

School Based Apprenticeships and Traineeships - SATs

The School-based Apprenticeship and Traineeship (SAT) Program is an initiative of the Federal Government to broaden the options for students whilst they are completing their senior schooling.

The SAT Program allows a student to gain relevant skills in **paid employment** which leads to a nationally recognised Vocational Education and Training (VET) qualification generally at the Certificate III level, whilst they are completing their senior schooling.

The benefits of completing a SAT, in addition to being engaged in paid employment, are endless. A SAT can provide students with knowledge and understanding that simply cannot be transferred within a school classroom. Involvement in the School-based Apprenticeship and Traineeship Program can also allow the student to make a more informed decision about his/her career path options. Additionally, SATs are very effective in improving future employability.

The key to gaining a SAT is in the student finding an employer. Typically, students will secure a school-based apprenticeship and traineeship through one of these methods:

- Converting existing casual employment into a SAT
- Utilising their network of friends and family to secure a position
- Engaging in work experience and impressing the employer

It is also appropriate for students to leave school at the end of Year 10, to begin their full-time Apprenticeship. The Queensland Government recognises this as a valuable pathway under their "Learning or Earning" strategy. Students who take up a full-time trade may be qualified by the time they are 19 years of age. The Trade Qualification may be used to gain entry to a Tertiary Institution if so desired.

Students who intend gaining a SAT in the future will still choose the required 6 subjects and may be either ATAR eligible or ineligible. However, the option is there for students who are **signed** into a School-based Apprenticeship or Traineeship (SAT) to commence a flexible timetable arrangement and drop one of their subjects. The SAT will count as the sixth subject and once fully completed contribute up to 8 QCE points. Students may work one school day (in some cases 2 days) or alternatively work out-of-school hours. Students will complete their training both at school and 'on-the-job'.

For more information, please access our school's careers website at:
<https://www.centheigshscareers.com>.

Alternatively, please do not hesitate to visit the Careers Office should you need assistance or have any questions.

COST:

(In addition to the Student Resource Scheme – SRS)

Nil

VET Courses – External Providers

In addition to the various school-based subjects on offer, students in Year 11 and 12 may wish to further broaden their knowledge and start working towards a qualification that is directly linked to their chosen career. This can be achieved by enrolling in a Qualification offered through TAFE via the TAFE at School Program or through a Private College/Provider.

Students can study a range of Certificate I and II courses that lead to a workforce pathway, Certificate III Courses or Accelerated Courses. Certificate I and II courses are funded through a VETiS (Vocational Education and Training in Schools) funds allocation, meaning that there is no cost to the student. However, students only receive one allocation of VETiS funding throughout their schooling. Certificate III courses and higher do not attract VETiS funding, so will incur a fee, determined by the provider.

Year 10 students will be given the opportunity to take part in the TAFE Taster Program to sample courses that are offered. Further information with regards to the 2025 TAFE in Schools program will become available in Term 2. The Expression of Interest process to enrol in these courses typically opens at the beginning of Term 3. Students wishing to submit an Expression of Interest will be required to meet with Careers Office staff.

Dependant on student numbers, a local training provider, Hutchies Training, works with our school to deliver Certificate I Construction qualification with delivery to occur off-site.

Additionally, there are a number of private colleges that offer VET-in-schools programs to Queensland schools. Many of these courses will be offered via online-delivery. Students can apply through the staff at the Careers Office.

Students need to be committed to completing the courses, which at the Certificate I and II level will run for one day per week for one year. As such, students may elect to commence such a course in either Year 11 and/or 12. Students must also be prepared to pay any tuition and/or material costs and organise their own transport to and from the training. Once enrolled, Flexible Timetable arrangements can be negotiated by students dropping a subject to accommodate the training required. Successful completion of a Qualification can contribute between 3-8 credit points towards a student's QCE. Minimum requirements by most providers require students to have a pass in year 10 English and Maths.

Please contact the staff at the Careers Office for further information.