



# ESSENTIAL TO EVERY COURSE, EVERY INDUSTRY, EVERY JOB

## Diploma of Sustainability

The Diploma of Sustainability will equip participants with an understanding of sustainability, including:

- What sustainability means as a concept and how to apply it
- Why sustainability is important for business, society and the environment
- How sustainability relates to a broad range of industry practices
- How to develop and implement programs to support behaviour change at the individual and organisational level
- How to develop a business plan for responsive and sustainable business practices
- How to analyse the long-term outcomes of sustainable production and consumption

### Diploma details

#### Campus

Croydon, Hawthorn, Lilydale, Prahran,  
Wantirna, Online

#### Duration

Face to Face - 1 year  
15 x 3.5 hour sessions

Online - 1year

Online Fast Track – 6 months

#### Intake

February, April, June, August, November

**Entry Requirements** To qualify for the full Diploma you need to be currently studying or have an existing diploma or higher level qualification.

### Why study sustainability?

Sustainability is increasingly being recognised as a critical challenge for society. It is also becoming an important business objective both in industry and government. How do society, business and government continue to forge ahead in ways that address increasingly finite natural resources and protect the interests of communities?

The Diploma of Sustainability introduces the principles of sustainability and empowers participants with skills and knowledge that can be applied to a broad range of areas – from management within an organisation, to supporting shifts in individual and organisational behaviour, to understanding and reducing our ecological footprint through more efficient energy and wise resource use.

The diploma is designed to be studied concurrently alongside any TAFE Diploma or higher qualification. It can also be studied in isolation provided the participant has an existing diploma or higher qualification and relevant related work experience.

## Career opportunities

This course aims at developing the skills and knowledge of both students and professionals seeking a foundation in sustainability. Candidates may be looking to integrate a sustainability lens into their existing roles or be looking to transition into a sustainability related career



**Saya Lorback**  
**Bachelor Engineering (Mechanical)/Bachelor of Arts/Diploma of Sustainability**

"Having worked in the oil and gas industry and also in resources, I made a decision to switch to a career based in more sustainable outcomes. This was a personal choice, having had trouble reconciling my own ethics and what my work was contributing to.

In order to make this switch, I thought that the best approach was to show commitment and gain skills through further qualifications. I really loved the classes, and was really inspired and motivated throughout the course. The Diploma of Sustainability has had a big impact on my career possibilities and also my personal life – I've learnt to make a number of lasting changes for the better."

## Application procedure

Please register online at: [www.swinburne.edu.au/ncs/Education/diploma.html](http://www.swinburne.edu.au/ncs/Education/diploma.html)  
There are five intakes throughout the year.

## Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL)

RPL is available for students enrolled in the Diploma of Sustainability. For further information visit: [www.tafe.swinburne.edu.au/rpl](http://www.tafe.swinburne.edu.au/rpl) or contact the National Centre for Sustainability.

## Some Dual Qualifications

- Computer Science/ Sustainability
- Horticulture/Sustainability
- Conservation and Land Management/Sustainability
- Sustainable Water and Catchment Management/Sustainability
- Hospitality/Sustainability
- Events/Sustainability
- Human Resources/ Sustainability
- Laboratory Technology/Sustainability
- And many more....

## Fees

For information on course fees: <http://www.swinburne.edu.au/student/operations/fees/tafe/>

## Course structure

The diploma comprises the following four units of study delivered over 15 face-to-face sessions with additional online learning, or completely online, depending on your chosen mode of study

### VU30202 – Apply basic concepts of sustainability to own or local practice

On successful completion of this unit, students will have the skills to apply a working knowledge of the key sustainability concepts, tools and practices to environmental, economic and social issues at a local level.

### VU30203 – Develop and implement a program to support behaviour change for a sustainability initiative

On successful completion of this unit, students will have developed the skills and knowledge required to plan and implement a sustainability behaviour change initiative.

### VU30204 – Develop business plan for sustainable business practice

The purpose of this unit is to develop a plan for responsive and sustainable business practice with a long-term view to the economic, environmental and social impacts of the business.

### VU30205 – Research and apply principles of sustainable production and consumption

This unit explores the social, environmental and economic impact of methods of production and consumption, and the key tools, processes and practices required for sustainable production and consumption.

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## Where we are

### Croydon campus

12-15 Norton Rd, Croydon Vic 3136

### Hawthorn campus

John Street, Hawthorn Vic 3122

### Lilydale campus

Melba Avenue, Lilydale Vic 3140

### Prahran campus

144 High Street, Prahran Vic 3181

### Wantirna campus

369 Stud Road, Wantirna Vic 3152

## Questions?

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