



**ST PATRICK'S**  
Technical College

# ABOUT ST PATRICK'S TECHNICAL COLLEGE

■ SACE ■ TRAINING ■ APPRENTICESHIPS

St Patrick's Technical College is a purpose-built, multi-million dollar, specialist trade training school. We offer a trade focused South Australian Certificate of Education (SACE) curriculum and award winning pre-apprenticeship training for Year 11 and 12 students.

We specialise in developing individual programs for students who wish to complete their SACE in conjunction with a School-based Apprenticeship.

## ► 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.

## ► TRADE FOCUSED CURRICULUM

The SACE curriculum at St Patrick's has been developed specifically to support the trades in which we deliver pre-vocational training.

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

The College embeds the subject of Workplace Practices across all programs assisting students to develop 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 trade training programs:

### ► BUILDING & CONSTRUCTION

- > Building & Construction
- > Plumbing

### ► COMMUNITY SERVICES, HOSPITALITY & LIFESTYLE

- > Food & Hospitality
- > Hair & Beauty

### ► ENGINEERING & TRANSPORT

- > Automotive
- > Electrotechnology
- > Metals & Engineering

## ► A REAL TRADE EXPERIENCE

Our aim is to create a real workplace experience for students - from the fully equipped commercial kitchen, specialist workshops and live building sites to the six weeks of work experience that form a key component of each course.

The College boasts a significant proportion of teachers that hold trade qualifications and have extensive experience in industry.

We also use facilities and trainers from TAFE SA to assist in the delivery of certain aspects of our programs.

## ► STUDENT SUPPORT & CASE MANAGEMENT

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

## ► APPRENTICESHIPS & 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 trade careers through *School-based Apprenticeships*.

A *School-based Apprenticeship (SbA)* is a mix of academic and vocational education, training and employment.

SbAs 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 the first year of an apprenticeship at the same time as completing the SACE.

When a student graduates from St Patrick's, the SbA is automatically upgraded to a full-time apprenticeship.

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

Our full-time Industry Partnerships Manager works with students, families and employers to ensure that all aspects of our School-based Apprenticeships are compliant with relevant government guidelines.