

# Australian School-based Apprenticeships

School Based Apprenticeships and Traineeships (SBATs) were introduced in 1998 as a distinct pathway within Vocational Education and Training in Schools (VETiS). They are available to secondary school students over 15 years old who are enrolled in the Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) or the Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning (VCAL).

'School-based Apprenticeships' is a term used to describe all part-time apprenticeships and traineeships. The same conditions apply as a full-time apprenticeship but students usually complete Certificate II or III part-time over a two year period. Students usually spend three days at school completing their VCE or VCAL and two days in paid employment and training. Australian School-based Apprenticeships are available with Federation University in the following areas:

- Agriculture
- Automotive
- Building and Construction (Carpentry)
- Bricklaying/Blocklaying
- Electrotechnology electrician
- Hairdressing
- Joinery
- Landscaping/Parks and Gardens
- Plumbing
- Engineering – Fabrication (heavy and light)
- Retail Baking (bread) or (cake and pastry)
- Horticulture
- Hospitality - Commercial cookery
- Painting and Decorating

Like other VETiS offerings, the vocational training components of SBATs also contribute credit towards a senior secondary certificate. Many school based apprentices and trainees move on to a full-time contract with their employer after leaving school, while others choose to continue their education and training at a Registered Training Organisation or University.

Australian School-based Apprenticeships enable you to gain a national vocational qualification while continuing school studies. They have a number of features including:

- attendance at school and work
- a training agreement, which links to an industrial award or agreement, signed by the employer and you, as an Apprentice
- attainment of a senior secondary certificate and a vocational education and training (VET) qualification
- You earn a wage for the time spent in productive work.

## Links provided for full details on School-based Apprenticeships

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/Documents/school/principals/curriculum/sbatguide.pdf>

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/teachers/trainingresources/careers/work/Pages/apprentice.aspx>