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Support for vocational education and training in schools (VETiS)

The Queensland Catholic sector is strongly supportive of the benefits of VET programs in schools.

The provision of VET programs delivers multiple pathways for students as they transition to employment or further training.

The Catholic sector also believes that students benefit from the broader educational opportunities, support and guidance that is offered in the Catholic school context.

Skills training programs offered within Queensland Catholic education are designed to provide engaging curriculum offerings for the wide variety of student needs, and in addition address the workforce requirements of employers.

The Catholic sector has welcomed the State Government’s formation of a Queensland cross-sectoral VETiS Working Group, providing a forum to collaboratively advance issues in this area.

The Catholic sector is seeking a commitment from the next Queensland Government to:

• provide ongoing support for VETiS programs that recognise the challenges of VET delivery in diverse school settings and communities

• develop new strategies and programs to assist successful school-employer engagement

• provide indexation of funding to the Catholic sector to support school-based apprenticeships and traineeships. This has been fixed at around $866,000 since 2009.