



# Student Information For EDUCATION SUPPORT

## Is this course for me?

Before selecting the Certificate III in Education Support the following are important attributes for a career in this sector. Consider if you are:

- Good communicator?
- Actively engaged in learning more?
- Like variety in your day?
- Have patience?
- Able to concentrate and follow instructions?

## What does education support work involve?

Education support workers provide assistance and support to teachers and students under broad based supervision in a range of educational settings, including public and independent schools and community education. Work may involve activities that assist with student learning and support responsible behaviour as well as working with students from culturally diverse backgrounds, with additional needs or disabilities and students of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander identity.

## What will I be doing?

### For Vet In School pathway:

The minimum work placement requirement for Certificate III in Education Support is 105 hours. Work placement is to be undertaken in an appropriate educational environment. It is permissible for up to 35 hours of work placement to be undertaken in a simulated work environment.

### For School Based Traineeship:

A School Based Traineeship for the Certificate III in Education Support provides you with the opportunity to gain the qualification and your HSC while undertaking paid employment as a trainee. As a school based trainee, you work part-time and complete the off the job training as part of the HSC. The training is provided in NSW by TAFE NSW or a private registered training organisation.

As a school-based trainee you will enter into a Training Contract for a term of sufficient duration to allow for the completion of the formal training requirements as well as the requirement of a minimum of 100 days of paid employment. (could be during school holidays and some early starts or shift work may be required).

## What will I learn?

You'll be learning how to:

- Support the behaviour of children and young people
- Comply with legislation and policies in the education environment
- Assist in facilitation of student learning
- Work with students in need of additional support
- Facilitate learning for students with disabilities
- Use educational strategies to support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander education
- Work effectively with culturally diverse students and co-workers
- Participate in work health and safety

## **Are there other subjects that may help me while studying for the Education Support qualification?**

When selecting your HSC subjects you may wish to consider how they may complement to your vocational studies and contribute to achieving best results. For a Dental Assisting career pathway the following subjects may be beneficial:

- Personal Development, Health and Physical Education
- General Mathematics
- Aboriginal Studies

## **Are there fees and costs?**

If you are at a government high school the course cost is covered via the schools staffing allocation, this means that there is no direct cost to students. If you are at a non-government high school your school VET coordinator will explain about the different costs involved. You will also be responsible for the cost of immunisations and police checks.

## **Are there other requirements for Education Support work?**

Your employer will provide you with details of the expected code of behaviour for their workplace but in general it will include confidentiality, ethical practice and compliance with workplace health and safety procedures. Personal mobile phones are not to be used at work.