

Frequently Asked Questions



Q. WHERE IS ST PATRICK'S TECHNICAL COLLEGE?

A. St Patrick's Technical College is located in Northern Adelaide, part of the *Edinburgh North Smart Industries Precinct*.

Our purpose-built, \$15 million state-of-the-art campus is located at Hooke Road, Edinburgh North, adjacent to Elizabeth TAFE and the Elizabeth Shopping Centre. The College is walking distance to the Elizabeth Interchange on the Adelaide to Gawler railway line, providing easy public transport links to Northern and North-Eastern Adelaide, the Barossa Valley and Lower North.

Q. DO I LEAVE MY CURRENT SCHOOL TO ATTEND ST PATRICK'S TECHNICAL COLLEGE?

A. Yes you do. Our timetable - including work placements and pre-vocational training - is built around all students being enrolled full-time at the College. This allows for flexibility to deliver the trade focused SACE course.

Q. IS ST PATRICK'S TECHNICAL COLLEGE PART OF TAFE?

A. While we are not part of TAFE SA, they are our training partner. We have a unique cooperative agreement with TAFE for the auditing, delivery and accreditation of all our pre-vocational training courses.

Q. WHAT DO I WEAR TO THE COLLEGE?

A. Students at St Patrick's Technical College wear an official campus uniform. On trade training days and in the workplace, students wear an appropriate trade uniform. This uniform depends on your trade and includes items like an embroidered high-vis work shirt, trousers or overalls, chef uniform, safety footwear and equipment.

Our uniform is available exclusively from *Totally Workwear, Salisbury*.

Q. HOW MUCH DOES IT COST TO ATTEND ST PATRICK'S TECHNICAL COLLEGE?

A. The College is committed to providing you with the greatest access to our unique offering for young people of the region. Our annual tuition fee has been structured to compare with that of local private secondary schools. Additional costs for uniform and resources should be taken into account, however all training costs are fully included.

Our fee schedule is published on our website for full details - www.stpatstech.sa.edu.au

Families with financial difficulties are encouraged to apply. Assistance may be provided following confidential discussions with our Finance Office and Government assistance is available for eligible families.

Q. ARE SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE?

A. Yes. We partner with a number of organisations, including *The Smith Family*, to provide assistance for families to attend St Patrick's Technical College. You can contact *The Smith Family* direct to check your eligibility.

The College also has a number of private scholarships available. Details of these are on our website.

Q. CAN I CHANGE TRADE COURSES AFTER I HAVE STARTED?

A. Yes. Part of studying at St Patrick's Technical College means you'll be exposed to a range of trades and opportunities. You may start in one trade area and find that it is not to your liking.

We understand this and so have structured our programs to enable you to switch if things aren't working out the way you thought they would.

It is a great safety net to have and we will work through your situation to make sure you are headed in the right direction.

Q. CAN I START AT YEAR 12 AND BRING MY SACE CREDIT WITH ME?

A. Yes. In most situations it is possible to begin at St Patrick's Technical College in Year 12 and transfer your SACE credit for what you have already done.

However, it really depends on your particular situation and the subjects you have already studied. We are happy to talk to you about how it could work for you.

Q. WILL I GET AN APPRENTICESHIP?

A. You can - but it is really up to you. While we cannot guarantee an apprenticeship, we will help and prepare you to get an apprenticeship through our Work Ready Skills program, pre-vocational training, work experience and industry visits.

The College is part of an extensive industry network and we use this to support our students make the move into employment. Students are also encouraged to seek their own apprenticeships. Through a combination of both, most students are in apprenticeships or traineeships by the end of their time at the College.

Experience shows that our program will give you an advantage when it comes to winning the apprenticeship opportunities that are out there!

Q. HOW & WHEN DO I ENROL?

A. All students interested in attending St Patrick's Technical College are required to complete an *Application for Enrolment* form. You will then be required to sit an aptitude test and attend an interview with a parent, guardian or caregiver.

Once we have received your *Application for Enrolment* we will contact you to let you know exactly when the testing and interviews will take place.

The earlier you lodge your application, the better your chances of being offered a position in your first preference course.