



What is VET?

Vocational Education and Training (VET) enables young people to gain nationally recognised qualifications, endorsed by industry to support a variety of career pathways.

VET studies are completed alongside school subjects and contribute to SACE completion. These qualifications are linked to employment pathways and provide an opportunity for students to develop skills and knowledge preparing them for the work environment.

When can my young person commence a VET qualification?

To be enrolled in a Certificate II or III qualification while completing the SACE, your young person must be enrolled in year 11 or 12. They must also be 16yrs of age or turning 16yrs of age in the year of enrolment.

What does VET training look like for years 10, 11,12?

Year 10

In year 10 students can participate in work experience, industry immersions/expos, and introductory courses depending on availability. In Term 3, students use these experiences as VETRO evidence when applying for a VET qualification as part of their year 11 studies.

Please note that according to DfE guidelines, students in year 10 are not able to enrol in VET qualifications.

Year 11

In year 11 students can complete a Certificate II or III VET qualification with a Registered Training Organisation (RTO). This training contributes to their SACE completion. Generally, Certificate II qualifications contribute to Stage 1 credits, and Certificate III qualifications contribute to Stage 2 credits.

Year 12

In year 12 students can complete a Certificate III VET qualification with an RTO which will contribute to Stage 2 SACE credits. In most cases, a completed Certificate III can count as one 20 credit Stage 2 subject when calculating an ATAR for university applications.

Where will the VET training be delivered?

Delivery days and training facilities differ for each VET course. Please refer to the specific RTO course information. However, they are off site in most cases. In 2025, Certificate II in Electrotechnology will be offered onsite at BSS.

Families are responsible for ensuring their young people have appropriate transport to and from the VET training facilities.

What are the expectations regarding attendance?

Students are expected to have 100% attendance and be on time to their VET course each week. The VET trainer and BSS student services must be contacted as soon as possible if there are any absences.

What are the recommended VET offerings for BSS students in 2025?

We have looked at labour market data, predicted employment growth, skill shortage industries and BSS student interest and popularity in VET pathways.



Based on this information the following VET courses are recommended for BSS students in 2025:

- Certificate II in Electrotechnology
- Certificate II in Construction Pathways
- Certificate II in Retail Cosmetics
- Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care
- Certificate III in IT (Game Development)
- Certificate III in Individual Support (Ageing and/or Disability)

What if my young person is interested in another VET course for 2025?

If you would like to pursue a course that is not recommended above, please indicate this on the 2025 BSS VET Expression of Interest form.

The Student Pathways and Careers Leader will support families before applying to ensure all questions are answered and an informed decision is made and approved by the school.

Please visit the following website – www.studentpathways.sa.edu.au for the complete list of industries and VET pathways that are endorsed by DfE for students attending government schools.

How do I apply for VET?

The first step is to complete the 2025 BSS VET Expression of Interest form by 30th August 2024.

When completing this form, students will identify which VET course they would like to apply for and what they will use as VETRO evidence to demonstrate their interest and suitability for the course.

Once the VET course and evidence have been approved by the school, families will be sent a link to complete the 2025 VET application.

What is VETRO and VETRO evidence?

The VET Readiness Orientation (VETRO) is an assessment of the student's awareness and knowledge of the industry and job outcomes. This is to ensure that the student is making an informed decision about their pathway.

This process includes a literacy and numeracy assessment, and an interview conducted by the RTO.

When your young person applies for a VET course, they need to attach evidence of their experience and exploration of the industry. This can include work experience, industry immersions, introductory courses, work completed as part of EIF or AIF or other SACE subjects linked to the industry area.

The evidence is expected to be substantial, as these applications are part of a competitive process to obtain a place in VET courses.

How much will VET cost and who will pay?

The cost will vary depending on the VET course chosen. Your Student Pathways and Careers Leader can provide this information upon request. Families are responsible for any costs related to VET.

For the recommended courses above please use the following information as a guide, as these details, including cost are subject to change.



| VET qualification | RTO | Site for delivery | Duration | SACE credits | Cost | VETRO evidence |
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| Certificate II in Electrotechnology | PEER | Brighton Secondary School | 1 year | Stage 1 55 | \$636 | Work experience. White card training Try-a-trade day |
| Certificate II in Construction Pathways | ATEC | TBA | 1 year | Stage 1 40 | \$500 | Work experience. White card training Try-a-trade day |
| Certificate II in Retail Cosmetics | The French Beauty Academy | Rundle Mall Campus | 1 year | Stage 1 50 | \$575 | Attendance at Open day – 12 th September 2024. |
| Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care * | Queensford College | Adelaide Campus | 18 months (orientation days in Term 4 2024) | Stage 2 155 | \$600 | Work experience or Immersion day 26 th August 2024. |
| Certificate III in IT (Game Development) | AIE | Adelaide Campus | 1 year | Stage 2 75 | \$850 | Work experience. Attendance to Thrive week workshop. Work from relevant subject. |
| Certificate III in Individual Support (Aging and/or Disability) * | ANMEC | Ridleyton campus | 1 year (orientation days in Term 4 2024) | Stage 2 125 | \$460 (+\$150 for both streams) | Attend an immersion day in October 2024. EIF/AIF linked to health pathways or work experience. |

*Significant structured work placement is required for these qualifications.

How does my young person create a USI?

All VET students in Australia need a Unique Student Identifier (USI). This enables students to have an online record of all VET training and qualifications they complete. To create a USI account with your young person www.usi.gov.au.

What are the expectations VET students need to meet to be successful?

- 100% attendance
- Punctuality
- Keep up with your schoolwork – balance and time management are crucial to success.
- Regular communication with teachers, VET trainer and the school.
- Take initiative to ask for support when needed.
- Complete all work placement requirements.

Can my young person join VET later in the year?

Generally, it is not possible as most VET courses are 12mths long, start at the beginning of the school year, and are often at capacity. This limits the number of courses offered mid-year and often makes it difficult when accommodating VET with existing student timetables in year 11 and 12.