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KIC Engineering Pre-apprenticeship

Qualification: 52913WA-AE28 Certificate II in Engineering (Mechanical Fitter and Machinist Pre-apprenticeship)

Overview:

The Certificate II in Engineering (Mechanical Fitter and Machinist Pre-apprenticeship) is an initiative of the Kwinana Industries Council (KIC). It is a two year program which students complete during Year 11 and 12 alongside their school studies. The program takes 15 students (max) per year. Students remain enrolled full time at their current school, receive training one day a week (Fridays) at South Metropolitan TAFE (Rockingham Campus) and spend time in work placements.

Course Outline:

Students will develop trade like skills and knowledge in a range of engineering and manufacturing tasks which will enhance their entry-level employment prospects for apprenticeship, traineeships or general employment in an engineering-related workplace. Some of the units of competency will articulate into an apprenticeship course in the metals trades areas, which may reduce the amount of time required to complete an apprenticeship.

South Metropolitan TAFE:

Students will complete Certificate II in Engineering (Mechanical Fitter and Machinist Pre-apprenticeship) delivered by South Metropolitan TAFE (RTO 52787) at the Rockingham Campus on Fridays (except during school holidays).

Workplace Learning:

Workplace Learning provides students with the opportunity to attend the workplace and experience a range of vocations within their field of interest. Students are required to undertake 150 hours of work placement during the two year program.

Students must take the lead in arranging their work placements in close collaboration with their school. The school will facilitate the organisation of the work placement. It is imperative that schools ensure students possess all necessary industry clearances before commencing their placements.

Further Studies:

Students will be eligible to pursue South Metropolitan TAFE courses at the end of the Certificate II in Engineering (Mechanical Fitter and Machinist Pre-apprenticeship) or articulate directly into an apprenticeship.

Entry Requirements:

Year 10 students wishing to be considered for this program must have the following qualities and achievements:

- Grade C average across all subjects (Min C grade for Maths & English);
- Satisfactory results from OLNA testing;
- Attendance 90%+;
- No behavioural issues;
- Enthusiasm for working in the engineering industry;
- Parental support; and
- Personal presentation; punctuality, reliability and honesty.

Students who meet the selection requirements will be invited to attend an interview and need to be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

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Completion:

At the end of year 12 students will complete their WACE and Certificate II in Engineering (Mechanical Fitter and Machinist Pre-apprenticeship).

Students will be 'work-ready' and this will reduce the time needed to complete an Apprenticeship in an associated industry.

Job Outcomes:

Fitter – metal, Fitter and turner, Fluid power mechanic, Maintenance mechanic/motor mechanic, Mechanical fitter, Metal fabricator (boilermaker), Metal machinist (first class) – engineering, Plant mechanic, Tool and die maker, Toolmaker.

KIC Program Cost (per year): :

Year 11 - $450 (includes KIC PPE – 2 x long sleeve shirts, 2 x long trousers and 1 x safety boots)
Year 12 - $150 (PPE is not included and students can purchase this directly from KIC's supplier if required)

Students Required to Purchase for TAFE:

Safety glasses
Stationery (pen, pencil, notebook, scientific calculator)
Welding safety kit (approx. $100). TAFE will provide information on commencement.

Application Process:

Applications open online 22 June to 21 August 2026.
https://kic.org.au/education/

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