Are you... An Outdoor Person Reliable Practical?

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- Landscaper
- Conservation and land management ranger/officer
- Groundsperson/greensperson
- Gardener
- Retail and wholesale nursery person

VET IN SCHOOLS PROGRAM
Certificate II in Horticulture
What is VETiS?
VET in Schools refers to Vocational Education and Training (VET) courses undertaken as part of your senior secondary education (they can make up part of your VCE or VCAL).

The programs aim to prepare you for further education, training, and employment. They can also be a good way to explore different occupations while you are still in high school and test whether you are interested in pursuing a future in that industry.

What are the advantages of a VET Certificate?
• You get a nationally recognised qualification.
• It can help you get a job.
• You can get credits towards further study in the future.
• You receive valuable experience in industry.

How is VETiS different from secondary school subjects?
• You study at Holmesglen in an adult learning environment and get a taste of what to expect after you leave high school.
• In most VETiS courses, you spend time on a Structured Work Placement (SWP) which gives you experience of working in your chosen industry.
• Assessment is competency based. This means you are not ‘graded’ but instead marked as being either competent or not competent in a specific skill or task.

How long are VETiS courses?
VETiS courses generally run for two years, with classes held one day or afternoon a week during school terms. Your school should be able to timetable all your other classes around your VETiS course so you don’t miss out on any other classes.

What do I get at the end?
When you complete a VETiS course, you are awarded a nationally recognised certificate of qualification.

If completing VETiS as part of your VCE, some certificates contribute towards your ATAR score. Some certificates offer an examination which is held during the VCE examination period and provide a study score, while other certificates provide block credit which is used to enhance your ATAR score.

You can get more information about the VETiS program you are considering through your school or on the Holmesglen website.

Are there any prerequisites?
To enrol in a VETiS course you must be older than 14 years and 10 months, and be enrolled as a full time student in a secondary school.

How much does it cost?
Ask your school about fee information.

How do I enrol?
You can only enrol in a VETiS program through your school. Contact your school’s VET coordinator or careers adviser.

Certificate II in Horticulture

Location: Waverley campus
Course length: 2 years part time
Timetable: Wednesday 9.00am - 3.30pm

Overview
This course offers you the opportunity to acquire a wide range of skills. You will learn how to build timber and retaining walls, maintain gardens, test soil, drive a tractor, operate a dingo digger, use a ride on mower and identify pests and diseases in plants. It is a great course if you want to work outdoors in a variety of situations.

The course also provides an introduction to careers in area such as landscape gardening, nurseries, turf management, floriculture and arboriculture. Undertaken at Holmesglen’s specialised horticulture training centre, this course is a great introduction to the horticulture industry.

During the course, you must wear boots and overalls. Also, this program incorporates an extensive practical component; therefore some degree of physical fitness is preferred.

Qualification and recognition
First year provides two units towards VCE at Units 1 & 2 level or 2 VCAL units. During second year units can be offered to provide block credit towards your ATAR score, two units towards VCE at Units 3 & 4 level or two VCAL units.

Career and further study opportunities
Upon completion of this course, you may articulate directly into apprenticeships within selected fields or into the Diploma of Horticulture.

This course is suitable if you have an interest in a career in arboriculture, production horticulture, floriculture, turf management, parks, gardens, nursery and landscaping.

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