St Patrick’s Technical College is a purpose built, multi-million dollar trade training facility. We are a specialist secondary school for Year 11 and 12 students who wish to complete their SACE in conjunction with pre-vocational training and the opportunity to undertake a School-based Apprenticeship.

St Patrick’s has been operational since the beginning of 2007 and since then have grown from our first class of around 100 students to over 330 in 2012.

Whilst we are a trade focused school we are none the less a traditional school – our students wear a uniform, they attend assembly, formal graduation, year group photos, community service, we have school leaders – many of the normal activities you would expect.

Our students still take subjects like Maths, English and Science - it’s just that we’ve structured them a little differently - no Romeo and Juliet here! Instead our subjects are tailored to be relevant to trade and career pathways.

Everything you see is real – the aim of our school is to replicate the real employment experience from the fully equipped commercial kitchen to our specialist workshops and live building sites.

We have a strong emphasis on the transition from school to work. So instead of PE our subject is Health & Fitness for Work; and all students take a Workplace Practices subject to assist them in developing their interview skills, resume writing, and goal setting.

Our staff are professionals in their fields – many have trade qualifications and industry experience. We have a strong focus on pastoral care, employing a Student Development Manager, Industry Relations Manager and a Counsellor.

A St Patrick’s Technical College student grows up in their time with us not because we tell them to but because they come to learn that entering the workforce requires motivation and maturity, ability and attitude. Our aim is to prepare them for the world of work, give them options for the future and to win an apprenticeship in their chosen field.

Trade Courses
St Patrick’s offers pathways in the following trade areas:
- Automotive
- Building & Construction
- Electrotechnology
- Food & Hospitality
- Hair & Beauty
- Metals & Engineering
- Plumbing

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

Apprenticeships & Industry Partnerships
St Patrick’s Technical College is part of an extensive network of industry associations, employers, training providers and group training organisations and is committed to working with families to present opportunities for students to start a trade career.

It is important to note that the School-based Apprenticeships at St Patrick’s Technical College are unique.

Due to the flexibility of our timetable, St Patrick’s students can spend up to 34 weeks of Year 12 full-time at their employer enabling them to complete the first year of their apprenticeship while completing the requirements of the SACE.

Whilst we can’t guarantee a student an apprenticeship, three out of every four students who has enrolled at St Patrick’s Technical College since 2007 has left us with one.

Location
St Patrick’s Technical College is located at the gateway to the Edinburgh North Smart Industries Precinct with transport links from across Northern Adelaide, the Barossa Valley and Lower North.

About St Patrick’s Technical College

At St Patrick’s Technical College, trade training is not just part of what we do - IT’S ALL THAT WE DO!