1. VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

8.1 AUSTRALIAN SCHOOL-BASED APPRENTICESHIPS (ASbA)

ASbAs offer students the opportunity to achieve a nationally recognised qualification by combining paid work and training as part of their education program during Years 11 and 12. A Certificate II qualification requires a minimum of 8 hours in the workplace and a minimum of 3 hours off the job training per week. ASbAs are also available for some Certificate III qualifications. Undertaking an ASbA contributes towards your Year 12 Certificate.

ASbAs can be undertaken in a number of industry areas. They are a valuable experience and provide pathways to future training and employment.

The VET coordinator and Transitions and Careers Officer are available to assist you to explore ASbA options and opportunities.

8.2 NATIONALLY RECOGNISED VOCATIONAL COURSES

Erindale College is a Registered Training Organisation and as such has the capacity to grant national industry certification under the Australian Qualifications Framework. Students are provided with access to this national certification in all vocational (V) courses available at the college. Nationally recognised vocational courses at Erindale College offer students excellent opportunities to develop real skills for the workplace, as well as pursuing a Year 12 Certificate. These courses integrate college-based learning and training with structured workplace learning. Courses have a practical focus and include significant on the job training opportunities. They are continually being updated in line with National Training Packages, so that students acquire skills and knowledge which have recent endorsement from industry.

Nationally recognised Certificates at Level I and Level II are awarded where participants meet the required standard of industry competence. Students will also receive recognition for partial completion of certificates through a Statement of Attainment. The excellent training facilities in the Erindale area allow the college to present a diverse range of vocational options, providing pathways either directly into the workplace or to further training.

Recognition of Prior Learning

Students with skills and/or experience which may be relevant to a vocational course in which they are enrolling are entitled to seek acknowledgment of this through a Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) process.

National Recognition

Qualifications and Statements of Attainment issued by any Registered Training Organisation (RTO) are accepted and recognised by Erindale College. A learner’s qualifications and part qualifications are portable and can be recognised anywhere in Australia.

Credit Transfer

Credit transfer is used when a person seeks credit or status for a course or subject they have already completed. It involves assessing a previously completed subject or units of competency to see if it provides equivalent learning or competency outcomes to those required within your current course of study. The purpose of credit transfer is to make it easier for students to move between courses and institutions and to gain credit for previous study so they can complete their current qualification more quickly.
Vocational Courses offered at Erindale College are:

Business Administration
Furniture Construction
Hospitality
Information Technology
Music Industry
Social and Community Work
Sport, Fitness and Administration
Tourism and Event Management

The following qualifications are available to students from participation in the above courses:

- BSB10107  Certificate I in Business
- BSB20107  Certificate II in Business
- CHC20112  Certificate II in Community Services
- SIS20310  Certificate II in Sport and Recreation
- LMF10108  Certificate I in Furnishing
- SIT10207  Certificate I in Hospitality
- SIT20207  Certificate II in Hospitality
- SIT10307  Certificate I in Hospitality (Kitchen Operations)
- SIT20307  Certificate II in Hospitality (Kitchen Operations)
- ICA10111  Certificate I in Information, Digital Media and Technology
- ICA20111  Certificate II in Information, Digital Media and Technology
- CUS20109  Certificate II in Music
- SIT20107  Certificate II in Tourism

Please note that some of these qualifications have been recently updated and the new qualification will be delivered in 2014.

Refer to the relevant sections in this guide for more detail about each course.

8.1 WORK EXPERIENCE

Work experience is an educational program designed to give students the opportunity to experience the working environment associated with a particular industry / occupation. Students will also gain valuable insights into the world of work, training pathways and may make contacts which will assist them in finding an apprenticeship/traineeship or work when they leave school. Students are encouraged to complete two placements each year at the end of each semester. The Work Experience Coordinator and/or Link teacher can assist students arrange a placement to suit their needs.