

Horticulture offers a rewarding career working outdoors preparing and maintaining seedbeds and growing sites. In this hands-on trade, apprentices may plant flowers, trees, hedges and bushes for commercial and residential properties, assess and maintain sporting fields and golf courses, and ensure safety practices are adhered to.

- ✔ Control plant pests, diseases and disorders
- ✔ Propagating and planting trees, bushes, hedges, flowers and bulbs
- ✔ Set softscape structures
- ✔ Maintain planted and grassed areas by weeding, trimming, fertilising and watering
- ✔ Use machinery to shape branches including chainsaws and handsaws
- ✔ Prepare and maintain lawn areas by spreading topsoil, laying turf and mowing

A fulltime horticulture apprenticeship goes for 4 years  
 A horticulture (parks & gardens) school based apprenticeship (SBA) goes for 5 years, with the 1<sup>st</sup> year spread across Year 11 & 12  
 A horticulture (parks & gardens) SBA must complete a minimum of 144 days of paid employment across Year 11 & 12  
 Once a SBA finishes their HSC and SBA requirements they will become a 2<sup>nd</sup> year apprentice and can commence full time work  
 Students can undertake a Certificate II Horticulture school based traineeship, complete 100 paid days of employment and may receive monte full time work

4 days per week at work  
 1 day per week at TAFE  
 Employers may ask you to work Saturdays & overtime

Control weeds  
 Control plant pests, diseases and disorders  
 Implement a plant nutrition program  
 Provide Information on plants and their culture  
 Implement a tree protection program  
 Install cable and bracing  
 Maintain natural areas

Install pressurised irrigation systems  
 Set out site for construction works  
 Construct brick and block structures and features  
 Implement a paving project  
 Install water features  
 Plan and maintain plant displays  
 Contribute to work health and safety processes

Certificate II in Horticulture (school based traineeship)