



VET COURSES: YOUR PATHWAY TO WORK + YOUR HSC

If you're the type of student who wants to get hands-on, learn practical skills, and still finish school with your HSC – **VET (Vocational Education & Training)** could be for you.

- ➔ Counts towards your HSC
- ➔ Hands-on training and workplace learning
- ➔ Get a qualification recognised by employers
- ➔ Pathways to apprenticeships, traineeships, and uni

WHY CHOOSE VET?

VET COURSE

- Learn practical skills
- Spend time in real workplaces
- Walk away with industry-recognised qualifications
- Plus it still contributes to your HSC!



TRADITIONAL SUBJECTS

- Mostly theory
- Lots of exams
- Mainly focused on ATAR

HOW VET FITS INTO YOUR HSC

- VET courses count towards your HSC just like other subjects.
- Some courses can even contribute to your ATAR if you sit the optional exam.
- You can balance VET with your other school subjects – it's not "either/or."

WHAT YOU'LL GAIN FROM VET

- ★ **Skills employers want** – cooking, building, IT, health, business, and more.
- ★ **Work experience** – put your learning into action during work placement.
- ★ **Confidence** – step out of school knowing you've already worked in the industry.
- ★ **Options** – pathway into work, TAFE, uni, or apprenticeships.



THE BENEFITS OF VET FOR YOU

As part of your VET course, you'll do **mandatory** work placement. That means:

- Working in real kitchens if you study **Hospitality**
- On site if you choose **Construction** or trades
- In offices or businesses if you study **IT** or **Business Services**
- In aged care or childcare centres if you choose **Health/Community**
- In retail stores if you study **Retail Services**.

**BUILD
SKILLS**

Work placement gives you a taste of the real job – and helps you decide if it's the right path for you.

South West Connect will find you a Host Employer to complete your work placement.

Work placement is a compulsory component of your VET course.

You will not be paid while on work placement.

WORK PLACEMENT = REAL EXPERIENCE

- ✓ **Earn While You Learn** – Start working part-time in your chosen field while still at school.
- ✓ **Finish School with More** – Graduate with your HSC and a qualification.
- ✓ **Get Ahead** – VET-trained students often move straight into apprenticeships, traineeships, or work.
- ✓ **Uni Still an Option** – If you sit the optional exam, some VET subjects count towards your ATAR.
- ✓ **Learn** - work ethics, team work, generic skills and the meaning of responsibility

YOUR NEXT STEP



- Talk to your school's Careers Advisor to see what VET courses are available.
- Ask how VET fits into your HSC plan.
- Think about what industries interest you – **and start your pathway now!**

VET: A WIDE RANGE OF SUBJECTS

	Information & Digital Technology		Food & Beverage		Entertainment Industry
	Financial Services		Kitchen Operations		Business Services
	Construction		Primary Industries		Retail Services
	Automotive		Electro-technology		Human Services

Plus a wide range of Board Endorsed Courses (BEC)



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