

# Diploma of Sustainability

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#### Diploma details

##### Campus

Croydon, Hawthorn, Lilydale, Prahran, Wantirna, Online

##### Duration

15 x 3.5 hour sessions (part-time)

##### Intake

March, April, July

##### Entry Requirements

Currently studying a degree or diploma, or have an existing diploma or higher qualification with relevant work experience.

#### 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 University Degree after the first year of study. 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.

#### Benefits and learning outcomes

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



#### Saya Lorback

**Bachelor Engineering (Mechanical)/  
Bachelor of Arts, Dip 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. 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.”



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## Qualification Structure

Your Course



Diploma of  
Sustainability  
Only 15 X 3.5 hours



Dual  
Qualification

### Course structure

The diploma comprises the following four units of study delivered over 15 face-to-face sessions with additional online learning or all online.

Unit Code	Unit
VPB435	<b>Apply the concepts of sustainability to a major challenge</b> On successful completion of this unit, students will have a working knowledge of the key concepts of sustainability and how to apply them to challenges in terms of environmental, economic and social issues at a global, national and local level.
VPB436	<b>Develop and implement a program to support behavioural change and sustainable practices</b> On successful completion of this unit, students will have a working knowledge of the key issues affecting individual and organisational behavioural change towards sustainable practices.
VPB437	<b>Develop a business plan for responsive and sustainable businesses</b> 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.
VPB438	<b>Analyse the long-term outcomes of sustainable production and consumption</b> This unit explores and analyses the long-term effects and outcomes of sustainable production and consumption for business, the community and government.

### Application procedure

Please register online at:  
[www.swinburne.edu.au/sustainability/dos](http://www.swinburne.edu.au/sustainability/dos)

There are three intakes throughout the year.  
An offer of a place is always subject to availability.

### 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.

### 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

### Further information

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