Course Outline

The St Patrick's Technical College Automotive course has been developed to provide the necessary skills base for students interested in a career pathway in all aspects of light vehicle mechanics. This includes paint and panel, auto-electrical, parts interpretation and small motors. The program prepares students to move directly into the industry with a high level of skill and understanding.

Our relationships with industry bodies, employers and training providers, including TAFE SA and the Motor Trades Association, means that apprenticeship opportunities are good.

Automotive students at St Patrick's work in a fully equipped workshop complete with hoist, wall mounted tool chests, wheel balancing machinery, tyre changer, disc and drum brake lathe.

Course structure

Students study a unique SACE course, developed at St Patrick’s Technical College for the Automotive industry, and undertake pre-vocational training for Certificate II in Automotive Mechanical (AUR20705).

All theory subjects are tailored specifically for the course being undertaken while practical subjects are industry relevant and highly experiential.

- **Trade-based theory subjects**
  - Mathematics & Numeracy for Work
  - English in the Workplace
  - Trade Science (Engineering)

- **Practical subjects**
  - Computer Aided Design
  - Design Technology (Automotive)

- **Pre-vocational training**
  - Certificate II in Automotive Mechanical (AUR20705)

A full list of the competencies delivered in this course is available from the College website.

All pre-vocational programs at St Patrick’s are delivered under an exclusive cooperative agreement with TAFE SA.

Career planning, research, employability, self-evaluation and goal setting skills are extensively covered in this subject. The program includes:

- Skills for Life
- Health & Fitness for Work

**Work Experience** is an integral part of the College’s Workplace Practices program. It provides an opportunity for students to:

- experience their trade first hand;
- develop skills for the workplace; and
- gain feedback from employers about their general employability skills.

It is also a great way to impress potential employers!

Year 11 and 12 campus-based students undertake a minimum of six weeks’ Work Experience per year.

- **School-based Apprenticeships**

  A School-based Apprenticeship (SbA) is a mix of academic, vocational education and training, and employment. It provides students with employment skills, real-world experience and is an integral part of their school program.

  **St Patrick’s is the School-based Apprenticeship specialist and is able to accommodate SbA students like no other school in SA.**

  Due to the flexibility built into all our programs, St Patrick’s students can spend up to 40 weeks of their final school year full-time with an employer.

  **This time is paid** and enables students to complete up to the first year of their apprenticeship at the same time as completing their SACE. Whilst in their SbA, the student is mentored by a member of the St Patrick’s team.

At graduation, the School-based Apprenticeship is automatically updated to a full-time position.

**Career pathways**

St Patrick’s Technical College is part of an extensive network of employers, industry associations, training providers and group training organisations. With families, we use this network to assist students in making the transition to work while they are still at school.

**2014 Enrolment information**

Enrolments are now open for 2014. Places for our most popular courses fill quickly, therefore your early enquiry is encouraged.

Call or visit us online to arrange for an enrolment package to be sent to you.