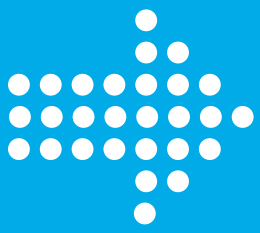
VET DSS

VET DELIVERED TO SECONDARY STUDENTS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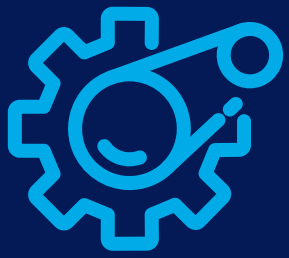


SOUTH WEST TAFE

Why choose SWTAFE?

TAFEs offer practically-oriented courses that are designed to give you the skills, training and qualifications you need for the workforce.

Our courses enable you to gain qualifications for all types of employment and specific skills to help you in the workplace.



You will be more employable

TAFE graduates have a **high employment rate.**

88.3% of students who completed a course at SWTAFE in 2025 were employed or enrolled in further study after training.[1]



High employment outcomes

81 out of the top 100 largest growing occupations in Victoria are attainable via a TAFE education.[2]



TAFE unlocking opportunities

9 in 10 new jobs will require a post-school education. And 80% of future jobs are attainable via a TAFE education.[2]



You will learn specific skills

When you study a TAFE course, you're learning hands-on practical skills that you need to do a specific job.



Spend less time, less money

The length and cost of a TAFE course is also a key difference between TAFE and university. TAFE courses typically take from six months to two years to complete, while university degrees can require a minimum of three or four years full-time.



You'll earn while you learn

TAFE gives you the opportunity to work while you train, whether that's through an apprenticeship or by studying part-time while working in industry. Often that extra practical experience is what gives you an edge over university graduates.

1. National Centre for Vocational Education Research, VET Outcomes 2025
2. The Value of TAFE in Victoria, McCrindle May 2024

Welcome to VET

Delivered to Secondary Students

What is VET DSS?

VET DSS stands for Vocational Education & Training Delivered to Secondary Students.

It combines Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) or VCE Vocational Major (VCE VM) studies at school, with practical hands-on experience and training at one of our SWTAFE campuses.

To apply, you must be at least 15 years old by April in the year you enrol and be progressing into Years 10, 11 or 12 in the following school year.

Gain insights and experience within an industry you're interested in working in and get ahead in your career with a VET DSS program while still at school.

SWTAFE VET DSS programs are offered over a one or two-year period and contribute to your overall VCE or VCE VM requirements. As a student you will need to attend one of SWTAFE's campuses once a week and may participate in Structured Workplace Learning (SWL) placements. These placements will enhance your skills and provide opportunities for employment.

Why would I choose to do VET DSS?

Having a VET DSS qualification helps you to pathway into an apprenticeship, traineeship or employment, and best of all, when you have finished school – you can fast track into another course in the same area or we can help you choose an area of interest.

Sometimes, subjects at school may not be of interest to you. So once a week, come to SWTAFE and gain practical skills, employability skills and build your confidence.

Just remember there is no right or wrong reason to do VET DSS. In partnership with your school, we are helping to prepare you to start thinking about your future and the endless possibilities.

What's next?

- This guide gives you an insight into all the VET DSS courses available to you.
- We suggest you pick one or two courses at SWTAFE that interest you.
- Your enrolment will be managed by your school. Ask your school VET DSS Coordinator for more info and steps on how to enrol.



What do I get from VET DSS?

Hands-on experience in an industry you're interested in while you're still in school.



- You can explore potential careers while you are still in school.
- The VET program you choose will contribute towards your VCE or VCE VM.
- Hands-on industry experience and employability skills.
- Credits towards further education via pathway opportunities post-secondary school.
- Valuable hands-on skills and experience for work, further training or university.
- You'll study close to home and experience an adult learning environment.
- You'll gain technical and specialised skills in your chosen area that will make you more employable; including communication, teamwork, problem solving and many more transferable skills.
- You'll gain state or nationally-recognised units of competency and/or qualifications, meaning the credentials are recognised anywhere in Australia.
- A VET qualification can lead to further study options within TAFE or university – it's up to you and your goals.
- VCE students must complete a minimum of 180 nominal hours to be eligible for their senior secondary certificate.
- Some of SWTAFE's VET DSS programs contain a study score. These 'scored' VET DSS programs provide a study score like any other VCE subject, boosting your overall VCE results and ATAR score.
- Any 'non-scored' courses may provide an additional 10% increment towards your ATAR score.

Accessibility Support

We are committed to providing equal access and opportunities for all students throughout their education journey.

We work collaboratively to provide appropriate reasonable adjustments, modifications and support.

Accessibility Support Team

Our Accessibility Support team provide personalised support for students living with a disability, mental health condition or medical condition throughout their studies at South West TAFE.

Our Accessibility Liaison Officers can work with you to create an Individualised Support Plan tailored to your needs and course requirements.

Disability Transition Officer Program – Transitioning from Secondary School to SWTAFE

Our Disability Transition Officers are available to support students living with a disability, mental health condition or medical condition, along with their schools and care networks, to strengthen and streamline the transition from secondary school to the VET sector.

Your school will continue to support you through your VET DSS studies.

SWTAFE will work collaboratively with the student support group at your secondary school ensuring you have a smooth transition into SWTAFE.

Contact the accessibility support team for more info:

P (03) 5564 8720

E mailbox.accessibilitysupport@swtafe.edu.au

2027 VET DSS COURSES

Interests	Career path	VET DSS course	Study timetable	Locations	Essential information
Arts 	▸ Artist ▸ Art assistant ▸ Visual arts assistant ▸ Illustrator	**Certificate III in Visual Arts** CUA31125 Ⓟ	One session a week.	• SWTAFE Warrnambool campus	**Credit to VCE/VM:** Yes **Study score:** No **Diploma pathway to uni:** Yes
Babies + children 	▸ Early childhood educator ▸ Family day care worker ▸ Kindergarten or preschool assistant ▸ Nanny ▸ Out-of-school hours care assistant	**Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care** CHC30125 (must be in Yr 11) Ⓟ	One session a week, plus work placement.	• SWTAFE Warrnambool campus • SWTAFE Hamilton campus • SWTAFE Portland campus • SWTAFE Colac campus	**Credit to VCE/VM:** Yes **Study score:** No **Diploma pathway to uni:** Yes
Building + construction 	▸ Bricklayer ▸ Builder ▸ Carpenter ▸ Glazier ▸ Plasterer ▸ Stonemason ▸ Tiler	**Certificate II in Building and Construction Pre-apprenticeship** 22614VIC Ⓟ	One session a week, plus one week in school holidays. Subject to change.	• SWTAFE Sherwood Park Training Facility • Hamilton District Skills Centre Ⓐ • Cobden Technical School Trade Training Centre Ⓐ • SWTAFE Colac Trade Training Centre	**Credit to VCE/VM:** Yes **Study score:** No **Diploma pathway to uni:** No
Business 	▸ Administration assistant ▸ Customer service ▸ Receptionist ▸ Accounts clerk ▸ Executive assistant	**Certificate III in Business** BSB30120 Ⓟ	One session a week.	• SWTAFE Warrnambool campus • SWTAFE Hamilton campus	**Credit to VCE/VM:** Yes **Study score:** Yes **Diploma pathway to uni:** Yes
Cars, trucks or anything with an engine 	▸ Auto electrician ▸ Detailer ▸ Engine reconditioner ▸ Mechanic ▸ Motorsport technician ▸ Panel beater	**Certificate II in Automotive Vocational Preparation** AUR20720	One session a week, plus one week in school holidays. Subject to change.	• Cobden Technical School Trade Training Centre • SWTAFE Colac Trade Training Centre • SWTAFE Sherwood Park Training Facility	**Credit to VCE/VM:** Yes **Study score:** No **Diploma pathway to uni:** No

**Courses will not run if there are insufficient numbers to form a class.*

Ⓐ This is an auspiced training agreement where training is delivered by a third party on behalf of SWTAFE.

Ⓟ This course is partial completion only.
You will receive a Statement of Attainment listing the successfully completed units. You may be able to use the Statement of Attainment to receive credit towards a full qualification, reducing the time and cost of future studies.

Ⓢ This qualification is superseded and course updates are occurring.

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Civil Construction 	▸ Construction labourer ▸ Road construction and maintenance operator ▸ Civil construction machine operator ▸ Local council worker ▸ Mine or quarry worker	**Certificate II in Civil Construction** RII20720 (must be in Yr 11)	One session a week.	• SWTAFE Glenormiston Training Facility	**Credit to VCE/VM:** Yes **Study score:** No **Diploma pathway to uni:** No
Community Services 	▸ Case manager ▸ Child protection worker ▸ Out-of-home carer ▸ Youth worker ▸ Community or support worker ▸ Alcohol and other drugs worker	**Certificate II in Community Services** CHC22015 **Certificate III in Community Services** CHC32015 Ⓟ	One session a week, plus two days in the mid-term break (for Certificate II only).	• SWTAFE Warrnambool campus • SWTAFE Colac campus	**Credit to VCE/VM:** Yes **Study score:** Yes **Diploma pathway to uni:** Yes
Conservation 	▸ Conservation worker ▸ Ranger ▸ Parks and wildlife roles ▸ Indigenous land manager ▸ Marine and/or coastal manager	**Certificate II in Conservation and Ecosystem Management** AHC21024	One session a week.	• SWTAFE Sherwood Park Training Facility • SWTAFE Portland campus • SWTAFE Hamilton campus	**Credit to VCE/VM:** Yes **Study score:** No **Diploma pathway to uni:** Yes
Electrical 	▸ Electrical engineer ▸ Electrician ▸ Linesworker ▸ Engineering or refrigeration technician ▸ Technical officer	**Certificate II in Electrotechnology (Pre-vocational)** 22682VIC **(preference will given to those in Yr 11 & 12)** Ⓟ	One session a week, plus one week in school holidays. Subject to change.	• SWTAFE Warrnambool campus • SWTAFE Sherwood Park Training Facility • SWTAFE Portland campus • SWTAFE Hamilton campus	**Credit to VCE/VM:** Yes **Study score:** No **Diploma pathway to uni:** No
Engineering 	▸ Boilermaker ▸ Engineer ▸ Machinist ▸ Fitter + turner ▸ Hydraulic controls technician ▸ Metal fabricator	**Certificate II in Engineering Studies** 22632VIC	One session a week, plus one week in school holidays. Subject to change.	• SWTAFE Portland campus • Timboon P-12 School Trade Training Centre Ⓐ • Cobden Technical School Trade Training Centre Ⓐ	**Credit to VCE/VM:** Yes **Study score:** Yes **Diploma pathway to uni:** Yes

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Farming + outdoors 	▸ Farm hand or farmer ▸ Farm or station operator ▸ Agricultural sales ▸ Stock agent	**Certificate II in Agriculture** AHC20122	One session a week, plus one week in school holidays. Subject to change.	• SWTAFE Glenormiston Training Facility • SWTAFE Hamilton campus • SWTAFE Colac (Pound Road)	**Credit to VCE/VM:** Yes **Study score:** No **Diploma pathway to uni:** Yes
Food + hospitality 	▸ Chef ▸ Bar attendant ▸ Kitchen hand ▸ Bakery assistant ▸ Waiter ▸ Butcher ▸ Caterer	**Certificate II in Cookery** SIT20421	One session a week, plus restaurant work.	• SWTAFE Warrnambool campus • Portland Secondary College Trade Training Centre (A) • Lorne P-12 Trade Training Centre (A)	**Credit to VCE/VM:** Yes **Study score:** Yes **Diploma pathway to uni:** No
Hair 	▸ Hairdresser ▸ Salon assistant ▸ Salon manager ▸ Stylist	**Certificate II in Salon Assistant** SHB20216 (P)	One session a week.	• SWTAFE Warrnambool campus • Camperdown College Trade Training Centre (A) • Hamilton District Skills Centre (A)	**Credit to VCE/VM:** Yes **Study score:** No **Diploma pathway to uni:** No
Health 	▸ Nurse ▸ Allied health worker ▸ Individual or disability support worker	**Certificate III in Health Services Assistance** HLT33115 (P)	One session a week.	• SWTAFE Warrnambool campus • SWTAFE Hamilton campus • SWTAFE Portland campus • SWTAFE Colac campus	**Credit to VCE/VM:** Yes **Study score:** Yes **Diploma pathway to uni:** Yes
Horticulture 	▸ Landscaper ▸ Horticulturalist ▸ Gardener ▸ Nursery worker	**Certificate II in Horticulture** AHC20422	One session a week.	• SWTAFE Hamilton campus	**Credit to VCE/VM:** Yes **Study score:** No **Diploma pathway to uni:** Yes

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IT + Computers	▸ Programmer ▸ IT technician ▸ Help desk or technical support officer ▸ User support specialist ▸ Software or web developer	**Certificate III in Information Technology** ICT30120 Ⓟ	One session a week, plus one week in school holidays. Subject to change.	• SWTAFE Warrnambool campus	**Credit to VCE/VM:** Yes **Study score:** Yes **Diploma pathway to uni:** Yes
Make-up	▸ Make-up artist ▸ Retail make-up sales person ▸ Beauty therapist	**Certificate III in Make-up** SHB30221 Ⓟ	One session a week.	• SWTAFE Warrnambool campus • SWTAFE Portland campus • Camperdown College Trade Training Centre Ⓐ • Hamilton District Skills Centre Ⓐ	**Credit to VCE/VM:** Yes **Study score:** No **Diploma pathway to uni:** No
Plumbing	▸ General Plumbing ▸ Drainage ▸ Gasfitting ▸ Roof Plumbing ▸ Water Supply ▸ Mechanical Services (heating & ventilation)	**Expression of interest – Plumbing course** Ⓟ	One session a week.	• SWTAFE Colac Trade Training Centre • SWTAFE Sherwood Park Training Facility	**Expression of interest**

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Arts

CERTIFICATE III IN VISUAL ARTS CUA31125 Ⓟ

The Certificate III in Visual Arts equips you with a broad range of artistic skills in a supportive environment.

This course can help you find your niche or simply broaden your horizons. Whether you want to be a professional artist or explore your creativity, this course covers a range of studio areas including painting, photography, drawing and printmaking.

You will learn

- use of colour
- painting
- printmaking
- sculpture
- drawing
- collaborating with others
- work health and safety
- history and theory of art.

Education Pathways

- Certificate III in Visual Arts CUA31125 (full completion)
- Certificate IV in Visual Arts CUA41320
- Diploma of Visual Arts CUA51125
- Diploma of Graphic Design CUA50725
- Diploma of Photography and Digital Imaging CUA50925

Location

- SWTAFE Warrnambool campus

Delivery

One session a week

Credit

Students will receive eligible credits towards either their VCE or VCE VM senior secondary certificate.

Check with your school for more details.

Career path

- Artist
- Visual arts assistant
- Art assistant
- Illustrator

Agriculture

CERTIFICATE II IN AGRICULTURE AHC20122 Ⓟ

Gain a range of practical skills required to work on a farm including working with livestock, farm work, environmental sustainability, chemical usage and farm maintenance.

Agriculture and agribusiness are diverse sectors that are immensely important to both our local region and country. It's an exciting time to be entering the industry with constant growth in new systems and technologies.

You will learn

- moving, mustering loading and handling stock and carrying out animal birthing
- operating quad bikes and side-by-sides
- installing, maintaining and repairing fencing
- providing feed for stock and monitoring water supplies
- applying chemicals under supervision
- inspecting and cleaning machinery, tools and equipment to preserve bio security.

Education Pathways

- Certificate II in Agriculture AHC20122 (full completion)
- Traineeships in agriculture
- Certificate III in Agriculture AHC30122
- Certificate III in Dairy Production AHC30224
- Certificate IV in Agriculture AHC40122
- Diploma of Agriculture AHC50122

Location

- SWTAFE Glenormiston Training Facility
- SWTAFE Hamilton campus
- SWTAFE Colac (Pound Road)

Delivery

One session a week plus one week in school holidays. Subject to change

Credit

Students will receive eligible credit towards their VCE or VCE VM senior secondary certificate.

Check with your school for more details.

Career path

- Farm hand or farmer
- Farm or station operator
- Agricultural sales
- Agronomist
- Stock agent

Ⓐ Auspiced training, see page 8.
Ⓟ This is a partial completion program, see page 8.

Automotive

CERTIFICATE II IN AUTOMOTIVE VOCATIONAL PREPARATION AUR20720

If you like working on cars, bikes, trucks or anything with an engine and want to gain some base-level mechanical skills to build on, this course is for you.

This course gives you an overview of engine, transmission, cooling, fuel, steering, suspension and braking systems, tools, general service and repair. It's ideal for people who have an interest in the automotive trade and associated technology or want to pursue an apprenticeship in the field.

You will Learn

- to identify, use and maintain automotive tools
- electrical and mechanical systems and components
- battery services
- multiple and single-cylinder petrol engines
- electronic circuits
- basic car and engine services.

Education Pathways

- Automotive apprenticeship
- Certificate III in Light Vehicle Mechanical Technology AUR30620
- Diesel mechanic apprenticeship

Location

- SWTAFE Sherwood Park Training Facility
- SWTAFE Colac Trade Training Centre
- Cobden Technical School Trade Training Centre

Delivery

One session a week plus one week in school holidays. Subject to change

Credit

Students will receive eligible credits towards either their VCE or VCE VM senior secondary certificate. Check with your school for more details.

Career path

- Auto electrician
- Detailer
- Engine reconditioner
- Mechanic
- Motorsport technician
- Panel beater
- Pit crew



Building

CERTIFICATE II IN BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION PRE-APPRENTICESHIP 22614VIC Ⓟ

Get a taste of the building industry, learn to use a wide variety of building tools and techniques and get your hand skills to an acceptable industry standard. You will construct a cubby house from ground to completion as part of this course.

Build organisational and self-management skills in preparation for a head start in gaining an apprenticeship in carpentry.

You will learn

- levelling procedures
- workplace health and safety
- how to use carpentry tools and equipment
- setting out a wall frame and sub-floor construction
- windows and doors installation
- how to safely use work platforms.

Education Pathways

- Certificate II in Building and Construction Pre-Apprenticeship 22614VIC (full completion)
- Apprenticeship in the building and construction industry
- Certificate III in Carpentry CPC30220
- Certificate IV In Building and Construction CPC40120
- Diploma of Building and Construction (Building) CPC50220

Location

- SWTAFE Sherwood Park Training Facility
- Hamilton District Skills Centre Ⓐ
- Cobden Technical School Trade Training Centre Ⓐ
- SWTAFE Colac Trade Training Centre

Delivery

One session a week plus one week in school holidays. Subject to change.

Credit

Students will receive eligible credits towards either their VCE or VCE VM senior secondary certificate. Check with your school for more details.

Career path

- Bricklayer
- Builder
- Carpenter
- Glazier
- Plasterer
- Stonemason
- Tiler
- Cabinet maker

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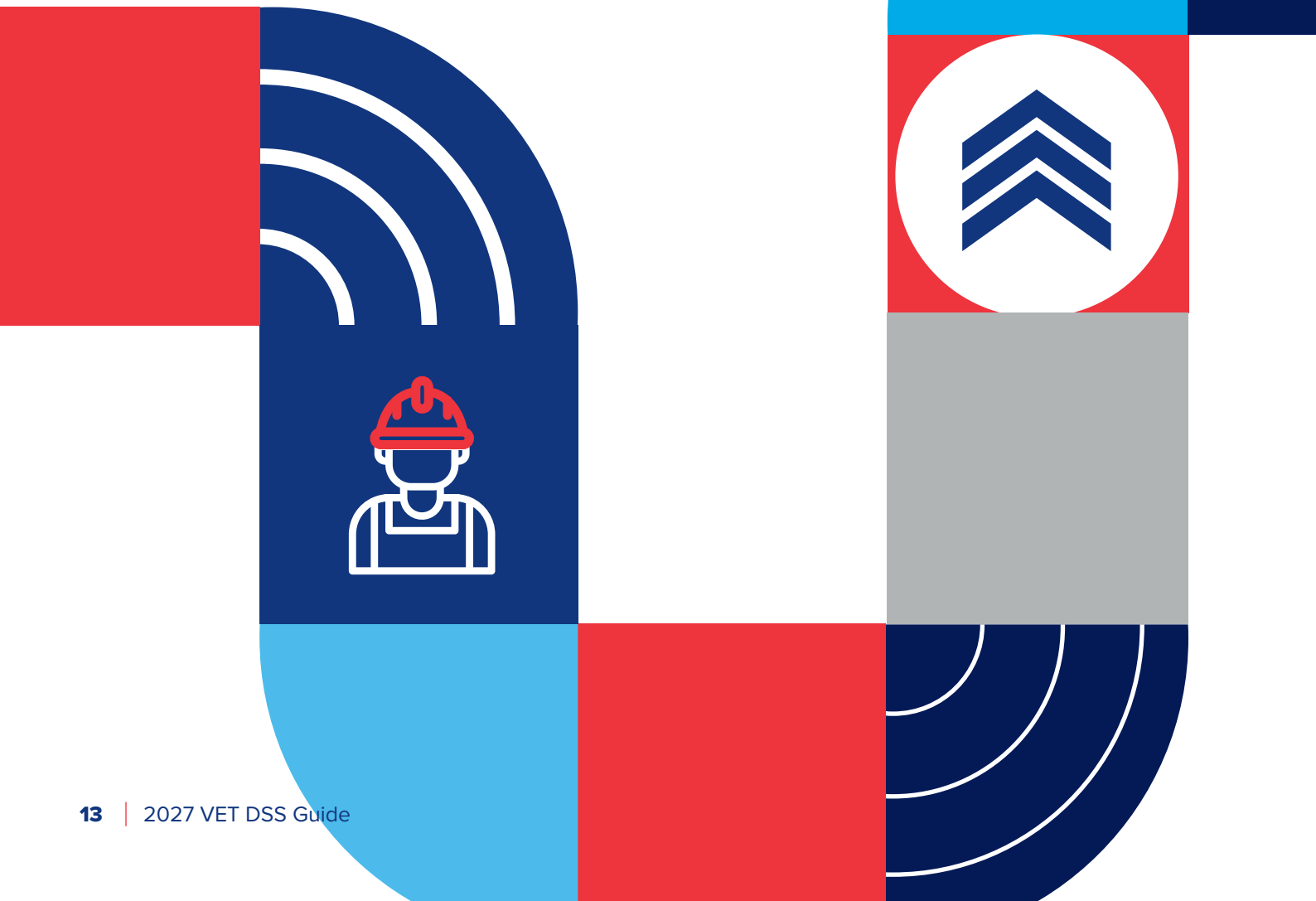



Business

CERTIFICATE III IN BUSINESS BSB30120 Ⓟ

Looking to gain valuable workplace skills while still at school? This course is a great starting point for anyone interested in working in an office, running a business, or exploring careers across a wide range of industries.

This course gives you hands-on experience in business operations, customer service, digital technology, and workplace communication. You'll learn how businesses work and develop the confidence to contribute as part of a professional team.

Whether you're aiming for a job straight after school or planning to continue your studies, this qualification will give you transferable skills that employers look for.

You will learn

- using business software like Microsoft Office
- customer service and professional communication
- working in teams and managing tasks
- organising schedules and workplace information
- applying critical thinking in a business context
- understanding workplace health, safety, and sustainability.

Education Pathways

- Certificate IV in Business BSB40120

Location

- SWTAFE Warrnambool campus
- SWTAFE Hamilton campus

Delivery

One session a week

Credit

Students will receive eligible credits towards either their VCE or VCE VM Senior Secondary certificate. Check with your school for more details.

Career path

- Administration assistant
- Customer service
- Receptionist
- Accounts clerk
- Executive assistant
- Sales support officer

Civil Construction

CERTIFICATE II IN CIVIL CONSTRUCTION RII20720

If you're interested in the civil construction industry, this entry-level course is a great way to get started and it introduces you to the essential safety knowledge and practical skills needed to work on civil construction sites.

You'll train in a safe, simulated work environment designed to reflect real-world conditions. While you won't operate earthmoving machinery directly, you'll work alongside experienced trainers and gain valuable insight into working safely around heavy equipment.

You will learn

- work safely and follow WHS procedures, including preparing to work in the construction industry
- use hand and power tools, and operate small plant and equipment
- carry out basic levelling, concrete work, and manual excavation
- support plant operations and work safely around machinery
- read and interpret plans and job specifications
- identify, locate, and protect underground services.

Education Pathways

- Certificate III in Civil Construction RII30920
- Certificate III in Civil Construction Plant Operations RII30820

Location

- SWTAFE Glenormiston Training Facility

Delivery

One session a week

Credit

Students will receive eligible credits towards either their VCE or VCE VM Senior Secondary certificate. Check with your school for more details.

Career path

- Construction labourer
- Road construction and maintenance operator
- Civil construction machine operator
- Local council worker
- Mine or quarry worker

Conservation

CERTIFICATE II IN CONSERVATION AND ECOSYSTEM MANAGEMENT AHC21024

If you're passionate about the outdoors, wildlife, and the environment, this course is the perfect starting point. The conservation VET DSS course introduces you to the skills needed to care for natural areas, protect biodiversity, and support land conservation projects.

Through a mix of classroom learning and practical, hands-on activities, you'll gain real experience working in outdoor environments, preparing you for further training or entry-level work in environmental and land management.

You will learn

- how to identify plants, animals, and weeds
- maintain natural habitats and ecosystems
- use tools and equipment safely
- carry out environmental sampling and data collection
- work in a team and follow environmental work practices
- support bushland regeneration and revegetation projects.

Education Pathways

- Certificate III in Conservation and Ecosystem Management AHC31424
- Diploma of Conservation and Ecosystem Management AHC51120
- Horticulture courses or traineeships

Location

- SWTAFE Sherwood Park Training Facility
- SWTAFE Portland campus
- SWTAFE Hamilton campus

Delivery

One session a week

Credit

Students will receive eligible credits towards either their VCE or VCE VM Senior Secondary certificate. Check with your school for more details.

Career path

- Conservation worker
- Ranger
- Parks and wildlife roles
- Indigenous land manager
- Marine and/or coastal manager

Community Services

CERTIFICATE II IN COMMUNITY SERVICES CHC22015
CERTIFICATE III IN COMMUNITY SERVICES CHC32015 Ⓟ

Get prepared for employment in the fastest growing workforce sector with an introduction to community services and health. Learn about and develop skills for a wide range of jobs including community services, client care and support.

The Certificate II in Community Services is completed by the end of the first year and the Certificate III in Community Services is partially completed by the end of the second year.

You will learn

- to provide first aid
- how to respond to client needs
- workplace health and safety
- to work within a community development framework
- how to manage personal stress in the workplace.

Education Pathways

- Certificate III in Community Services CHC32015 (full completion)
- Certificate III in Individual Support CHC33021
- Certificate IV in Child, Youth and Family Intervention CHC40321
- Certificate IV in Disability CHC43121
- Diploma of Community Services CHC52025
- Diploma of Nursing HLT54121

Ⓟ This is a partial completion program, see page 8.

Location

- SWTAFE Warrnambool campus
- SWTAFE Colac campus (Certificate II only)

Delivery

One session a week
(plus two days in the mid-term break for Certificate II only)

Credit

Students will receive eligible credits towards either their VCE or VCE VM senior secondary certificate.
This program offers a scored assessment option within the second year. Check with your school for more details.

Career path

- Aged care worker
- Case worker or manager
- Child welfare officer
- Community health worker
- Counsellor
- Disability support officer
- Residential carer
- Social welfare worker
- Youth worker
- Nurse



Electrical

CERTIFICATE II IN ELECTROTECHNOLOGY (PRE-VOCATIONAL) 22682VIC Ⓟ

If electrical systems ignite your passion, power up with skills across a range of sectors, including electrical, electrotechnology and refrigeration.

Learn the skills and knowledge to enhance your employment prospects in a range of industries. You will learn how to use tools, electrical wiring and equipment of the trade. You'll have access to new technologies as they're introduced in energy efficiency and sustainability.

You will learn

- how to fix and secure electrotechnology equipment
- to install sustainable extra low voltage energy power systems
- basic network cabling
- how to perform intermediate engineering computations
- First aid and working safely in the construction industry (CI white card).

Education Pathways

- Certificate II in Electrotechnology (pre-vocational) 22682VIC (full completion).
- Certificate III in Electrotechnology UEE30820
- Certificate IV in Electrotechnology - Systems Electrician UEE40620
- Electrical apprenticeships

Location

- SWTAFE Hamilton campus
- SWTAFE Warrnambool campus
- SWTAFE Sherwood Park Training Facility
- SWTAFE Portland campus

Delivery

One session a week plus one week in school holidays. Subject to change.

Credit

Students will receive eligible credit towards their VCE or VCE VM senior secondary certificate. Check with your school for more details.

Additional information

Preference will be given to those in Year 11 & 12.
SWTAFE Sherwood Park delivery will be held on Wednesdays 1pm-5pm.

Career path

- Electrical engineer
- Electrician
- Linesworker
- Engineering or refrigeration technician
- Technical officer



Engineering

CERTIFICATE II IN ENGINEERING STUDIES 22632VIC

Do you enjoy solving problems and using practical skills to come up with solutions?

Working in the engineering industry means you'll always be in high demand and it's part of one of the biggest employment sectors in the country.

This course focuses on providing a solid foundation in the basic principles of engineering. You will also gain an understanding of electrical and electronics, robotics, production and mechanical techniques.

You will learn

- basic machine processing and fabrication techniques
- workplace health and safety
- to use hand and power tools
- to create and interpret 3D sketches and drawings
- to perform basic welding and thermal cutting processes
- to perform computations.

Education Pathways

- Engineering apprenticeships
- Certificate III in Engineering – Fabrication Trade MEM31925
- Certificate III in Engineering – Mechanical Trade MEM30219
- Certificate IV in Engineering MEM40119
- Diploma of Engineering - Technical MEM50222

Location

- SWTAFE Portland campus
- Cobden Technical School Trade Training Centre Ⓐ
- Timboon P-12 Trade Training Centre Ⓐ

Delivery

One session a week plus one week in school holidays. Subject to change..

Credit

Students will receive eligible credits towards either their VCE or VCE VM senior secondary certificate.
This VET DSS program offers a scored assessment option within the second year of the program. Check with your school for more details.

Career path

- Boilermaker
- Engineer
- Machinist
- Fitter and turner
- Hydraulic controls technician
- Metal fabricator

Horticulture

CERTIFICATE II IN HORTICULTURE AHC20422

Keen to develop your interest in plants and gardens into a career? Throughout this course, you will develop skills in plant identification, pest, disease, and weed control, propagation, and pruning.

You will also gain experience in operating and maintaining common horticultural machinery and equipment. Give yourself a head start into an apprenticeship or traineeship.

You will learn

- plant and soil identification
- plant health management
- plant naming
- plant propagation methods
- basic planting and landscaping techniques
- tools and machinery used in horticulture.

Education Pathways

- Certificate II in Horticulture AHC20422 (full completion)
- Certificate III in Horticulture AHC30722
- Diploma of Horticulture Management AHC50422

Location

- SWTAFE Hamilton campus

Delivery

One session a week plus one week in school holidays. Subject to change.

Credit

Students will receive eligible credits towards either their VCE or VCE VM senior secondary certificate.

Check with your school for more details.

Career path

- Gardener
- Horticulturalist
- Nursery worker
- Landscaper

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Early Childhood Education & Care

CERTIFICATE III IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND CARE CHC30125 Ⓟ

Do you love kids, toddlers and babies? Gain the skills you need to provide quality education to children.

If you are passionate about the development of young children and want to learn more about providing quality education and care in a range of environments, this course is for you.

You will learn to provide safe, nurturing, meaningful and inclusive education and care for children in a fun and playful setting. During this course you will be required to perform structured workplace learning over two years in a variety of settings.

You will learn

- how to care for babies and children up to 12 years old
- how to develop positive relationships with children
- how to provide experiences to support children's play and learning
- effective interaction with children
- childhood development
- workplace health and safety and first aid.

Education Pathways

- Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care CHC30125 (full completion)
- Certificate III in School Based Education Support CHC30221
- Diploma of Early Childhood Education and Care CHC50125

Ⓟ This is a partial completion program, see page 8.
Ⓢ This qualification is superseded and course updates are occurring.

Location

- SWTAFE Warrnambool campus
- SWTAFE Hamilton campus
- SWTAFE Portland campus
- SWTAFE Colac campus

Delivery

One session a week plus one week in school holidays. Subject to change.

Credit

Students will receive eligible credits towards either their VCE or VCE VM senior secondary certificate. Check with your school for more details.

Prerequisite

You must be in Year 11.

Career path

- Early childhood educator
- Family day carer
- Kindergarten or preschool assistant
- Nanny or out-of-school hours care assistant





Hairdressing

CERTIFICATE II IN SALON ASSISTANT SHB20216 Ⓟ

Thinking of a career in the hair industry and have a passion for hairstyling?

This course provides you with a range of skills and knowledge in hair styling and salon services.

Learn how to braid hair and perform basic hair styling techniques, shampooing and applying colour.

You will learn

- how to dry hair to shape
- to provide shampoo and basin services
- hair colour product application
- how to braid hair.

Education Pathways

- Certificate III Hairdressing SHB30416
- Apprenticeships in hairdressing

Location

- SWTAFE Warrnambool campus
- Camperdown College Trade Training Centre Ⓐ
- Hamilton District Skills Centre Ⓐ

Delivery

One session a week

Credit

Students will receive eligible credits towards either their VCE or VCE VM senior secondary certificate.

Check with your school for more details.

Career path

- Hairdresser
- Salon assistant
- Salon manager
- Stylist

Ⓐ Auspiced training, see page 8.
Ⓟ This is a partial completion program, see page 8.

Make-up

CERTIFICATE III IN MAKE-UP SHB30221 Ⓟ

If you love make-up, come and explore the world of make-up artistry.

Along with the basic principles of make-up application, skills covered include airbrush make-up and creative make-up.

You will learn

- make-up for photographic purposes
- creative make-up application and techniques
- airbrush make-up
- researching and applying beauty industry information
- ethical and professional use of social media platforms.

Education Pathways

- Certificate III in Make-up SHB30221 (full completion)
- Certificate III in Nail Technology SHB30321
- Certificate III in Beauty Services SHB30121
- Certificate IV in Beauty Services SHB40121
- Diploma of Beauty Therapy SHB50121

Location

- SWTAFE Warrnambool campus
- Camperdown College Trade Training Centre Ⓐ
- Hamilton District Skills Centre Ⓐ
- SWTAFE Portland campus

Delivery

One session a week

Credit

Students will receive eligible credits towards either their VCE or VCE VM senior secondary certificate.

Check with your school for more details.

Career path

- Make-up artist (fashion, beauty, freelance)
- Retail make-up sales person
- Beauty therapist

Health

CERTIFICATE III IN HEALTH SERVICES ASSISTANCE HLT33115 Ⓟ

This course is ideal for people interested in working in entry level roles in the health sector and are interested in pursuing a career supporting clients in acute and aged care environments.

You will learn

- to interpret and apply medical terminology appropriately
- health and safety
- to assist with movement
- communicating with health or community services professionals
- general cleaning in a clinical setting
- to respond effectively to behaviours of concern
- to recognise healthy body systems.

Education Pathways

- Certificate III in Health Services Assistance HLT33115 (full completion)
- Certificate III in Individual Support CHC33021
- Certificate IV in Disability CHC43121
- Diploma of Nursing HLT54121

Location

- SWTAFE Warrnambool campus
- SWTAFE Hamilton campus
- SWTAFE Portland campus
- SWTAFE Colac campus

Delivery

One session a week

Credit

Students will receive eligible credits towards either their VCE or VCE VM senior secondary certificate.
This program offers a scored assessment option within the second year. Check with your school for more details.

Additional Information

Second year available at the Warrrnambool campus only.

Career path

- Nurse
- Allied health
- Individual or disability support worker

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Food & Hospitality

CERTIFICATE II IN COOKERY SIT20421 Ⓟ

Gain hands-on learning in food preparation and the cookery skills required to prepare food and menu items.

You could work in cafes, restaurants, pubs and more with an understanding of a range of kitchen functions and activities.

Learn different methods of cookery for appetisers, salads, stocks, soups and sauces, poultry, fruits and vegetables, receiving and storing kitchen goods and presenting food.

You will learn

- hygienic practices for food safety
- how to clean kitchen premises and equipment
- how to make appetisers and salads
- how to cook vegetable, fruit, egg, pasta and rice dishes
- to work effectively in commercial kitchens.

Education Pathways

- Certificate III in Hospitality SIT30622
- Certificate III in Commercial Cookery SIT30821
- Certificate III in Baking FBP30521
- Certificate III in Cake and Pastry FBP30321

Location

- SWTAFE Warrnambool campus
- Portland Secondary College Trade Training Centre Ⓐ
- Lorne P-12 Trade Training Centre Ⓐ

Delivery

One session a week plus restaurant work

Credit

Students will receive eligible credits towards either their VCE or VCE VM senior secondary certificate.
This program offers a scored assessment option within the second year. Check with your school for more details.

Career path

- Barista
- Bar attendant
- Kitchen hand or chef
- Waiter
- Butcher or baker
- Caterer



Ⓟ This is a partial completion program, see page 8.

Information Technology

CERTIFICATE III IN INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ICT30120 Ⓟ

If you have ever wanted to build computers and networks, now you can. Get entry-level training and be prepared for a diverse range of career opportunities across a wide range of industries.

You can also learn to troubleshoot and repair faulty hardware, diagnose malware, maintain software and operating systems, and protect and secure ICT systems.

You will learn

- critical and creative thinking
- how to run standard diagnostic tests
- introductory programming techniques
- how to provide ICT advice
- maintenance of digital security devices
- how to evaluate cloud computing solutions and services
- to build simple web pages.

Education Pathways

- Certificate IV in Information Technology ICT40120
- Diploma of Information Technology ICT50220

Location

- SWTAFE Warrnambool campus

Delivery

One session a week plus one week in school holidays. Subject to change.

Credit

Students will receive eligible credits towards either their VCE or VCE VM senior secondary certificate. This program offers a scored assessment option within the second year. Check with your school for more details.

Career path

- IT technician
- Help desk or technical support officer
- ICT customer service representative
- Programmer
- Software or web developer

Plumbing

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST PLUMBING VET DSS COURSE

We are taking expressions of interest for a plumbing VET DSS course. This course will help you to build the skills, confidence, and hands-on experience to kick-start your career in plumbing. This course could introduce the core skills used across the plumbing industry, including the safe use of tools and equipment, reading plans, measurements and calculations, welding techniques, and basic plumbing installations.

This course could give you a strong foundation for an apprenticeship and pathways into a range of plumbing and construction careers.

You will learn

- how to use plumbing pipes, fittings, and fixtures for basic plumbing installations
- how to use basic power tools
- fabricating simple plumbing pipe systems

Location

- SWTAFE Colac Trade Training Centre
- SWTAFE Sherwood Park Training Facility

Delivery

One session a week

Career path

- General Plumbing
- Drainage
- Gas fitting
- Roof Plumbing
- Water Supply
- Mechanical Services (Heating and Ventilation)

Ⓟ This is a partial completion program, see page 8.

School-Based Apprenticeships + Traineeships

Why choose an apprenticeship or traineeship?

- **Combine your secondary school studies with on-the-job training in a supportive environment.**
- **Gain valuable work skills and experience.**
- **Earn while you learn and get paid to develop your skills.**
- **Develop nationally-recognised skills in high demand areas.**
- **Get a head start in your career.**
- **Use your studies as a pathway or to gain credit towards further study.**

School-based apprenticeships and traineeships allow Year 10, 11 and 12 students to start an apprenticeship or traineeship while still at school.

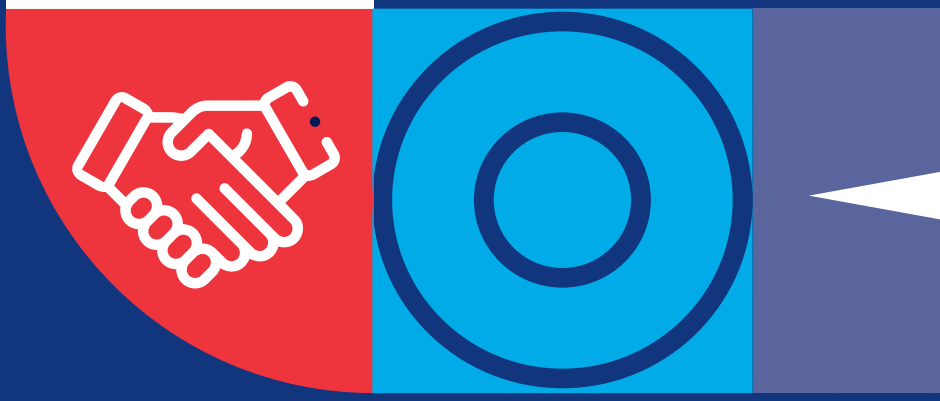
On average, one day a week is on the job with an employer, plus some of the school holidays. For the rest of the school week, you complete the South West TAFE component of your training as well as your other VCE, VCE VM or VPC subjects. It takes from one to three years to complete.

As a school-based apprentice, you undertake the first stage of your formal or off-the-job apprenticeship training at school. Then you may jump into full-time employment as a second-year apprentice if you successfully completed the training program while at school.

You can combine a VET DSS course with a school-based apprenticeship or traineeship, but they must be across different areas. For example, you can undertake a school-based automotive apprenticeship and an agriculture VET DSS program.

School-based apprenticeships and traineeships are offered in a range of areas including:

- Agriculture
- Automotive
- Baking
- Beauty Services
- Business
- Cabinet Making
- Carpentry
- Community Services
- Early Childhood Education & Care
- Electrotechnology
- Engineering
- Hairdressing
- Horticulture
- Make-up
- Meat Processing
- Plumbing



Any Questions?

Head to **vetdss.swtafe.edu.au** for more info, discuss your options with your VET DSS coordinator or contact the SWTAFE VET DSS team via 1300 648 911 or email vetdss@swtafe.edu.au

Want more?

Find out more about VET DSS and each industry program by visiting:

vetdss.swtafe.edu.au

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