study line and are generally more mature to handle the adult learning environment which VET courses are.

It is important to note that selection into a VET course is not automatic and careful consideration will be given to the student's performance at school, their ability to manage weekly absences from school lessons and their desire to pursue a career in a particular industry. It is the student's responsibility to communicate with their teachers about the school work they miss each week and keep up to date.

Confirmation from the Provider of the Student's application into their chosen VET course does not often occur until later in the year or new year. You will be contacted in the unlikely situation that the course does not proceed so that an alternative course can be chosen.

Students must be organised and committed to all components of their education – at Sacred Heart College, at their RTO and with their structured workplace learning host.

## Costs

VET courses often attract additional charges and students undertaking a VET course may be required to pay for part of their course (College will invoice families).

The College pays the first \$1000 of all VET courses undertaken by a Year 11 and 12 student (excluding Materials and Uniform costs), if it is deemed to be a necessary part of a student's preparation for their intended career path and contributes to their SACE (limit of \$1000 per year).

Should a student withdraw from a VET course, fail to complete the requirements of the course within the prescribed timeframe or terminate enrolment at the College, and where the College has already covered course costs, the student will be required to reimburse all costs expended by the College. This does not apply if a VET student commences an apprenticeship or if there are extenuating circumstances.

## Further information

Should you have any further questions or wish to find out more about studying VET at Sacred Heart College please contact Sarah Benedictson, VET Coordinator:

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