

# SCHOOL-BASED APPRENTICESHIPS.

## INFORMATION FOR EMPLOYERS

### ABOUT STPATSTECH

St Patrick's Technical College is a purpose built, trades and technical training school that offers a trade-focused South Australian Certificate of Education (SACE) and award winning pre-apprenticeship training for Year 11 and 12 students.

The College works with employers to develop industry-focused programs for students who wish to complete school in conjunction with an apprenticeship, a specific pathway to employment or further technical training.

### INDUSTRY TRAINING

Training at St Patrick's Technical College is at Certificate II or III level, and accredited by TAFE SA. Students study a full-time program in one of the following industries:

- Automotive (Light & Heavy Vehicle)
- Construction (Carpentry & Wet Trades)
- Electronics / Electrotechnology
- Engineering (Fabrication & Mechanical)
- Food & Hospitality (Kitchen Operations)
- Hairdressing & Beauty
- Information Technology
- Plumbing

### WORK READY STUDENTS

All students attending St Patrick's Technical College are screened for trade aptitude, attitude and academic ability.

Students undertake a minimum of six weeks of work experience per year.

All College subjects are trade focused and relevant to the industry sectors in which the students are training.

### THE BENEFITS

**For students:** Students can complete their high school certificate (SACE) at the same time as starting training and employment in an apprenticeship.

**For employers:** Employers can access quality, work-ready apprentices who have undertaken fully accredited pre-vocational training in their chosen trade backed by relevant theory subjects and work experience.

### HOW IT WORKS

Students commence Year 11 at St Patrick's Technical College in February and attend full-time until mid-November.

Upon successful completion of Year 11 they are eligible to commence a School-based Apprenticeship as an integral part of their Year 12 program.

In some cases, students may be in a position to commence their apprenticeship during Year 11. The College will provide advice on an individual students' suitability.

The College actively promotes eligible students to employers for an apprenticeship as they:

- can start work immediately;
- have undertaken formal pre-vocational training in their trade;
- have been involved in several weeks of work experience; and
- are able to work on a close to full-time basis.\*

*\* Individual schedules can be developed to meet the requirements of employers.*

In general, there are six weeks during the year that the student-apprentice is required to attend College. These weeks are scheduled and advised well in advance.

If a particular week conflicts with an employer's workload or attendance at the employer's selected Registered Training Organisation (RTO), the College timetable is flexible enough for us to negotiate more suitable arrangements.

### EMPLOYING AN APPRENTICE

St Patrick's Technical College School-based Apprentices are employed in the same way as full-time apprentices.

An Australian Government contracted Apprenticeship Network Provider organises the Contract of Training and a Registered Training Organisation (RTO) delivers the trade training that works best for the employer.

Selection of a Network Provider and RTO sit with the employer. The College can provide advice on this as required.

A number of state and federal government incentives are available to employers who engage School-based Apprentices. Your Apprenticeship Network Provider will provide advice on these as well as award conditions for the apprentice.

### WHAT STPATSTECH WILL DO

Our team will monitor the student-apprentice's progress, crediting it towards their SACE. We are also available to offer any other advice or assistance as required.

### LOCATION

St Patrick's Technical College is located in Adelaide's northern suburbs, at the gateway to the Edinburgh North Smart Industries Precinct.

### EMPLOYER ENQUIRIES

For further information about working with us to source a suitable apprentice for your business, please contact:

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