

Studying and applying for TAFE at School and External Certificate Courses



Considerations for selecting TAFE and External Certificate courses:

- Courses available
- Location of campus, transport to and from (this is your responsibility)
- Mode of delivery: in-person or online
- Connection and relevance to intended pathways
- Duration of the course
- Time commitments to the external course of study
- Learning needs and whether the course is appropriate and beneficial
- QCE eligibility and points
- The best provider of this course (hands-on, learning mode, duration)
- **Cost:** VETiS Funding can only be used for Certificate I & II courses and not all courses are VETiS eligible and can come with a significant cost. It is important to discuss this before subject selections as you will need to select your VOC course in addition to this course.

Attendance:

- Each provider has different start dates, so it is important to note this at enrolment (TAFE begins in Week 2, Term 1)
- Students attend their provider campus one day a week
- We inform absence that your child has an approved absence once a week.
- If your child is away sick you need to notify the provider through their hotline number or email.

Workload:

- At SET plans student select a full study load
- In week 4, Term 1 students may elect to reduce their study load and gain a spare study line. This is only offered to students who attend training with an external provider.
- Students are expected to use this study line to complete any missed curriculum work due to their day at their external course.
- If a student chooses to withdraw from their external course, then they would be required to select a new subject at school and attend school as normal (lose their study line)
- Once the certificate is completed (varying times) students who have completed their course are able to keep their reduced study load into year 12.
- School assessment remains a priority and students are expected to attend school for exams over attending their external course.

Pathways:

- Selecting TAFE or an External Certificate course does not determine whether or not you remain a pathways student. Your student may decide that their chosen course does not align with a change in their intended destination and withdraw from their external course and continue on an ATAR Pathway.
- Students who complete Certificate III or above qualifications can gain admission to some universities across a range of study areas.

For more information, please contact the VET pathways team: VET@kenmoreshs.eq.edu.au