Be job ready with a nationally recognised qualification to add to your Year 12 education?

Trinity Christian School offers Year 11 and 12 students the unique opportunity to complete a Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care, on the same campus as the rest of their classes. Students study the course on one of the lines in their school timetable and enjoy the benefits of learning in a new, purpose built Trade Skills Centre.

Do you want to become a teacher?
Are you interested in paediatric medicine?
Are you thinking of becoming a nurse or midwife?
Do you want a career in welfare or community services?
Are you unsure about what to do after you finish school, but need some options?

The course is not just for people who want to work in childcare.

93% of all currently enrolled students would recommend it!
100% of Year 11 students undertaking it, say they love it!
86% said they can get hands-on experience that will help in their careers.
100% of Year 11 students described it as ‘fun and engaging’
Why choose this qualification?

Key benefits include:

• You will be qualified to get a job in childcare as soon as you finish school.
• You can use the qualification as recognised prior learning in a diploma or degree.
• You can get hands-on experience working with children and vulnerable people.
• You will have an additional, practical qualification that can support your ATAR results.
• You will experience a unique learning approach that differs from a traditional school environment, and is comparable with other adult-education and training.

How it works

The Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care is an excellent addition to any Year 12 package. While not contributing to a student’s ATAR, it is valuable for students studying both Tertiary (T) and Accredited (A) packages. Students study the Certificate on one of the academic lines in the Trinity school timetable. Communities@Work currently delivers the teaching and assessment of the course and is the Registered Training Organisation (RTO).*

The course consists of 18 competencies, which should be completed over a period of two years.

Students who partially complete the Certificate III competencies will be issued with a Statement of Attainment for the competencies that have been successfully completed. These competencies may then be used to gain credits in further study in Early Childhood or other courses of study at CIT or other educational institutions. Completed competencies may also count towards the Year 12 Certificate.

“Other classes just teach you. Here, you go to the children and have real life experience.”

Alison Wallace

Competencies include:

- Participate effectively in the work environment
- Ensure the health and safety of children
- Develop cultural competence
- Provide care for babies and toddlers
- Work within a legal and ethical framework
- Support the holistic development of children in early childhood.

“There is a real motivation that comes with doing something that you know is useful. I am genuinely interested in all the things we learn about.”

Maria Apelt
Workplace learning

Students who undertake the Certificate III are required to complete many contact hours in the early childhood environment. Students have the opportunity to gain some of this experience right next door.

The Trade Skills Centre is adjacent to Trinity’s Early Learning Centre, which currently caters to children aged 3 -5. It offers long stay daycare and a preschool program.

As well as Trinity’s own Early Learning Centre, through a partnership with Communities@Work, there are relationships with several local child care centres. Within these external centres, students are able to complete all their workplace requirements.

“It’s really great being a part of the first staff to work at the ELC. We have been able to set it up and see things happen from the very beginning. It’s really exciting!”

Rachel Tollis, Year 12 student currently employed at the ELC.

A REAL LIFE COURSE THAT HELPS STUDENTS BE READY FOR WORK

Celine Edmonds wants to be a midwife. Her plan after Year 12 is to complete her nursing degree and then go on to study midwifery and work in the medical profession supporting families. As a first step on this path, Celine is completing a Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care at Trinity Christian School.

“I want to become a midwife when I finish Year 12 and so this is a great way for me to have confidence in myself in working with different children and families” says Celine.

Part of the reason Celine chose to do the course while still at Trinity, is the familiar and caring environment. She is able to increase her qualifications onsite, while still in the school she has been a part of for five years.
Student Success Story

2015 Year 12 graduate, Amy Hollington, was one of the first students enrolled in the Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care at Trinity Christian School’s Trade Skills Centre.

Already in Year 12 when the Centre opened, Amy had the opportunity to complete the first year of her Certificate III at Trinity. She has been finishing the qualification at CIT and intends to follow it up with a Diploma.

Amy has also started working in a childcare centre.

With great drive and ambition to work with foster kids or in a vital role at the Department of Community Services, Amy would have completed the Certificate III, regardless. However she feels that being able to study the qualification, on the same campus, while completing Year 12, “cut out time”.

“As an added bonus, it made Year 12 more enjoyable”. “The opportunity to start the Certificate III here cemented my career, for my future,” Amy says. What Amy found most valuable about the Trade Skills Centre experience was the ability to be “a lot more hands-on”.

“We could be in the Centre, rather than just doing written work. We could see how the theory is applied and how individual child care centres carry it out in reality,” Amy says.

“Trinity has a real family dynamic. Everyone is close and friendly across the year groups. There is such a strong community feel. I want to stay a part of that community.”

When asked if she would recommend the Certificate III at the Trade Skills Centre to other people, Amy quickly replies, “Definitely. I have been!”

“It’s a good stepping stone to have under your belt, even if it’s not what you want to do immediately,” Amy says.

“I would say, definitely do it. Because you will gain something no matter what. You just can’t lose!”

Amy Hollington

FIND OUT MORE

Does the Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care at TCS sound like the right pathway for you? Contact us to find out more about enrolling for 2017.

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