

3 June 2024

Re: Vocational Education Training (VET)

Dear Families

Your young person has indicated that they are considering a Vocational Educational Training (VET) course for 2025. 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 **Monday 1 July**.

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, the College will cover up to \$500 per student. The remaining VET fees will be charged to families. Please remember that College fees are still payable if a VET pathway is chosen, VET fees are an extra cost.

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.

We will be holding an information session on Wednesday 12 June for students who have indicated a desire to undertake a VET course in 2025. Information will be shared about the processes involved in preparing for this pathway and how it may look for your young person next year.

The information shared is vital for your young person's successful completion and for this reason attendance to this session **is compulsory**.

When: Wednesday 12 June

Where: Tappeiner Room

Time: 6.30pm – 7.00pm

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

Your sincerely



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VET coordinator



Damian Smith
Principal