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Marcellin Technical College



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welcome

Welcome to Marcellin Technical College, where we deliver a two year programme to allow students to complete their SACE and commence a qualification in a chosen trade.

Marcellin Technical College has been operating successfully in the south of Adelaide since February 2007 under the name of the Australian Technical College – Adelaide South. It is the intention of the College that graduates will continue in their chosen careers, secure in the knowledge that they have received an excellent academic foundation, which has been supported by outstanding technical training. The success stories have been excellent feedback for the College and have confirmed the effectiveness of our model in education and training.

We now enter a new phase of our life, where we will be governed by Catholic Education South Australia (CESA) and will embrace the charism of the Marist Brothers, founded by Marcellin Champagnat in France during the 19th Century.

Going forward, the course offerings will broaden to meet the need of Industry, with additional courses in Business, Hospitality and Clean Technologies with a specific science focus, being offered.

We are excitedly looking forward to our new phase, which will also have a focus on reaching out to the local community, and would encourage you to embrace the values and opportunities that Marcellin College will offer young men and women in the south of Adelaide.

Jim Fenoughty
Principal/CEO



“ The teachers here are great. You can call them by first name, you feel like you're working with them on problems. You can really relate to them and they have great experience in the industry. When they talk about something, you listen more because you know they've got experience. The teachers here have different expectations of you than other places. They're very professional about it and it's like a workplace. They'll support you if you want to work hard. It's a better place to learn because everyone is focussed and you don't have teachers trying to stop blokes mucking around.

My advice? Be focussed in what you want to do. If you come here, you have to work hard but there are really good benefits. You might want a job working with your hands so this place will really help.”

~Mitch, sheet metal

Why study at Marcellin Technical College?

A place at Marcellin Technical College (formerly Australian Technical College – Adelaide South) is a great way to start training for a career before you leave school. You can get training, work experience and a nationally-recognised qualification and earn a wage.

The College is tailored towards where you actually want to start your career. The work you'll do in Years 11 and 12 is targeted towards the workplace and you receive mentoring and support from industry-experienced teachers and trainers. It's very different to a 'traditional' school – here your learning experience will combine challenge, opportunities and a chance to prepare yourself for the career you want using your own learning style.

Our students tell us there are six major benefits to finishing Years 11 and 12 with Marcellin Technical College.

Real-world subjects

The best way to learn is to see how what you're learning relates to what you want to achieve ... at least that's what our students tell us.

The curriculum at the Marcellin Technical College has been built on trade principles. Our SACE course has been designed specifically for Australian School-based Apprentices. But we have taken the traditional school subjects such as English and Mathematics and reworked them so they have greater meaning and relevance to the Australian workplace. They still satisfy all the requirements of the SACE, but they are now within an industry context.

- English focuses on work place communication
- Mathematics focuses on maths for industry
- Health focuses on being Fit for Work
- Science has a trade principles focus

We will also develop your skills beyond the technical nature of your trade – you'll be learning business and life skills but in the context of making yourself more employable.

Integrating your school and start to your career

As tradespeople for the future, students will require induction to Small Business Management, which provides essential small business management and entrepreneurial skills to be an effective employee or employer. Projects that are covered in Small Business Management are quoting, costing, business planning, quality control, customer service, marketing and business ethics.

IT skills are integrated into the learning, with practical applications and exposure to trade skills such as Computer Aided Drafting. To continue the focus of hands on applied SACE, students are also involved in community projects that can gain additional SACE credits.

It's great to know as well, that all on the job and off the job training you undertake as an Australian School-based Apprentice contributes to your SACE through the Workplace Practices and SSABSA VET components.



Left: Mitchell Right: Doug

“ A few friends were looking at coming to the College, so I looked into it too. When I learned that they did the subjects that are relevant to me, I applied. At my old school I did electronics and realised that's where I wanted to head and I thought if I came here, there would be better facilities, training, experience and knowledge to learn from. Try a Trade was great for me. I liked each area that I went to, but I found electrical to be the one I connected with.

I need to do another apprenticeship to move into instrumentation and then I've got further courses in mind to specialise. And I've also thought about going to University down the track to do electrical engineering as well. One reason I came here is that I could get my SACE and that meant I could do these other things down the track. It's important to me to have a pathway to University.

My advice? Make sure you really know you want to come here. Know what it's all about and work out if it can get you to where you want to go. Consider it if you're into the trade areas and don't like doing art, music and some other subjects that won't help you in your career. ”

~ Doug, Electrical Fitter

Teacher-mentors

Our teacher/mentors are passionate and have the student's well-being at heart. They also have a special relationship with our students that is different to a usual teacher-student relationship you'll find in a traditional school.

They're mentors, who work with students to steer them on the trade path. They're in the workshop, getting their hands dirty and working on projects with the students.

And our students have told us they respect the fact that they are learning from industry people who have lived what they're teaching.

The students respect the teachers and trainers because they're industry people. They're not just teaching it out of a book – they've lived it.

Earning money while you learn

Because Marcellin Technical College is so different to a 'traditional' school, you'll also be earning while you learn when gaining your apprenticeship, giving you a headstart financially to your trade career. The way we've structured the apprenticeship means you should finish Year 12 and would be paid a wage while you're out on the job site in your apprenticeship!

Pathways to a trade, or TAFE or University – whichever you want!

It's a smart move to keep your options open. Studying at Marcellin Technical College gives you options for your career – to be a tradie, run your own business or go to University. You'll be completing your SACE qualifications as you go, giving you the opportunity to take up further study down the track – either at TAFE or at University. And having your Year 12 to fall back on is a good safety net to have.

Led by industry

Marcellin Technical College is led by business for business. Our governing board is made up of industry leaders – setting us apart from other schools and apprenticeship schemes. We are able to access a wealth of industry experience to develop the best way to get students into trade careers.

In addition, the College is supported by a large number of key partners and Industry Advisory Teams within the southern region. They all provide valuable 'real world' input into the educational and training program. This results in our SACE program being designed with an Australian School-based Apprenticeship in mind.

We've set up our curriculum according to the compulsory requirements to achieve the South Australian Certificate of Education but we also provide integrated and hands-on learning that are all related to your trade choice.

It's the best of both worlds.



James

“ Ever since I was six, I've been making things at home, hammering things, taking stuff apart. I've always wanted to work with timber. At school, I was getting straight As for my woodwork but I had to change to metalwork because I couldn't do woodwork the whole year round. I got a D for it because I wanted to be a carpenter. I couldn't understand why I couldn't keep doing something I loved doing.

This place is great for me because I can concentrate on it. It's important that there's a place like this where you can work on the things you're good at, but still get your SACE at the end of it. We're studying more stuff that we can put towards our apprenticeship. My mates are studying Australian History and stuff like that which I can't really use as a carpenter when I'm building a house.

My advice? Knowing what you want to do before you come can be handy but there are opportunities to try different trades when you're here. At least try coming here. You don't know if you don't try it. ”

~ James, carpenter

How does it all work?

Usually students come to Marcellin Technical College for Year 11 and Year 12 to complete their secondary schooling.

And this is what most of them do:

Year 11

Some technical schools have you more in the classroom than on the job. Not us.

In Year 11, you'll be doing a lot of work to get ahead in your South Australian Certificate of Education (SACE) but you won't be studying the same old subjects as everyone else in other schools. Well, you will, but it won't feel like it. You'll be doing English but applying it in the workplace rather than reading Shakespeare or maths, but applying it to your trade. You'll be applying your knowledge immediately, rather than wondering what relevance it has.

You'll do a lot of your Year 11 and 12 schooling in the first year and with the guidance of mentors, leaving Year 12 to focus more on your trade education and finalising your SACE.

Work Education

Work Education is integrated into the curriculum and develops your skills beyond just the technical ones. You'll learn about how to research, evaluate your efforts, perform well in interviews and establish career goals.

Try-A-Trade

This is a key part of finding out what you're good at. In Try-A-Trade you get a taste of individual trades in a work context to understand what actually goes on. If you like it, great! If not, you can always try something else.

Work experience

Work experience is another way of developing your skills in particular trades. But we've found it's also a very important way to build up your contacts and networks. Many previous students have found apprenticeships at the places they did work experience.

Finding an apprenticeship

Finding an apprenticeship is something we do together with you, but you take the lead. It's the student's responsibility to find an apprenticeship, but we will support you, provide you with the right information and connect you into the workforce.

Year 12

In Year 12, we hardly see you – but not because you're skipping school! In Year 12 you spend a larger part of time working on your apprenticeship with individually negotiated time back at the college. So you're working ¼ of a full-time apprenticeship while still finishing school.

You come back for small blocks of time at school to complete your trade training, but ultimately during this year you're pretty much working as an apprentice.

As you can see, it's a very different environment to a 'traditional' school.

Then what?

Once you've completed Year 12, you complete the final part of your apprenticeship as a full-time employee and then it's primarily up to you. Most apprentices stay on and their career takes off!

And that's where one of the key benefits of studying with Marcellin Technical College kicks in. You've now got options. With Year 12 completed, SACE in the bag and an apprenticeship underway you can take on further study, move into TAFE to do a Diploma or head to University. It's really up to you!

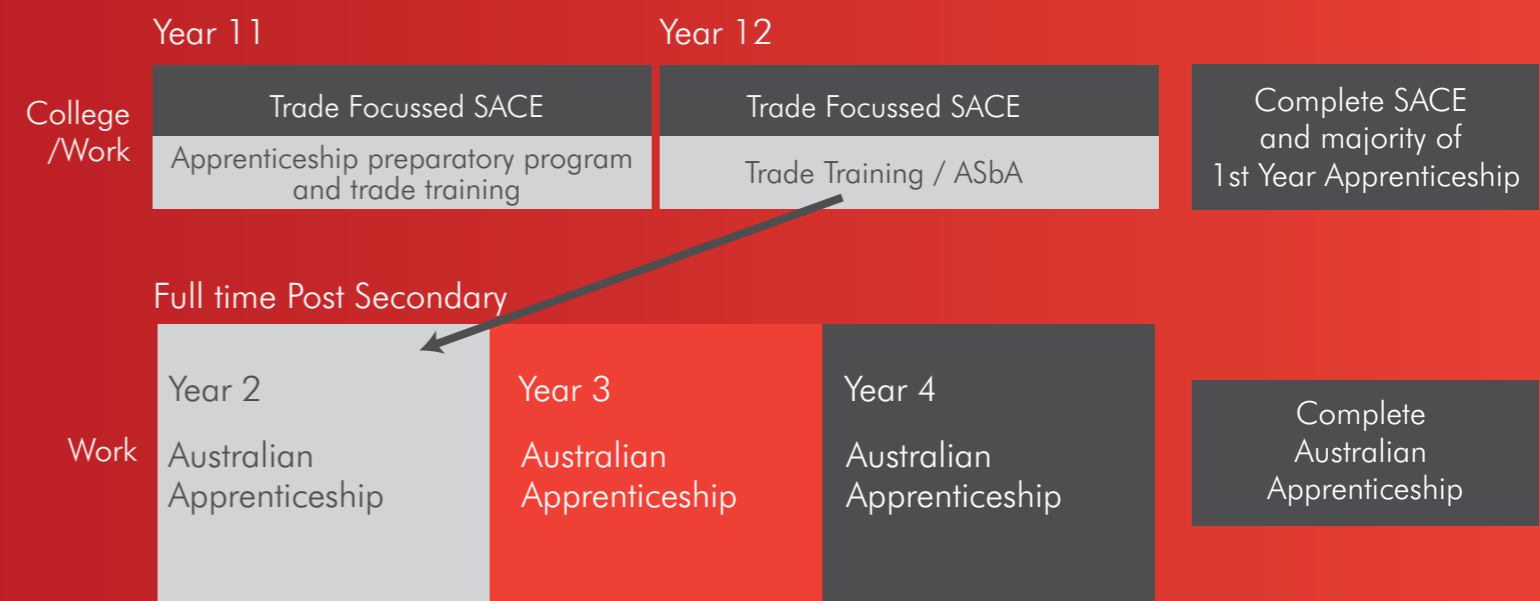
“It's interesting when I talk to my mates because at the moment they're doing their exams and my school is set up completely differently. I did most of my school work last year so I'm only here one day a week this year. My mates ask 'how can you do that?'”

“If I didn't come here, I'd still be sitting in the same class doing Romeo and Juliet and wondering why I'm here.”

~ Jarrod, mechanical engineering

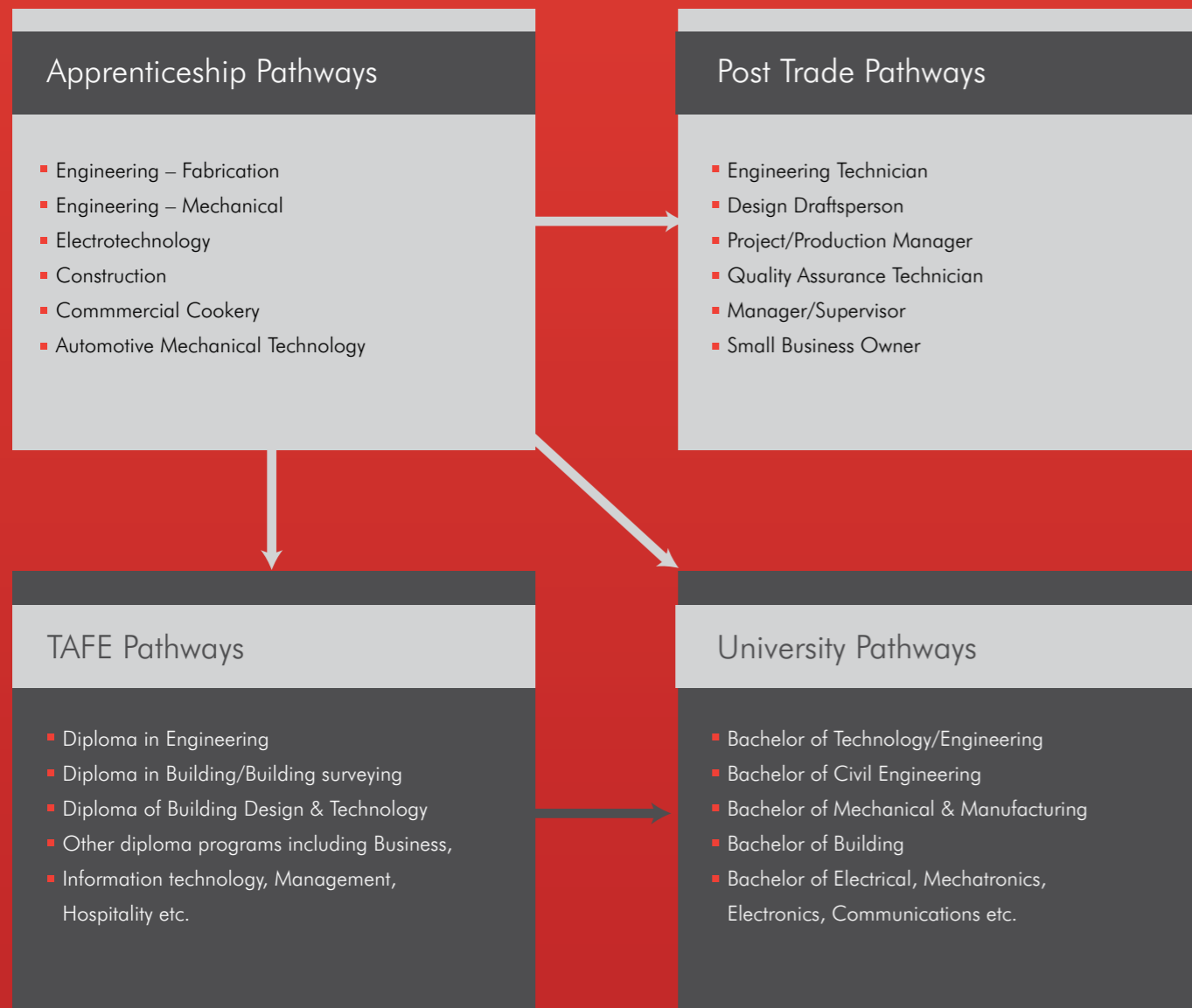


College Student / Apprentice Model

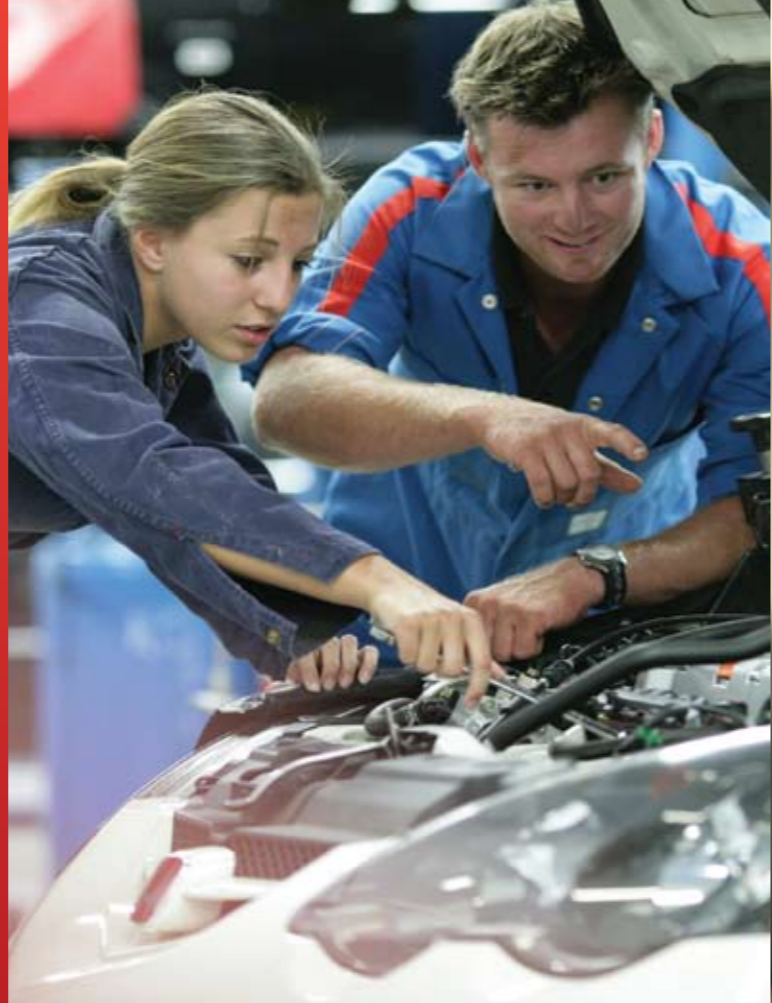


Future Pathways model

Its your future and by having an apprenticeship under you belt it can open the door to future pathways you never thought possible.



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Which trades are on offer at Marcellin Technical College?

Marcellin Technical College focuses on five key industry sectors that meet the needs of industry within the South Australian region.

Automotive

The automotive field is more than just being a mechanic. Today the industry has a diverse range of high-tech and innovative workplaces and occupations that include mechanics, auto electricians, spray painters and body repairers.

It is also an industry that has its sights set on producing and maintaining vehicles and components that produce less pollution and reduce our carbon footprint.

There are also chances to work on testing and repairing heavy vehicles, diesel engines and light vehicles. So if being a revhead means tinkering with engines or painting cars the automotive sector may be just the thing for you.

Possible career paths:

Light and heavy vehicle mechanics

Industries include:

automotive service centres, manufacturing, mining, defence, councils

Building and Construction

Building and construction is a very diverse sector. This is a sector for those who like to be on the move as you may work on projects (jobs) at a number of different job sites. The range is massive – both in the types of projects you can work in (residential housing through to commercial buildings) and in the types of materials you can work with (wood, steel or even concrete just to name a few).

There are many trade disciplines that work in building and construction such as carpentry (installing and finishing), roofing (putting roofs on housing) or plastering (fixing the internal linings of commercial or domestic buildings). Plumbers also come under the building and construction sector, where you may be designing and installing a range of plumbing needs. This may either be maintenance on old buildings or installations on new buildings, and with the focus on conservation, plumbers are at the forefront in helping us to reduce our water consumption.

Possible career paths:

Bricklaying, Carpentry, Plumbing, Roofing, Plastering

Industries include:

anything that needs something built!

Commercial Cookery

Cooking is one of those great trade careers where you can take it with you as you see the world. But succeeding in commercial cookery is more than becoming a TV chef. It has become very sophisticated and professional in recent years. Apart from a passion for food, you'll learn people skills, team work and good time management – all skills you'll need to succeed in this industry.

You may like to specialize with occupations such as Baker, Chef, Cook or Pastrycook. Commercial cookery is at the heart of the thriving and expanding hospitality and tourism industry and has great job prospects for those with a passion!

Possible career paths:

Baker, chef, cook, pastrycook, caterer

Industries include:

hospitality, tourism



Mitch



Electrotechnology

Electrotechnology is at the foundation of everyday life – lights, television, DVDs, computer games, MP3s or security systems just to name a few. As new gadgets hit the market the more this sector needs new enthusiastic, trained workers to help it keep up with all the new technologies and the demand.

There is a range of trades under the electrotechnology banner:

- Electricians who install and maintain electrical and electronic equipment for industry and domestic purposes
- Electrical fitter where you apply electrical knowledge to make fit or repair machines of all shapes and sizes
- Refrigeration mechanics looking at applying electrical know-how to installing and repairing refrigeration and air-conditioning systems in shops, factories, office buildings, homes or hospitals.
- Installing security cameras or installing sophisticated data systems in a high profile data or security field.

Possible career paths:

Electrical fitter, Electrician, Electrical Linesperson, Instrument fitter, Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Mechanic

Industries include:

manufacturing, defence, mining, aviation, government ... even your own business!

“I’ve always wanted to be involved as an electrician. When I was young I was always practical and always using my hands. I don’t see myself as going to university to start my career. The electrical trade appealed to me because it was new and there was a technology side to it.

I was going to a good school, but at the end of the day they didn’t teach what I wanted to learn. They do chemistry and biology whereas here it’s all trade-related and it will help me get to where I want to be.

The trainers and mentors are really nice and they’re very friendly and they look as if they want to be here. Here, they’re so much friendlier and that makes for such a better environment.

It helps that the teachers are also from industry. They’re not just teaching from textbooks. The work is better too. You’re not just writing essays by hand. There’s a new feel about this College. At other schools, teachers read something out, you write it down and then you write an essay about it. And that’s a block of learning, but it’s repetitive and boring. ”

~ Mitchell, electrician



Ben



Metal and Engineering

Being a ‘metal head’ can get you into all sorts of trade occupations and industry sectors that you may not have even dreamed of - and it’s more than just working in a workshop. Careers in metals and engineering may mean coming up with the ideas and conceiving engineering designs, manufacturing or assembly.

Another option could be the fabrication engineering path – cutting, shaping, joining and finishing metal to make, maintain or repair metal products or structures. Alternatively, you may want to pursue a mechanical engineering path where you can carry out mechanical work on machines, sub assemblies and manufactured parts.

Possible career paths:

Boilermaker, Fitter, Metal Machinist, Sheet metal worker, Toolmaker, Welder

Industries include:

mining, aviation, manufacturing or defence.

“I’m a Year 12 student doing metal fabrication. I’m an apprentice at Southern Crane hire in fabrication. I really enjoy it. I’ve done work experience with them and the school helped me to set it up. We mainly do catwalks and stuff for local wineries in McLaren Vale but we sometimes do house erections – we go on site. So there’s a variety of stuff that I can do. I was doing hands on stuff from Day 1 – welding pretty much straight away and just general fabrication. You normally don’t do that stuff as a first-year apprentice.

The College has given me a headstart because I’ve already done all the trade modules and work already so I’m a lot further along than some other apprentices. You definitely get a headstart on other apprentices. ”

~ Ben, metal fabrication

What else do I need to know and other Frequently Asked Questions?

Who is best suited to attend an Australian Technical College?

If you're a student entering Year 11, have a great attitude and aptitude to take on a trade-based career – then you! But it's not for the faint-hearted and you definitely don't come here because you don't like school and it might look easier. We're preparing you for a trade career and giving you every opportunity to succeed ... but the students that do the best put in.

What assistance will I receive to find an apprenticeship?

The College will provide support to you by identifying appropriate career pathways and linking with employers for work experience and Australian School-based Apprenticeship opportunities, but ultimately it's up to you. And once you've found an apprenticeship, our teacher-mentors help you to manage school, training and work.

What is the length of an Australian School-based Apprenticeship?

The length of a school-based apprenticeship depends on the field you're in and how many training hours the student commits to. Our students commit to a minimum of 35 weeks at the place of employment and eight weeks of trade training with their Registered Training Organisation (RTO) during their two years at the College.

How much time is spent during the year on the job and how much is spent attending the College?

In Year 11, you'll undertake a six-month preparatory and prevocational program. From July, you'll be looking to start a school-based apprenticeship, so would begin to spend up to six to eight weeks with an employer (in blocks of two, three and five weeks).

You'll return to the College and RTO to undertake SACE and Trade Training. When signed up as an ASbA, students are also advised to negotiate with their employer for additional work to be undertaken over the school breaks.

In Year 12 students spend approximately three quarters of their time with their employer and the remainder of the time is spent completing SACE and Trade Training at the College or RTO.



Taylor

“I always had mechanics in mind of what I wanted to do but I didn't know how I was going to get there at a 'traditional' school. Now I'm an apprentice diesel mechanic working on excavators and harvesters. I'm playing with the big toys and enjoying it. I was doing maths and other stuff at school, but it was really boring. Coming here is better than what I thought it would be. I thought I would be doing the same boring maths but it's not. It's relevant to what I'm actually doing for my job. My mates are hectic at the moment doing their exams, which I don't have to worry about. But I'm under a bit more pressure than them because I have exams every day – if the engine doesn't run, that's what I get marked on. But I love it.”

My advice to anyone thinking about coming here? Just do it. It's hard work but it's worth it. ”

~ Taylor, mechanic

What happens when you finish Year 12?

After you've finished Year 12 successfully, you'll have your SACE qualifications and will set out on the final years of your apprenticeship. At the conclusion of Year 12, a variation of your school-based apprenticeship contract is established. The remainder of the apprenticeship is then completed as a full-time contract.

What if I don't get an apprenticeship quickly?

We will continue to work with you until you get that apprenticeship you're looking for, but you won't be standing still while you're waiting. Students still go on work placements to build their contacts and gain valuable work experience and, in some cases, make a case for an employer giving them an apprenticeship. Don't forget while you're attending the college you are still receiving all the first-year apprenticeship off-the-job trade training and completing a relevant, engaging SACE at the same time.

More Frequently Asked Questions are available from our web site www.marcellintechcollege.com.au

How do I get in?

All prospective students need to apply for a place at Marcellin Technical College. To get your enrolment package, you can contact our office on 1300 655 240 or download it from our web site www.marcellintechcollege.com.au

All applicants are then required to undertake an aptitude test, as well as attend an interview prior to being accepted into the College. The aptitude test covers the skills that you'll need in a trade career.

You can also help us see how committed you are to a trade by providing a portfolio of projects you've worked on and talk to us about your career dreams. You can bring photos of work you've done or examples of work experience you have already picked up. All of these things help us to make the final decision on your place at Marcellin.

Any questions?
Any questions at all, please contact the College on 1300 655 240.

Alternatively, you will find more information on our web site www.marcellintechcollege.com.au



Aimee

“I came here because I wanted to finish my SACE. I've been here for three months and I'd pretty much finished it and picked up on my VET. I was so determined in knowing what I wanted that I've picked up my apprenticeship quickly. The college was good at preparing me for the apprenticeship. You still find things by yourself, but they lead you in the right way. But it's still up to you to take the journey. I think girls don't do it because there's a perception that it's too much hard work. But there are so many job sites that have women as project managers.”

My advice? Go for it. Nothing's stopping you from doing things – just yourself. If you want to take something on, do it. You can always change your ideas as you go and you need to make sure you come to a place that allows you to do it. ”

~ Aimee, electrician

How to find us

Our state of the art technical facilities are located on the corner of Beach and Mander Rd, Christie Downs (the former Christies Beach West High School campus).

The College is conveniently located adjacent to the Noarlunga Centre interchange for buses and trains and across from Colonnades Shopping Centre.



John

“ I was in an apprenticeship which finished early when the business ran out of work. That's one of the benefits of being here - I wasn't stuck without a job. With all of the facilities here and the contacts the College has, I was able to switch over to something else I was interested in. They had someone lined up straight away. If I was just an apprentice, I'd be out of a job and wondering what to do next.

My advice? Try it. You're still doing your SACE like you are in school but you can get a headstart into the industry and get support if things don't work out. ”

~ John, sheet metal

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