

## Vocational Education and Training (VET)

VET is optional in the VCE but compulsory in VCAL.

### WHY CHOOSE VET?

**VET offers students the opportunity to:**

- combine general and vocational studies
- explore career options and pathways
- undertake learning in the workplace
- gain a nationally recognised qualification or credit towards a qualification that contributes to the VCE or VCAL
- develop skills that equip students for the workforce and further study

**Successful completion of VET in a senior secondary program can provide students with:**

- a VCE and/or VCAL certificate issued by the VCAA, and a VET certificate issued by a registered training organisation (RTO)
- two statements of results issued by the VCAA giving details of units completed in the VCE and units of competency/modules completed in the VET qualification
- an enhanced ATAR which can improve access to further education
- pathways into employment and/or further VET qualifications or training
- workplace experience gained through structured workplace learning.

<https://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/Documents/vet/publications/overviewbrochure.pdf>

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### VET in VCE

Students gain credit into their VCE by undertaking:

- **VCE VET programs** that have been developed by the VCAA in consultation with stakeholders including industry. Information regarding the VCE credit available in each VCE VET program is published on the individual VCE VET program pages on this website.
- approved **apprenticeships and traineeships** that are in the same industry areas as designated VCE VET programs
- other VET qualifications, which provide credit into the VCE through **block credit recognition**

## VET in VCAL

Students gain credit into their VCAL through undertaking VET as follows:

- 90 nominal hours-worth of completed units of competency/modules from a certificate I qualification will provide on credit towards a Foundation or Intermediate VCAL program
- 90 nominal hours-worth of completed units of competency/modules from a certificate II qualification or higher will provide one credit towards a Foundation, Intermediate or Senior VCAL program.

## SBATs

Apprenticeships and Traineeships combine paid work with accredited training and are covered by a relevant industrial award. This combination of work and training provides the opportunity to develop practical skills with formal training. A SBAT is part time, and requires a student to also be enrolled in school. When signing on for a SBAT it is important to check the relevant industrial awards attached to the apprenticeship.

These courses generally provide the same contribution to the VCE as their related VCE VET programs. Students must have an employer willing to take the student on as a Trainee or part time Apprentice. See Ms Ingram (VET/SWL Coordinator) for more information.

## Other Considerations When Selecting a VET Program:

- Timing and Location – Can you get there? Can you meet the scheduled class times?
- The majority of external VET programs happen on Wednesdays or Fridays. They occur at a variety of schools within the local area and at TAFE locations.

## COSTS

Each program has costs attached to it. They vary from program to program. Any charges listed in this handbook are based on 2019 fees. Students will be advised of actual costs as they become available for the 2020 school year.

**VET students need to be reminded that VET fees must be PAID IN FULL before applications will be processed. Failure to make payment may result in losing a place in the course in the coming enrolment year.**

## WORK PLACEMENT

Some VET programs have compulsory work placement components and others do not. Courses with compulsory work placement require students to do structured work placement in their chosen industry.

The amount of work placement for each program varies. The time when the work placement is done may also vary. If students are completing a VET program whilst doing VCE they will need to meet with the SWL Coordinator to make these work placements arrangements. Students who are completing a VET program within VCAL will be allocated one day a week to complete their structured work placement.

Students will be expected to organise their own work placements. They are required to get legal forms signed and in some cases attend an interview with prospective employers. Students should select a placement that suits their own travel requirements. Advice and support can be provided by the SWL Coordinator and the Careers Team.

### TIMETABLE CONSIDERATIONS

**If students want to do a VET course within their VCE study program they will need to complete their VET course during Year 10 and 11 so that it does not interfere with VCE studies in Year 12.** Students who decide to do a VET course within VCE will usually complete four VCE subjects at Year 11 instead of five. The VET program takes the place of the 5th VCE study. By completing a VET course within the VCE program students will miss out on classes but will get study periods to catch up on any work that is missed. The school timetable is developed to minimize the number of classes a student would miss each week, however VET students **will** miss classes of their other timetabled VCE subjects.

VCAL students can commence their VET program in Year 10 or 11. The majority of external VET programs run each Wednesday or Friday. Students will attend either Koo Wee Rup Secondary College, another school within the Region or a Registered Training Organisation (RTO) or TAFE depending on their VET program.

### TRANSPORT

Students are required to organise their own transport to and from TAFE or other provider location.

### STUDENT COMMITMENT

There are many advantages for students who choose to do a VET program. Koo Wee Rup Secondary College is committed to doing all that it can to ensure that students gain entry to, and are successful in the VET programs of their choice.

Students need to be committed to their VET program. They will be expected to:

- Meet application deadlines
- Prepare for and attend interviews on time if required
- Attend VET classes on time and on a regular basis
- Notify the school, RTO or TAFE of an impending absence
- Always act in a responsible manner at school, RTO, TAFE or in the work place
- Abide by the rules of the RTO or TAFE
- Always be prepared for classes and have the necessary equipment required
- Organise and complete work placement when required
- Promptly notify Koo Wee Rup Secondary College's VET Coordinator whenever problems or queries arise.

