

Careers Corner Weekly

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Defence Careers Australia - Kununurra: Defence Careers Information Session

Consider a career like no other and represent Australia with pride in the Navy, Army or Air Force.

Speak with current serving personnel at our upcoming info session and ask your questions - is a career in the Australian Defence Force for you?

Time: 05:30 PM - 07:30 PM

Location: Kununurra NORFORCE Depot

Details and Registration:

<https://www.defencejobs.gov.au/events/events-detail/9ky5itp>

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ICMS - Year 10 Subject Selection Evening

ICMS invite parents, teachers, and students in Year 10 to join us at this information session to help students to navigate the High School Certificate (HSC) subject selection process.

This will be the perfect opportunity to gain valuable tips from a representative of the University Admissions Centre (UAC), who will guide you through the application process and offer insights on how to maximise the chances of admission to your desired university.

Time: 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Location: Bankstown, 628 23-25 Airport Avenue, Bankstown Airport

Details and Registration:

<https://www.icms.edu.au/event/year-10-Subject-Selection-Evening/>

Monday 19 June 2023

Defence Careers Australia - Broome: Defence Careers Information Session

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Time: 05:30 PM - 07:30 PM

Location: Broome NORFORCE Depot

Details and Registration:

<https://www.defencejobs.gov.au/events/events-detail/7m8orhf>

Tuesday 20 June 2023

ACU - Regional and Remote Student Information Session and Panel Webinar

Find out everything you need to know as a regional or remote student about studying at ACU.

In this webinar, our Future Students team will take you through entry programs, student accommodation options, scholarships, support services, student life and more. You'll also hear from current students, who will discuss their experiences living in student accommodation, and have the opportunity to ask the presenters questions.

Time: 6:00 PM - 6:30 PM

Location: Online

Details and Registration:

<https://www.acu.edu.au/about-acu/events/2023/june/postgraduate-psychology-courses-at-acu?redirect=%26FilterBy%3dUpcoming%26Year%3d2023%26PageNumber%3d1>



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Wednesday 21 June 2023

University of Western Australia - Regional Student Info Webinar

Got questions about your journey to UWA as a regional student? Join us at our upcoming online information session on Wednesday 21 June to find out more about courses and pathways, our Broadway UWA scheme, support services and accommodation, and have an opportunity for Q&A with UWA staff.

This event will be live-streamed.

Time: 6:00 PM - 6:45 PM

Location: Online

Details and Registration:

<https://www.uwa.edu.au/study/Events/Regional-Student-Information-Webinar>



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Wednesday 21 June 2023

Defence Careers Australia - Perth: Air Force Careers Information Session

In addition to defending our nation, the Air Force supports a broad range of operations in Australia and overseas, including:

- supporting international security and counter-terrorism initiatives
- protecting our borders from illegal activity and incursions
- carrying out search and rescue missions
- supporting peacekeeping operations
- helping communities affected by natural disasters

Would you like to learn about the wide variety of Air Force careers available? Join us for an info session and speak with current serving members about entry pathways and career opportunities.

Time: 06:00 PM - 08:00 PM

Location: Defence Force Recruiting Perth

Details and Registration:

<https://www.defencejobs.gov.au/events/events-detail/22pzono>



What is VET at School?

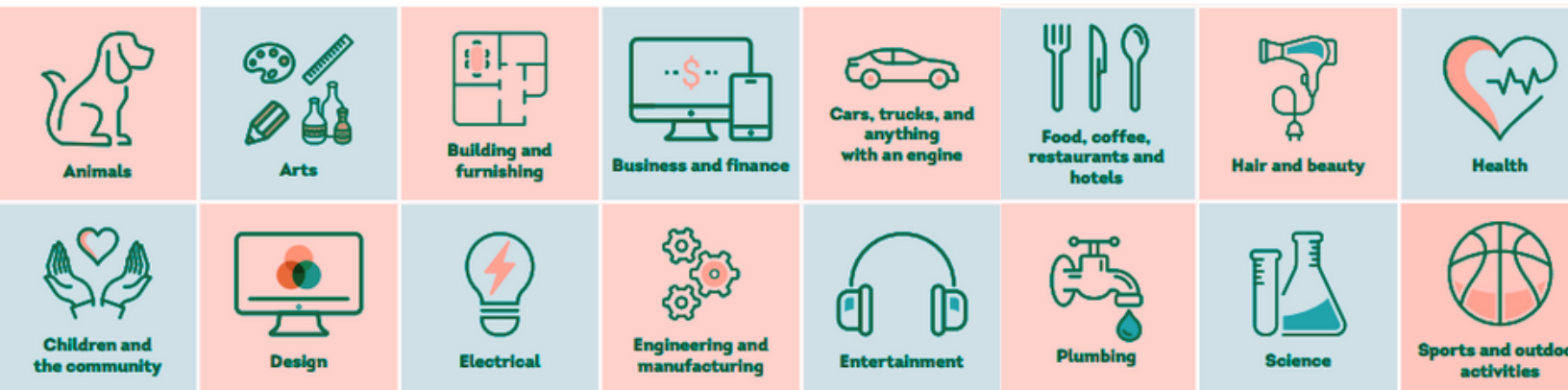


Image from [VCAA](#)

Whether you dream of becoming a plumber, makeup artist, chef, or carpenter, a VET subject has you covered!

Ask your Careers Advisor for the Career Tools Guide to Vocational Education and Training for further information.

What are VET subjects?

Short for Vocational Education and Training, VET subjects develop the theoretical knowledge and practical skills required for various careers.

Studying a VET subject at school is like a preview to the world of TAFE. Schools and VET institutions in your local area may collaborate to offer you the broadest range of subjects to choose from. If your school doesn't offer the VET subject you're interested in, speak to your Careers Advisor who can help you explore the possibility of taking it through another school or an external provider such as a TAFE.

While some VET courses run for a year, most are two-year programs open to students in Years 10 and 11.

How are VET subjects different?

Just like a TAFE course, school VET subjects lead to nationally recognised Certificate II or III qualifications to enhance your credentials.

Some courses offer industry exposure and structured workplace learning opportunities giving you a taste of what it's like to work in your chosen field.

VET learning and assessment is competency-based which means it's about getting hands-on with real-world tasks and developing practical skills.

In a VET subject, what matters most is your ability to perform a skill to a required standard. It's not about comparing yourself to others. It's about honing your own skills, strengths, and talents.

How Do I Know if VET is for Me?



Advantages of VET at school

School VET subjects align with the fastest-growing industries and careers which gives you a head start on qualifications directly linked to in-demand jobs. Your VET qualification also:

- Contributes to your Senior Secondary School Certificate. In some cases, it can even count towards your ATAR.
- Is recognised throughout Australia which opens doors to employment across the country.
- Enhances your employability by developing your technical and transferable skills.
- Introduces you to industry knowledge which helps you see the bigger picture and how your career could progress.
- May include Structured Workplace Learning which is valuable for skill development and personal growth, but can also lead to employment and gives you a competitive edge.

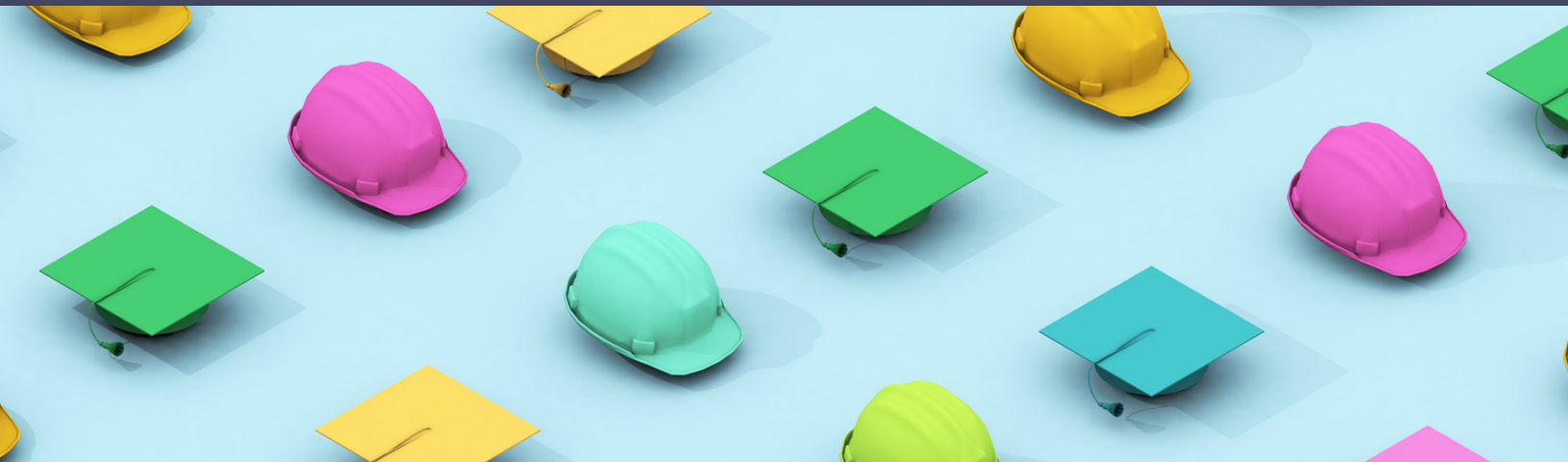
How do I know if a VET subject is for me?

If you're interested in a VET subject you need to give special thought to whether it's right for you, and your answers to these questions can help you decide:

- Are you a hands-on person who learns best through doing?
- Is there something practical you're really into, that isn't covered by your usual subjects? For example, animals, fashion, cars, technology, etc.
- Are you interested in studying at TAFE and would you like to get a sense of it before making pathway decisions?
- Have you thought about doing an apprenticeship or traineeship when you leave school?
- Do you have consistent school attendance? As VET is competency-based, you need to be present to learn and demonstrate the skills.

Depending on the way VET runs at your school, these questions may also apply:

- Are you committed enough to travel to a different campus or attend classes out of school hours if you need to?
- Is this practical and realistic - do you know how you'll get there and back?
- If doing a VET subject means you will regularly miss other timetabled classes, do you have the communication and organisational skills to catch up on your work?



If you're interested in exploring a variety of career options, consider a VET subject. The wide range of options can lead to exciting careers, and these are only a few of them!

Build Your Future

Love working with tools? VET Building and Construction can lead to apprenticeships in bricklaying, carpentry, painting and decorating, and more.

Be Your Own Boss

Dream of running your own business? VET Small Business teaches you money management, marketing strategies, and the skills to become a franchisee, marketing manager, or small business owner.

Make a Difference in Your Community

Passionate about helping others? VET Community Services can lead to roles in early childhood education, community development, and social welfare.

Power Up Your Career

If electrical systems excite you, VET Electrotechnology can lead to careers as an electrician, electrical engineer, or technical officer.

Build a Future of Innovation

Explore VET courses in engineering studies to gain hands-on experience in fabrication, machining, and engineering sketches. Careers as a mechanical engineer, metal fabricator, or avionics technician await you.

Grow a Green Future

Passionate about nature? VET Agriculture, Horticulture, Conservation, or Ecosystem Management can lead to careers as an agricultural scientist, horticulturalist, or park ranger, where you can make a difference in environmental conservation.

Unleash Your Creativity

Captivated by the beauty industry? VET Hair and Beauty courses help you become skilled hairdressers, makeup artists, or beauty therapists.

Build the Digital World

In the tech age, VET ICT prepares you for a career as a software developer, web developer, or database administrators.

Ask your Careers Advisor for a full list of the VET courses available at your school to see where a VET subject could take you!



UNCOVER THE FACTS

Have you heard some misconceptions about VET? Let's debunk some common myths and present the facts.

- VET courses can be completed in shorter time frames than university degrees, allowing you to enter the workforce sooner.
- On average, VET graduates find employment faster and can earn salaries equal to or even higher than some university graduates.
- VET qualifications can actually reduce the time and cost of a university degree, providing a pathway to further education.
- VET courses are adaptable and responsive to changing workforce needs, preparing you for the jobs of the future in industries like biotech, cybersecurity, marketing, agriculture, IT, and engineering.
- VET offers a viable alternative to university, equipping apprentices and trainees with practical skills, work experience, and industry networks for the jobs of the future.
- While initial salaries for trainees and apprentices may vary, the long-term benefits of on-the-job training, financial government incentives, and the potential for high salaries in specific industries make VET an attractive option.
- While some VET industries involve manual labor initially, there are diverse education pathways beyond physical work, including roles in IT and other non-physical fields.

VET provides clear pathways to rewarding careers with competitive salaries, high employment rates, and the ability to adapt to changing workforce needs. Choosing a VET subject at school gives you a head start on your career journey, equips you with practical skills, and increases your employability.

All competitions and challenges are free/have low entry fees and are open to students nationwide.



Competition	Open To	Closing Date
<p><u>SmartFoneFlickFest SF3</u> Enter Australia's smart phone film festival. Entry is \$8-\$35 depending on category and deadline.</p>	All	From 1 June - 1 September
<p><u>Capture the Weather Photo Competition</u> Take a striking, authentic weather image showcasing the drama and beauty of Australian weather. Submit via email.</p>	Everyone	Reopens 1 July 2023
<p><u>Robert Menzies Institute Speech Competition</u> Video a 5 - 7 min. speech addressing the theme and referring to Menzies' involvement in the ANZUS treaty.</p>	Years 9 - 12	9 July 2023
<p><u>Young ICT Explorers</u> Solve real-world problems and showcase your passions using technology to make the world a better place.</p>	Grade 3 - Year 12	14 July 2023
<p><u>Australian STEM Video Game Challenges</u> Work in a team to develop a game on the theme of construction and destruction.</p>	Grade 4 - Year 12	17 July 2023
<p><u>Wool4School Design Competition</u> Design a unique outfit featuring pre-loved items and 70% Merino wool.</p>	Most students in Years 7 - 12	20 July 2023