

## Vocational Education and Training (VET) Courses

Public Schools NSW, Macquarie Park RTO 90222 is accredited as a Registered Training Organisation (RTO) to deliver and assess VET qualifications to secondary students.

By enrolling in a VET qualification in NSW Public Schools Macquarie Park RTO 90222, you are choosing to participate in a program of study that will give you the best possible direction towards a nationally recognised qualification. To receive the AQF VET qualification Certificate I, II or III, students must meet the assessment requirements of the Industry Training Package (<http://training.gov.au>).

Students will also be expected to complete all requirements relevant to the HSC and adhere to the requirements of NESA. When a student achieves a unit of competency it is signed off by a qualified assessor. To achieve the qualification students must be deemed competent in all units of competency.

Vocational Education and Training (VET) courses are offered as part of the Higher School Certificate (HSC) or Record of School Achievement (RoSA). VET courses are designed to deliver workplace-specific skills and knowledge and cover a wide range of careers and industries. VET courses for secondary students are developed by the NSW Educational Standards Authority (NESA) and are based on National Training packages.

VET courses allow students to gain both HSC or RoSA qualifications and a national qualification or a statement of attainment recognised throughout Australian as part of the Australian Qualification Framework (AQF). These qualifications are widely recognised by industry, employers and tertiary training providers and will assist students to move to various education and training sectors and employment.

There are two types of Stage 6 VET courses available to students:

1. **Board Developed VET courses** count towards the HSC or RoSA and are classified as Category B subjects. These courses have an optional HSC examination. Students wishing to include a VET course in the ATAR calculation must sit the HSC examination after they have completed a minimum of 4 x Preliminary and/or HSC units. ONLY ONE Board Developed VET course may contribute to the calculation of the Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR).

Board Developed VET courses have specified workplace requirement and include a minimum of 70 hours of **mandatory** industry specific **work placement** that may include up to 50% simulated workplace hours at school as specified by NESA.

2. **Board Endorsed VET Courses** count towards the HSC or RoSA but do not have an HSC examination and therefore do not count in the calculations of the ATAR. Many Board Endorsed VET Courses have mandatory industry specific work placement as specified by NESA.

Assessment in all VET courses is competency based. The student is assessed on what they can do (the skills) and what they know (the knowledge) that will equip them in the workplace. Students who have successfully achieved competency will have the skills and knowledge to complete workplace activities in a range of different situations and environments, to an industry standard of performance expected in the workplace.

Competency-based assessment materials are designed to ensure each learner has achieved all the outcomes (skills and knowledge) to the level of the qualification. Competency-based training is based on performance standards that have been set by industry.

Students will receive documentation showing any competencies achieved for the VET course undertaken (Transcript).

Due to the specific requirements of a VET course it is recommended students speak to the VET Coordinator, VET Teacher or Careers Adviser before choosing the course to ensure they are fully aware of the requirements and that the course is suitable for their individual needs, knowledge and skills.