



VOCATIONAL EDUCATION & TRAINING



Vocational Education and Training (VET)

VET is an exciting option for students' Stage 6 pattern of study!

WHAT IS VET?

Vocational Education and Training or 'VET' courses allow students to engage with specific areas of interest, whilst undertaking a nationally recognised qualification as part of their HSC. VET courses enable students to gain industry relevant skills, as well as assist them to be work-ready by developing employability skills such as collaboration, communication, problem-solving, flexibility and time management. The role of VET in helping students prepare for further education, training, employment and lifelong learning is widely recognised by key stakeholders in education and industry.

HOW ARE VET COURSES DIFFERENT TO OTHER HSC COURSES?

For Year 11-12 students in NSW, VET is 'dual accredited': that is, students receive recognition towards their school qualification (their Record of School Achievement or HSC), as well as a nationally recognised VET qualification (Certificate or Statement of Attainment).

VET courses are competency-based – that means students are required to demonstrate their knowledge and skills gained. Rather than getting a grade as for other HSC subjects, students are considered competent or not yet competent for each unit undertaken. Students can attempt a competency more than once, but it is important that they give it a serious attempt!

Some VET courses have an HSC exam which provides the opportunity for students to have this HSC examination mark contribute towards their Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) calculation. The HSC Examination is **OPTIONAL** for VET courses and counts for 100% of the HSC course mark. Only students wanting to use their course for the ATAR calculation need to sit the HSC exam.

VET COURSES AT SPCC

This brochure details the VET courses that we are planning to offer in 2025 onsite at SPCC, delivered by SPCC teachers:

- Construction (optional HSC Exam)
- Entertainment Industry (optional HSC Exam)
- Business Services (optional HSC Exam)
- Hospitality (optional HSC Exam)
- Screen and Media (non-ATAR)
- Visual Arts and Contemporary Craft (non-ATAR)
- Fitness (non-ATAR)

VET COURSES AT EXTERNAL REGISTERED TRAINING ORGANISATIONS (RTO)

Some students may elect to complete an external VET course in a specific area of interest. These are generally delivered by TAFE or a private RTO. External VET courses undertaken by students in previous years include Animal Studies, Electrotechnology, Beauty Services, Hairdressing, Engineering, Aeroskills, Applied Fashion and Design, and Information and Digital Technologies.

Completing an external VET course is a privilege. You will need to submit an expression of interest and possibly have an interview to explain your interest in the course, as well as how you are going to manage your studies. You need to show a high level of responsibility when attending external VET courses, as you need to make your own way to the course and take responsibility for your learning.

SCHOOL-BASED APPRENTICESHIPS AND TRAINEESHIPS (SBA/Ts)

Some students may elect to complete a school-based apprenticeship or traineeship (SBA/T) as part of their pattern of study. SBA/Ts are more than just part-time jobs. They are a great way for students to set themselves up for the career they want while completing their HSC. Opportunities are available across a wide range of occupations.

The NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) has responsibility for developing/endorsing curriculum to provide for apprenticeship and traineeship pathways within the HSC. Students undertaking an SBA/T have the opportunity to achieve a nationally-recognised VET qualification as well as their HSC, and gain valuable work skills and experience through paid employment.

Mr van der Velde or Mrs Tonya Huen are the school contacts for SBA/Ts. If you are interested in undertaking a school-based traineeship or apprenticeship, it is important to see Mr van der Velde or Mrs Huen early! There is quite a process involved as it is a highly regulated system. The first steps for establishing an SBA/T are to have a willing employer and an RTO to deliver the formal training.

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ADDITIONAL COURSE COSTS FOR VET COURSES

There are additional costs for some VET courses relating to the course cost (for external VET courses) or for uniforms, a First Aid Certificate or White Card. For more information, please see the Guidelines for Students Studying External VET Courses.

HOW CAN YOU SUCCEED IN VET COURSES?

- Attend all your VET classes.
- Complete all assessments and achieve all competencies.
- Communicate with your teacher when you need help to achieve a competency.
- Show diligent and sustained effort with all course work and assessments.
- Complete and learn from your work placement. For many courses, work placement is compulsory.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN STUDYING A VET COURSE?

- Have a look at the options available on-site at school – visit the iLearn course pages and do your research.
- If you have a specific area of interest, see Mrs Huen in the VET Office to see what courses are available – not all VET courses are available to school students.
- Sign up for a Subject Selection interview.
- Submit your expression of interest or application form (depending on the course and RTO).

We hope that you consider including VET in your Stage 6 pattern of study.

Kind regards,

Tonya Huen and the VET Faculty
VET Coordinator



Entertainment Industry

CUA30420 Certificate III Live Production and Technical Services



- NESAC Course Code: 26401 & 60 hour specialisation: 26403
- 2 unit Preliminary Course
- 2 unit HSC Course
- 300 hours
- 16 units of competency
- Optional HSC exam for ATAR calculation

Units of Competency may include:

- Undertake live audio operations
- Provide service to customers
- Operate basic lighting
- Install and operate follow spots
- Apply work health and safety practices
- Operate vision systems
- Work effectively in the creative arts industry
- Maintain physical production elements
- Organise personal work priorities
- Participate in collaborative creative projects
- Assist with bump in and bump out of shows
- Assist with production operations for live performances
- Prepare to work safely in the construction industry
- Plan a career in the creative arts industry
- Work effectively backstage during performances
- Provide First Aid

Career Pathways

Stage Manager
Front of House Manager
Lighting Technician
Sound Technician
Dresser or Costume Assistant
Props Design
Vision Technician
Event Manager
Usher / Ticketing
Set Maker

Screen and Media

CUA31020 Certificate III Screen and Media



- NESAC Course Code: 59855
- 2 unit Preliminary Course
- 2 unit HSC Course
- 240 hours
- 11 Units of Competency
- NON ATAR

Units of Competency may include:

- Produce and prepare photo images
- Perform basic sound editing
- Write content for a range of media
- Shoot material for screen productions
- Record sound
- Perform basic vision and sound editing
- Create 2D digital animations
- Create visual design components
- Apply critical thinking skills in a team environment
- Apply work health and safety practices
- Work effectively in the creative arts industry

Career Pathways

Photographer
Videographer
Social Media Manager
Video Editor
Graphic Artist
Animator
Sound Engineer
Storyboard Artist
Radio Producer
Film Director

Visual Arts and Contemporary Craft

CUA31120 Certificate III Visual Arts



- NESA Course Code: 43763
- 2 unit Preliminary Course
- 2 unit HSC Course
- 240 hours
- 12 Units of Competency
- NON ATAR

Units of Competency may include:

- Produce creative work
- Explore the use of colour
- Produce ceramic works
- Produce drawings
- Produce paintings
- Produce prints
- Produce sculpture
- Document the creative work process
- Contribute to the health and safety of self and others
- Produce drawings to communicate ideas
- Explore and apply the creative design process to 2D forms
- Apply knowledge of history and theory to own arts practice

Career Pathways

Illustrator
2D/3D Art Practitioner
Painter
Sculptor
Printmaker
Ceramicist
Arts and Media Professionals
Studio Assistant
Art Technician
Muralist

Hospitality

SIT20322 Certificate II Hospitality

- NESAS Course Code: 26521
- 2 unit Preliminary Course
- 2 unit HSC Course
- 240 hours
- 12 units of competency
- Optional HSC exam for ATAR calculation

Units of Competency may include:

- Participate in safe work practices
- Use hygienic practices for food safety
- Prepare and serve non-alcoholic beverages
- Receive, store and maintain stock
- Prepare and serve espresso coffee
- Interact with customers
- Show social and cultural sensitivity
- Serve food and beverage
- Work effectively with others
- Participate in safe food handling practices
- Source and use information on the hospitality industry
- Use hospitality skills effectively

Career Pathways

Barista
Front of House
Manager
Café Attendant
Food and
Beverage Attendant
Housekeeping
Assistant

Construction

CPC20220 Certificate II Construction Pathways



- NESA Course Code: 26201
- 2 unit Preliminary Course
- 2 unit HSC Course
- 240 hours
- 8 mandatory units of competency + additional electives
- Optional HSC exam for ATAR calculation

Units of Competency may include:

- Plan and organise work
- Conduct workplace communication
- Carry out measurements and calculations
- Use construction tools and equipment
- Use carpentry tools and equipment
- Handle carpentry materials
- Carry out concreting to simple forms
- Handle construction materials
- Apply basic levelling procedures
- Undertake a basic construction project
- Read and interpret plans and specifications
- Prepare to work safely in the construction industry
- Apply WHS requirements, policies and procedures in the construction industry

Career Pathways

Carpenter
Concreter
Electrician
Plumber
Bricklayer
Plasterer
Tiler

Business Services

BSB30120 Certificate III Business

- NESAC Course Code: 26111
- 2 unit Preliminary Course
- 2 unit HSC Course
- 240 hours
- 8 mandatory units of competency + 6 electives
- Optional HSC exam for ATAR calculation

Units of Competency may include:

- Apply critical thinking skills in a team environment
- Support personal wellbeing in the workplace
- Participate in sustainable work practices
- Use inclusive work practices
- Assist with maintaining workplace safety
- Engage in workplace communication
- Use business application software
- Organise personal work priorities
- Use digital technologies to communicate in a work environment
- Create electronic presentations
- Maintain business resources
- Work effectively in a business environment
- Organise workplace information
- Design and produce business documents

Career Pathways

Administration
Assistant
Data Entry Operator
Personal Assistant
Payroll Officer
Clerical Officer
Customer Service
Officer
Program
Administrator

Fitness

SIS30321 Certificate III in Fitness



- NESA Course Code: 41804 and 41808
- 2 unit Preliminary Course
- 2 unit HSC Course
- 300 hours
- 15 units of competency
- NON ATAR

Units of Competency may include:

- Deliver and monitor a service to customers
- Organise personal work priorities
- Provide first aid
- Participate in workplace health and safety
- Complete pre-exercise screening and service orientation
- Plan group exercise sessions
- Instruct group exercise sessions
- Use anatomy and physiology knowledge to support safe and effective exercise
- Provide healthy eating information
- Facilitate inclusion for people with a disability
- Instruct strength and conditioning techniques
- Maintain sport, fitness and recreational facilities
- Develop and instruct gym-based exercise progress for individual clients
- Complete client fitness assessment
- Maintain sport, fitness and recreation industry knowledge

Career Pathways

Fitness Instructor
Personal Trainer
Sport Coach
Strength and
Conditioning Coach
Fitness Industry
Administration

HSC Examination

Entertainment Industry, Hospitality, Construction and Business Services are Industry Curriculum Framework courses and have an external written Higher School Certificate examination. This examination is optional for non-ATAR students.

Work Placement

Work placement is a mandatory HSC requirement for *Entertainment Industry, Hospitality, Construction and Business Services*. Students must complete 70 hours of workplace training in an industry related environment. In some circumstances, students' part-time work in an appropriate workplace may be used to fulfill work placement requirements.

Non-ATAR University Entry

Some universities will allow students to use a completed Certificate III for university admission. The University of Newcastle will award students a 67 selection rank for a completed Certificate III level qualification. See <https://www.newcastle.edu.au/study/undergraduate/getting-in> for more information. Some exclusions apply.

Applicable courses are:

Certificate III Live Production and Technical Services

Certificate III Screen and Media

Certificate III Visual Arts

Certificate III Business



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