

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS.

### **WHERE IS ST PATRICK'S TECHNICAL COLLEGE?**

St Patrick's Technical College is located in Northern Adelaide.

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.

### **DO I LEAVE MY CURRENT SCHOOL TO ATTEND ST PATRICK'S TECHNICAL COLLEGE?**

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.

### **IS ST PATRICK'S TECHNICAL COLLEGE PART OF TAFE?**

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.

### **WHAT DO I WEAR TO THE COLLEGE?**

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.

### **HOW MUCH DOES IT COST TO ATTEND ST PATRICK'S TECHNICAL COLLEGE?**

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.

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

### **ARE SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE?**

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.

Please visit our website for details on available scholarships.

### **CAN I START AT YEAR 12 AND BRING MY SACE CREDIT WITH ME?**

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 completed.

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

### **CAN I CHANGE TRADE COURSES AFTER I HAVE STARTED?**

Yes. Part of studying at St Patrick's Technical College means you'll be exposed to a range of trades and opportunities, so you might change your mind on what interests you.

We understand this and have structured our programs to cater for your change of mind. It is a great safety net and we will work through your situation to make sure you are headed in the right direction.

### **WILL I GET AN APPRENTICESHIP?**

You can, but it is really up to you. While we cannot guarantee you an apprenticeship, we will help and prepare you to get one 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 transition 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 apprenticeship opportunities that are out there!

### **HOW & WHEN DO I ENROL?**

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.