



Dear Parents/Guardians,

In Term 3 I will be speaking to Year 9, 10 and 11 students about their Vocational Education options for 2023.

Vocational Education and Training, (VET), is a wonderful way of learning and provides an excellent opportunity for students to develop knowledge and practical skills relevant to selected industries that interest them.

VET Delivered to Secondary Students (VETDSS) is delivered, assessed, and certified by registered training organisations (RTO's), and provides industry skills and technical knowledge from industry developed training packages. Qualifications completions and/or competent units may contribute to NTCET and/or ATAR.

VET Delivered to Secondary Students is funded and managed by the Department of Education and there is no cost for St Philip's students to participate, these courses are optional rather than compulsory.

What age can students enrol in VETDSS?

The table below describes the age requirements for VETDSS.

Year Level	AQF Level I	AQF Level II	AQF Level III	*Minimum age at time of enrolment
Year 9	Certificate I	Not eligible*	Not eligible*	14
Year 10	Certificate I	Certificate II	Not eligible*	15
Year 11 & 12	Certificate I	Certificate II	Certificate III	16

*Some qualifications have licensing outcomes and industry requirements; therefore other age restrictions do apply.

Note: It is recommended that students are at a minimum Australian Core Skills Framework (ACSF) level 1 across all learning areas to achieve in a certificate I level qualification. Exceptions may apply in some contexts where students are supported, one-on-one, and courses are heavily scaffolded.

Proposed Courses for 2023

Cert I in Conservation and Ecosystems Management	Cert II in Music
Cert II in Aircraft Line Maintenance	Cert II in Retail Cosmetics
Cert II in Applied Technologies	Cert II in Retail Services
Cert II in Automotive Vocation Preparation	Cert II in Salon Assistant
Cert II in Creative Industries (Media)	Cert II in Sport and Recreation
Cert II in Community Engagement	Cert II in Visual Arts
Cert II in Community Services	Cert II in Workplace Skills
Cert II in Construction Pathways	Cert III in Entrepreneurship and New Business
Cert II in Engineering Pathways	Cert III in Hospitality
Cert II in Health Support Services	Cert III in Music
Cert II in Kitchen Operations (Skill Set)	Cert III in Plumbing (Skill Set)
Cert II in Meat Processing (Meat Retail)	NTPFES Cadets Program

*Please note courses are subject to NTG funding.





The VETDSS Program has varying student selection processes triggered by the Expression of Interest form (EOI). Students wishing to apply for VETDSS program next year will need to complete an Expression of Interest form. Students should discuss the proposed programs with their parents or guardians before completing an Expression of Interest form. The student, parent/guardian and school must all sign the EOI form before it is sent to CDU for consideration.

The Expression of Interest form is attached for you to download and complete, or can be collected from the VET Coordinator – Ms Sarah Tudor.

Students will attend classes made up from a variety of school across Alice Springs. All students studying nationally recognised VET training in Australia are required to have a Unique Student Identification (USI). These can be generated online at [Get a USI | Unique Student Identifier](#) . Students may require parental help with creating this number, which will be used to keep records of Vocational Courses and certificates completed.

Any further questions please contact me on 8950 6206 or by email:
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Kind regards,

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