What makes St Patrick’s Technical College different?
St Patrick’s Technical College is a senior secondary College for Year 11 and 12 students who are seeking a trade or technical career. The College offers a trade focused SACE while at the same time provides opportunities for students to commence their trade training through an School-based Apprenticeship (SbA).

St Patrick’s offers pathways in these trade areas:
- Automotive
- Building & Construction
- Commercial Cookery
- Electrotechnology
- Hairdressing
- Metals & Engineering
- Mining & Resources
- Plumbing

The College’s Advanced Technology Unit offers trade and tertiary pathways in:
- Applied Engineering

What is the advantage of St Patrick’s Technical College?
A great way to start training for a career before you leave school is with a School-based Apprenticeship. You can get training, work experience, a nationally recognised qualification and earn a wage.

We provide you with the opportunity to commence training in a traditional trade through a School-based Apprenticeship while at the same time studying SACE subjects relevant to trade careers.

Do I leave my current school to attend St Patrick’s?
Yes you do. Our timetable – including work placements and pre-vocational training – is built around all students being enrolled full-time at the College. This allows for flexibility to deliver the trade focused SACE course.

Can I change trades if I find something that suits me better?
Yes. Part of studying with us means you’ll be exposed to a range of trades and opportunities. You may start in one trade area and find that it is not to your liking.

We understand this so we have structured our learning to enable you to change trades if you find your current situation is not working out like you thought it would.

It’s a great safety net to have and we will work through your situation to make sure you’re headed in the right direction.

Can I start at Year 12 level and bring any SACE credit with me?
Yes. In most situations it is possible to begin at St Patrick’s in Year 12 and gain credit for what you have done previously.

However, it really depends on your particular situation and the subjects you have already studied.

We are happy to talk to you about how it could work for you.

Is St Patrick’s Technical College part of TAFE?
While we’re not part of TAFE SA, they are our major training partner. We have contracts with TAFE SA for the auditing, delivery and accreditation of all our pre-vocational training courses.

Many of our SbA students undertake their Certificate III apprenticeship training at TAFE SA.

Will I get an apprenticeship?
You can – but it’s up to you. We’ll help and prepare you to get an apprenticeship through our work practice program, trade training, work experience and industry visits.

The College has extensive industry networks and we use them to support student employment. Students are also encouraged to seek their own apprenticeships and through a combination of both, most students are successful by the end of their time at the College.

The College program of work immersion and trade training gives our students an advantage.

We provide you with the skills and opportunities – but we don’t give you the apprenticeship – only you can guarantee that!

What do you wear at St Patrick’s Technical College?
Students at St Patrick’s wear an official campus uniform. On trade training days, and in the work place, students wear an appropriate trade uniform. This could include and depending on the trade, items such as an embroidered work shirt, trousers or overalls, chef uniform, safety footwear, safety glasses and jacket.

The range of items is available exclusively from Totally Workwear, Salisbury.

How much does it cost to attend St Patrick’s Technical College?
The College is committed to providing the widest possible access to its unique offering for young people of the region. The annual fee has been structured to be comparative with that of local private secondary schools. Some additional costs for uniform, specialist clothing and tours should be taken into account. Government assistance, scholarships and grants are available to assist with some of these costs.

Families experiencing financial difficulties are encouraged to apply. Assistance may be available following confidential discussions with the Business Manager.

In addition, government assistance, scholarships and grants are available to assist with some of these costs. Scholarship details can be found on the College website, as well as the most up-to-date fee schedule.

How do I enrol?
All students interested in attending St Patrick’s Technical College are required to complete an Application for Enrolment available from the College or to download from our website. All applicants are then required to sit an aptitude test and attend an interview.

Once we have received your Application for Enrolment we will contact you to let you know exactly when the testing and interviews will take place.