

DISCOVER

AGRICULTURE & ANIMAL STUDIES

Agriculture programs are delivered at the spacious Trade Training Centre and farm located at the Coolock Campus, Junortoun. Emphasis is placed on providing hands-on, practical learning wherever possible. Students are provided with great opportunities to learn about the critically important role that agriculture, horticulture and food production play in our lives and its place within our regional economy.

“They understand it’s not just about patting animals, it is a business.”

Transferable Skills

Students learn the essential skills of communication, problem-solving and team work whilst developing a strong work ethic through practical and theoretical tasks. The units chosen in Agriculture and Animal Studies are intentionally broad and aim to provide

students with experiences and skills in many aspects of the agriculture and food industries.

Industry Skills and Pathways

Vocational Education and Training (VET) Agriculture Certificate II: students gain the skills and knowledge to pursue employment in the agriculture industry, including working in teams to handle and show selected farm animals and using irrigation and hydroponics to industry standard.

VET Animal Studies Certificate II: students interested in careers within the animal industry learn to work with animals, including feeding and providing care.

“When students are eating the peas, strawberries or chillies they have grown themselves from seed, they seem to appreciate it a whole lot more.”



AGRICULTURE @ CMC

Years 7 & 8	Integrated Core Rotational Subject
Year 9	Electives: Agriculture and Paddock to Plate
Years 10-12	VET Certificate II programs



Paddock to Plate

The integrated Agriculture and Paddock to Plate electives increase awareness and knowledge of where our food comes from and how it gets to our table. Students are involved in the full process, taking the animals and produce from the paddock to the kitchen, where they create dishes with beautiful, locally-grown food.



Career Pathways

In Years 7-9, students develop strong skills and the confidence to undertake VET studies in their senior years. Certificate II Agriculture and Certificate II Animal Studies open pathways to further study at TAFE or university for those interested in careers in the industry.

"It is not just about sitting on a header or a tractor, there are lots of different careers available in agriculture."

(Shannon Kjaer)

Australian Sheep & Wool Show

Students attend the annual Australian Sheep & Wool Show held at the Prince of Wales Showgrounds in Bendigo each July. Student involvement ranges from showing our Polwarth Stud Sheep, attending the educational seminars for schools and assisting the sheep breeders' associations with set up.

The College also runs its own show where students present sheep, cows and alpacas and Stockmanship Awards are presented.

