WHAT IS A SCHOOL-BASED APPRENTICESHIP?

A School-based Apprenticeship (SbA) is a mix of academic and vocational education, training and employment. SbAs provide students with valuable employment skills and hands-on industry experience and are an integral part of their school program.

SbAs give you senior secondary certificate (SACE) credits and competencies towards a vocational qualification. They give you a head-start on your career path and an important link to the world of work.

A School-based Apprenticeship at St Patrick’s Technical College allows you to:

> work towards completing your SACE;
> maximise the time available to undertake an apprenticeship while still at school;
> participate in a combination of school, paid work and on and off-site training;
> progress towards gaining a nationally recognised qualification; and
> access a pathway to further education and training.

HOW DOES AN SbA WORK?

Apprenticeship training undertaken by a student will be deemed an SbA when all of the following apply:

> the student is enrolled in the South Australian Certificate of Education (SACE);
> the College acknowledges and endorses the Training Plan required by the Contract of Training; and
> the SbA is recognised on the SACE.

Under these arrangements, students are both full-time students and part-time employees.

WHAT IS THE LENGTH OF AN SbA?

The length of an SbA depends on the declared vocation and how many training hours the student commits to.

St Patrick’s Technical College students can spend up to 40 weeks full-time during Year 12 engaged in their SbA employment and training enabling them to complete the first year of their full apprenticeship while still completing the requirements of the SACE.

DOES THE CONTRACT OF TRAINING END WHEN YEAR 12 IS COMPLETED?

The Contract of Training for the SbA DOES NOT naturally expire when general education is completed. It expires only when the gazetted hours for the full qualification have been completed for both on and off the job.

However, options could include:

> an early sign-off for competency achievement;
> completion using similar part-time hours;
> a variation of the Contract of Training up to a minimum 15 hours (if not already) for part-time;
> or in most cases, a variation to a full-time employment arrangement for the remainder of the apprenticeship.

WHO ARE THE SIGNATORIES TO A CONTRACT OF TRAINING AND TRAINING PLAN?

An Australian Apprenticeship Centre (AAC) will assist with the completion and signing of the Contract of Training and Training Plan. The employer, student and parent/guardian are all signatories to the contract.

The chosen Registered Training Organisation (RTO) and the AAC are also nominated on the contract.

FURTHER INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS AND EMPLOYERS

St Patrick’s Technical College employs a full-time Industry Partnerships Manager to manage the process of signing apprenticeship contracts.

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