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AUSTRALIAN  
TRAINING  
AWARDS

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## SOUTHERN CROSS CATHOLIC VOCATIONAL COLLEGE

2013 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.

Sydney based Southern Cross Catholic Vocational College was the winner of the national School Pathways to VET Award at the 2013 Australian Training Awards. The Award recognises an organisation or partnership that has delivered excellent education and training programs to secondary school students.

"Winning the School Pathways to VET Award is fantastic recognition for the hard work of our staff, our business and industry partners, the students, our College Advisory Board, our colleagues in the Catholic Education Office and many other people," Southern Cross Catholic Vocational College Principal Patrick O'Reilly said.

"We offer 15 different vocational qualification courses and students typically undertake three of those to Certificate II level; in eight course areas students can attain Certificate III. We also have more than 50 school-based apprentices and trainees this year which has grown dramatically in the past two years."

Southern Cross Catholic Vocational College engages its students in developing skills for success in life, learning and employment, through personalised learning opportunities within a holistic, Catholic community. Students combine vocational course offerings, tailored together with other complementary courses, to pursue their

post-school ambitions while successfully meeting nationally recognised training qualification requirements and the New South Wales Higher School Certificate.

Its \$25 million state-of-the-art facilities opened in 2010 and since that time has delivered 15 vocational education and training qualifications to more than 600 students.

"We are committed to ensuring our students become the best people they can be, undertaking quality training on-and-off campus, so they can emerge confident, skilled and employable young men and women." Patrick 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.

