

## VOCATIONAL EDUCATION, TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT

**Scope:** This policy applies to St Patrick's College ('the College') Mackay conducted by Catholic Education, Diocese of Rockhampton (referred to as Catholic Education in the document).

### 1. POLICY STATEMENT

The College will offer courses to prepare students for employment in a wide range of careers and professions. These will include opportunities to engage in vocational education and training as part of a general preparation for work and life in keeping with the Catholic ethos of the College and its central message of 'Seek Christ'.

### 2. DESCRIPTION

Catholic schools in the 21st century must prepare students for an increasingly diverse and constantly changing work environment.

"Vocational education in schools assists all young people to secure their own futures by enhancing their transition to a broad range of post-school options and pathways". (MCEETYA 2000).

The College seeks to promote and maintain alternative pathways in recognition of the fact that students exhibit a wide range of talents.

### 3. IMPLEMENTATION ISSUES

1. The appropriate facilities and staff with relevant industry knowledge, experience and currency to teach and assess VET subjects will be devoted to this area within the overall constraints of the College budget.
2. Students will be informed of the availability, diversity and prospects of vocational education and career pathways.
3. The College will establish and maintain contact with local industries and school industry links. Students will be given the opportunity to undertake structured work / vocational placement.
4. The College structures will be adapted to accommodate different attendance modes for students involved in Vocational Education, for example, through part-time traineeships and apprenticeships, off line classes / study.
5. The College will register as a Registered Training Organisation (RTO) with the QCAA who will accredit courses and recognise vocational placement schemes for the delivery of VET to AQF Certificate levels.
6. The College will encourage students from all courses to apply for School-based Apprenticeships and Traineeships (SATS).
7. The College encourages students to value life-long learning, career success and supports a seamless transition from school to training / study to employment and further education.
8. The College will endeavour to encourage students in life and work choices by a variety of strategies including career talks; notice board displays of work / scholarships etc; guest lecturers; Professional Day etc.

### 4. REFLECTION MATERIAL

VET in schools provides students with valuable work-related knowledge and skills. The wide range of programs available cater for all students.

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