

VET at Unity College

Community Services	Certificate III Individual Support (Ageing and Disability)	2	135	Year 11	One day a week FULL YEAR
Construction Pathways	Certificate II Construction Pathways (Wet Trades)	1	55	Year 11	One day a week FULL YEAR
Engineering	Certificate II Engineering Pathways	1	60	Year 11	One day a week FULL YEAR
Engineering	Engineering Extension	2	20	Year 12	One day a week SEMESTER
Sport And Recreation	Certificate III Fitness	2	95	Year 11	Online FULL YEAR
Primary Industries	Certificate III Agriculture Certificate III Rural Operations	2	170	Year 11/12	Workshops Online 1-2 YEARS

If you are interested in a VET Course that the school offers on-site or off-site you will need to complete a VET Enrolment Application Form which is available from the Pathways' Office.

Please Note: Fees and study units / competencies are subject to change and will be communicated as required. The courses listed above will only run on site at Unity College when numbers meet minimum requirements.

WHAT IS VET?

VET stands for Vocational Education and Training. In other words, VET is education and training that gives you skills and knowledge for work.

VET operates through a national training system, particularly for the trades and other industries, and is certified by Registered Training Organisations, like TAFE.

WHY STUDY VET?

VET is an excellent choice of study for many students. It includes practical, hands-on learning, which suits many students, but it also leads to excellent jobs in a huge array of fields.

Studying VET as part of the SACE gives students a head-start on a qualification, which is a great way to fast-track progress towards a rewarding career.

CAN A STUDENT STUDY MORE THAN ONE VET COURSE?

A student can only study 1x subsidised VET course per year.

Please note, that undertaking multiple VET courses will impact both funded and school subsidies.

WILL STUDENTS HAVE STUDY LESSONS?

Students will have one line of study lessons. Study lessons will be decided once the course details are available and will be in consultation with the VET Coordinator. Students must use study lessons effectively and consistently to meet the deadlines of the VET Course and school studies.

HOW DOES VET COUNT TOWARDS SACE CREDITS?

Each qualification is different, with varying compulsory and elective options, so the SACE credits to be gained varies according to the VET qualification a student is studying.

SACE recognises VET courses at either Stage 1 or Stage 2 level, with the number of SACE credits dependent on the nominal hours completed. A completed Certificate III qualification can contribute 20 SACE Stage 2 credits toward an ATAR.

Up to the maximum credit allocation, students can earn:

- + 10 SACE credits for the completion of 70 nominal hours of VET towards a VET qualification.

Units of competency are only granted SACE credits once. The SACE Credits are not guaranteed. Students must pass all competencies to gain the SACE Credits advertised. If students are absent they are at risk of not completing competencies and the certificate.

HOW MUCH DOES VET COST?

All VET courses both on-site and off-site have an administration fee that will be invoiced at the time of enrolment. The administration fee is \$50 for a semester course and \$100 for full year courses. For short courses (courses less than a term in length) no administration fee is charged.

The cost of VET courses offered on-site can be found in the VET Enrolment Application Form. For courses off site, this information is not known until later in the year. This information will be communicated as soon as it is available and a decision will need to be made whether your child continues with the VET course. The Pathways Office is able to give you an indication of the course cost from previous years.

Unity College will pay 40% of VET training costs charged by the provider, up to a maximum of \$750, on courses over \$300. Should the course not be completed successfully Unity College reserves the right to recoup the subsidy. The maximum subsidy per year will be \$750 regardless of the number of courses a student may participate in. The parent/caregiver is responsible for any amount not covered by the subsidy and this will be charged to their Other Charges Account. If the course is offered at Unity College and the student chooses to participate externally, the college reserves the right to pass on the full cost of the course.

The parent/caregiver will be required to meet any other associated costs with the course (eg uniform, safety requirements, travel, resources).

If a student changes schools or their mind before their VET course commences, Unity College is not obliged to pay for the VET course. Unity College may identify a student to take their place, but if the school is unable to find someone to fill the place then the student leaving will be charged for the course. If a student changes schools or their mind in the middle of the course, Unity College will seek reimbursement for the course cost from the student.

Please note all costs are subject to change.

WHAT SCHOOL SUBJECTS SHOULD STUDENTS STUDY WITH A VET COURSE?

From experience, students who are in a one day a week VET Course find it difficult to keep up with their subject load if studying subjects such as Specialist Maths, Sciences, Music and Languages.

WHEN DOES WORKPLACE LEARNING NEED TO BE COMPLETED?

Some courses require the students to complete Workplace Learning. Where possible, this needs to be completed in school holidays.

CAN A STUDENT WITHDRAW FROM A VET COURSE?

VET courses are competitive and there are limited places in each course. Therefore a student's place in a VET course is something to value and they should be confident that the VET course would interest them. A student can only withdraw from a VET course before the end of Week 3, Term 1 for Semester 1 courses; or Week 1, Term 3 for second semester courses. Full course fees may still apply.

HOW DO I APPLY FOR A VET COURSE?

All students who wish to complete a VET course on site, will need to complete a Trade Skills Centre Enrolment Application Form available from the Pathways Office or by contacting **Jasmine Barolo** (jbarolo@unitycollege.sa.edu.au).

CAN A STUDENT PARTICIPATE IN OTHER SCHOOL EVENTS ON THEIR VET DAY?

If a student has a one day a week VET course their priority is their VET Course. If they miss a day from their VET Course they are at risk of not completing competencies. If there is a whole school event or year level event on their VET day the Trade Skills Centre Manager and Year Level Coordinator will inform the students of the arrangements.

ARE THERE OTHER VET COURSES ON OFFER?

There are other VET courses in the region and metropolitan areas that students can access. A list of courses is available from the Pathways Office.