

# VET Courses and the HSC Information for Parents

The role Vocational Education and Training (VET) courses play in helping students prepare for further education, training, employment and lifelong learning is widely recognised by key stakeholders in education and industry.

VET in Schools is a program undertaken by school students as part of the senior secondary Higher School Certificate that also provides a nationally recognised VET qualification within the Australian Qualifications Framework.

The training that students receive reflects specific industry competency standards and is delivered by your school and/or an external Registered Training Organisation (RTO).

VET courses contribute to the broad education of students. They have the capacity to engage and challenge students to maximise their individual talents and capabilities for further education, training and lifelong learning.

VET courses greatly expand post school opportunities. They provide the opportunity to trial a career and they help students explore possible career pathways and areas of interest, which in turn, promotes further study and work choices. VET also allows students to develop strong links with industry and local community employers.

## Your questions answered

### Does a VET subject count towards the HSC result?

Yes, courses within the VET Industry Curriculum Frameworks count as Board Developed unit credits for the HSC.

### What about the ATAR?

Frameworks include a HSC examination which provides the opportunity for students to have this HSC examination mark contribute to the calculation of their ATAR. Some Board Endorsed Courses (BEC) do not have an examination component and therefore do not contribute to the ATAR. Check with your School VET Coordinator if in doubt.

### Where does the VET training take place?

Training takes place in a variety of places including classroom, VET specific practical environments at school, and in real workplaces during the Work Placement components.

### Does the student earn a separate VET qualification?

For NSW school students in Years 11 and 12, VET is 'dual accredited'. Students receive recognition towards their school HSC qualification, as well as a nationally recognised VET qualification.

### Does VET training help the student after they leave school?

Yes, absolutely. As well as the benefits already listed, the student will gain confidence, maturity, and self-management skills through participation in an adult work environment and can make informed decisions when planning their transition through school and on to further education, training and work.

### What skills will the student learn?

VET courses teach to a nationally accredited Industry endorsed Training Package that focuses on industry specific Units of Competency and Employability Skills.

### Who can I speak to if I have more questions?

Your school has a dedicated VET Coordinator who can answer all your questions. There are also information sheets about each Framework on The Youth Partnership's website



# Everything you need to know about VET Work Placements

## What is a VET work placement?

A VET Work Placement forms part of the National Competencies for the VET course the student has chosen. It enables students to spend a planned period of time in a real workplace, enhancing their classroom learning, informing their career choices and building their industry skills.

## Why is VET work placement different to work experience?

Work Experience is usually undertaken by Year 9 or 10 students and provides a general introduction to the 'world of work'. Students choose their own venue, are able to observe a variety of work, and undertake supervised tasks appropriate to their skill level.

Work Placement is intended for students enrolled in the HSC industry-recognised VET courses. It is specific to the course being studied and is a required component to achieve competency and obtain a Nationally Recognised VET Qualification.

## Benefits of work placement?

Work placement is a mandatory HSC requirement for all VET courses. The student does not pass their HSC if they do not complete the required work placement hours. The benefits of the student completing work placement allows them to create meaningful connections in the industry, work in a real workplace, access potential ongoing job opportunities, add their work placement to their resume and much more.

The program supplements what is taught at school and allows the student to utilise those skills in a real workplace environment with real industry professionals guiding them. It also enhances student's exposure to employability skills such as teamwork, problem solving and communication skills.

## Your questions answered

### Where does the training take place & will the student be supervised?

The training takes place at the workplace of a professional Host Employer carefully matched to the VET course the student is undertaking. The Host Employer supervises the student throughout their work placement and the student's teacher will visit during their work placement.

### How many hours are required?

Year 11 students are required to complete 35 hours (one week) and Year 12 students are required to complete an additional 35 hours (one week), which equates to two weeks total of work placement for each VET course studied.

### Where will my Work Placement venue be located?

The Youth Partnership will work with the teacher to ensure students are offered placements within a reasonable distance from home. All venues are located in areas serviced by good public transport options.

### Is the Work Placement insured?

All work placements are covered by the school's insurance policy. If an injury or accident occurs, students must notify the host employer and their teacher immediately and appropriate actions are taken.



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