POLICY OVERVIEW

3 key pillars as an integral part of secondary education:

1. Clearly articulated vocational pathways
2. Enhanced career education
3. Improved student outcomes.

The policy was released in October 2019 by the Minister for Education

What’s new? VET through clearly articulated vocational pathways

• Introduction of Flexible Industry Pathways aligned to industry sectors
• Industry Skills Council (ISC) endorsed where there are entry level jobs for young people
• Includes VET qualifications, employability skills training, SACE linked to industry needs
• Full-time School-based Apprenticeships and Traineeships in year 12
• VET Readiness Orientation (VETRO) as entry gateway
• Funded by state government.

What are the changes to VET?

• VET qualifications offered provide a clear line of sight to a job for a school student:
  - only Certificate I to III qualifications
  - enforcement of training package requirements
  - Through Flexible Industry Pathways
• Students may also choose VET as a way of experiencing an industry and deciding whether it is right for them through skills clusters/ VET tasters
• There will be tighter controls over Registered Training Organisations (RTOs)
• Better use of SACE subject for engagement or vocational/ applied learning.
Flexible Industry Pathways

Initial industry sectors:

- Agriculture, Horticulture and Animal Care
- Building and Construction
- Catering and Hospitality
- Childcare and Education
- Community Services and Health
- Creative and Design
- Digital and Cyber Security
- Engineering and Manufacturing
- Hair and Beauty
- Transport and Logistics.
BEST PRACTICE
CAREER EDUCATION

Years 7 - 9

• Access to structured career conversations, industry visits, industry speakers in schools and VET tasters including the World of Work Challenge

• Contextualised curriculum linked to occupations, careers and the world of work.

Year 10 – year 7-9 plus:

• Schools provide a holistic career planning experience in year 10 as part of their Personal Learning Plan (PLP)

• Some schools will access professional career counselling services for their students

• Students will be able to access meaningful work experience and other work-based learning activities including apprenticeships or traineeships

• Year 10 is about getting ready for their pathway.

What are the changes to career education for government schools?

• All schools to have a named career leader and a career development policy

• Schools to report on their career development services in their annual reports and school websites

• Year 7 – 12 subject teachers incorporate careers content into curriculum

• Opportunities with employers for engagement

• Online portal for work experience and ease administrative burden

• Revitalise the PLP and training PLP teachers in career development

• Resources available and accessible.

Career education initiatives to promote vocational learning:

• Better marketing and promotion of VET – materials developed

• Reliable resources for career information

• Streamlined work experience and placement procedures

• New industry and employer immersion program

• World of Work (WOW) challenge available

• E Portfolio

• Destination data.