

## Information Sheet for VET Providers Support for VET Students

Do you work with young students who face significant barriers to completing their **VET course** and are at risk of not completing it?

Would **additional support** help your at risk students stay enrolled and on track to complete their Course?

Does your organisation need some additional **specialised assistance** for students to assist them to complete their course?

**YES? ...then the Support for VET Students Program can help!**

### **What is Support for VET Students?**

The Support for VET Students (SVS) Program provides individualised support to young at risk students (17 to 24 years old).

This is delivered through a case management service by Marist180 to assist the student to complete their VET course and then assist the student into work or further study.

### **Does the Program cost anything?**

No – Marist180 is fully funded to run this program by the Australian Government Department of Social Services. This is part of the **Try, Test and Learn Program**. As such there is no cost for this case management service for service providers or students.

### **What are the benefits of SVS?**

Marist180's SVS program aims to increase student completions of VET courses where it is identified that a student has external barriers that impact their ability to complete their course or they have complex support needs. The SVS program will assist students to overcome this and achieve their

enrolled qualification and transition to further study or employment.

The SVS program assists students to stay in training by:

- addressing life issues that are interfering with their course
- assisting with study skills and other learning needs
- connecting with other specialised supports that are available in the community where required



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### Who is eligible?

Students eligible for the SVS program must be:

- aged between 17 to 24 years old
- are enrolled in a VET course (Certificate 1 to Diploma level) – this must be a **post school qualification**
- are Australian citizen, or permanent resident, or hold a temporary protection visa
- have support needs that are interfering with their course completion
- the student must be completing their VET qualification **by May 2019**.

**Note:** This can include trainees and apprentices subject to completion date

### How does the SVS Program Work – what is the Service?

The SVS program is **case management based** and has 4 stages:

1. Referral and intake – confirming that the student is **at risk of disengagement from VET**
2. Individual assessment – identification of student needs via a SVS **case plan**
3. Support during study – individual, group or other **sessions as agreed**, based on ensuring maximum collective impact of SVS and current service(s)
4. Transition to employment – providing **support and planning** for transition to work or further study.

### Is there post course transition support?

The SVS program includes **post course transition support**. That is the program provides individualised support to students

after the completion of their course for up to 12 weeks from Marist180. This support aims to ensure a successful transition to either employment or further training/education.

The support will include the same individualised support offered by SVS during training but will have a focus on sourcing and securing new employment opportunities. The SVS case worker will be working with the employer and new worker or with the exiting student and their next training provider, depending on their prevailing need.

It is envisaged that referral organisation's will engage with the SVS service early to plan how post course transition support can be most effectively offered and provided to the participants.

### How do I Access the SVS Program?

To access the program all that is required is a simple referral to the SVS program either by phone, email or in writing. This can be completed by the referral agency in consultation with the student. Organisations include:

- TAFE Queensland
- registered Training Organisations
- employment Service Providers
- employers
- other service providers working with the student

Once the referral is received Marist180 VET Caseworkers will undertake an assessment for case management support. The student must know that they are being referred to this program.

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**Want more information?**

If you are interested in gaining more information and engaging in our service, please email us at :

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**NOTE**

SVS is provided as an **additional support service** to complement and build on current support strategies for students with individual complex support needs.

Referring agencies may continue to provide appropriate student support and are expected to collaborate with SVS case workers to ensure the student receives the supports they need while training.