Vocational Education and Training (VET) Pathways

In Australia, the qualifications you gain at schools, vocational education and training providers and universities can be linked up in different ways, so that you can reach your career goal by many different pathways.

Recognition of prior learning (RPL) allows you to get credit for your existing knowledge and skills, such as your:

- life experience (e.g. voluntary work, hobbies, sport)
- work experience (including unpaid work)
- previous study (e.g. courses at school or college, adult education classes, training and professional development programs at work).

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Go to the Australian Qualifications Framework website to find out about the way qualifications can be linked, and about RPL.

One of the key objectives of the Australian Qualifications Framework is to facilitate pathways to, and through, formal qualifications. AQF qualifications link with each other in a range of learning pathways between schools, VET and higher education as an individual’s learning and career ambitions require. The AQF provides for flexible, transparent and systematic learning pathways and to the removal of boundaries between educational sectors.

What is the AQTF?

The Australian Quality Training Framework (AQTF) comprises of nationally agreed standards to ensure the quality of vocational education and training services throughout Australia. Training organisations must be registered under the AQTF in order to deliver, assess and issue Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) qualifications or statements of attainment in endorsed Training Packages and accredited courses.

The AQTF ensures that all RTO’s and the qualifications they issue are recognised throughout Australia. The registering body for all Queensland schools is the Queensland Studies Authority (QSA).

Standards for Registered Training Organisations

The Standards for Registered Training Organisations under the AQTF require RTOs to:

1. have documented systems for quality training and assessment conduct an internal audit at least annually
2. have documented agreements with other organisations when they provide training or assessment in partnership
3. have written procedures for recruitment, induction and professional development of staff
4. use trainers and assessors with specified competencies
5. follow explicit requirements for quality assurance in assessment
6. have a recognition of prior learning process in place and offer to recognise the prior learning of all learners on enrolment
7. follow specific requirements for developing, validating and implementing learning and assessment strategies.

What is VET?

VET stands for vocational education and training. VET is a national system designed to skill workers to work in particular industries e.g. plumbing, retail.

VET is underpinned by a National Training Framework which comprises two components:

- National Training Packages
- The Australian Quality Training Framework

VET works on a nationwide level, covering four levels of Certificate, Diplomas and Advanced Diplomas within the Australian Qualifications Framework.
What are VET in Schools (VETiS) programs?

VET in Schools programs are based on national industry or enterprise competency standards. Structured Work Placement is highly recommended. Students may exit the course with a full qualification or a statement of attainment.

How are VET in Schools programs delivered?

VET in Schools programs may be delivered in the following ways:

- Queensland Studies Authority VET subjects
- Stand alone VET
- School-based Apprenticeships and Traineeships
- VET delivered by other RTOs
- Partnership arrangements


St John’s College offers the following VETiS subjects:

- Hospitality Studies (Certificate I in Hospitality embedded in OP subject): SIT10207
- Stand Alone Certificate I in Hospitality: SIT10207
- Stand Alone Certificate II in Hospitality: SIT20207
- BCT (Certificate II in Business embedded in the OP subject): BSB20107
- Certificate I in Work Education: 30626QLD
- Stand Alone Certificate I in Manufacturing (Pathways): MSA10107