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.