

18 August 2021

**Re: Vocational Education Training (VET)**

Dear Families

Your child has indicated that they are considering a Vocational Educational Training (VET) course for 2022. There have been significant changes to the VET in Schools program, which is being replaced by the Flexible Industry Pathway program (FIPS). This means changes to the application process, together with availability of funding and potentially delivery of various courses. Some of these changes have been included below.

Students who choose to embark on a Flexible Industry Pathway will be required to participate in a VET Readiness Orientation (VETRO) which includes upfront assessment, induction and orientation to VET carried out by a Registered Training Organisation (RTO). The VETRO will be carried out in Year 10 after the student has made a decision to commence the Flexible Industry Pathway. The VETRO will determine the student's readiness and identify a personalised approach to the learning which may include additional training and wraparound supports. The specific arrangements required for the student to complete the Flexible Industry Pathway will be determined through the VETRO. There is a tight timeline for this process to commence so we are asking that the attached **School Enrolled Students VET Referral** form be completed by **Tuesday 31 August**.

Please complete the following sections (highlighted in green on the form):

- Student information
- Training Provider Name (eg TAFE, Madec / Foundation Education)
- Course information, please include as much detail as possible. Some information will need to be completed by Mrs Rogers
- Support needs -if relevant
- Checklist -read this section and initial points 2 & 4

As part of the Flexible Industry Pathway we have been advised that some courses will be subsidised, however, it is highly likely that there will also be a co-contribution fee for these courses. Other courses may be available at the full price. The level of funding for individual courses is determined by the state government with co-contribution fees determined by the RTO provider.

VET fees range from \$300 to over \$3,000 depending on the type of Certificate chosen. As VET is an elective pathway, students are required to pay these fees to the Third-Party Training Provider prior to commencement of their course. The College provides a discount of \$500 to help subsidise this cost. Please remember that College fees are still payable if a VET pathway is chosen, VET fees are an extra cost.

Included with this letter is an overview table of the VET courses, which contains indicative fees (which may be subject to change) and other relevant information known. VET information is available on our website

Currently most courses are delivered in block week sessions throughout the year, whilst others are delivered one day a week. Courses which are delivered regionally incur additional costs associated with travel and accommodation. A current arrangement with Whyalla University of South Australia campus provides 5 nights' accommodation at \$25 per night, per student.

If you require further information or have any queries, please contact Mrs Susy Rogers on 8648 9700.

Your sincerely



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Mr Damian Smith  
Principal