



Australian Government

**AUSTRALIAN  
TRAINING  
AWARDS**

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## ST COLUMBAN'S COLLEGE

### 2014 SCHOOL PATHWAYS TO VET AWARD

**The School Pathways to VET Award recognises eligible organisations including schools, registered training organisations, industry bodies, employers that have collaboratively delivered an excellent vocational education and training (VET) program to secondary school students.**

St Columban's College is a Catholic secondary college in south-east Queensland. The college delivers 16 qualifications across ten industry areas, reflecting the diversity of the community's employment opportunities. In 2013, 98 per cent of students graduated with a nationally recognised qualification, 76 per cent at the Certificate III level and 17 per cent at Certificate IV.

At the 2014 Australian Training Awards, St Columban's College was awarded the national School Pathways to VET Award for its outstanding provision of vocational education and training (VET) pathways to its students.

Principal, Ann Regbetz could not be more pleased with the win.

"The Australian Training Awards serves as a rigorous benchmarking tool for continuous improvement of VET across Australia. I feel we won this award because our outstanding results are based on real outcomes and real data that meet the needs of the world we live in," Ann said.

St Columban's has close relationships with the local business community and has established an enterprising Trade Training Centre to enhance the delivery of training in hairdressing, kitchen operations and hospitality. It is a Gateway school for wine tourism and its science wing has been expanded, and a laboratory skills qualification added, to allow the study of wine chemistry. More than 1000 employers have hosted its students for work placements, validation of

training plans and over 100 Australian School-based Apprenticeships annually.

St Columban's also offers employment opportunities, with 17 trainees employed in the areas of information technology, hospitality and sport and recreation.

"Being acknowledged as the best in Australia means the validation of the unique Every Student Every Success Educational Blueprint developed by us over the last five years. It means that the Blueprint can be adopted by other schools and colleges which aspire to delivering a balanced and dynamic curriculum, which provides opportunities for excellence, equity for students by valuing, and having equal access to, vocational and academic skills," Ann said.

# ABOUT THE AUSTRALIAN TRAINING AWARDS

Each year, the Australian Training Awards recognise and celebrate the outstanding achievements of Australian Apprentices, vocational students, training practitioners, businesses, secondary schools, industry and registered training organisations for their contribution to skilling Australia.

The majority of the awards are the culmination of the state and territory awards programs with winners from each state and territory eligible to compete at the national level in aligned categories.

There are also seven award categories available by entering directly to the Australian Training Awards.

## Individual

- Lifetime Achievement Award (**direct entry**)
- Australian School-based Apprentice of the Year Award
- Vocational Student of the Year Award
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student of the Year Award
- Australian Apprentice (Trainee) of the Year Award
- Australian Apprentice of the Year Award
- VET Teacher/Trainer of the Year Award
- National Achievement Award (**direct entry**)
- Excellence in Language, Literacy and Numeracy Practice Award (**direct entry**)

## Business

- Small Employer of the Year Award
- Employer of the Year Award
- Industry Collaboration Award
- Australian Apprenticeships - Employer Award (**direct entry**)
- Disability Training - Employer Award (**direct entry**)

## Registered Training Organisation

- Small Training Provider of the Year Award
- Large Training Provider of the Year Award
- International Training Provider of the Year Award\* (**direct entry**)
- School Pathways to VET Award (**direct entry**)

\* Applications for this award are made directly to the Australian Training Awards in all states and territories except Western Australia where applications must be made direct to the WA Training Awards.

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## WHY APPLY?

The awards offer its participants Australia-wide recognition for exceptional training outcomes and an opportunity to become known as the best-of-the-best, nationally.

**For individuals,** the awards can open up networks and career opportunities within the business sector and provide you with the opportunity to become a national ambassador for skills to promote the vocational education and training sector at a national level.

**For businesses and registered training organisations,** the awards can propel you into the national spotlight positioning you as a front runner in skills and workforce development and leader in best practice which sets you apart from the competition and makes you an employer, or registered training organisation, of choice.

