



About St Patrick's Technical College

St Patrick's Technical College is a purpose built, trades and technical training school. We offer an industry-focused South Australian Certificate of Education (SACE) curriculum and award-winning vocational training for Year 11 and 12 students.

The College's innovative and flexible programs enable students to achieve their SACE while undertaking employment and training in a School-based Apprenticeship or Traineeship (SbAT), or to pursue a further education pathway underpinned by work experience, a technical qualification, industry mentoring and employability skills.

▶ A BRIEF HISTORY

St Patrick's Technical College began operations in 2007 as the Australian Technical College - Northern Adelaide, an initiative of the Australian Government in partnership with Catholic Education SA and the Northern Adelaide Industry Consortium.

In July 2009, College management was passed directly to Catholic Education SA and the school was renamed as St Patrick's Technical College.

▶ INDUSTRY FOCUSED CURRICULUM

The SACE curriculum at StPatsTech has been developed specifically to support the trades and technical qualifications we deliver.

The core subjects of Maths, English and Science are taught in a way that makes them relevant to each specific program. These subjects have been developed with direct input from industry and in association with TAFE SA.

The College curriculum includes a *Work Ready Skills* program to assist students develop their interview, resume writing, goal setting, teamwork, communication and employability skills.

▶ PROGRAMS

St Patrick's Technical College is structured in three sub-schools - each with a set of specialist training programs:

▶ BUILDING & CONSTRUCTION

- > Construction
- > Plumbing

▶ COMMUNITY SERVICES, HOSPITALITY & LIFESTYLE

- > Food & Hospitality
- > Hair & Beauty

▶ ENGINEERING & TRANSPORT

- > Automotive
- > Electrotechnology
- > Engineering
- > Information Technology

▶ P-TECH

St Patrick's Technical College is SA's first P-TECH school - part of a \$5.1 million Australian Government program - providing pathways to further technical education and employment in the Defence Industries sector.

▶ A REAL TRADE EXPERIENCE

Our aim is to create a real workplace experience for students - from the fully equipped commercial kitchen and specialist workshops to the six weeks of work experience every year that are part of each program.

The College boasts a high proportion of teachers that hold trade and technical qualifications with extensive and current industry experience.

▶ STUDENT SUPPORT

We place a strong emphasis on the transition from school to work. To support students in this we have an comprehensive Pastoral Care program and access to a wide range of counselling services.

▶ APPRENTICESHIPS, TRAINEESHIPS & INDUSTRY PARTNERSHIPS

St Patrick's Technical College is the School-based Apprenticeship specialist.

The team at St Patrick's Technical College works with an extensive network of employers, industry associations, training providers and group training organisations to source opportunities for our students to start their careers through School-based Apprenticeships & Traineeships.

SbATs are a mix of academic and vocational education, technical training and employment.

SbATs through St Patrick's Technical College are unique. Due to the flexible approach the College takes to timetabling, our students can spend up to 40 weeks of their final school year full-time with an employer in paid work. This means finishing a traineeship or the first year of a full apprenticeship at the same time as completing the SACE.

At graduation, StPatsTech School-based Apprenticeships are automatically upgraded to full-time employment.

While the College can not guarantee a student an apprenticeship, two out of three students who have attended St Patrick's Technical College since 2007 have gained an apprenticeship during their enrolment.

Our program heads and Industry Office team work with students, families and employers to ensure that all aspects of our SbATs are compliant with all relevant government guidelines.