

Choosing VET for Success

Understanding vocational education pathways and benefits



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? What is vocational education and training (VET)



How high school students can participate in VET



Benefits for students taking up VET at school



How VET courses can contribute to HSC, ATAR and university

What is vocational education and training (VET)?

And what does it mean for secondary students?



What is Vocational Education and Training (VET)?



VET courses:

Are nationally regulated and deliver a qualification

Are developed by industry to meet skills needs

Are delivered by accredited VET teachers in registered training organisations (RTOs)

Are competency-based: students must meet industry performance standards

Provide workplace skills and technical knowledge, emphasise hands-on experience

VET is dual accredited
Students receive:

1. Recognition towards their school qualification (Record of School Achievement or HSC) and may contribute to ATAR
- AND
2. A nationally recognised VET qualification (Certificate or Statement of Attainment)

VET training is strongly associated with TAFE NSW,

However, the NSW Department of Education is also an RTO, so VET is available in high schools, taught by school VET teachers or other approved RTOs.

What industry areas does VET cover?



VET is much more than hard hats and steel capped boots!



VET training in NSW public schools covers ten industry areas:

- Agriculture and Environmental Management
- Business and Information Services
- Construction
- Creative Arts and Design
- Health and Community Services
- Manufacturing, Engineering & Utilities
- Services Industries
- Sport and Recreation
- Tourism and Hospitality
- Transport

Availability varies by school. Talk to your teachers about what VET courses are available for your school,

How can high school students participate in VET?

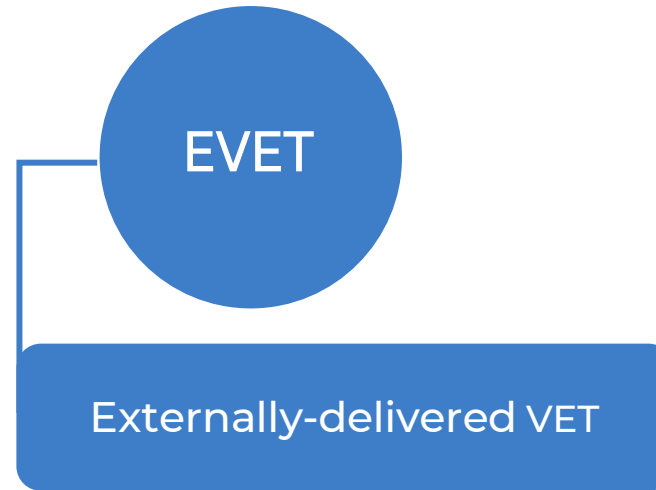


Three key VET options for students while they are at school are:



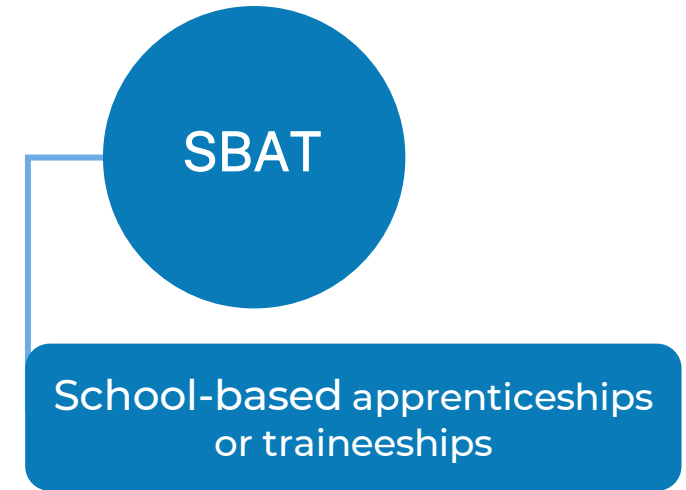
30,000+ enrolments in 2023

- Courses delivered by VET-qualified school teachers
- Study is integrated into normal school life
- Some courses involve mandatory work placement



8,000+ enrolments in 2023

- Courses delivered by an external Registered Training Organisation (RTO)
- Students can access a wider variety of course offerings
- Classes may be at school or an external campus
- Some courses involve work placement



3,000+ enrolments in 2023

- Study a VET course while still at school and also undertaking paid work (100 to 180 days)
- Leave school with a full trainee qualification or having completed Stage 1 of an apprenticeship
- SBATs may commence in Year 10 or Year 11

For more information on VET options, go to the Department of Education's web page: [Skills at School](#)

How do VET courses contribute to HSC and ATAR?



An ATAR is calculated from: a student's best 2 units of English and their next best 8 units of subjects with a HSC Exam

Currently 12 VET courses available to NSW public school students include an optional HSC exam

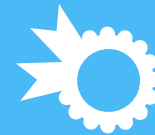
This means A VET student at school can:

Choose to sit the VET HSC exam



Contributes to ATAR
+ receive VET
qualification

Not sit the optional VET HSC exam



✓ Contributes to HSC
+ receive VET
qualification

Sit more than 1 VET HSC exam



✓ All can contribute
to ATAR

Take a non-ATAR VET course



✓ Contributes to HSC
+ receive VET
qualification

Student journey - Maya



Maya is interested in a career in construction. She wants to go to university but also loves hands-on work and is from a farming community



This selection of subjects allows Maya to:

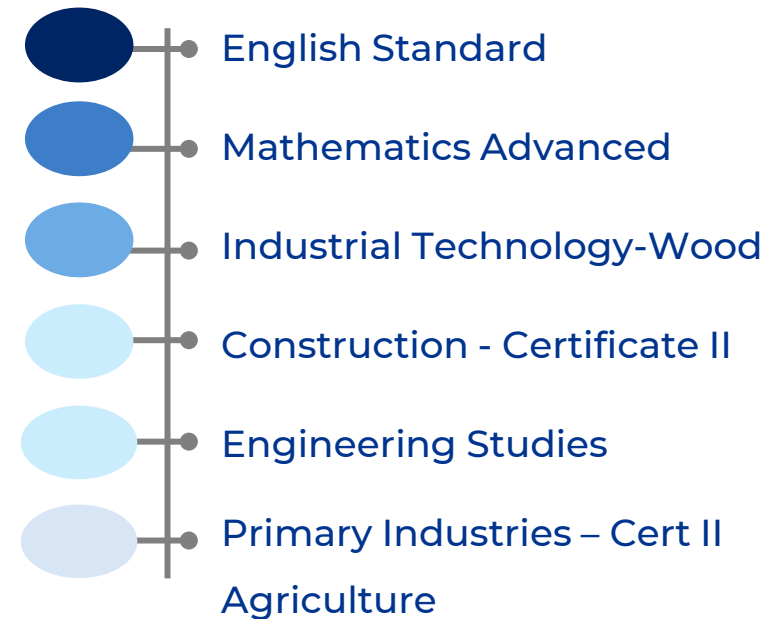
- Complete the HSC
- Achieve an ATAR
- Leave school with two nationally-recognised qualifications and industry experience



Possible future pathways:

- Engineering or construction at university
- Take up an apprenticeship, work for some years and then go to university
- Go straight to work in primary industries or agriculture, construction, manufacturing or mining

Preliminary (Year 11) & HSC (Year 12) *
All 2-unit subjects



* Maya has the option to drop one subject in Year 12

Student journey - Leo



Leo is both sporty and creative. He is torn between his creative side and his passion for sport and does not want to rule out any options post school.

This selection of subjects allows Leo to:

- Deep dive into his diverse interests
- Leave school with two Certificate III qualifications
- Complete Year 12 without sitting any HSC exams (No ATAR)



Possible future pathways:

- Gain university entry via Certificate III (pending the university and course prerequisites)
- Commence work in sports, creative or other business in a wide range of roles
- Go on to further fee-free VET training, while pursuing sports event photography as a side hustle



Preliminary (Year 11) & HSC (Year 12) *

All 2-unit subjects



* Leo elects Maths Standard 1 in Year 12 and drops Visual Arts

VET Courses delivered at Tempe High School:



All VET courses on offer at Tempe High School count towards HSC, ATAR (optional exam) and receive VET qualification.

Courses include:

- Business Services – Certificate III**
- Entrainment Industry – Certificate III**
- Hospitality (Food and Beverage) – Certificate II**

**For more
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