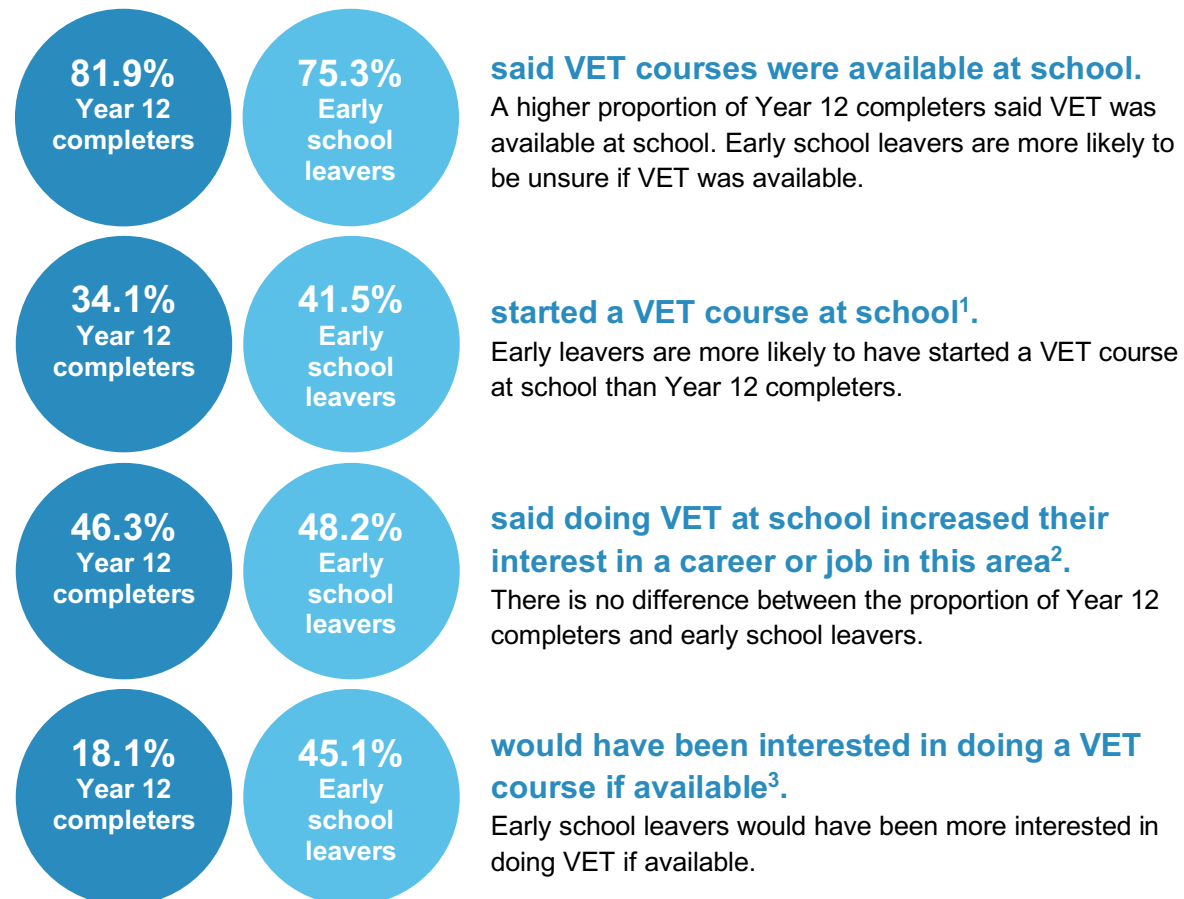


# NSW Secondary Students' Post-School Destinations and Expectations

## VET Participation in Schools

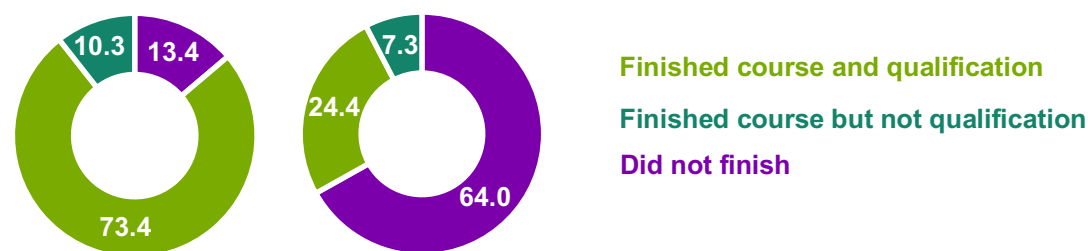
This fact sheet provides a brief overview of findings from the 2018 NSW Secondary Students' Post-School Destinations and Expectations survey relating to Vocational Education and Training (VET) participation in school. One-in-three respondents answered questions about VET participation – 1,160 Year 12 completers and 1,487 early school leavers.

### VET courses in school



### VET course completion

Most Year 12 completers who started a VET course finished the course and received a qualification. Early school leavers are more likely to not finish the VET course they start at school.



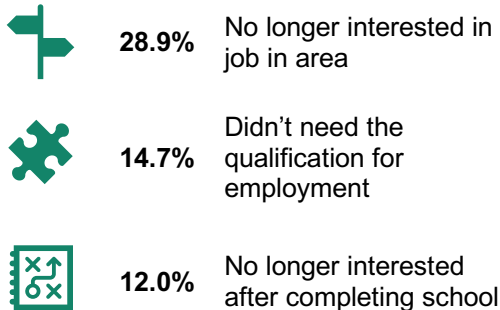
**Year 12 completers<sup>4</sup> Early school leavers<sup>5</sup>**

<sup>1</sup> Of those where VET was offered at school  
<sup>2</sup> Of those who started a VET course at school  
<sup>3</sup> Of those where VET was not offered at school or respondent was unsure  
<sup>4</sup> 2.9 per cent of participants indicated that they either did not know if they had finished the course or did not answer the question.  
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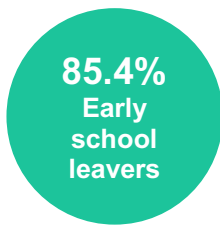
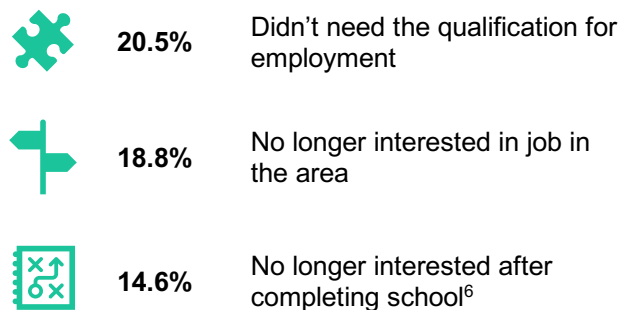
## Finished course, but not qualification

Most common reasons for not completing the VET qualification, despite completing the course, included no longer being interested in a job in the area and not needing the qualification for employment.

### Year 12 completers



### Early school leavers

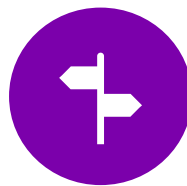
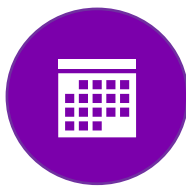


Agreed they benefitted from studying VET at school even though they did not finish the qualification<sup>7</sup>.

## Did not finish VET course

Almost two-thirds (64.0%) of early school leavers who started a VET course did not finish the course at school. Female early school leavers are more likely not to finish the course than male early school leavers (70.1% vs. 61.0%). Students often left school before they could complete the course.

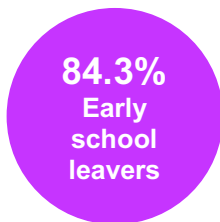
### Early school leavers main reason for not finishing course



Among early school leavers who did not finish the course:

**18% completed** a related qualification after school

**22% were currently studying** for a related qualification



Agreed they benefitted from studying VET at school even though they did not finish the course<sup>8</sup>.

<sup>6</sup> Males (18.8%) more likely to report this reason than females (7.6%)

<sup>7</sup> Of those who finished the course but not the qualification

<sup>8</sup> Of those who did not finish the course