



**St Michael's**  
COLLEGE

## VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Vocational Education and Training is an important and highly valued part of the educational offering at St Michael's College and plays a crucial role in preparing students for specific careers or trades.

St Michael's College provides students with opportunities to undertake a wide range of VET qualifications whilst students work toward achieving their South Australian Certificate of Education (SACE).

Recognition arrangements with the SACE Board help students to build meaningful VET pathways in their SACE, and encourage students to complete, or make significant progress towards completing VET qualifications.

### **The SACE Board recognises VET that:**

- 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.

Each qualification is recognised at either SACE Stage 1 or Stage 2 and for every 70 nominal hours of successfully completed units of competency towards a qualification, 10 SACE credits are granted (similarly, for every 35 hours, 5 SACE credits are granted).

For more information about VET and SACE, please refer to the SACE website: [www.sace.edu.au/VET](http://www.sace.edu.au/VET)



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## Why do a VET course?

There are many benefits for students who undertake VET. These benefits can include:

- Obtaining a nationally recognised qualification
- Gaining SACE credits. Attainment of Certificate III courses can contribute to an Australian Tertiary Rank (ATAR) by replacing the lowest scoring Year 12 subject with a value equal to the average of their three highest scoring subjects and the next best scaled score out of 10 (often Activating Identities and Futures)
- Developing a renewed sense of purpose and motivation for senior schooling
- Providing students with foundational skills and knowledge to pursue a school based or full time apprenticeship
- 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 • Determining whether they wish to undertake further VET study.

## Who can do VET?

VET is available for all students. However, It is important for students and their parents/caregivers to carefully consider the reasons for undertaking a VET course, and the course requirements which can include a compulsory work experience component and/or online self-paced learning.

Our experience is that students are successful in VET if they have:

- A keen interest in what they will be learning
- A level of maturity and independence that will accommodate an adult learning style of learning and training

- Competent literacy, numeracy and organisation skills as students need to consider the implications of missing up to one day of school week.

Students must be organised and committed to all components of their education - at St Michael's College and their VET. Selection into VET is not automatic and careful consideration is given to a student's motivation

## VET Pathways

Students can undertake VET in Years 10, 11 and 12 - the pathway is flexible and most student requirements can be accommodated.

An example of a typical pathway:

### Year 10 - Commence in Term 2

- Immersion, Taster or Introductory style short courses
- Partial or full day
- No Stage 1 or Stage 2 credits
- Year 10 students cannot do Outdoor Education and VET in the same semester due to time commitments away from school

### Year 11 - Full Year

- One full day or evening a week
- Certificate II or Certificate III qualification
- SACE Stage 1 or Stage 2 credits

### Year 12 - Full Year

- One full day or evening a week
- Certificate II, partial Certificate III or Certificate III qualification
- SACE Stage 1 or 2 credits



## St Michael's College Subjects

Students undertaking a VET course at Stage 1 (Year 11) or Stage 2 (Year 12) will have the option of being given a VET Study Line and doing one less school subject. This is organised in consultation with the VET Coordinator and the Director of Curriculum and Assessment.

## What type of VET courses?

There are a myriad of VET courses available for students to choose from. St Michael's College students currently undertake VET in the following areas.

- Ageing Support
- Automotive Servicing
- Aviation (Scientific Studies)
- Business
- Carpentry
- Civil Infrastructure
- Construction
- Dance
- Digital Media Technology
- Disability Support
- Early Childhood Education and Care
- Electrotechnology
- Entrepreneurship & New Business Fitness
- Food Processing
- Game Art: Screen Media Game Development
- Hairdressing
- Horticulture
- Hospitality: Back and Front of House
- Interior Design
- Makeup / Beauty
- Metal Engineering
- Pharmacy
- Photography
- Plumbing
- Public Safety: Search and Rescue
- Sports Coaching

## 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 of the College. RTO's include TAFE SA and private training providers. Locations of the courses and the day of training depends upon the RTO running the course
- Attendance at VET is compulsory and takes precedence over school events/activities with the exception of the Year 12 Retreat.

## SWL/Work Experience

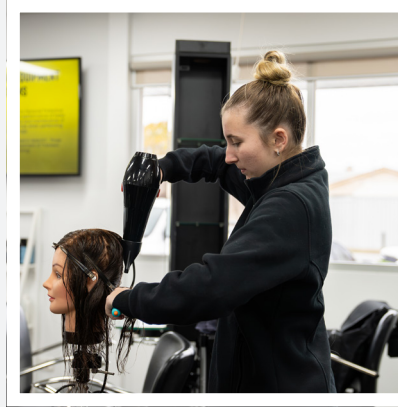
SWL or Work Experience is a compulsory part of some VET courses and the amount of SWL/ Work Experience hours a student must undertake varies for each course. SWL/Work Experience is in addition to a student's VET course and takes place during school holidays and/or out of school hours.

Students, parents/caregivers and the host supervisor will be required to complete Structured Workplace Agreement Forms prior to the student undertaking

## Costs

The College generally pays 50% of all training costs (up to a maximum of \$1700 per year) with parents/ carers contributing the balance. Information about course costs and withdrawal consequences is provided to students (and their parents/ caregivers) during the enrolment process. VET Fee information is contained in the St Michael's College VET Policy, on the College website.

It is important to note that the St Michael's College subsidy extends to training costs only. Incidental expenses such as material costs (eg: uniforms, make up kits, PPE, licence fees) must be met by parents/ caregivers.



## VET at St Michael's College

Some VET courses are delivered at St Michael's College.

Certificate II and III in Dance and Certificate III in Sports Coaching are delivered to students during regular timetabled lessons. Students elect as they would a subject to participate in these courses and more information is available in the Curriculum Handbook.

Certificate III in Fitness, Certificate II in Cookery, Certificate III in Hospitality and Certificate III in Entrepreneurship and New Business are delivered by RTO's at St Michael's College on Monday afternoon.\*

*\*Subject to minimum numbers being met.*

## VET Subsidy - VETRO

The South Australian Government subsidises the cost of VET courses if the course is aligned to one of 26 industry areas linked to strong future employment opportunities in South Australia.

To be eligible for VETRO, a school student must meet the following criteria.

They must be:

- An Australian citizen or a permanent Australian resident or, an eligible visa holder
- Reside in South Australia and are enrolled in Year 10, 11 or 12.
- Have completed a preparatory VET pathway

Students must also meet a minimum literacy and numeracy requirement (undertaken via an online assessment).

Training providers must sight evidence to demonstrate the eligibility criteria has been met.

Students can check their eligibility here: <https://providers.skills.sa.gov.au/Deliver/Student>

## School Based Apprenticeship or Traineeship (SBAT)

A school based apprenticeship or traineeship (SBAT) is an exciting step toward a fulfilling career. As a blend of academic learning, work and training, SBATs offer a unique opportunity to gain industry specific skills, knowledge and qualifications.

A SBAT provides students an opportunity to work with an employer and train in a qualification while completing their SACE.

SBAT's are intended to be converted to full-time once a student leaves school. The amount of time a student spends at school, working and training varies for each student depending upon year level and the SACE completion requirements.

St Michael's College SBAT students must attend school no fewer than three days a week.

It is important to acknowledge that balancing a SBAT with SACE completion can be challenging. Therefore, it is important that a student and their parents/caregivers carefully consider the reasons for commencing a SBAT and a student's ability to successfully manage all components of their education, work and training.

Further information about Traineeships and Apprenticeships is available in our SBAT Leaflet and at <https://providers.skills.sa.gov.au/>

## Further Information

Should you have any further questions or wish to find out more about studying VET at St Michael's College or commencing a SBAT, please contact Liesel Harris, VET Coordinator.

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