

Australian School Based Apprenticeships (ASBA's)/ Flexible Apprenticeships and Traineeships

Australian Apprenticeships are now available in more than 500 occupations nationally, in both emerging and well-established industries.

How much time does the Trainee or Apprentice spend away from school?

- The minimum hours of employment and training (with the RTO) for a school-based
- Apprentice or trainee are **7.5 hours per week**, however this can be more if required by the employer.
- Many students undertaking an ASBA will do less classroom subjects than their peers. This is because they are **gaining SACE credits** from their ASBA and do not need the credits from mainstream subjects.
- Some students are able to complete their 8 hours after school and on weekends.
- Some students may work full time and complete their school studies externally

What is the difference between an Apprenticeship and a Traineeship?

Apprenticeships and Traineeships are very similar, both offer training on-the-job, off-the-job or a combination of both and lead to a nationally recognised and accredited qualification.

The main differences are:

Apprenticeships

Trade based occupations, completed over 3 or 4 years full-time (e.g. mechanic, hairdresser, chef, carpenter, brick layer)

Traineeships

All non-trade based occupations, completed over 1 or 2 years full / part time (e.g. real estate, finance, retail, multimedia, local government)

How does a VET course or an ASBA 'count' towards the SACE?

Every unit of competency that forms part of an ASBA Training Plan is allocated a certain number of "nominal hours". For every **70 hours** completed a student will gain **10 credits** towards their SACE. Whether or not this can be counted towards Stage 1 or Stage 2 will depend on the Certificate Level being completed.

Completion of a Certificate 3 qualification whilst at school may provide the student with ATAR credit for University entrance.

MCC Senior School Senior Leader – Mr. Kieran Jaensch can assist and provide further information to students, parents, potential employers and the wider community on any of the above. Please don't hesitate to make contact.

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