

# VET DELIVERED TO SECONDARY STUDENTS

## Certificate II in Horticulture (AHC20422) (partial completion)

### PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Keen to develop your interest in plants and gardens into a career? Throughout this course, you will develop skills in plant identification, pest, disease, and weed control, propagation, and pruning. You will also gain experience in operating and maintaining common horticultural machinery and equipment. Give yourself a head start into an apprenticeship or traineeship.

### WHO SHOULD APPLY?

Students who love the outdoors and want to be part of an industry that provides Australia with a viable, healthy, profitable and sustainable future. Students who are interested in picking up apprenticeship and traineeships or further study at Certificate III, IV and Diploma level should apply. No previous horticultural experience is required, just an interest in the industry.

### PROGRAM STRUCTURE

2 year program  
Delivered one afternoon  
School Holiday Block Training 7<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> of July  
2025 (TBC)

### LOCATIONS:

SWTAFE Portland Campus  
Colac Secondary College

### SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

Protective clothing and safety footwear

### PATHWAYS

Pathways include:  
Landscape Construction  
Sports Turf management  
Parks and Gardens management  
Horticulturist  
Retail Nursery  
Nursery operations

### WORK PLACEMENTS

The VCAA strongly recommends a minimum of 80 hours of work placement for this program.

### CONTRIBUTION TO THE VCE

Students undertaking this VET DSS program through the VCE stream are eligible for credit of up to four VCE VET units on their VCE Statement of Results: two units at Unit 1-2 level and a Unit 3-4 sequence.

Students may be entitled to 10% increment towards their VCE.

Students undertaking this VET DSS program through the VCE Vocational Major stream will need to complete a minimum of 180 nominal hours of a VET DSS program over a 2-year period.

### BENEFITS STUDYING A VETDSS PROGRAM AT SWTAFE

- A SWTAFE VETDSS program allows school students to develop industry-specific skills, develop employability skills and gain a nationally or state recognised VET qualification while completing their Victorian Certificate of Education.
- Valuable hands-on skills and experience for work, further training or university.
- You can explore potential careers while you are still in school.

WOULD YOU  
LIKE TO APPLY?



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## 1<sup>st</sup> year

Code	Units of Competency	Nominal Hours
AHCWHS202	Participate in workplace health and safety processes	30
AHCMOM203	Operate basic machinery and equipment	20
AHCPMG201	Treat weeds	40
AHCPMG202	Treat plant pests, diseases and disorders	30
AHCCHM201	Apply chemicals under supervision	30
AHCPGD207	Plant trees and shrubs	20
AHCSOL203	Assist with soil or growing media sampling and testing	30
AHCPCM204	Recognise plants	40
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>240</b>

## 2<sup>nd</sup> year

Code	Units of Competency	Nominal Hours
AHCWRK211	Participate in environmentally sustainable work practices	30
AHCNSY207	Undertake propagation activities	30
AHCTRF208	Support Turf establishment	40
AHCPGD208	Prepare and maintain plant displays	35
AHCPGD209	Prune shrubs and small trees	35
AHCIRG219	Assist with low volume irrigation operations	40
AHCLSC206	Assist with landscape construction work	30
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>240</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>480</b>

### What is partial completion?

At the end of each year you will receive a Statement of Attainment listing the successfully completed units.

Units of competency may change without notice