



ELITE ATHLETE TAFE NETWORK

TAFE institutions across Australia are recognised as the leading providers of vocational education and training, nationwide. TAFE provides high quality, personalised vocational education and training, in a flexible and affordable environment. This makes it an ideal pathway for elite athletes balancing demanding sporting schedules.

Under the Elite Athlete Education Network (EAEN), the Elite Athlete TAFE Network (EATN) incorporates TAFE institutions across Australia to provide specialised support to athletes looking to pursue a vocational pathway. Within member institutions, study options are available face-to-face and online. With hundreds of courses varying in format, qualification, and duration, the EATN caters to athletes from many walks of life, existing education levels, and sports.

TAFE qualifications can prepare you for a range of careers in industries such as building and construction, sport and fitness, as well as many creative industries. TAFE can also offer you opportunities to 'earn while you learn' via apprenticeships in a structured training program where you learn the basics of your chosen profession.

TAFE courses conform to predetermined national standards to ensure consistency in both the quality of education and the materials provided. This means many of TAFE accredited courses receive credit towards future higher education study, becoming a pathway for athletes that seek further education in their chosen field.





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The Australian Institute of Sport (AIS) established an athlete education network with leading institutions across Australia back in 2004. The aim was to ensure the nation's top athletes are supported in balancing and pursuing their choice of study with competing on the sporting stage. The Elite Athlete Education Network (EAEN), as it is now known, seeks to implement and maintain the necessary support measures across partner providers to allow academic flexibility around the demanding competition and training schedules of elite athletes.

The AIS, through its Athlete Wellbeing and Engagement (AW&E) program, recognises the benefits career planning and forward thinking brings to an athlete both on and off the field, and encourages all athletes to be looking forward and planning ahead to achieve and secure a bright future. Whatever long-term passions and career choices an athlete aspires to have, the AIS seeks to support its athletes in achieving these goals. The Elite Athlete Education Network is one measure in place to accomplish this.

Being a continual learner takes self-motivation and persistence, but it can be extremely rewarding in order to acquire and expand your current skills and develop future job opportunities.

Learning forms part of your personal and professional development as an elite athlete, in an effort to broaden your horizons and reach your full potential.



WHERE TO NEXT?

The EAEN provides Elite Student-Athlete Coordinators within each participating TAFE institution, as well an Education Network Partnership Advisor at the AIS. Each of these points of contact can provide further information and assistance in pursuing vocational studies. To get in touch with one of these representatives, speak to your Athlete Wellbeing and Engagement Manager, or visit the AIS website.

ais.gov.au/career-and-education

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Where will your learning take you?

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