

2024 VETDSS Handbook



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WHAT IS VOCATIONAL EDUCATION & TRAINING DELIVERED TO SECONDARY STUDENTS? (VET DSS)

VET DSS is designed to expand opportunities and pathways for senior secondary students (Years 10-12), and improve educational outcomes in line with the Victorian Government's objective to increase the number of young people completing Year 12 or equivalent. VET courses also help to address the skills and employment needs of industry in Victoria.

VET provides a vocationally oriented program of studies leading to a senior secondary certificate. VET programs are typically delivered through partnerships between Schools, Industry and Registered Training Organisations, and often include opportunities for students to participate in Structured Workplace Learning.

These programs are completed over one or two years and contribute to the completion of both VCE and VCE Vocational Major (VM)

Some courses have scored assessments which mean they directly contribute to the ATAR score that VCE students gain on completion of Year 12.

IS A VET COURSE RIGHT FOR ME?

In deciding whether you should include a VET course in your study program, there are a number of questions you should consider.

The following are the **RIGHT** reasons for choosing VET:

- The course is directly related to a career pathway I am strongly interested in
- I am a VCE VM student and therefore undertaking a VET subject is a requirement.
- The VET course will contribute to my ATAR score

The following are the **WRONG** reasons for choosing:

I've heard that doing a VET course is easier than doing a school subject

- There's no book work involved
- My best friend is doing it
- I just want to see if I might like

WHAT CRITERIA DO I NEED TO SATISFY IN ORDER TO BE SELECTED TO UNDERTAKE A VET COURSE?

Students need to understand that successful completion of a VET course requires considerable commitment.

Students wishing to enrol in a course must satisfy the following requirements:

- must have an excellent attendance at school and receive a positive recommendation from your Year Level Advocate.
- must complete the online VET Expression of Interest Form. A link will be sent to you once you select that you are intending to do a VET course on EDVAL.
- Must have a USI-see information on page 5.

NOTE: Students must be over 15 years of age from the beginning of the school year – Monday 30th January 2024

WHAT OTHER CRITERIA DO I NEED TO MEET IF I AM SELECTED TO UNDERTAKE A VET COURSE?

Once a student's VET enrolment has been approved by the College, he/she will be required to:

- sign an agreement between WRC, Parent/Guardian & Student that outlines the expectations of student behaviour & commitment.
- attend the course each Wednesday or Friday and maintain an excellent attendance record throughout the year
- accept responsibility for organising travel arrangements to attend VET each week.
- complete the required OH&S training undertaken as part of the RTO course
- wear any designated clothing (protective gear, footwear etc.) and or purchase specific uniform/equipment items required by the RTO
- report any absences to both the RTO and Warragul Regional College and provide a medical certificate for extended absences due to illness

WHEN WILL I RECEIVE CONFIRMATION THAT I AM ELIGIBLE TO UNDERTAKE A VET COURSE?

Students will be informed of their eligibility to undertake VET studies shortly after the Course Selection Period beginning Thursday 24th August 2023.

Note: The College reserves the right to withdraw a student's enrolment from a VET course if his/her attendance at school is not maintained during Term 3 & 4.

VET ORIENTATION DAY

An Orientation Day **for first year students** will be held on Wednesday November 15th 2023. Attendance on this Orientation day is compulsory. Students must make their own travel arrangements to and from the training provider's campus on the day.

All information regarding the Orientation Day will be distributed to students closer to the day through the Careers Office. Please contact the Careers staff with any queries on 5623 9900 or careers@wrc.vic.edu.au

WHAT WILL I DO IF I CHANGE MY MIND ABOUT A VET COURSE?

- If you change your mind about doing a course, you must notify the Careers staff and Year Level Advocate immediately to organise changes to your school program prior to the deadlines outlined below.
- Once the 2024 school year commences, there will be a THREE (3) week period during which you may withdraw from your VET course if you decide that the course is not what you expected. If you withdraw within that period, the College will not be charged for your course fees by the RTO.

NOTE: If you decide to withdraw from the course after the 3 week period, the College will be charged for your course fees by the RTO which can amount to over \$2500.

- If you opt out of VET, you will need to re-select at least 2 electives (Year 10 students) or 2 units of study (Year 11 & 12 students) in order meet your Year Level course requirements. In such circumstances, there is no guarantee that your first preferences will be available.

Study Area	Vet Courses in 2024	Provider and Location	Counts towards VCE Credits	Counts towards VCE VM Credits	Scored Assessments Contributes to ATAR	Bonus Added to ATAR	Duration
Aged and Disability	Cert II Community Services	Community College Gippsland-Warragul	✓	✓			1 year
Agriculture	Cert II in Agriculture	Tafe Gippsland-Warragul	✓	✓		✓	2 years
Allied Health	Cert III in Allied Health	Tafe Gippsland-Warragul	✓	✓	✓		2 years
Animal Studies	Cert II in Animal Studies	Tafe Gippsland-Warragul	✓	✓		✓	2 years
Automotive	Cert II in Automotive Vocational Preparation	Tafe Gippsland-Baw Baw Skills Centre	✓	✓		✓	2 years
Beauty	Certificate II in Retail Cosmetics	Community College Gippsland-Smith Street Warragul	✓	✓			1 year
	Hair and Beauty Skill Set	Tafe Gippsland-Traralgon	✓	✓			2 years
Bricklaying	Certificate II in Building and Construction (Bricklaying)	Tafe Gippsland-Yallourn	✓	✓			2 years
Business	Certificate II in Workplace Skills	Community College Gippsland-Warragul	✓	✓			1 year
Carpentry	Certificate II in Building and Construction (Carpentry)	AGA-Baw Baw Skills Centre	✓	✓			2 years
	Certificate II in Building and Construction (Carpentry)	Tafe Gippsland-Yallourn	✓	✓			2 years
Childcare	Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care (partial completion)	Tafe Gippsland-Warragul	✓	✓		✓	2 years + additional study

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Civil Construction	Certificate II in Civil Construction	Tafe Gippsland-Yallourn	✓	✓		✓	2 years
Conservation	Certificate II in Conservation and Ecosystem Management	Tafe Gippsland-Morwell	✓	✓			2 years
Electrical	Certificate II in Electrotechnology	AGA-Baw Baw Skills Centre	✓	✓		✓	2 years
		Tafe Gippsland-Morwell	✓	✓		✓	2 years
Girls in Electrical	Certificate II in Electrotechnology	Tafe Gippsland-Morwell	✓	✓		✓	2 years
Engineering	Certificate II in Engineering Studies (Fabrication and Fitting)	Tafe Gippsland-Yallourn	✓	✓	✓		2 years
Hairdressing	Certificate II in Salon Assistant (Hairdressing)	Community College Gippsland-Warragul	✓	✓			1 year
	Hair and Beauty Skill Set	Tafe Gippsland-Traralgon	✓	✓			2 years
Horticulture/Landscaping	Certificate II in Horticulture	Community College Gippsland-Warragul	✓	✓			1 year
Hospitality	Certificate II in Hospitality	Tafe Gippsland-Morwell	✓	✓			1 year
Cooking	Certificate II in Cookery	Drouin SC	✓	✓	✓		2 years
		Tafe Gippsland-Morwell	✓	✓			1 year
3D Printing & Robotics	Certificate II in Integrated Technologies	Tafe Gippsland-Warragul	✓	✓	✓		2 years
Information Technology	Certificate III Information and Communications Technology	Kurnai College-Churchill	✓	✓	✓		2 years
Music-Performance Sound production	Certificate III in Music (Performance or Sound Production)	Lowanna College-Newborough	✓	✓	✓		2 years

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Painting	Certificate II in Building and Construction (painting and decorating)	Tafe Gippsland-Yallourn	✓	✓			2 years
Photography	Certificate III in Visual Arts	Tafe Gippsland-Yallourn	✓	✓			2 years
Plumbing	Certificate II in Plumbing	AGA-Baw Baw Skills Centre	✓	✓		✓	2 years
Sport and Rec	Certificate III in Sport and Recreation	Drouin SC	✓	✓	✓		2 years
Web Animation	Certificate III Screen and Media	Warragul Regional College	✓	✓	✓		2 years

PLEASE NOTE:

The list of courses listed above is through the Baw Baw Latrobe Regional VET Cluster Group & have been offered by local providers. It is certainly not a complete list of all VET courses that can be undertaken by students.

If a student has an interest in pursuing a course not listed above, they should contact the Careers Office to discuss possible options. This will ensure that the College is able to qualify for funding under our current financial arrangement.

USI: UNIQUE STUDENT IDENTIFIER

All students doing a nationally recognised training need to have a Unique Student Identifier (USI). This includes students doing Vocational Education Training (VET) at school (VET for secondary students). If students don't have a USI they will not receive their qualification or statement of attainment. In order to apply students must go to: <https://www.usi.gov.au/students/create-your-usi>

Students will create an account, and this will generate a 10- digit code. STUDENTS MUST SUBMIT THIS CODE TO THE VET COORDINATOR AND THEIR VET TEACHER.

The online application requires one identity document and takes only 5-10 minutes if you have the identity proof at hand. A USI is then allocated on the spot-on screen and is also emailed to the student instantly. Students are strongly advised to record this code.

VET DSS TIMELINE

Thursday 24 th August 2023	Course Counselling & Selection Student's placed in a VET course will be confirmed subject to continuing to satisfy attendance requirements during the remainder of 2023 school year VET Parent & Student Agreements to be signed and online EOI form completed
Wednesday 15 th November 2023 (To be confirmed)	VET Orientation Day for Students commencing courses in 2024 – attendance compulsory
Wednesday 7 th February 2024 (To be confirmed)	First day of VET for 2024
Friday 23 rd February 2024	Final date for students choosing to withdraw from VET studies

CONTACTS AT WARRAGUL REGIONAL COLLEGE

For information/questions about VET courses & enrolment

- Jess Croft – Careers/VET Coordinator – careers@wrc.vic.edu.au



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The underlying concept expressed by the logo is that of dynamic youth emerging from a rural origin. The horizon of the ploughed field points to the heart of youth as a gesture of the direction and input that the college gives into the lives of its students.

The human form has one hand leading into the future with the other held out calling others to participate.

The fluidity of the posture reflects the college's inclination toward the performing arts.

The burgundy alludes to the rich red soils of the area, while the navy blue speaks of the wide open spaces of the future.

The figure in the logo is stepping forward from the white space (the innocence of childhood) and out into the wider community.

The school motto "Participation and Excellence" reinforces the standard that the school aims to encourage.