



Exams

Our stage 1 students sat their exams in Week 8.

Students sat exams on the following subjects that they undertook in Semester 1:

Mathematical Methods

Chemistry

Specialist Maths

Essential Maths

Biology (online)

Psychology (online)

General Maths

Nutrition (online)

Physics



VET Profile

Name: Charley O'Brien

Apprenticeship/Traineeship field (eg carpentry, electrician): Cert 3 in Commercial Cookery, Chef

Where is the apprenticeship/traineeship being done?
Eyre Restaurant

What do you like about the apprenticeship/traineeship?

My passion for cooking really sparks up the idea of an apprenticeship. I get the opportunity to work with amazing chefs from different cultures, learning new skills and flavours each week. I am paid for the hours I spend at the workplace, including my training block weeks. From starting this apprenticeship, I have made so many memories and new experiences that are going to follow me through my career, accomplishing many golden opportunities along the way.

What made you want to do an apprenticeship/VET course?

Sitting down in front of a laptop writing word after word was never really up my alley. Asking around, I found out that I could combine a passion of mine that I have always loved from a young age, a job that I get paid for, and time minimised at school, all together. I loved the idea of getting an early start to accomplishing my many goals in my future; so, I grasped that chance to start my journey on the path of an apprenticeship.



What's On

Women in Defence Virtual Information Session

Organisation: Australian Defence Force
Location: Online
Date: June 24

The Australian Defence Force provides a supportive, inclusive and respectful workplace where you can grow both personally and professionally.

Tune in for a virtual info session to speak with current serving women in Defence to learn more.

Character Design Watercolour Workshop

Organisation: Draw with Lauren
Location: CDW Studios Adelaide
Date: July 10

Join in the fun and level up your drawing and illustration skills these school holidays!

Designed for young artists of all skill levels, these workshops offer a fun and supportive environment to explore the world of drawing. Whether students are interested in sketching animals, characters or imaginary landscapes, our experienced illustrators will guide them through essential techniques and help them bring their ideas to life.

This workshop is aimed at students 10-14 years old with a passion for drawing.

Open Day 2025, Bedford Park

Organisation: Flinders University
Location: Flinders Bedford Park Campus
Date: July 25 to July 26

Flinders Open Days is your chance to check out uni life at Flinders – with information sessions, campus tours and heaps of activities.

Explore your career options, talk to our talented academics, get inspired with hands-on experiences and soak up the vibes.

You can chat one-on-one with other students and advisors, check out information sessions on different career and study areas, and get involved in interactive activities.

Open Day 2025, City

Organisation: Flinders University
Location: Flinders City Campus
Date: July 27

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Open Day 2025, Adelaide City

Organisation: Adelaide University
Location: AU Adelaide City Campus
Date: July 27

Join us on campus to explore the launch pad for your bright future – Adelaide University.

With the largest campus footprint in South Australia, we will be hosting open days and experiences at our metropolitan and regional campuses in mid-2025.

Discover our dynamic spaces and facilities and learn all about our 400+ degrees across 22 diverse study areas. Engage your curiosity and chat with staff, or have some fun around campus with activities and entertainment.

Open Day 2025, Adelaide

Organisation: CDW Studios
Location: CDW Adelaide Campus
Date: July 27

This is your chance to come down and explore our creative space, meet staff and students, and learn more about our programs!

Whether you're an aspiring entertainment design artist or just curious about the world of games, movies and animation, this is the perfect opportunity to kickstart your career at CDW Studios.

Open Day 2025, Mount Gambier

Organisation: Adelaide University
Location: AU Mount Gambier Campus
Date: August 3

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Open Day 2025, Whyalla

Organisation: Adelaide University
Location: AU Whyalla Campus
Date: August 31

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Year 11 & 12 Occupational Therapy Workshop

Our Year 11 and 12 students had the opportunity to engage in a workshop with placement students from University of South Australia in the field of Occupational Therapy. The session ran for approximately 1 hour and included hands-on activities and rotating stations that allowed students to explore firsthand what Occupational Therapists do, and learn more about studying Occupational Therapy at university. It's a fun and engaging way for students to gain insight into the profession while hearing directly from current university students about their journey.

Our aim is to encourage local high school students to consider enrolling in health-related degrees—particularly Occupational Therapy—by showing how rewarding and meaningful a rural health career can be.



Job Spotlight

Behind The Job: Sustainability Consultant

What do they do?

Sustainability Consultants help organisations develop environmentally friendly practices, reduce carbon footprints, and implement sustainability strategies in industries like construction, energy, and business operations.

How do they get started?

A Bachelor's degree in Environmental Science, Sustainability, or a related field.

What are their strengths?

- Analytical and problem-solving skills
- Ability to develop and implement eco-friendly solutions
- Communication skills for working with businesses and policymakers
- Understanding of regulations and sustainability reporting

Stage 2 Exams Timetable

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Examinations timetable for 2025

External assessment

Date	South Australia 9 am Northern Territory 8 am China, Malaysia 7.30 am Sri Lanka 7 am Vietnam 7 am New Caledonia, Vanuatu 9.30 am	South Australia 1.30 pm Northern Territory 12.30 pm China, Malaysia 12 noon Sri Lanka 11.30 am Vietnam 11.30 am New Caledonia, Vanuatu 2 pm
Monday 3 November	Mathematical Methods [2MHS20] 130 minutes	General Mathematics [2MGM20] 130 minutes
Tuesday 4 November	Essential Mathematics [2MEM20] 130 minutes	Psychology [2PSG20] 130 minutes
Wednesday 5 November	Nutrition [2NTN20] 130 minutes	Chinese (background speakers) [2CHD20] 130 minutes Chinese (continuers) [2CHC20] 130 minutes French (continuers) [2FRC20] 130 minutes Indonesian (continuers) [2INC20] 130 minutes Modern Greek (continuers) [2MGC20] 130 minutes Spanish (continuers) [2SPC20] 130 minutes
Thursday 6 November	Physics [2PYI20] 130 minutes	Accounting [2ACO20] 130 minutes
Friday 7 November	Biology [2BGY20] 130 minutes	Modern History [2MOD20] 130 minutes
Monday 10 November	Chemistry [2CEM20] 130 minutes	Economics [2ENO20] 130 minutes
Tuesday 11 November	Specialist Mathematics [2MSC20] 130 minutes	English Literary Studies [2ELS20] 100 minutes
Wednesday 12 November	German (continuers) [2GEC20] 130 minutes Italian (continuers) [2ITC20] 130 minutes Japanese (continuers) [2JAC20] 130 minutes Vietnamese (background speakers) [2VND20] 130 minutes Vietnamese (continuers) [2VNC20] 130 minutes	English as an Additional Language [2EAL20] 160 minutes
Thursday 13 November	Legal Studies [2LES20] 130 minutes	Tourism [2TOS20] 130 minutes
Friday 14 November	Music Studies [2MSI20] 130 minutes	Geography [2GHY20] 130 minutes

Subjects in **blue text** denote an electronic examination

Work Experience

Why work experience matters for your future

Choosing a career path can feel overwhelming when you're making decisions based on limited information. You might have strong academic interests or exciting ideas about certain industries, but how do you know if those translate into careers you'll actually enjoy? The answer lies in getting real-world experience before committing to a future direction - and that's where work experience comes in.

Work experience bridges the gap between theory and reality, giving you insights that no amount of research can provide. It's your chance to test assumptions, explore different environments, and discover what truly motivates you.

The reality behind the dream job

We've all fantasised about our ideal career based on films or social media...but the reality can be quite different. Work experience shows you what a job actually involves rather than just the highlight reel.

Take marine biology – you might picture swimming with dolphins, but a work experience placement might reveal that much of the job actually involves:

- Data analysis in labs
- Writing detailed reports
- Applying for research funding

That's not necessarily bad news, but it helps you make informed decisions about whether the reality matches your expectations.

Try before you commit

Work experience lets you test different industries and company cultures without the long-term commitment. You might discover you thrive in the fast-paced environment of a marketing agency but find corporate banking too rigid. Or perhaps hands-on work gives you more satisfaction than desk-based roles.

This exploration is especially valuable when you're torn between options. Instead of choosing based on theory, you can make decisions based on actual experience.

Skills you can't learn in a classroom

Work experience develops essential human skills that education alone can't teach. You'll learn to navigate workplace dynamics, communicate across different levels, and adapt to professional expectations.

These transferable skills make you more employable regardless of your eventual career choice. Plus, you'll start building a network of contacts who could become mentors or future employers.

Building confidence and self-awareness

Successfully completing work experience proves you can handle real workplace responsibilities. This confidence becomes invaluable during job applications and interviews, where you can speak from experience rather than just theory.

Work experience also helps you identify your strengths in a real-world context. You might discover you're naturally good at problem-solving under pressure or excel at explaining complex ideas – insights that could shape your career direction.

Standing out from the crowd

In a competitive job market, work experience often separates candidates. Employers consistently value practical experience alongside academic qualifications. When you can demonstrate workplace understanding and relevant experience, you become much more attractive to employers.

Work experience also shows initiative and commitment. It proves you've taken proactive steps to explore your options rather than simply hoping for the best.

Making the most of your placement

To maximise your work experience: Approach it with curiosity and ask plenty of questions

- Volunteer for different tasks when possible
- Observe how various roles interact
- Pay attention to what energises or drains you

Our biggest tip: don't avoid fields you're unsure about. Sometimes the most valuable experiences are the ones that help you rule out certain paths, saving you time and energy later. So treat every opportunity professionally – you never know where it might lead.

Start exploring today

Work experience isn't just about ticking a box on your resume – it's about actively exploring your future and making informed decisions. Whether you're considering university, apprenticeships, or entering the workforce directly, work experience provides insights that can help you move in the right direction.

SACE Appointments

If you or your son/daughter are wanting to meet with me to discuss all things SACE, VET, Careers and/or Work Experience, please feel free to make an appointment by contacting the College (8645 8568) or emailing sean.sheedy@samaritan.catholic.edu.au.

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