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YEAR 10 – 2018 GIFTED PROGRAM Early Commencement of Stage 6 VET Course Early Childhood Education and Care in Year 10 2018

Dear Parents/Caregivers and Year 10-2018 Students,

St John Paul II Catholic College is once again offering 2018 Year 10 students the opportunity to commence their senior studies (Stage 6) next year by undertaking a VET course while continuing to complete the mandatory curriculum requirements for Stage 5. These students will commence the accumulation of HSC units of credit while concurrently completing the requirements for Year 10. Their VET course will count as one of their electives in Year 10. The VET course on offer next year is Early Childhood Education and Care which is delivered at Nirimba TAFE on Mondays and Wednesdays from 2pm to 6pm.

VET courses provide opportunities for students to:

- acquire a range of technical, practical, personal and organisational skills valued both within and beyond the workplace
- acquire underpinning knowledge and skills related to work, employment and further training
- gain experiences that can be applied in a range of contexts, including work, study and leisure
- receive formal VET sector qualifications awarded for the achievement of competencies recognised by industry
- make informed career choices and improve transition from school to work.

Please find attached the following information for you to read through:

- Introduction to Vocational Education and Training courses
- What is the Early Childhood Education and Care course about?

Please note that students interested in Early Childhood Education and Care **must attend a mandatory information and testing session at Nirimba TAFE Building T1F, on Tuesday, 8 August at 5.30pm and submit their application with payment of \$500 to the front office at SJPICC by Friday, 11 August 2017.** A map has been attached for assistance to find the room for the information session. **Please email Irene Pereira to register your attendance by Monday, 7 August 2017. Application forms will be issued at the information evening at Nirimba TAFE. No preparation is required for the testing component of the information evening. Please bring a pen along.**

Please note, this course is heavily subsidised by Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta. Students are only able to access funding for one external VET course during their enrolment.

If you require additional information, please contact the Leader of Learning Vocational Education and Training.

Kind regards,

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Introduction to Vocational Education and Training Courses

General

VET courses offer dual accreditation: students who successfully complete these courses will gain unit credit toward their HSC and will receive a nationally recognised industry based qualification. All VET courses have been developed in conjunction with industry, are taught to **industry standards** and have clear links to post school destinations. VET courses can only be delivered through Registered Training Organisations (RTO). All VET courses have a practical component. They are designed for students who may wish to build a career in these industry areas. There is also a significant theoretical component in most of the courses. Many of the core competencies and skills gained from VET Courses are “transferable”, for e.g. teamwork, communication, work health and safety and work ethics. No matter what industry the student eventually pursues, they will have participated in entry-level skills that will make them more “work ready”.

Framework and Non Framework Courses

VET courses are generally broken into two groups, Industry Curriculum Framework courses and Board Endorsed Courses (BEC). Both groups provide units of credit towards the students HSC and give students access to a nationally recognised qualification. Industry Curriculum Framework courses are Category B subjects for the purpose of calculating an Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR). The ATAR is the main method of determining university admission for students seeking university admission at the end of year 12. **Early Childhood Education and Care is a BEC and hence doesn't contribute to the ATAR.**

Assessment Procedures

Assessment of students in VET courses is competency based. This means that evidence of achievement of competency is produced by the student, gathered by the teacher of the course and judged against agreed industry standards. To be assessed as competent a student must demonstrate to a qualified assessor that they have the knowledge and skills to effectively carry out the various tasks to the standard required in the appropriate industry. Generally assessments are practical in nature and reflect the type of tasks that would be required to be performed in the workplace, however written assessments are also used to assess knowledge and understanding of concepts related to the course. Students are given multiple opportunities to demonstrate competence across the range of competency standards covered by this course.

Work Placement

In the case of Early Childhood Education and Care, as it is a Certificate III course, 110 hours of work placement is required. Failure to complete mandatory work placement will mean that a student will receive an “N” award for the subject and as a result may be ineligible for the award of the HSC. Students will be provided with additional work placement information in the course induction/orientation. Traveling expenses and the management of course work missed in other subjects should be taken into consideration.

Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL)

Credit transfer is available to students who produce evidence of achievement of competency from another registered training organisation. Recognition of prior learning may also be available to students who can provide sufficient evidence of skills attained previously. Students, who go on to study their industry sector further once completing their HSC, may gain credit transfer for units already completed at school.

Fees and charges

As Early Childhood Education and Care is an external course, a payment of \$500 is required in the first year of study, followed by \$250 in the second year of study. Application forms must be submitted for each year of study

What is the Early Childhood Education and Care Course About?

Category:	B – Board Developed Course
Unit Value:	4 Unit Preliminary Course 4 Unit HSC Course
Qualification:	Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care
Course Description & Content:	This course provides students with an introduction to childcare and some skills suited to employment as assistants in centre based facilities for children.
Units include:	Units may include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Identify and respond to children and young people at risk• Ensure the health and safety of children• Contribute to the provision of nutritionally balanced food in a safe and hygienic manner• Work within a relevant legal and ethical framework• Contribute to WHS processes• Support the development of children• Support Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander families to participate in children's services• Work effectively with families to care for the child• Apply first aid• Provide care for children• Provide care for babies• Interact effectively with children• Participate effectively in the work environment• Provide experiences to support children's play and learning.
Attendance:	Students attend Nirimba TAFE on Mondays and Wednesdays from 2 to 6pm. In Year 10 they will be driven to Nirimba TAFE by the school bus at 1.30. Parents/guardians will need to pick their son/daughter from TAFE at 6pm.
Cost:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• \$500 must be paid to the College by Friday, 11 August 2017 with the application form.• Students are may also be required to purchase course workbooks.
Compulsory Information Session:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nirimba College of TAFE Eastern Rd Quakers Hill - Building T1F on Tuesday, 8 August. Email Irene Pereira to register your attendance by the Monday, 7 August: ipereira@parra.catholic.edu.au
Pathways:	Once you complete the course, you may decide to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Obtain a traineeship in Early Childhood Education and Care• Undertake a Cert IV; Diploma or degree in a Bachelor of Early Childhood Education at TAFE• Gain fulltime employment in the Children's Services industry



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LEGEND :

- TERRA SANCTA COLLEGE, NIRIMBA CAMPUS (TS code)
- WYNDHAM COLLEGE (W code)
- SENIOR SECONDARY COLLEGES' FACILITIES
- TAFE NSW WESTERN SYDNEY INSTITUTE NIRIMBA COLLEGE (T code)
- UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN SYDNEY, BLACKTOWN CAMPUS (U code)
• UWS COLLEGE – Nirimba Campus
- PRECINCT COMMON FACILITIES (C code)

C21
Library, Cafeteria, Bar, General Store,
Co-op Bookshop, Student Association Office,
ATM, Public Telephones, Toilets

U1
Coffee Shop

C20
Swimming Pool
Gym

