An introduction to VET in the SACE
What is VET?

- VET stands for Vocational Education and Training
- It is education and training that gives students skills and knowledge for work
- VET operates through a national training system, and is delivered, assessed and certified by Registered Training Organisations (RTOs)
- The SACE Board recognises completed VET, but does not assess or result VET
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- If students prefer hands-on learning in a workplace setting, they can earn SACE credits for a wide range of activities.
- Students can learn on-the-job skills while working towards both the SACE and a VET qualification.
- VET options are available at both Stage 1 and Stage 2.
Start a career pathway and get your SACE

• The flexibility of the SACE enables students to include a significant amount of VET in their studies
• Students can gain recognition for up to 150 (of the necessary 200) SACE credits at Stage 1 and/or Stage 2 from VET
• The PLP, English and mathematics subjects and Research Project may also be industry focused
Why study VET in your SACE?

- Including VET in your SACE can help give you a head start on your career
- You can develop skills in trades or industries that interest you and work towards your SACE at the same time
- Completed Certificate III (or higher) qualifications may count towards an ATAR, and TAFE SA Selection Score
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- Schools work with students to build clear VET Pathways
- Once you choose your VET Pathway, your school’s VET coordinator can help determine how many SACE credits you could achieve at Stage 1 or Stage 2
Ensuring your VET counts for SACE

- RTOs provide students with their VET results / Statements of Attainment
- Schools report the VET results to the SACE Board on behalf of students
- Schools also verify successful completion of Certificate III and higher VET qualifications for the ATAR and TAFE SA Selection Score
VET Recognition Register

• The VET Recognition Register on the SACE website lists more than 200 popular VET qualifications

• The Register also shows the SACE level (Stage 1 or 2) and the SACE credits you could earn
Students studying VET
Students studying VET in 2012

- In 2012, more than 5,000 students (37.5%) included a VET component in their SACE.
- These students undertook 385 qualifications, across 33 industry areas.
- More than 700 students completed a Certificate III or higher and had it verified within their SACE.
- Many students counted their Certificate III in their ATAR calculation and TAFE SA Selection Score.
Top 10 industry areas in 2012 for SACE students

- Hospitality
- Retail Services
- Information Technology
- Sport and Recreation
- Community Services
- Construction
- Business and Finance
- Person Services
- Foundation Courses
- Music, Art and Culture
Bill Traeger’s story
Certificate I Engineering

“Leaving school with a Certificate I in Engineering helped me gain a boiler-making apprenticeship. I’d definitely recommend VET as an option – it was a great pathway for me.”
Kaitlin Purcell’s story
Working towards a Certificate II in Construction

“I’m really enjoying the hands-on nature of my studies. I’m planning to finish Year 12 with my SACE and a nationally recognised qualification that will count towards an apprenticeship or traineeship.”
Olly Joslin’s story
Certificate III in Dental Laboratory Assisting

“My VET studies helped me become an independent thinker and learner and to gain an understanding of the workplace. Another benefit was leaving school ‘job-ready’.”
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• Visit the SACE website – simply click on the VET icon on the bottom right of the home page. www.sace.sa.edu.au

• Read the SACE Board’s VET policies online: www.sace.sa.edu.au/about/policies

• Read stories about SACE students including VET in their studies in the Achieve publication.

• Talk to your school’s VET coordinator.