Vocational Education & Training (VET)

Introduction
South Grafton High School
Construction

Hospitality

Metals and Engineering

Horticulture
Sports Coaching

Retail

Information Digital Media & Technology

Business services
What is VET

- **Vocational education and training (VET)** is an education that prepares people for jobs or careers at various levels.
- Vocational education can be started at high school.
- The flexibility of the system allows students to study to gain skills and qualifications in a given area or industry.
- Students who participate in VET courses have the opportunity to gain a Certificate qualification as part of their senior studies.
Features of VET

- Focuses on students developing industry specific and *workplace skills*.
- Generally completed during *Years 11 & 12*.
- Students can complete a VET program as *part of their HSC* senior school studies.
- Prepares students to the *standard expected from employers and industry*.
- Student’s receive a *Certificate* acknowledging completion of a nationally recognised training course.
VET programs can lead to...

- Employment
- Further TAFE Training
- University Course
- Apprenticeships
- Traineeships
- Work Experience
Benefits of VET

- They assist students to become ‘job ready’ thereby increasing their employment prospects.
- They form part of recognised pathways to further education and training.
- Upon successful completion, students receive a nationally accredited qualification.
- They contribute to the eligibility requirements for the HSC.
SGHS VET COURSES?

- **Metals & Engineering** (mechanical, fabrication, electrical production area or engineering careers).
- **Construction** (building, bricklaying, carpentry).
- **Information Digital Media & Technology** (skills in the operation of software and digital media technology).
- **Hospitality** Identified as an industry area with significant skills shortages, the hospitality industry has an ongoing commitment to training in not only the technical areas but those also related to customer service and employability (such as problem-solving, communication and teamwork).
• **Retail** (gives students the knowledge, skills and competencies to be an effective retail employee).

• **Primary Industries (Horticulture)** (The qualifications students receive will give them the basic skills, knowledge and attitudes required to work effectively in a modern primary industry environment).

• **Sports Coaching** (this course is designed for students to develop their knowledge, skills and understanding of sport, particularly in developing, managing and coaching).

• **Business Services** (This course develops knowledge and skills to commence a career and be an effective employee in the business services industry with a focus on administration)
WHAT ARE VET COURSES?

- Drawn from industry developed training packages
- Recognised nationally
- Designed to be studied as part of the HSC
- Competency based training
VET COURSES

- Can only be delivered by trained teachers within a Registered Training Organisation (RTO)
- North Coast Region RTO, registered with the Vocational Education and Training Accreditation Board (VETAB)
WHAT WILL I DO IN THIS COURSE?

- The courses have a variety of units of competency, including core and elective units.
- Some courses have special requirements, such as WHS, uniforms and safety equipment.
- Most courses have compulsory work placement.
WHAT DO I GET OUT OF THE COURSE?

- AQF (Australian Qualification Framework) Certificate I, II or III or Statement of Attainment, Competency Record Book
- Higher School Certificate
- Possible ATAR (Australian Tertiary Admission rank)
- Opportunities .....
WHAT DO I HAVE TO DO TO COMPLETE THE COURSE?

- Regular attendance
- Demonstrate skills to a competent level as assessed by your trainer/teacher.
- Make a genuine attempt to complete the course
WHAT DO I HAVE TO DO TO COMPLETE THE COURSE?

- Where required by the Board of Studies, satisfactorily complete a minimum 35 hour work placement for year 11 and a minimum 35 hour work placement for year 12
- Students are not paid during work placement.
HOW WILL I BE ASSESSED?

- Competency based assessment in the classroom and in industry.
- Assessment tasks
- Trial HSC exam
- Work placement
HOW IS WORK PLACEMENT ORGANISED?

- When?
- Who finds the employer?
- What are my obligations?
- What to do if something goes wrong?
- Can I count my part-time work?
WHAT IF I LEAVE BEFORE THE END OF THE COURSE?

You will receive:

- Your Competency Record Book with achieved competencies signed off.
- A Statement of Attainment, issued by the Board of Studies, if you have achieved one or more competencies.
- 2 Units towards your Preliminary or HSC, if you have completed your work placement, etc.
- You *may* be entitled to an AQF Certificate.
WHAT IF I DON’T DO THE WORK PLACEMENT?

- Work placement is a **mandatory** HSC requirement, the course cannot be accredited towards your Preliminary or HSC.
- You will receive an “N” Award for this course.
- You will receive a Statement of Attainment from the Board of Studies, listing any competencies achieved.
WHAT IF I DON'T ACHIEVE A COMPETENCY?

- Your Competency Record Book will not be signed off for that particular competency.
- You *could* be reassessed.
- If not achieved before the end of the course, the competency will not appear on the Statement of Attainment.
- This will not jeopardise achievement of the course for the HSC, provided you have maintained a diligent and sustained effort.
WHAT IF I DON’T WANT AN ATAR?

- You don’t need to sit for the HSC exam in this course.
- You will still achieve a:
  - Statement of Attainment and/or an AQF qualification
  - Higher School Certificate