



A career pathway in:

# Horticulture

Like the idea of working outdoors and a career in the horticultural industry?

Do you want to be a Nursery person or Landscaper?

Start working toward your trade career today.

At Ranges TEC you can complete a certificate II trade course together with the VCE VM (Vocational Major).

Ranges TEC is a school for students in Years 10, 11 and 12 with purpose built trade training facilities. Ranges TEC offers a unique learning experience in a supportive Christian environment.

Current as at March 2024

## EMPLOYMENT/CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

A student who successfully completes this certificate may secure employment as an apprentice in the Horticulture industry. This training program is designed to provide students with skills, knowledge and experience in the landscaping, horticulture and nursery industries. Students who finish the course should be able to work safely under routine supervision.

Career paths within the industry may include: Landscaping, Irrigation systems, Conservation, Propagation of plants, Pruning, Operating equipment and machinery.

Future training pathways could potentially be: Cert III in Horticulture, Agriculture, Conservation & Land Management, Landscape Construction or Rural Operations. See <http://training.gov.au> for more information



## COURSE OUTLINE

This course rotates yearly between Block A and Block B Units of Competency with the complete course being delivered over 2 years.

### Block A

- AHCLSC206 Assist with landscape construction work
- AHCWRK211 Participate in environmentally sustainable work practices
- AHCNSY206 Care for nursery plants
- AHCNSY207 Undertake propagation activities
- AHCWHS202 Participate in WHS processes
- AHPCPM204 Recognise plants
- AHCPGD207 Plant trees and shrubs
- AHCPGD209 Prune shrubs and small trees

### Block B

- AHCLSC207 Construct low profile timber or modular retaining walls
- AHCLSC209 Lay paving
- AHCMOM203 Operate basic machinery and equipment
- AHCSOL203 Assist with soil or growing media sampling and testing
- AHCPMG202 Treat plant pests, diseases and disorders
- AHCPMG201 Treat weeds
- AHCNSY205 Pot up plants

**Assessment:** Assessment may involve a combination of demonstration of practical tasks, assignments and quizzes.

## EDUCATION

### CREDIT IN THE VCE

Students who complete this certificate are eligible for recognition of two or more units at Units 1 and 2 level and a Units 3 and 4 sequence.

Students who receive a Units 3 and 4 sequences for VCE VET Horticulture will be eligible for an increment towards their ATAR (10% of the average of the primary four scaled studies). The increment is awarded by the Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC). Further information can be found on the VTAC website: [www.vtac.edu.au](http://www.vtac.edu.au)

### VCE VM

This program is suitable for the industry skills component of a VCE VM course.

### AWARD

On successful completion of this program students will be awarded AHC20422 Certificate II Horticulture.

Students who partially complete this qualification will receive a statement of attainment listing units successfully completed.

## REQUIREMENTS

### Workwear & PPE:

- Steel cap, slip resistant, leather boots
- Work pants, long or short
- Hi-visibility top with collar or Hi-vis vest
- Broad brimmed hat & sunscreen
- Wet weather gear (recommended)
- Gardening gloves
- Banded ear plugs
- Safety glasses

If you attend Ranges TEC classes without the appropriate Workwear & PPE you will be excluded from practical classes.

### Stationery:

- Pencil case with pens, pencils eraser, sharpener, highlighter & ruler
- A4 4 ring binder (28-50ml) and binder book

## ENROLMENT

### a. Full time Ranges TEC students:

Talk to the Ranges TEC Director or your home room teacher about your Cert II course preference and how that fits with your overall learning plan at Ranges TEC.

### b. (1 day per week) VET students:

Apply to have your name added to the list for Cert II courses at Ranges TEC through the VET coordinator at your home school.

Students who are not from VET cluster schools can contact Ranges TEC office directly: Ph. 9738 7100.

If there are places available, you will be invited to submit a Ranges TEC enrolment form and attend orientation in December, prior to the beginning of the course.

## COURSE COST

a. **Full time Ranges TEC students:** Fees of Cert II courses delivered at Ranges TEC are included in the overall Ranges TEC tuition & materials fee.

### b. (1 day per week) VET students: (2024 Fees)

Tuition fee: **\$2,800pa** and Materials fee: **\$550pa**.

Ranges TEC will either invoice students directly or students will receive payment instructions via their home schools. (Most home schools have their own arrangements for invoicing students. Please refer to your home school for details).

## DELIVERY

**Location:** Ranges TEC community farm, 10 Coulson Rd, Monbulk.

**When:** Ranges TEC delivers VET courses on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Course times are announced in September each year.

Transport is provided from Hightech Place, Lilydale.

**Course duration:** 62 weeks (over 8 school terms)



**RECOGNITION OF PRIOR LEARNING** Students who feel that they have previous education or work skills may apply to the VET Coordinator to have their current competencies assessed. More information about RPL is available in the Ranges TEC Student Handbook

**Recognition of AQF Qualifications & Statements of Attainment** If you have already successfully completed a unit/course at another RTO you don't have to do it again. One of the most important features of the Australian Quality Training Framework is the mutual recognition of training organisations and qualifications including Statements of Attainment. As a registered training organisation Ranges TEC must accept the credentials issued by another registered training organisation based in any State/Territory of Australia. Ranges TEC undertakes to ensure that all Certificates and Statements of Attainment issued by any other registered training organisation are accepted as valid. Equally, the Qualifications and Statements of Attainment issued by Ranges TEC will be recognised Australia wide under these arrangements.

**COMPLAINTS POLICY** Students who feel that they have been unfairly treated as part of their enrolment or during their studies may access the Complaints and Appeals policy through the Ranges TEC website:

**EQUITY AND ACCESS** Equity is a term used to cover issues relating to access to VET, participation in VET, and achievement of outcomes in VET. Equity issues range from providing a supportive learning environment to adjusting assessments to meet individual circumstances. Basically, equity refers to the ability to achieve results in training and to receive training in an inclusive environment with inclusive materials. An inclusive environment or set of materials is one that acknowledges and values the differences between people and cultures. It includes rather than excludes.

Ranges TEC is committed to ensuring that all prospective clients are able to participate and have the opportunity to build on their potential, make choices and receive responsive and appropriate products and services. Whilst the destination for all learners may be the same (i.e. demonstrating competence to the standard required), the journey may be different. Ranges TEC aims to ensure equity by being flexible and responsive and avoiding a 'one size fits all' solution to training and assessment.