



# FUTURE PATHWAYS Newsletter

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## Welcome to the Future Pathways Newsletter

As Future Pathways Coordinator and part of the Learning and Teaching team, my main aim is to lead, promote and implement Future Pathways activities at Cabra. This takes place in the shape of providing information, enrolling students and support in Vocational Education and Training (VET) including researching and reviewing best practice. Another part of this role is to monitor student progress, checking unit completions and SACE points, checking suitability for ATAR, and liaising with the VET sector including other coordinators and schools. I also provide career counselling, and advise students on pathways and subject selections in Year 11 and 12, as well as university and other tertiary institution advice. One of the most rewarding parts of the role is meeting students and caregivers, and providing them the information and demonstrating the flexibility available to students, to gain entry to their future pathway.

What an amazing year it has been! From a personal perspective I have felt very honoured to be a part of such a wonderful school filled with brilliant teachers, students and staff. It has been a privilege to work with students and support their pathways. There is so much information to navigate through, and if my role can help students, staff and caregivers better understand pathways, and allow students to meet their potential while at school and post school, it will be a job well done.

Despite Covid 19 interruptions, we have been able to ensure students continued their VET studies, placements and had access to career counselling and external information regarding VET, university options and work opportunities. A successful Future Pathways Expo was held over two evenings, PLP students had the opportunity to undertake a CareerMatch to assist in planning for future

study/work options. Many of the Year 12 students were guided through university and other pathways post school, as well as supporting Year 12 students who had the opportunity to apply for university using their Year 11 results.

Currently, I am busily meeting students and caregivers looking at a VET pathway for 2021, and supporting many of the VET students to complete their qualification in time for SACE resulting.

2021 is looking to be a very exciting year in the Future Pathways office.



Please feel free to make a time to come and see me in person by emailing [mellul@cabra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:mellul@cabra.catholic.edu.au) or calling **8179 2418**.

**Marie Ellul, Future Pathways Coordinator**

## Vocational Education and Training (VET)

### Year 12 Excellence in VET Award

This is the first year that Cabra has implemented the Excellence in VET award. This award is to honour the hard work and commitment displayed by a Year 12 pursuing a pathway in VET while completing their Year 12 studies.

The very deserving recipient, Holly Ridgway, has worked extremely hard in Year 12 to keep up with the demands of her school work load and also contend with a full Certificate III in Rural Operations.

In Year 11, Holly completed a Certificate II Animal studies and she has since wanted to pursue a career working with animals. We cannot wait to hear about Holly's future endeavours and wish her all the best!



## VET Enrolments for 2021

Enrolment are well underway for **VET in 2021**. Students are enthusiastic and looking forward to trying industries and pathways with the support of Cabra.

Cabra currently has **over 75 enrolments for 2021**, and we expect that to increase before the school year begins in 2021!

Students have chosen courses based on industry and tertiary qualifications they would like to pursue in the future. Course choices are varied and include Certificate III Business, Certificate II Kitchen Operations, Certificate II Music, Certificate I Construction- plumbing focus or carpentry focus, Certificate II Electrotechnology, Cert III Fitness, Certificate II Creative Industries, Certificate III Screen and Media.

If you would like information on how VET in SACE works please visit.. <https://www.sace.sa.edu.au/web/vet/what-is-vet/vet-in-sace>

## South Australia needs skills ([skills.sa.gov.au](http://skills.sa.gov.au))

Over the next few years, 42 out of the 50 careers predicted to have the highest growth will need technical skills, like the ones you get through an apprenticeship.

**5,200**  
new jobs in defence

**11,000**  
new jobs in cyber security

**20,000**  
new jobs in the space industry

## Taster/Introductory courses

**22 students have been involved in Taster/Introductory Courses.** The idea of these course is to help students to decide whether they would like to take on to further Vocational Education and Training. Year 10 is the perfect opportunity for students to try an industry that they are thinking of entering in the future.

Students completed a few weeks exploring and trying the skills required in Hair and Makeup, Trades, and Electrical. This allows students to have a go before committing to a more intense VET course.

**Year 9 and 10 is a great time to explore pathways, whether by undertaking a taster/introductory course or a work experience.**



## VET 2020 Course Outcomes

Despite the impact of COVID on courses and placements, Cabra students have worked hard to produce excellent results in their VET courses.

**22 Students**  
COMPLETED AN INTRODUCTORY COURSE TO VET

**54 Students**  
WILL COMPLETE A VET QUALIFICATION IN THE FOLLOWING:

- 11** Hospitality Programs
- 2** Gateway to Trades
- 6** PEER Taster Courses
- 3** Pathways to Hair & Makeup
- 8** Certificate III Business
- 1** Certificate II Animal Studies
- 2** Certificate I Animal Studies
- 1** Certificate II Horticulture
- 2** Certificate III in Early Childhood Education & Care
- 1** Certificate III Rural Operations
- 1** Certificate III in Individual Support Ageing
- 3** PARTIAL- CPC32612 Certificate III in Roof Plumbing
- 11** Certificate I in Construction
- 3** Certificate II Creative Industries
- 4** Certificate III Dance
- 3** Certificate III Music Industry
- 3** Certificate III in Screen & Media
- 1** Certificate II in Salon Assistant
- 7** Certificate III Fitness
- 3** Certificate II Electrotechnology
- 3** Aviation Studies
- 5** Explore Future Pathways

# Structured Work Placement and Work Experience

## Structured Work Placement

There are an expected number of placement hours attached to Vocational Education and Training. The placement gives students a hands-on experience in the industry, as well as providing students with the opportunity to have their skills assessed towards their qualification. In some instances, it can result in offers of some paid work, as a few of our Cabra students experienced this year!

Finding placements this year was challenging due to Covid but despite this, we have had 12 students successfully undertake their placement in construction, child care, and carpentry. As part of the process, Cabra monitors students on placement and speaks to employers. It was a pleasure to hear all the positive feedback! Students worked hard, and demonstrated excellent work ethic, knowledge and manners during their time.

## Work Experience

This year, students who were planning to undertake a VET course, were encouraged to complete work experience. 9 students gained work experience in industries such as electrical, mechanical and also diesel mechanics, with the support of Cabra.

Lincoln Sasche's goal is to become a Diesel Mechanic. He recently went on work experience, as it was important for Lincoln to gain an insight in to the work involved and to help him decide on further VET. Lincoln thoroughly enjoyed his placement, and is looking to enrol in AUR20516 Certificate II Automotive Servicing for 2021. This is a great pathway to a full apprenticeship, and will also gain Lincoln 50 SACE Stage 2 credits while at school.

Finn McMahon has been attending work experience weekly at Westbourne Park Auto Repairs. Adam and his team have been extremely supportive and encourage Finn to practice different skills during his time. Finn has enjoyed his work experience and hopes to work with cars one day.



*Brenton, Director at AUSLIFT encourages students to undertake work experience and said it's great to see that Cabra "provide students with an opportunity to relate school studies with a workplace. This gives students an insight into the diversity of employees in the workplace and prepares students for the demands and expectations of the working world."*



## Student Experiences

### Students in Hospitality

A group of Year 12 students had the opportunity to participate in the Hospitality Program run at Queensford College.

The course has given students valuable hands on experience preparing them for the hospitality industry. They learnt how to make coffee, serve coffee, serve and clear tables to industry standards, as well as develop skills and knowledge about responsible service of alcohol. Students also learnt how to make non-alcoholic beverages and serve them in a simulated café environment, and gained 20 SACE Stage 2 credits.



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## Student Feedback

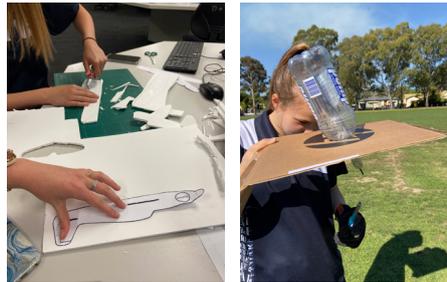
### Hospitality Program

"Throughout my Hospitality Course there were times of difficulty but overall was a great opportunity and experience. This course has gifted me more knowledge surrounding hospitality and connecting with other peers. I would recommend this course to other current & future students if they have any interest in hospitality. The advice I would give to students undergoing this course is to have fun as much as you can and connect with other school students and teachers but try keep on top of your work because it can be a lot of work if you don't keep up with your theory tasks."

### Aviation Studies

"I found this course very enjoyable, I had a very supportive teacher, the course was very well planned out each week and I

recommend this course to anyone interested in Aviation. The course contains many flight briefs that connect with the University of South Australia. I missed out on a triple maths each week, but I didn't find it difficult to keep up, I would just check Seqta and I found that completing what I missed at home took a lot less time than in school because I had no distractions. This course also allowed me to meet lots of new people that I am now good friends with"



### Certificate III Early Childhood Education and Care

"I did enjoy the course a lot and would recommend this course for people interested in the early childhood field. My advice will be to make sure you stay organised and up to date with all the work as expected."



## Explore Future Pathways at Barkuma

The Transition Program is coordinated by Barkuma. This 12 month program is designed to assist final year students from the St Mary's Unit or Learning Centre, to make a smooth transition from school to future pathways.

This year, a group of Cabra students participated in the program, and in semester 2 completed some units in either hair and beauty, retail or hospitality.



"It has been an absolute pleasure having students from Cabra participate in The Transition Program for 2020. The students have been preparing, exploring future pathways and what life beyond school might look like. Students had the opportunity to participate in VET courses of interest and gain skills and knowledge that will assist for their future. These students' achievements will be acknowledged at The Transition Program Graduation which will be held at The Adelaide Convention Centre on Wednesday, 2nd December."

Vanessa, Barkuma

# Year 12 Updates

In the Future Pathways office, we have supported many Year 12 students by discussing and providing information to help them make informed decisions regarding their post-school pathway. This support usually begins with one-on-one meetings with the Future Pathways Coordinator. Exploration of future prospects based on students' ideas, interests, academics, job prospects and other opportunities takes place during the meetings. Assistance has ranged from supporting students to navigate the universities and degrees on offer, coordinating one-on-one meetings with university advisors, phone calls and emails to advisors, SATAC application

support, assistance with applying for apprenticeships/jobs, resume and cover letter assistance, and sometimes just a chat about post-school options.

It was lovely to support Madeline De Gennaro this year. Madeline plans to attend university in NSW. Support provided to Madeline included researching universities in NSW and their enrolment process, scholarships and accommodation. Madeline has been offered accommodation within the Sancta Sophia College, and is now waiting to hear if she will be awarded a scholarship to help pay for the accommodation. We wish Madeline all the best!

*"Also again , a big thank you for all your support throughout me applying to too many things in Sydney... it has meant the world!" Madeline De Gennaro*



## SATAC Applications

SATAC applications are still open for some courses until 1 December 2020 and main offers will be made 15 January 2021. This year 124 Year 12 Cabra students have applied for a university course. Some have already received conditional offers (see University News). We wish all the year 12s the very best and look forward to hearing from them in the future!

## School Leavers Information Kit

If you need more support to work out your next steps, The School Leavers Information Kit, available at [yourcareer.gov.au](http://yourcareer.gov.au), provides this year's school leavers with information about their education, training and employment options in 2021.

The School Leavers Information Service will provide school leavers with phone, text or email support to navigate the School Leavers Information Kit, and to access and use the Your Career website. The service also offers a personalised career guidance session with a qualified career practitioner for up to 45 minutes, where needed.



## University News

**This year, Adelaide University and Flinders University launched the Year 11 Alternative Entry Pathway. This pathway sought to reassure and support Year 12 students impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.**

**A number of Year 12 students have been made conditional offers for their first preference at The University of Adelaide and Flinders University!**

**Adelaide University have announced that they were overwhelmed by the positive response from students, parents and school communities and will continue to offer this pathway to Year 12 students in 2021. If you would like more information, please see the Future Pathways Coordinator.**

# Careers Expo

Earlier this year we were able to hold a Future Pathways Expo over two evenings. The event showcased Registered Training Organisations, Industry leaders and the universities. The turnout was fantastic, and in 2021 we hope to make it bigger and better!

## VET Parent Session

In early 2021, we plan to hold an information session to outline VET and how it works in school.

More information to come.



## Post-School Options

### JOBTRAINER - Now's a great time for students to choose VET

South Australians equipped with real workplace skills will be best positioned to take advantage of exciting jobs in our state's future industries.

Sectors like IT and cyber security, defence, health and community services, and the creative industries are set to grow, and students should be encouraged to consider a vocational education and training (VET) pathway into one of these skilled careers.

Recent funding announcements from the Australian and State Governments - including the joint \$88 million JobTrainer initiative - show significant and transformative investment into our training sector, making it easier than ever for students to access quality VET qualifications and short courses.

Students should visit [Skills.sa.gov.au](http://Skills.sa.gov.au) to learn more about studying VET in school, embarking on an apprenticeship or traineeship, and the jobs currently in demand or make a time with the Future Pathways Coordinator.

## 2021 ASC Shipbuilding Readiness Training Program

ASC Shipbuilding (owned by BAE Systems Australia) delivers the Hunter Class Frigate Program - the largest surface ship building project in the history of our nation. The industry-led Shipbuilding Readiness Program allows students to complete their SACE, while gaining a head start on their transition to employment in the defence industry. The Shipbuilding Readiness Program forms one of the first of the SA Government's 'Flexible Industry Pathways' projects to begin taking students. Flexible Industry Pathways, a key initiative of the SA Government's VET for School Students policy, are being developed in partnership with industry to provide students with pathways to commence employment and further education while completing their schooling. The Shipbuilding Readiness Program is the first initiative of its kind to support ASC's 20-year sovereign shipbuilding capability strategy.

This is a fantastic opportunity for students to gain skills and experience in the shipbuilding industry.

For more information, visit the [ASC Apprenticeship website](#).

## 5 tips to a summer job

Are you planning on working over the summer holidays this year? If so, the start of Term 4 is the ideal time to prepare yourself and start applying for jobs if you haven't already got started.

Adverts for Christmas casuals are already popping up and some of the closing dates are as early as mid-October. Businesses like to know they've got staff lined up and it gives them a chance to organise rosters, training, uniforms, and paperwork etc, so lots of the closing dates could be earlier than you might expect.

For 5 tips on getting a summer job, please visit [studyworkgrow.com.au](http://studyworkgrow.com.au)

## Online Volunteering Opportunities

Volunteering can be a great way to gain experience and boost your confidence. But it can be difficult to find opportunities at the moment.

Did you know that you can volunteer online? Seek has a variety of online volunteering opportunities listed on their website. They include opportunities in aged care, social media, graphic design and more.

Take a look at them here:

[Volunteering](#)

## Are you a Surf Life Saver?

Cabra students who are also Bronze Medallion holders may be eligible to gain credit towards the completion of SACE.

Please see the Future Pathways Coordinator for more information.

