

Vocational Education and Training (VET) Policy

Aim

That St Martins Lutheran College students can access appropriate VET courses to enable them to meet their educational goals, consistent with their post school ambitions and aspirations.

Rationale

The College recognises that VET courses require specific skills, specialised facilities and equipment and specialist staff for delivery. In this context, and to support the educational goals of students, external organisations, including other schools may be better placed to deliver VET to our students.

Implementation

The College is committed to assisting students to participate in appropriate VET programs offered by other local schools and Registered Training Organisations (RTOs). The College supports students to undertake VET where it contributes to their senior schooling, and where it is determined that such a course will help a student achieve their SACE.

Students may be offered the option of VET studies through the course design process or may self refer to the VET Coordinator through their own research. VET courses require individuals to be motivated, self managing, organised and committed. Choosing to undertake specific vocational learning at any level is an undertaking using the principles of adult learning, often through self paced study. In addition to this, the choice of VET courses at Certificate 3 level or higher (traineeship/apprenticeship level or higher) is generally recognised as a commitment to a specific post school pathway and should only be taken after careful consideration and planning. It is important to note that in some cases, undertaking a VET qualification whilst at school can impact on a person's post school government funded training entitlement. Students and parents are advised to undertake their own due diligence in this circumstance.

Generally, students will undertake VET in Year 11 or 12. Consistent with the Department for Education's VET for School Students policy, the College does not recommend or support that students undertake to study a VET course before Year 10 and then only when circumstances warrant and where it is in the best interests of the student. In many cases, government subsidised training is not available until a student is in Year 11 and RTOs will often not accept students before they are 16. Students wanting to study more than one VET course at a time must seek approval from the Head of Teaching and Learning.

Students who wish to undertake an external VET course are asked to express their interest with the VET Coordinator through the VET Expression of Interest form. If necessary, students/parents will be required to complete either school or RTO documentation related to expression of interest, intention or enrolment. Students may be required to undertake





Student Information:

Name:	Date of Birth:	Home Group:
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VET Course:

Location of VET course:

Application: *Please provide an explanation as to why you want to do this program.*

My career goal is... (i.e. why would you like to do this course? How does this course fit with your career plans?)

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My experience in this area is... (i.e. what work experience or volunteer work have you done, what other relevant study or training you done e.g. VET, school subjects etc).....

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Undertaking a VET course takes organisation and commitment. How will you manage all of your commitments? (How will you keep up to date with school subjects, what will you do if you start to find it difficult to do your commitments?)

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Contract of Agreement:

For Students

Please read the Contract of Agreement to understand your responsibilities regarding the program if you gain a place in your preferred VET course.

Agreement:

I understand that:

Participating in this VET program may involve attending training programs and work placement that may impact on my ability to attend regular scheduled lessons in subjects at St Martins Lutheran College (SMLC).

The responsibility for transport arrangements to and from training and/or workplacement is the responsibility of the student and/or student's family.