



CONSTRUCTION WORK PLACEMENT STUDENT AT A1 FINISHES ASSISTING WITH FRENCH POLISHING PROJECTS




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PLACEMENT COORDINATION PROGRAM

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 IMPROVING WELLBEING

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HOSPITALITY WORK PLACEMENT STUDENT AT
DEGANI CAFE

BECOME A WORK PLACEMENT HOST EMPLOYER

WHAT IS WORK PLACEMENT?

Watch the SWC Work Placement Host Employer video here: swcevents.com.au!



Work placement is a mandatory component of industry-based Vocational Education and Training (VET) courses that students can choose as part of their studies for the NSW Higher School Certificate (HSC). It is not the same as the Year 9 or 10 'Work Experience Program'.

HOW CAN A STUDENT PLACEMENT BENEFIT YOU?



PRODUCTIVITY

Improve efficiencies by allocating basic tasks to students



TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT

Provide existing employees with management and training development opportunities



COMMUNITY

Contribute to the community by supporting an HSC student

Tasks Business Services students can complete are largely administrative, examples include:

- Preparing office resources
- Updating phone lists
- Creating check lists
- Stationery stock take
- Printing & collating workbooks
- Creating posters, flyers, etc.
- Designing user guides for equipment
- Replacing toners in printers
- Copying – scanning
- Filing & Archiving
- Assisting staff/teachers
- Support research/data entry

HOW IT WORKS

When you host a student for work placement:



1 week placement
(minimum 35 hours)



Students are supervised by a responsible staff member



Students are expected to dress & behave as an employee would



Students are instructed to participate in real work & shown how to perform basic tasks



Full insurance from the education system is provided



Full support from SWC to find and follow up with students & students' schools

BENEFITS FOR STUDENTS

Through their work placement, students attain their HSC and a National Industry Qualification.

Other student benefits include:



Develop knowledge, skills and attitudes through real workplace experience



Gain maturity and confidence through involvement in an adult work setting



Learn work ethics, team work and the meaning of responsibility



Make informed decisions in assessing future career choices

SWC coordinates all placements for students in Regions:





A MESSAGE FROM SOUTH WEST CONNECT



In 2023, South West Connect (SWC) had a notably successful year, making significant strides in our efforts.

This year, we connected over 8,500 young people with opportunities in local businesses and community projects.

SWC acknowledges and appreciates the valuable support and efforts of Host Employers, Teachers, and stakeholders in helping us achieve this positive result.

SWC extends sincere thanks to our Stakeholders, FBEP Board Members, Staff, Host Employers, and Community Partners for their consistent economic and social contributions to the young people in Region E.

THANK YOU CLUBGRANTS & FAIRFIELD CITY COUNCIL

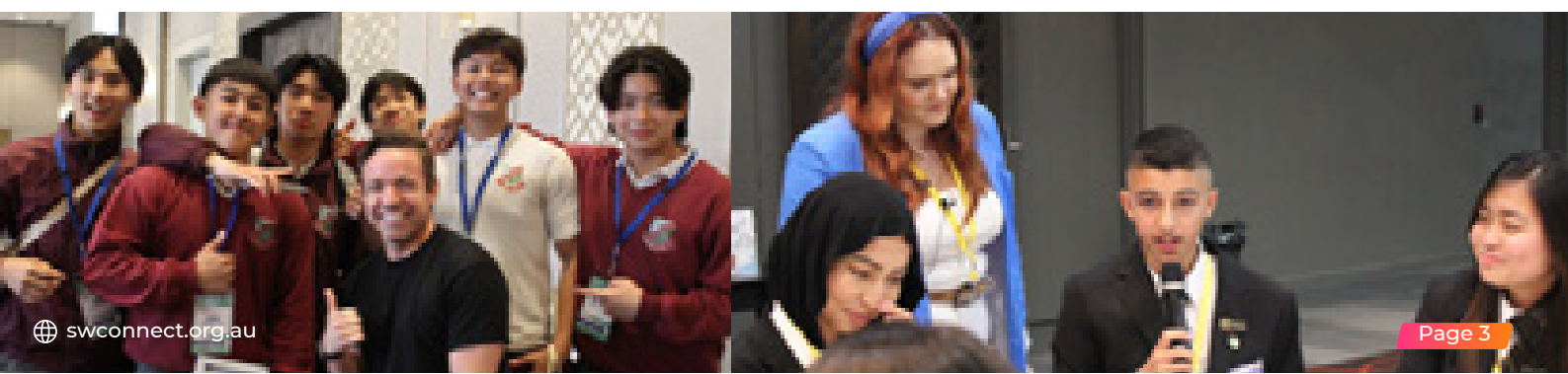
ClubGRANTS funding has allowed SWC to enhance the impact of our projects by providing the opportunity for young people to connect with a diverse range of experts, resources and experiences. **We appreciate the support which has allowed us to amplify the positive impact in our community.**

SWC thanks **Fairfield City Council** for their support through their active involvement as a Host Employer over the past decade and for supporting SWC as a community tenant since 2006 in the offices at the Bossley Park Community Centre.



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

South West Connect would like to acknowledge the Cabrogal Clan of the Darug Nation, who are the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we work and live. We pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging of the Darug Nation and extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People. We recognise their continuing connection to land, waters and culture.



ABOUT US

SOUTH WEST CONNECT

SWC services "Region E"
covering 3 LGA's:



SWC works with students
from 3 Education Sectors:



The **Workplace Learning Team** and the **Youth Collective Impact Team**, work with businesses, government agencies, community organisations, parents and schools to create initiatives that connect young people (5 -25 years of age) and their families to opportunities to enhance their life options beyond school.

SWC empowers young people to gain the skills, experiences and professional guidance to help them achieve a successful transition through school to further education, training or employment and become active and valuable contributors in the community.

WORKPLACE LEARNING TEAM

Work placement is a one week placement with businesses, to enhance students' skills learned in the classroom. It is a mandatory component of industry-based Vocational Education and Training (VET) courses, that students choose as part of their studies for the NSW Higher School Certificate.

SWC organises a one week work placement in businesses for Year 11 & 12 VET students to enhance the skills learnt in the classroom and to prepare them for the workplace.



**YEAR 11 VET WORK
PLACEMENT READY &
STUDENT GUIDE**



**STUDENT WORK
PLACEMENTS**



**PREPARING FOR PART
TIME EMPLOYMENT**



**YEAR 12 THE
NEXT STEP**



**PREPARING FOR
WORK EXPERIENCE**



**MOCK INTERVIEW
SESSIONS**

YOUTH COLLECTIVE IMPACT TEAM YCIT



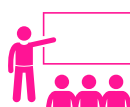
**EARLY INTERVENTION
PROGRAMS**



EXPOS / SUMMITS



**CAREERS
DEVELOPMENT**



WORKSHOPS



**YOUTH VOLUNTEER
PROGRAMS**



CAPACITY BUILDING



MASTERCLASSES



**CAREER
IMMERSION TOURS**

SWC works with schools, community organisations and businesses to help young people discover pathways to a better future by enriching their educational, social and employment opportunities.

Creates & delivers initiatives & projects to inspire, develop & empower young people to achieve their potential.

SWC has a proven track record of empowering over 125,000 young people in South West Sydney to discover pathways to a better future for themselves and their families.



WESTFIELDS SPORTS HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS WITH CANLEY VALE SUMMIT CARE RESIDENTS ENGAGED IN PROJECT CARE ACTIVITIES

**SOUTHWEST
CONNECT**



Connecting YOUTH
to Success



SOUTH WEST CONNECT AWARDS

2022 THANK YOU EVENING

The 2022 Annual SWC Thank You Evening (TYE) welcomed Host Employers, Teachers, Volunteers and Stakeholders in person for their support and contribution over the past 12 months.

Everyone was happy to catch up and enjoy a lovely buffet meal together and celebrate the success and achievements of our combined efforts. Congratulations to all award recipients, nominations and everyone that contributed including those that were unable to join us.



PETER WARREN AUTOMOTIVE GROUP, RECEIVING A 10 YEAR SERVICE AWARD

10 YEAR SERVICE AWARD

Congratulations to the following businesses for their guidance, training, and development of local Year 11 and 12 VET students during their work placements over the past decade.

HOST EMPLOYERS SINCE 2012

- Paradise Kitchens
- The Treehouse Restaurant
- Peter Warren Automotive Group
- Warwick Farm Children's Centre



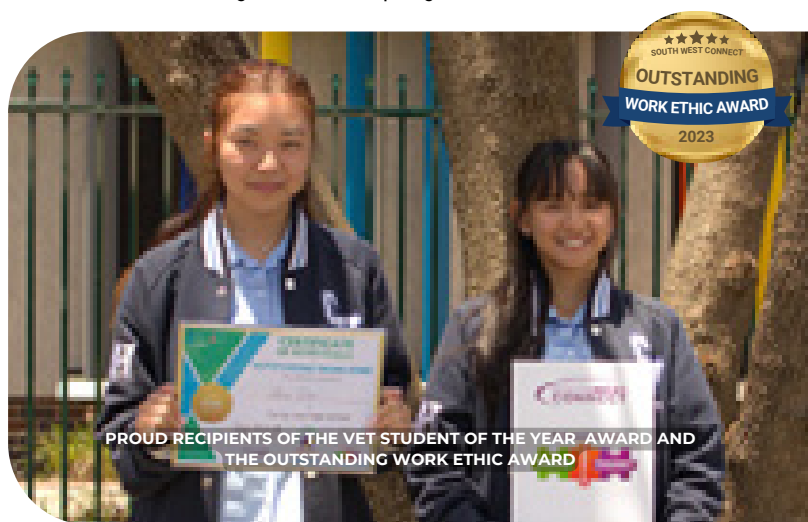
Host Employers supervise students for one week to enhance student's skills learned in the classroom. SWC would like to thank you and we look forward to another 10 years.

STUDENT AWARDS

Every year over the past decade, South West Connect has supported a range of awards that recognise the talents and achievements of young people.

These include:

- VET Student of the Year Award and a gift card (all 39 of our schools offering VET courses)
- VET Student Work Placement Awards as nominated by Host Employers



PROUD RECIPIENTS OF THE VET STUDENT OF THE YEAR AWARD AND THE OUTSTANDING WORK ETHIC AWARD



OUTSTANDING WORK ETHIC AWARDS

The Certificate of Achievement for Outstanding Work Ethic is awarded as a way of offering our support in recognising strong student work ethic. Each year, SWC asks schools to select a student who has consistently demonstrated that they try to achieve their personal best in a diligent and respectful manner. **Let's celebrate the recipients and email their award photos to events@swconnect.org.au**

145 
Primary & High Schools
in our region were provided Student Work Ethic Awards and a gift card

SINCE 2006
2,815 
Work Ethic Awards & Gift Cards have been awarded to students

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT
from the team at South West Connect





KITCHEN OPERATIONS WORK PLACEMENT STUDENT AT
PULLMAN QUAY GRAND SYDNEY HARBOUR



KITCHEN OPERATIONS WORK PLACEMENT STUDENT AT LEO
MCCARTHY MEMORIAL SMITHFIELD RSL

WORK PLACEMENT AWARDS

STUDENTS NOMINATED BY HOST EMPLOYERS FOR
EXCELLENT WORK ETHIC DURING A PLACEMENT



ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC COLLEGE

Daniel Awad
Danny Hadad
Kiara Hendricks
Sabine Traini



AMITY COLLEGE

Gabriel Tofaili
Samra Harbas
Serena Hussein
Sora Albaghdadi
Zeynep Onat



ASHCROFT HIGH SCHOOL

Hussien Chahal
Ken Nguyen



BONNYRIGG HIGH SCHOOL

Vicky Le
Evagrace Unu
Yousif Seeba



BOSSLEY PARK HIGH SCHOOL

Gabriella Hanna
Jonah Salatian
May Hrmz (nominated
by TWO Host Employers)
Miha Bte Whittaker-
-Mohd Nadzrin Shah
Mina Sulaqa
Nikolina Gasic
Oscar Gaona
Princeton Le
Rosemary Samuel
Stephanie Nona



CABRAMATTA HIGH SCHOOL

Amouy Sokheng Ly
HuyLy Chea
Jaiden Wong
Jasmine Yin
Petelo Fine
Seemel Sliwa
Sivmey Ngy



CANLEY VALE HIGH SCHOOL

Angela Lam
Angelina Ta
Charlie Nguyen
Jennifer Tran
Junlin Lu



CASULA HIGH SCHOOL

Liam Rashid



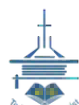
CECIL HILLS HIGH SCHOOL

Adam Oudisho
Allegra Ng
Boi Nguyen
Ella King
Giovanni Porreca
Jessica Fisher
Thi Vo



CHESTER HILL HIGH SCHOOL

Tuan Kiet Trinh



CLANCY CATHOLIC COLLEGE

Joshua Berry
Rachel Casha



FAIRFIELD HIGH SCHOOL

Daniel Tuuaga
Senituli Kaufusi



FAIRVALE HIGH SCHOOL

Alison Le
Angelina Jabbori
Charli Kowald
Claire Alkibbah
Imeelya Al Hadaya
Justin Ngo
Justin Trinh
Mariam Hermez
Melissa Miceski
Stefani Beyer
Tia Le
Tommy Nguyen
Yousif Zaya



GOOD SAMARITAN CATHOLIC COLLEGE

Alana McKenna
Alexia Zampogna
Amelia Hancock
Angelina Kassissieh
Chloe Ferreira
Jacob Kassissieh
Kristina Lovric
Lydia Sawa
Maya Abboud
Raj Panda
Samantha Bassil
Thomas Maday

**HOST EMPLOYERS!
NOMINATE
EXCEPTIONAL
STUDENTS FOR THE
2024 WORK ETHIC
AWARDS.**

SIMPLY NOTIFY SWC!



My work placement showed me the
importance of adapting and utilising
knowledge in real-life situations.

Elissa, Work Placement Student





BUSINESS SERVICES WORK PLACEMENT STUDENT AT WHITLAM LEISURE CENTRE



HOLSWORTHY HIGH SCHOOL

Jack Johnston
Logan Cammell
Tiana Parkin
Mirna Alzeebaree



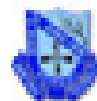
LIVERPOOL GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL

Amygdala Yen
Hannah Boamah
Rose Levi
Tania Rawanduz



MILLER TECHNOLOGY HIGH SCHOOL

Soleen Solaqa



ST JOHNS PARK HIGH SCHOOL

Ashley Huyhn
Felicity Lim
Shaharazad Binti Hamid
Vivien Lam



JOHN EDMONDSON HIGH SCHOOL

Adrian Faro
Elissa Sleiman
Evangelina Field
Kashvi Chand
Munya Alkhaleely
Phillisa Im
Rocky Xia
Romeo Rapaea
Selena Vardar



LURNEA HIGH SCHOOL

Jihad Zaria
Yahya Alsaleem



PATRICIAN BROTHERS COLLEGE

Christian Nohra
Furat Mosa
Jai Strudwick
Karam Shasha
Lucas Nohra
Rony Deky



THOMAS HASSALL ANGLICAN COLLEGE

Luca Pace



MARY MACKILLOP CATHOLIC COLLEGE

Angelina Jajo
Catrin Brew
Dana Dawood
Emily Dinevska
Maryana Mousa
Vebyna Jolagh



PRAIRIEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

Bree-Anne Fricker
Migherbek Aghazarian
Patrick Buttigieg



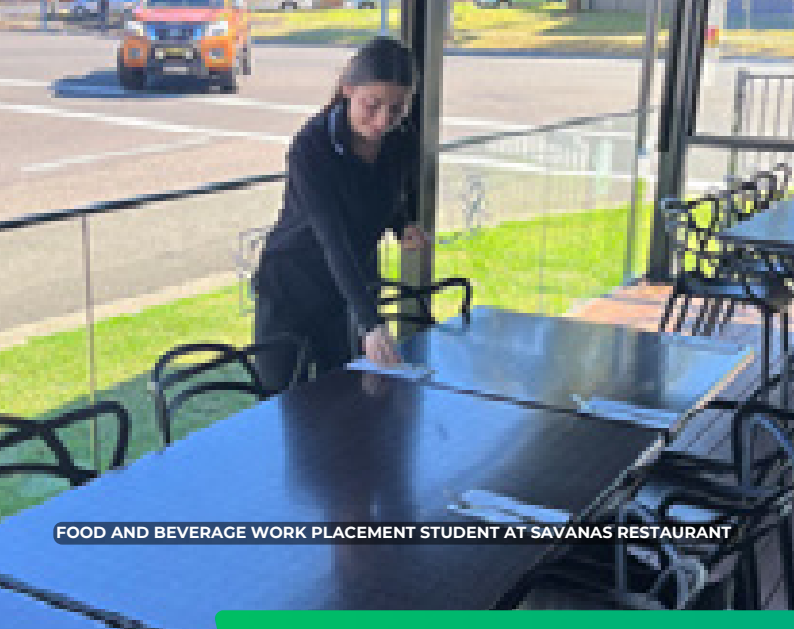
WILLIAM CAREY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Liam Costa

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL VET AWARD RECIPIENTS



FOOD AND BEVERAGE WORK PLACEMENT STUDENT AT MAX BRENNER (ED SQUARE)



FOOD AND BEVERAGE WORK PLACEMENT STUDENT AT SAVANAS RESTAURANT



FOOD AND BEVERAGE WORK PLACEMENT STUDENT AT WONDERWOOD EATERY

THE WORK PLACEMENT PROGRAM

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BENEFITS OF WORK PLACEMENT FOR EMPLOYERS

- ✓ Participate in the education, career development and vocational training of young people in your community
- ✓ Give students knowledge of the value of work and raise the quality of those coming into your industry
- ✓ Increase the supervisory, training and mentoring skills of your staff
- ✓ Talk to students about your industry, its career paths and future directions
- ✓ Identify young people with potential for employment in your business
- ✓ Strengthen community links and raise your business profile
- ✓ Promote the attitudes and skills you want in your workforce

2023 WORK PLACEMENTS ORGANISED BY SOUTH WEST CONNECT:



197,470 Placement Hours:
total work placement hours completed by Region E students



28,210 Placement Days:
total work placement hours completed by Region E students



109 Placement Years:
*based on 260 work days per year
total work placement years completed by Region E students

*Based on 5,642 work placements completed in 2023



ENTERTAINMENT WORK PLACEMENT STUDENT AT KENTEK

FEATURES OF THE WORKPLACE LEARNING PROGRAM



One-week placement in industry of study.



Students are supervised by an employer.



Students enhance skills learned in their course & classroom.



Students are instructed and shown how to perform basic tasks.



Full insurance from the education system is provided and follow up of students is by South West Connect.



Courses are recognised by both industry and the NSW Education Standards Authority. South West Connect coordinates all placements for students in Fairfield, Liverpool and Merrylands.

SWC SUPPORTS WORK PLACEMENT STAKEHOLDERS IN THE FOLLOWING WAYS:



Students are supported throughout their 2 year VET course and can access a range of resources on the SWC website. SWC provides 'Work Placement Ready' sessions and mock interviews prior to the placement. SWC ensures students settle in well at the workplace and gain a meaningful experience relevant to their course.



Employers are assigned a Business Development Consultant and an Employer Liaison Consultant who provides assistance with every aspect of the work placement process. Dedicated Work Placement Officers contact the host employer before, during and after the placement. They also are a main point of contact for any issues arising during the placement.



Teachers are supported throughout the year by SWC including VET Advisory meetings held each term. SWC sources and administers work placements on behalf of the school. VET teachers have a dedicated Work Placement Officer who is the conduit between the school and the host employers, providing prompt and effective support throughout the student's work placement.



Parents and Carers can access the Parents & Carers Guide to Workplace Learning before their child attends work placement. This contains important information about preparing for a positive and realistic work placement experience.



CONSTRUCTION WORK PLACEMENT STUDENT AT
EVER DESIGN GROUP

WORK PLACEMENT

WORKPLACE LEARNING

Each year, SWC coordinates and monitors approximately 6,000 work placements for students from 39 high schools from Government, Non-Government and 3 TAFE colleges. **SWC covers both Industry Curriculum Courses (ICC) and various Board Endorsed Courses (BEC).**

SWC works with Education and Industry to provide work placement opportunities for Year 11 and 12 students in the Fairfield, Liverpool and Cumberland City Council (Local Government Areas) who are studying Vocational Education and Training (VET) courses as part of their HSC.

Work placement is a way of preparing senior school students for employment. Students studying VET courses as part of their Higher School Certificate (HSC) are given the opportunity

WORK PLACEMENTS ORGANISED & COMPLETED

YEAR	✓ WORK PLACEMENTS COMPLETED	📁 WORK PLACEMENTS ORGANISED
2022	5,525	7,214
2023	5,642	8,941

to learn practical skills through experience and practise in the workplace. ICC and BEC include a component of mandatory work placement hours.

VET courses allow students to begin their industry training at the same time as studying for their HSC. It offers students a unique opportunity to practise what they have learned in the classroom and to experience the real world of work.

INDUSTRY CURRICULUM COURSES

SWC organises work placements for VET students enrolled in the following courses:



PLUS A WIDE RANGE OF BOARD ENDORSED COURSES



SWC's collaborative work and robust connections within educational, business, and community stakeholders have fostered the creation of sustainable projects.

These projects tackle crucial issues like health and wellbeing, youth joblessness, and skills for employability, also offering paths and transitions. Such actions inspire young individuals to contribute significantly to their communities in economic, social, and civic ways.

These young individuals, feeling empowered,

inspired, and driven, and armed with necessary skills and resources, channel their energies towards realising their aspirations, overcoming their historical backgrounds or obstacles. The multitude of success stories from our community over time stands as proof of this.

Our meaningful partnerships with community-oriented organisations allow SWC to consistently expand educational and vocational prospects for the youth, creating a profound, enduring effect in Region E.





RETAIL SERVICES WORK PLACEMENT STUDENTS AT SUPERCHEAP AUTO LIVEPOOL

SOUTH WEST CONNECT & YOUTH FUTURES NETWORK



SWC has been an active member of the Youth Futures Network (YFN) for the past 5 years. Previously called the Workplace Learning Network (WLN) it was re-branded to YFN to better reflect the scope and reach of the network and its members. The YFN is an association comprised of 16 organisations with a business model that focuses on the youth of NSW.

In addition to being a service provider of the Workplace Learning program, the network members have delivered a variety of workplace programs and services to schools, industry and communities in their regions for over 15 years.

The YFN provides opportunities for students to obtain the skills and workplace learning experiences they require to make sound personal, educational and vocational choices to ensure they have the best chance of thriving in the workplace in the future.

YFN members are unencumbered by alliances to out of region influences ensuring the management is local, the staff is local and the services are local.

ACROSS NSW, THE YFN WORKS WITH:



16 REGIONS

Including rural, regional and metropolitan



60,000+

Annual placements



200+ EMPLOYEES

Working with YFN



20,000+

Host Employers



778

High Schools



HOSPITALITY WORK PLACEMENT STUDENT AT THE SHED CAFE



VET WORK PLACEMENT READY SESSIONS

HAVE YOU BOOKED YOUR SCHOOL'S 2024 SESSIONS YET?

SWC funds VET Work Placement Ready to assist schools in delivering their Work Placement Ready programs to our Vocational Education & Training (VET) students.

The information provides students with an overall awareness of workplace expectations, how to successfully meet them and ways to positively contribute. Over the past decade, 18,000 students have benefited from this initiative, which also includes workshops for students from Years 10 through to 12.

Students developed their employability skills, confidence & ambition through Work Placement Ready sessions, mock interviews & career skills workshops. Every participant receives a VET Work placement Ready Student Guide.

We encourage schools to book in their Year 11 VET Work Placement Ready sessions early to ensure you get the preferred time and dates.

BOOKINGS, QUERIES & CONTACT DETAILS

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PREPARING FOR YOUR FIRST WORK PLACEMENT



YEAR 11 VET WORK PLACEMENT
READY & STUDENT GUIDE RESOURCE



PREPARING FOR
WORK EXPERIENCE



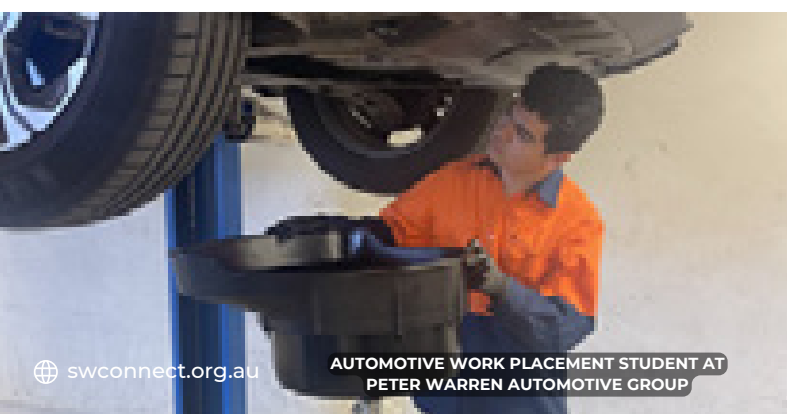
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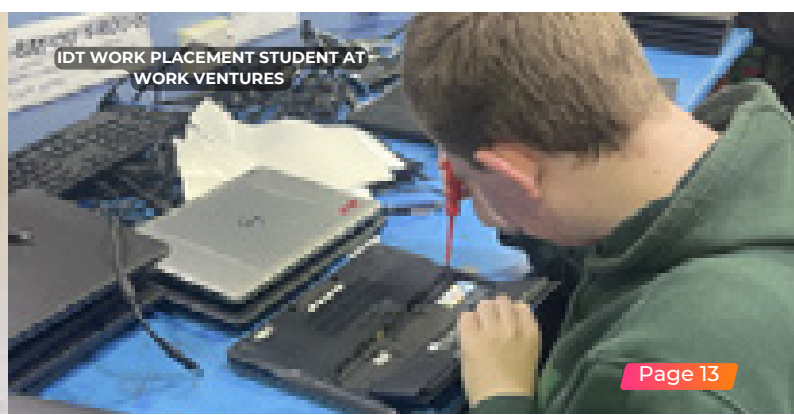
YEAR 12 THE NEXT STEP



PREPARING FOR PART
TIME EMPLOYMENT



AUTOMOTIVE WORK PLACEMENT STUDENT AT
PETER WARREN AUTOMOTIVE GROUP



IDT WORK PLACEMENT STUDENT AT
WORK VENTURES



Host Employers are a crucial element in the work placement program and enables businesses to participate in the education, career development and vocational training of young people in our community.

Hosting work placement students assists in reducing youth unemployment and creating productive, skilled workers for the future of your industry. Visit our website to discover more about the incredible ways

that local businesses are utilising the knowledge and skills that students have gained in the classroom as part of their Certificate II & Certificate III course.

Learn how host employers can improve efficiencies and team culture when their staff are given the opportunity to mentor and coach a VET student whilst getting an 'extra pair of hands' at no cost or fee.



officeworks

A POWERFUL PARTNERSHIP OPENS DOORS TO QUALITY WORK PLACEMENTS

**SOUTHWEST
CONNECT**

In an exciting development for high school students in Greater Western Sydney, South West Connect has solidified its remarkable partnership with Officeworks, offering Year 11 and 12 students invaluable opportunities for quality work placements in Business Services, Retail & IT. This collaboration is making waves in the local education community, providing students with hands-on experiences and insights into the dynamic world of office supplies, technology and retail.

South West Connect, a leading organisation dedicated to facilitating student work placements, has long been committed to bridging the gap between classroom learning and real-world experience. Our latest partnership with Officeworks is yet another milestone in our mission to facilitate successful work placement. One of the most exciting aspects of this partnership is the vast array of opportunities it offers to students.

Officeworks, a household name in office supplies, retail, and technology, welcomes eager students into its stores, giving them a glimpse into the inner workings of a successful business environment. Working closely with managers, modernised tasks have been made available to students that directly relate to the framework for Business Services, Retail & IT.



This innovative partnership was showcased in 2022 DET VET professional development day, where other work placement service providers in NSW were given the opportunity to form their own relationships with their local Officeworks, signing them on as a Host Employer.

Students participating in this program gain firsthand experience in customer service, inventory management, merchandising, and more. These skills are not only valuable for immediate use but can also lay the foundation for future careers in various industries.

This partnership has already had a profound impact on local students, with several Year 11 and 12 students securing part-time jobs from their excellent effort on work placement. The collaboration between South West Connect and Officeworks is a testament to the strength of community partnerships.

Local schools, South West Connect, and Officeworks have worked closely together to ensure that these work placements are not just opportunities for students but also a contribution to the growth and development of the local community.

Our proactive engagement, marked by regular visits and healthy collaboration with business managers and students, has cultivated a mutually beneficial relationship with Officeworks stores across Casula, Liverpool, Wetherill Park, Gledswood Hills, Wentworthville and Guildford stores. This collaboration has allowed us to maintain flexibility and adaptability, aligning business requirements and dynamics.

Local schools are encouraged to get in touch with South West Connect to explore the exciting work placement opportunities available. Together, we can continue to empower our youth and pave the way for their bright futures.

The partnership between South West Connect and Officeworks is a shining example of how collaboration between educational organisations and local businesses can create opportunities that benefit our students, schools, and community. It's a win-win scenario that is helping shape the future of Greater Western Sydney, one student at a time.

OFFICEWORKS HOSTS WORK PLACEMENTS FOR 3 VET COURSES



RETAIL SERVICES

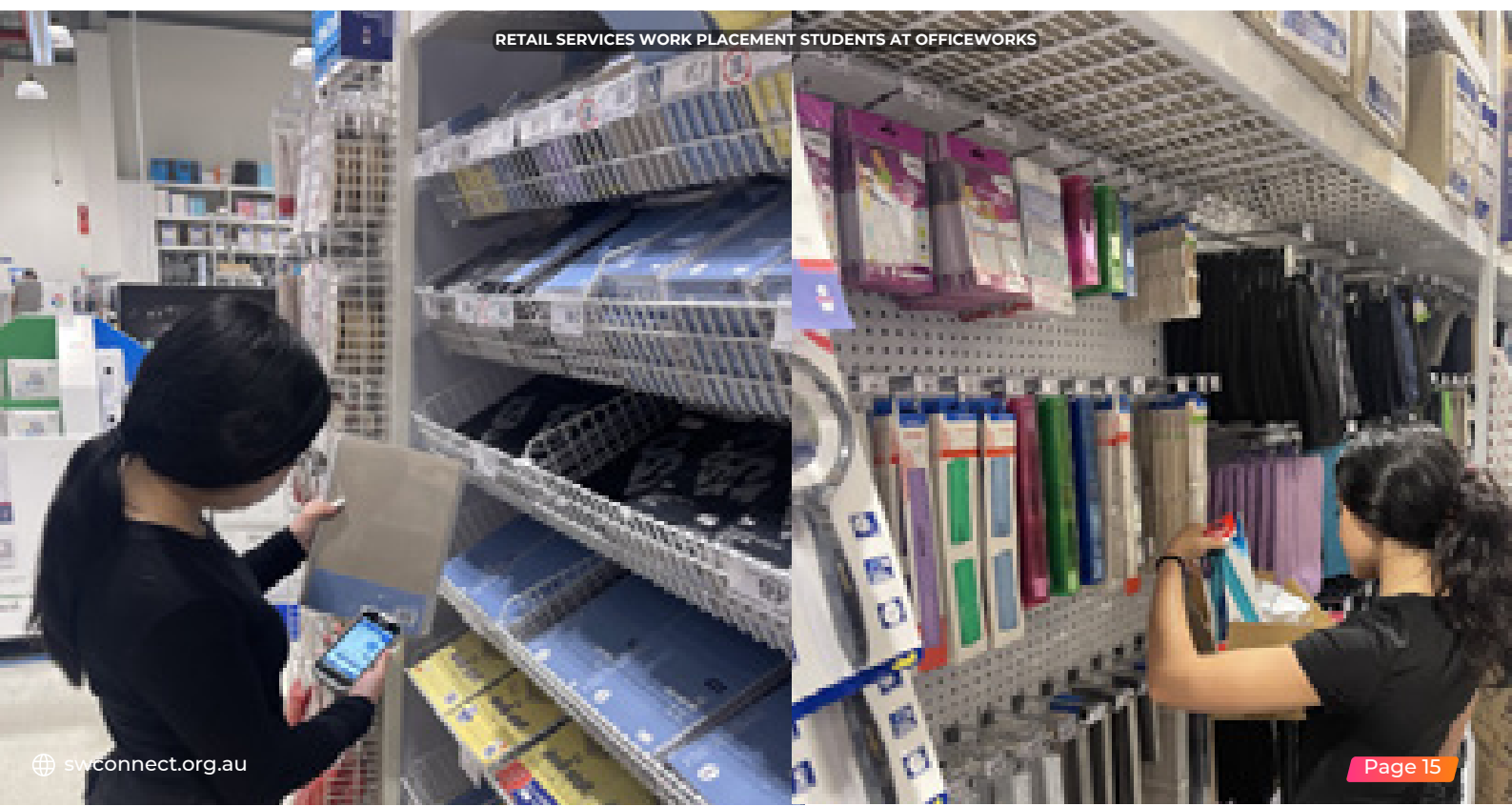


BUSINESS SERVICES



INFORMATION
& DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY

RETAIL SERVICES WORK PLACEMENT STUDENTS AT OFFICEWORKS





INNOVATIVE & TRANSFORMATIVE BUSINESS SERVICES WORK PLACEMENT SIMULATION

VIRTUAL WORK PLACEMENT (CANLEY VALE HIGH SCHOOL) SALESFORCE - BUSINESS SERVICES

In an exciting new initiative, 10 students from Canley Vale High School recently embarked on a transformative, virtual work placement journey with 'Salesforce'. This placement opportunity was delivered by Salesforce in collaboration with the Department of Education and coordinated by The Youth Partnership.

It presented a weeklong workplace simulation for over five hundred students across NSW. This opportunity not only expanded their understanding of real-world business operations but also proved to be a pivotal step towards shaping their future career aspirations.

The virtual simulation work placement was designed to mimic a professional sales environment, showcasing the remarkable benefits of group collaboration.

The active involvement on Wednesday the 9th of August from Salesforce representatives, Alice, and Jason, added an invaluable dimension to the students' learning experience. Their presence bridged the gap between theory and practice, offering real-world insights and industry perspectives.

Interacting with these professionals provided students with firsthand knowledge of sales strategies, customer engagement, and negotiation techniques. This personalised interaction

not only heightened the authenticity of the simulation but also allowed students to gain mentorship from experienced sales representatives.

Team collaboration proved essential, pushing students beyond comfort zones while refining communication abilities for the group presentations which were completed on Friday afternoon.

As these students move forward in their educational and professional journeys, the skills they have gained and the challenges they have conquered will undoubtedly serve as a strong foundation for their future success.

The Sales Force business services work placement simulation exemplified the power of experiential education and how it fosters collaborative growth.



Everyone here is keen to learn and has a positive attitude. I'm really enjoying the interaction which takes place in the zoom meetings, making it very enjoyable.

Michelle Nguyen, Canley Vale High School

This simulation experience fostered interactive learning in a realistic business setting, amplifying decision-making skills of the young students.

Alice, Salesforce



AMBER VASTAG (L) AND GABRIELLE BINAY (R) GAINED PAID EMPLOYMENT AT BELLBIRD DINING & BAR AFTER SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETING THEIR WORK PLACEMENT



HOSPITALITY STUDENTS PICKING FRESH INGREDIENTS AND HERBS WITH AMBER FOR DINNER SERVICE

FROM WORK PLACEMENT TO PAID EMPLOYMENT



John Edmondson High School students recently enjoyed a unique learning experience during a two-day Class Chefs event hosted by Bellbird Dining & Bar. **Guided by Bellbird Dining employees Amber Vastag and Gabrielle Binay**, these students crafted a sumptuous degustation menu featuring six exquisite tasting plates and beverages.

Remarkably, just a year ago, Amber and Gabrielle were in a similar position as work placement students at the same establishment. Their journey from students to skilled professionals is an inspiring tale of growth and opportunity. During the Class Chefs event, they shared their expertise with 15 eager students from the Year 11 & 12 VET Hospitality class, covering essential skills for managing both kitchen operations and front-of-house responsibilities.

The event was a resounding success, garnering immense praise from the 68 guests who attended. Many expressed their astonishment at the high quality of the fine dining experience, especially considering it was delivered by students.

"I ORIGINALLY HAD ANOTHER CAREER PATHWAY IN MIND, BUT AS I DID MY WORK PLACEMENTS, I BECAME INSPIRED BY THE CHEFS. MY WORK PLACEMENT REALLY INFLUENCED MY DECISION TO TAKE A ROLE AS AN APPRENTICE CHEF".

-Amber Vastag, Apprentice Chef and former work placement student (Bellbird Dining & Bar)

The event's success was also attributed to the skilled oversight of **Federico Rekowski, the restaurant manager and a Head Chef** trained at Le Cordon Bleu. His leadership ensured a flawless execution of the two-day event.

This incredible opportunity stemmed from the one-week work placements organised by SWC at Bellbird Dining & Bar the previous year. Amber's outstanding skills, positive attitude, and eagerness to learn during her placement earned her an apprenticeship in the kitchen, setting her on the path to becoming a chef. Gabrielle, recognised for her excellent customer service and strong work ethic, secured a part-time position in the front-of-house team.

This collaboration not only provided practical experience for the students but also opened doors to rewarding career paths for dedicated individuals like Amber and Gabrielle.

Bellbird Dining is located at Casula Powerhouse Arts Centre, the venue of many past SWC Youth Mental Health Summits, they are part of Liverpool City Council and a popular work placement host.



Watch Amber's video featured on Liverpool Council's website for their "Love Working Local" series.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OrSVk-ZWJQc>



FRONT OF HOUSE AND BACK OF HOUSE HOSPITALITY STUDENTS TRAINING WITH AMBER (L) AND GABRIELLE (R)



CONSTRUCTION WORK PLACEMENT STUDENT WITH STEADY EDDIE LANDSCAPING

HOSTING A WORK PLACEMENT STUDENT CAN BENEFIT YOUR BUSINESS

The consistent message from Host Employers in recent years highlights the challenges in hiring qualified staff, exacerbated by the COVID-19 lockdowns.

The 2022 Workforce Skills Survey by Business NSW, the state's leading business organization, revealed that over 90% of businesses are facing workforce shortages. efficiency and employee satisfaction.

“THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY IN NSW IS FACING ITS MOST SIGNIFICANT WORKFORCE CHALLENGE IN MORE THAN 50 YEARS,” SAID BUSINESS NSW CHIEF EXECUTIVE DANIEL HUNTER.

Mr. Hunter points out, "The survey results emphasize that this is a widespread issue - nearly half the businesses find it just as hard to fill entry-level positions as it is to find experienced staff." This pattern of staffing shortages across various sectors seems set to continue for some time.

For businesses looking to expand their pool of potential talent, hosting a work placement student offers a valuable solution. It allows young individuals to translate their academic skills into a real-world context. Many businesses have successfully hired students after observing their performance during a one-week work placement.

By assigning basic tasks to work placement students, companies can free up their current staff to concentrate on more complex duties, thereby enhancing overall efficiency and job satisfaction.

Additionally, this arrangement offers existing employees chances to develop management and training skills. A one-week work placement for a VET student benefits not just the business and the student, but also the broader economy by providing practical workplace experience. This initiative is a positive step towards addressing the skills shortage crisis in numerous industries.

HOW CAN A STUDENT PLACEMENT BENEFIT YOU?

**SAVE COSTS
& INCREASE
EFFICIENCY**



PRODUCTIVITY

Improve efficiencies by allocating basic tasks to students



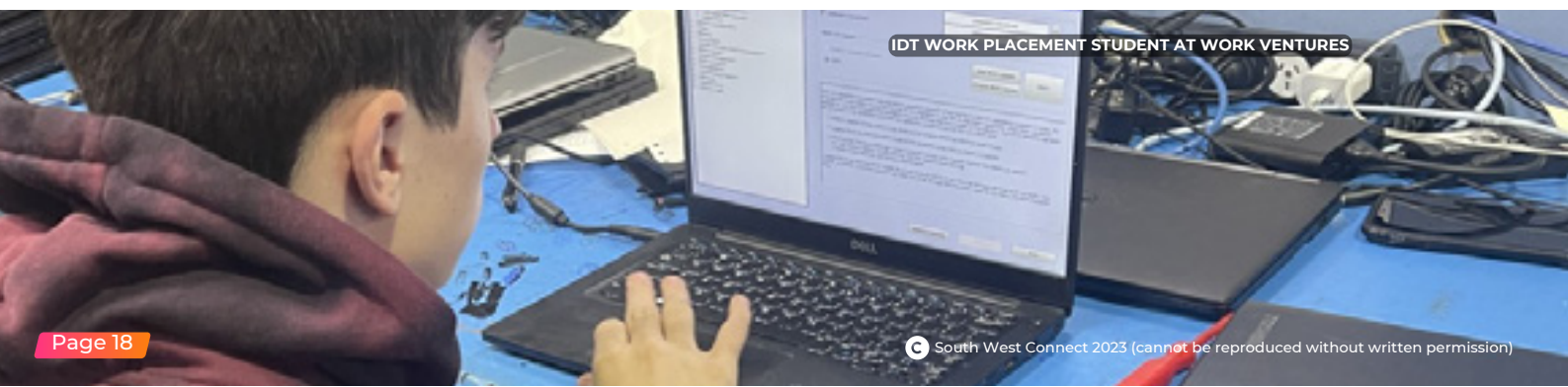
TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT

Provide existing employees with management and training development opportunities



COMMUNITY

Contribute to the community by supporting an HSC student



IDT WORK PLACEMENT STUDENT AT WORK VENTURES



WORK PLACEMENTS PROVIDE STUDENTS WITH OPPORTUNITIES

"WORK PLACEMENT WAS AN OPPORTUNITY THAT BRIDGED THE GAP BETWEEN THEORY AND PRACTICE"

Lydia | Good Samaritan Catholic College

We had the pleasure of undertaking our work placement at South West Connect (SWC) who provided an opportunity for us to undertake a one-week placement to enhance skills we learnt in the classroom.

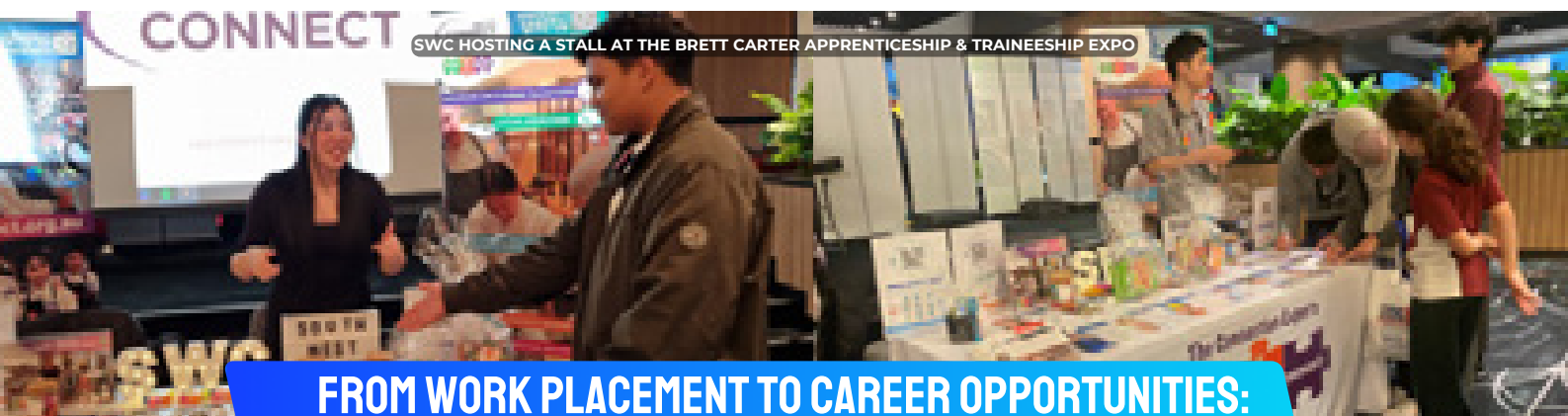
During our work placement block, we learned a range of new skills and improved our employability skills including learning, teamwork, problem solving, planning and organising, and self-management skills. These skills helped us gain maturity and confidence by immersing us in an adult work setting.

Our work placement experience was unique as we participated in large scale events which gave us the chance to contribute back to the community.

We were pushed out of our comfort zones to build relationships and professional connections which will be valuable for our futures as it highlighted the real aspects of attending a workplace.

Our work placement provided us with a priceless opportunity to apply what we learnt in the classroom, acquired new critical skills, boosted our confidence, and had unique experiences with new people. Our work placement has given us a competitive edge for our future. Our advice for future work placement students: Take advantage of the chance and enjoy every second of your work placement experience!

Article written by Work Placement Students from Good Samaritan Catholic College, John Edmondson HS & Bonnyrigg HS (Alexia, Elissa, Kristina, Lydia, Selena, & Yousif)



SWC HOSTING A STALL AT THE BRETT CARTER APPRENTICESHIP & TRAINEESHIP EXPO

FROM WORK PLACEMENT TO CAREER OPPORTUNITIES: ROMEO'S JOURNEY AT THE APPRENTICESHIP EXPO

Recently, South West Connect had the pleasure of hosting Romeo, a student from the Business Services work placement program. During his time with us, Romeo participated in the Brett Carter Apprenticeship and Traineeship Expo alongside the SWC team, where we operated a stall. In preparation for the expo, we assisted Romeo in honing his resume, an essential step for his aspiring career in the trades industry.

The expo proved to be a pivotal networking event for Romeo, offering him the chance to engage with a wide range of industries and organisations. A highlight of this experience was the interest shown by 1300Apprentice in Romeo's potential, demonstrated by their request for his resume and contact information.



100%

felt their expectations were exceeded based on their learnings in the classroom



99.8%

learnt something new about the workplace that they wouldn't be able to learn in the classroom



99.2%

agreed that by showing up to their work placement with the right attitude was a key part of their enjoyment of the placement



Watch the 2023 VET Summit video and stay up-to-date: swcevents.com.au!

VET SUMMIT

STUDENTS CAREERS

EXPLORE LEARN APPLY ACHIEVE

600 attendees from multiple schools, including students, teachers, and industry experts came together for a day of enriched Vocational Education & Training (VET) focused masterclasses, immersive workshops, and dynamic interactive sessions.



VET students (Yr 10-12) acquired skills and knowledge to help them get the most out of their work placements through being **mentored and interacting with industry experts** throughout the day.


This includes interactive Career Workshops, VET Industry Q&A Panel and Speed Networking. There was an extremely high level of interest in our region with SWC receiving over 900 registrations from students, teachers, and industry representatives.

The VET Summit was developed on the foundation of 10 years of feedback, consultation and requests received from VET teachers, Host Employers and Industry Stakeholders. The aim is to provide practical insights and advice to VET students to help them contribute meaningfully during their one-week work placement.

- ✓ Inspire and motivate VET students to value their work placement experience
- ✓ Acquire knowledge & skills from Industry Expert's to assist with student success during their work placements

 **97.4%**
of the teachers said the student engagement was excellent

 **99.3%**
of students increased their knowledge of Employer expectations

 **98.6%**
of students increased their confidence to participate in work placements

 **99.3%**
of students would recommend the VET Summit to other students

“ I believe that the experiences from the day will leave a lasting impact on the attitudes of our upcoming Year 11 (2024) VET Students toward their Work Placement with South West Connect.
Sharon | Teacher: Westfields Sports High School

Events like the VET Summit are extremely important as they provide opportunities that kids could never have at a school, for example, being shown what is out there.
Grace | Teacher: Fairvale High School

The VET Summit has been incredibly helpful in preparing me for my work placement by offering valuable insights and practical tips for success in the professional world. The speakers, particularly Rich Tran, shared inspiring personal experiences and success stories that motivated me to maximise upcoming work placement opportunities. Emphasising the significance of networking, skill development, and a positive attitude, the VET Summit empowered me to set goals, be proactive, and actively seek valuable learning experiences. Rich's presentation was especially impactful, as his passion and knowledge were contagious, reinforcing the idea that with dedication, I can achieve my goals. His words have instilled in me a commitment to embrace challenges, stay curious, and consistently learn and grow, fostering confidence and excitement for the possibilities ahead in my work placement and beyond.
Dylan | Cabramatta High School

Hearing about Rich's journey and presentation makes me want to learn about barbering and help those in need of a cut, hearing all his achievements made me more and more intrigued about his line of work. After the presentation I started to think to myself that I could see myself being a barber.
Leonidus | Westfields Sports High School

THANK YOU TO THE 2023 VET SUMMIT INDUSTRY EXPERTS!





RICH TRAN PROVIDING A FREE HAIRCUT WHILE TALKING ABOUT HIS CAREER & LIFE JOURNEY



RICH TRAN PROVIDING A TRANSFORMATION AT THE VET SUMMIT

Rich Tran is the innovative director and founder of Ultrafade by Rich, a salon renowned for its expertise in barbering and hairdressing. Rich delivered the key note presentation and captivated the audience with his personal journey, detailing his start in the barbering industry at age 15 and the obstacles and stereotypes he overcame along the way.

In a captivating live demonstration, Rich performed a haircut on Sarkees, a Fairvale High School VET student and an avid admirer of his work. This encounter was transformative for Sarkees, who not only received a complimentary haircut and makeover but also gained invaluable advice and mentorship from his idol, along with a free masterclass in barbering, an opportunity unique to this event.

Rich's story deeply connected with all the students, especially as he originated from the same area as them, exemplifying how dedication, passion, and creativity can lead to success. An integral part of his journey is his wife, Jenny Vo, who has been his secret weapon and an invaluable support. Her belief in him, along with her assistance in building his social media presence and marketing

strategies, has been pivotal. Their collaborative efforts have amassed over 270,000 Instagram followers, and Rich is now invited by clients from around the world for all-expenses-paid trips to work with exclusive clients and conduct masterclasses.

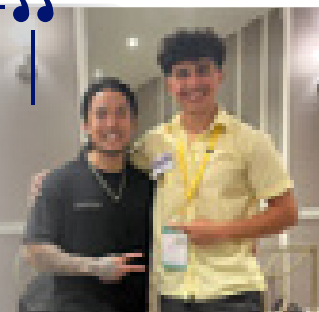
To inspire the students further, Rich announced a giveaway of a free haircut at his salon for the student who showed the most promise.

The feedback from both teachers and students regarding Rich's presentation was overwhelmingly positive. This was evident in the high ratings and favourable comments he received in the post-event feedback surveys, highlighting the impact of his contribution.

SWC extends its heartfelt gratitude to Rich for generously donating his time and expertise to uplift and inspire the youth in our community.

"Rich has inspired and motivated me through his relatable obstacles that he has faced which I am currently dealing with and gave me hope for my future in barbering by helping to bring out the best version of myself."

Sarkees | Fairvale High School



THANK YOU TO OUR Q&A PANELISTS

INDUSTRY EXPERTS:



Wayne Humphrey
Group Training Manager



Michael Foulkes
Group General Manager



Charlene Vaughan
Industry Development Consultant



Eva Atkins
Community Engagement and Social Impact Manager

EXPRESS YOUR INTEREST NOW | SAVE THE DATE IN 2024

Due to high demand SWC is taking expressions of interest for the 2024 VET Summit. To avoid disappointment, complete an EOI form (available via Google Form) and get the latest information and first access to booking forms.



The 2023 VET Summit was **SOLD OUT** with over 600 attendees coming together to discuss VET career outcomes in meaningful and impactful ways.



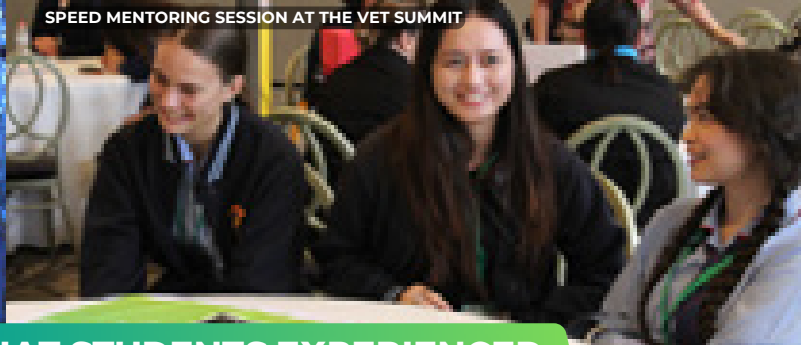
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BENEFITS FOR INDUSTRY EXPERTS

NETWORKING & MENTORING

Connect with schools, teachers, students, and many industry experts at the Speed Careers Mentoring session.

EARLY TALENT ENGAGEMENT

Meet future employees, increase talent pool options for future recruitment through School Based Apprenticeships or part-time employment.

RAISE INDUSTRY AWARENESS

Invest in the future generation by increasing students' understanding and awareness about the skills, needs, and pathways into your industry / business.

COMMUNITY AWARENESS

Contribute to positive community outcomes by supporting local VET students and raise company brand awareness and profile.

"I think the rotation of students between each exhibitor was an excellent idea as it gave them each a great opportunity to speak with every exhibitor that attended also how it was broken up with fun activities. Students seemed more engaged and weren't afraid to ask questions."

Yvonne | Apprenticeship Support Australia

"I think presenting options and opportunities to the students was great especially with such a large variety of different industries."

Marius | My Freight Career

"It was a great event, I thoroughly enjoyed talking to the students, hoping to make an impact on their journey in the workforce."

Adel | Master Painters Australia

WHAT STUDENTS EXPERIENCED

- Engaged with industry experts, received tips and tricks to succeed at work placements and in the future
- Discovered broader career pathways
- Real world advice from Keynote speakers, and leaders of industry
- Got involved in activities that will help them discover new skills and opportunities.

"The VET Summit helped me prepare for work placement as it has showed me the importance of manners, presentation and attitude."

Veronica | Westfields Sports High School

EVENT WINNERS

3 LAPTOP REWARDS*

*The laptop must not be sold or transferred & is intended to further the recipient's education & career.

A laptop was rewarded at each event (3 in total) to the most engaged student that demonstrated the following: active participation, asking thoughtful questions during the day, becoming a SWC event ambassador and completing the event survey thoughtfully. See SWC website for full criterion.

- **Ambition PLUS: Yousef, Miller Technology High School**
- **VET Student Careers Summit: Evita, Bossley Park High School**
- **Youth Wellbeing Success Summit: Lilly, Bonnyrigg High School**

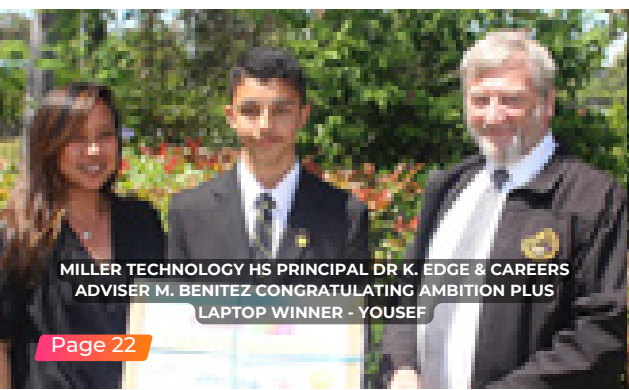
Thank you to the kind donations of the 3 laptop rewards from a local family dedicated to helping young people explore and achieve their journey to success. Thank you all to the students who participated at our events and activities in 2023.

BARBERING MASTERCLASS

Rich Tran offered the students of the VET Summit, an invaluable opportunity for mentorship with a free masterclass in barbering. **WINNER: Sarkees, Fairvale High School**

RICH TRAN ULTRAFADÉ HAIRCUT

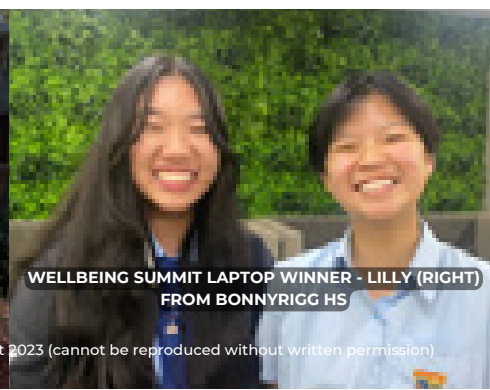
To inspire the students further, Rich announced a giveaway of a free haircut at his salon for the student who showed the most promise. **WINNER: Leonidus, Westfields Sports High School**



MILLER TECHNOLOGY HS PRINCIPAL DR K. EDGE & CAREERS ADVISER M. BENITEZ CONGRATULATING AMBITION PLUS LAPTOP WINNER - YOUSEF



VET SUMMIT LAPTOP WINNER - EVITA FROM BOSSLEY PARK HS



WELLBEING SUMMIT LAPTOP WINNER - LILLY (RIGHT) FROM BONNYRIGG HS



YOUTH

WELLBEING SUCCESS SUMMIT

Don't struggle through challenges alone - there are so many people and resources available for you to get a winning edge in life.



STUDENTS LISTENING TO THE KEYNOTE SPEAKER - WELLBEING SUMMIT

620 PEOPLE INCLUDING STUDENTS AND TEACHERS FROM 19 SCHOOLS, AND 64 SERVICE PROVIDERS FROM 21 DIFFERENT ORGANISATIONS, CAME TOGETHER FOR A FUN DAY FILLED WITH ENRICHING MASTERCLASSES, IMMERSIVE WORKSHOPS, AND DYNAMIC INTERACTIVE SESSIONS.



Watch the 2023 Wellbeing Summit video and stay up-to-date: swcevents.com.au/!

The 2023 Youth Wellbeing Success Summit (YWSS) was a day dedicated to promoting youth wellbeing and success. The event connected school communities with local service providers, and fostered an environment of engagement for the service providers to share knowledge with the students.

The YWSS featured a diverse range of activities designed to inspire and educate students. The Speed Wellbeing Networking session saw students rotating to multiple service provider stalls to ask questions and engage with experienced service providers. The interactive format of this session allows for a deeper connection between students and service providers, enabling the sharing of knowledge, resources, and valuable insights.

The YWSS hosted multiple guest speakers. Jonny Shannon, an inspiring keynote speaker, addressed the audience on critical topics such as mental health, bullying, and resilience. His powerful words left a positive impression on our youth, encouraging them to face life's challenges with strength and determination. Gianna Lucas, shared her wisdom and insights, leaving students feeling inspired and motivated to pursue their dreams. Melissa Malu told the story of perception and belonging, inspiring the students to look beyond what their current circumstances allow them to see.

Students also received a showbag filled with an array of resources and free access to e-learning platforms, TheCareersDepartment.com and Happow.com. The showbag included a YWSS resource booklet, which serves as a valuable reference guide for students to further explore the topics discussed at the summit. The e-learning platforms will provide students with the opportunity to explore various careers and acquire essential life skills, setting them on the path to a successful future.

SWC also contributed to the ACYP's consultation process by providing ACYP with 2 free exhibitor stalls and direct access to over 1,000 students at both the VET and Wellbeing Summits.

THANK YOU TO THE WELLBEING SUMMIT SERVICE PROVIDERS





KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Key insights from wellbeing & success motivational speakers:



Melissa Malu | Australian Museum

Jonny Shannon

OVERVIEW OF DAY*

*Round robin sessions where students rotated to each session:



Gianna Lucas | Happow



INTERACTIVE WELLBEING SUCCESS WORKSHOPS*

Improving wellbeing outcomes in:



Personal Development

Relationships

Career

Recreation

Education

Health

Finance

Mindset

Friends

Family

Salvation Army - YouthLink - Interactive session for alcohol prevention awareness



SPEED WELLBEING NETWORKING

Students rotated to various Service Providers to engage in meaningful conversation to improve wellbeing outcomes and awareness for their community



headspace - Speed Networking Session



98.7%

were inspired by the presenters and workshop facilitators to take positive action towards improving their own mental health and wellbeing



97.5%

created strategies, mental health and wellbeing action plans at the summit to complement their existing policies



84.3%

learnt something new about mental health and wellbeing at the summit



98.2%

agreed that mental health is important and it needs to be talked about more

The connections and knowledge acquired at YWSS are invaluable for shaping a brighter community future. SWC aims to secure ongoing support and funding for expanded reach, enhancing our community and nurturing the wellbeing and success of our young leaders.

“ The Wellbeing Summit gave me a chance to learn from others and to build a support network for my future.
Nicolas | Student: Patrician Brothers College

During the Speed Networking my peers and I were able to learn about so many resources and gain knowledge about services and how to access them.

Sebastian | Student: Bonnyrigg High School

Since attending the Summit I have planned to be more involved in community activities.

Samet | Student: Sefton High School

The Wellbeing Summit has been beneficial in providing well-being resources for many school communities as they provide many opportunities to students who express interest in the strategies of mental or physical health.

Wilson | Student: Lurnea High School

We were impressed with the youth engagement, giving the service providers a valuable opportunity to establish connections with a broader and more diverse demographic of young individuals.

Sabrina | Service Provider: Youth Off The Streets

The networking opportunities were really valuable, the session facilitated meaningful connections that will support the young people in reaching their goals effectively.

Angela | Teacher: Fairfield High School

The Wellbeing Summit not only increased their knowledge about available resources but also empowered them with the information and tools necessary to make informed decisions and seek assistance when needed.

Navdeep | Teacher: Merrylands High School”



AMBITION MASTERCLASS PLUS



UNLOCK POTENTIAL & DISCOVER YOUR OPTIONS

Watch the 2023 Ambition PLUS video and stay up-to-date: swcevents.com.au!

Ambition PLUS is an immersive careers-focused program that aims to help students learn skills and knowledge to improve all aspects of their lives. The program provides tools and resources for students to grow their current skill set and discover career pathways that suit their interests and passions.

Over 330 students from 10 schools participated in various activities, such as keynote speakers, interactive workshops, and masterclasses, that covered topics such as personal development, communication, leadership, entrepreneurship, and more.



“Ambition Plus has been useful in opening my mind to different career paths and instilling core values and self confidence. I learnt there is more than the simple path to success, the importance of setting goals and that without failure there is no success and that when you fail you just have to try and try again until you succeed.”

Ahmad | Student: Fairfield High School

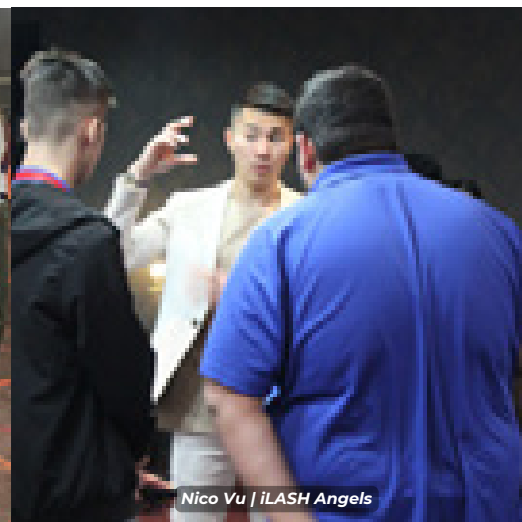
The highlights of the program were the keynote speaker sessions, where students had the opportunity to hear from two inspiring and successful individuals. **Gianna Lucas** is a keynote and motivational speaker, educator, and life coach for young people. She shared her insights and tips on how to overcome challenges, build confidence, and pursue one's goals with passion and purpose.



Gianna Lucas | Happow



Jayne Occhiuto, Executive Director of SWC, with students from Miller Technology HS



Nico Vu | iLASH Angels

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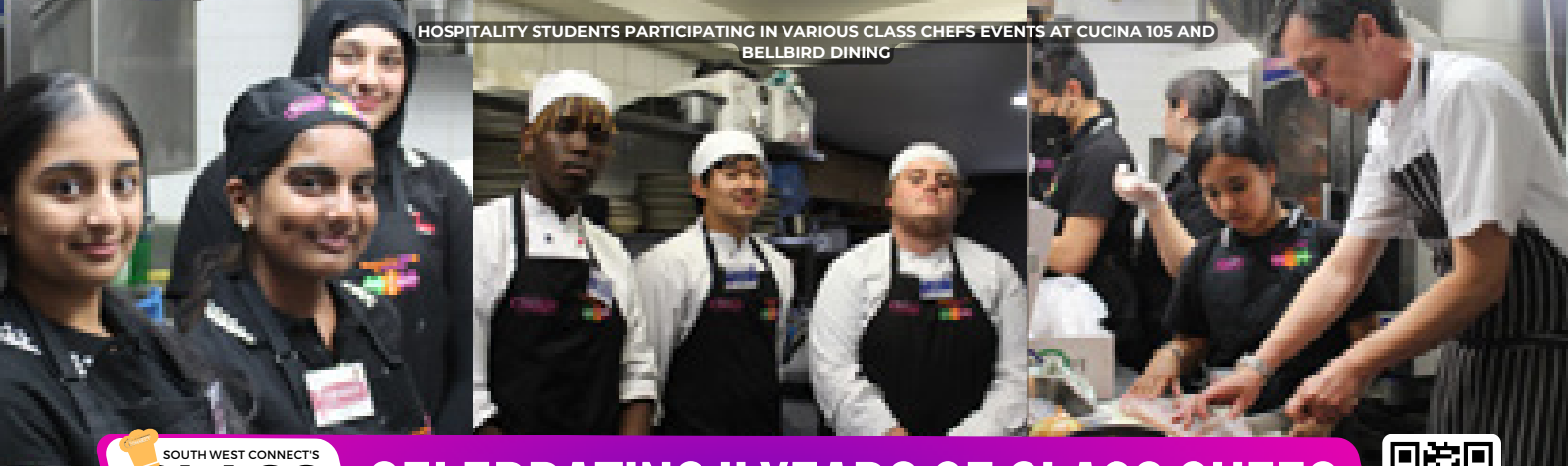
Nico Vu, co-founder and CEO of **iLash Angels** along with his wife **Immi Ho** are certified Nala educators with over a decade of industry experience. Passionate about empowering aspiring lash artists, they have trained hundreds of students in eyelash extensions, business, and marketing. They aim to make iLash Angels a global brand and a community of lash enthusiasts who inspire and support one another, emphasising that lashes are more than a beauty service; they express one's personality and confidence. The feedback from both teachers and students about Nico's presentation at Ambition Plus was overwhelmingly positive, as reflected in the high ratings and favourable comments in the post-event feedback surveys. Thank you Nico for generously donating your time to inspire young people.

“The most useful part was hearing Nico speak about his earlier life and what he had to do to get to where he is standing today. I think that really inspired me, not to give up and I do know there's people that can help me get back up.”

Fatma | Canley Vale High School

I found it hard to motivate myself and believe I can achieve the things I want after high school. Ever since I heard the empowering confidence talk from Nico Vu and how he got to where he is, I've felt so empowered. It was amazing.

Jaslene | St Francis Catholic College



HOSPITALITY STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN VARIOUS CLASS CHEFS EVENTS AT CUCINA 105 AND BELLBIRD DINING



CELEBRATING 11 YEARS OF CLASS CHEFS



Watch the 2023 RIEP feature video and stay up-to-date: swcevents.com.au!

Class Chefs is a student restaurant takeover initiative created by South West Connect (SWC) in 2012, and has been funded by Regional Education Industry Partnership (RIEP) since 2019.

Class Chefs gives a group of up to 30 students the chance to run a restaurant for the day. They plan, cook, prepare and serve a 3 course fine dining experience (or 6 tasting plates) for up to 120 paying customers within a 3 hour session – comparable to some of the busiest restaurants in the city.

Under the guidance of the restaurant staff and the SWC team, high school students aspiring a career in hospitality will get a hands-on experience in all aspects of running a restaurant, front and back of house. Class Chefs allows students to

experience working under pressure, demonstrate strong communication, outstanding teamwork, workplace time management and problem-solving skills. These skills are often difficult to demonstrate or master in the classroom yet are crucial in the workplace.

The Class Chefs format surpasses a traditional 'watch and follow' learning process, instead allowing students to take the lead, gain real life, commercial experience and work practices. This is a vital link to industry that students require to succeed beyond the classroom or training environment.

The longevity and effectiveness of the Class Chefs initiative is a result of the contribution of all supporters of the program since 2012, thank you.

CLASS CHEFS 2012- 2023*

71 EVENTS & 28 SCHOOLS



20,448 DRINKS SERVED



Prepared & served by students

5,112 SATISFIED CUSTOMERS



17,892 DISHES



Prepared & served by students

1,180 STUDENTS



Range of VET Hospitality, Food Technology, Music, TAS, Entertainment and other VET students

98% FOOD SATISFACTION



99% SERVICE SATISFACTION



“Class Chefs gave me the confidence to lead a team. It also helped me to improve my cooking skills and gave me an idea of how to work under pressure in a busy back of house role.”
-Anthony, Student

SINCE 2012

THANK YOU TO ALL SUPPORTERS

***CURRENT FUNDING ENDED FOR CLASS CHEFS, COMPLETE EOI FOR POSSIBLE FUTURE FUNDING**





CLASS CHEFS HISTORY & EVOLUTION

2012 | CLASS CHEFS CREATED

SWC created the initiative and operated it under the Partnership Brokering Program for 3 years

2014 | VET TEACHER WORKSHOP

- SWC introduced Cucina 105 restaurant owner to 40+ VET teachers during a Professional Development session for teachers to ask questions
- Resources and Process Manual provided by SWC

2018 | CLUBEDU

The Class Chefs initiative inspired the creation of the ClubEDU program and the "Master Class at school with a Chef" program in other regions.

2018 | STUDENT POP UP CAFE

Partnership with NSW DoE Senior Pathways to run the Student Pop Up Café (morning service) where students served 200+ coffees, bacon & egg rolls in 2 hours to address co-assessment barriers.

2019 | RIEP FUNDING

Partnership with Regional Industry Education Partnership (RIEP) to run Class Chefs to connect students with hospitality careers (funding 2019-2023)

2023 | CLASS CHEFS NOW

SWC has delivered Class Chefs program as events and Masterclasses to 28 schools, 1,180 students across 71 events.

SOLUTIONS INTRODUCED BY SOUTH WEST CONNECT AND REGIONAL INDUSTRY EDUCATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS



With improved systems and processes, SWC saves teachers' time and reduces their stress. This leads to a better learning experience for the students and teachers.



SWC creates marketing & promotion resources for the school to sell tickets, such as the event landing page, banners, flyers, and email templates.



Efficient and automated online booking process removes cash handling process (pre-select meals, dietary requirements, no wastage)



Automated, digital payment collection system has streamlined group seating allocations.



Subsidised meals more affordable for parents and teachers to attend.

QUERIES RESOLVED

2,130

EMAILS EXCHANGED

1,065

PHONE CALLS

**254
HOURS**

Training & development - Meetings with Teachers, Masterclass/Orientation sessions delivered to students.

TIME SAVED FOR SCHOOLS

**1,775
HOURS**

Booking Process (Eventbrite, meal orders, payment process, table allocation)

**1,065
HOURS**

Resource documents and templates created by SWC for Schools to use (menu flyers, promotional materials, risk assessments and other required documents, etc.)



FAIRFIELD HIGH SCHOOL VET HOSPITALITY - FOOD & BEVERAGE, & MUSIC STUDENTS [5TH JUNE], WITH 9NEWS AT CUCINA 105

SOUTH WEST CONNECT CLASS CHEFS ON 9NEWS

Class Chefs was once again on television and featured on 9News in June 2023. This comes almost a decade after Class Chefs was first featured on ABC News in 2014. The continued interest and participation in Class Chefs since 2012 along with the positive experience gained by students and teachers through their feedback response reinforces the value that Class Chefs adds to learning in a real life commercial setting.

9News Journalist Mike Dalton vividly captured the excitement and passion that defines Class Chefs.

Thank you to all the restaurants that have hosted a Class Chefs event. **Cucina 105 and Bellbird Dining & Bar** have been strong supporters of Class Chefs, training, developing and inspiring so many of the students in Region E.



Catch SWC on the News video and stay up-to-date: swcevents.com.au!



Class Chefs 2023



Class Chefs 2014



HOSPITALITY STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN CLASS CHEFS AT CUCINA 105

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The Class Chefs program was a great experience for our students from start (teacher meeting & student orientation) to finish (event night). Our teachers saw an increase in confidence, and social skills, along with improved VET Hospitality skills. The teachers found that the most beneficial part of the program was the impact it had on their class time with the students, talking about the event, preparing for the night and supporting them to showcase everything they'd learnt.

-Natalie Isakov, Relieving Principal, Fairfield High School

I'd like to thank everyone who organised Class Chefs, for giving us the opportunity to experience new things. Thank you for giving us an opportunity that not every school experiences and for making it enjoyable! Class Chefs was stressful in the moment but I made so many fun memories and improve my skills.

-Eleni, John Edmondson High School student. ”



PROJECT CARE WITH SUMMITCARE CANLEY VALE



PROJECT CARE is an aged and youth empowerment volunteer program and bridges the cultural and generational gap and promotes careers and volunteering in aged care and healthcare. Westfields Sports High School (WSHS) students volunteered to interact and support aged care residents who were significantly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic lockdown restrictions. SummitCare and WSHS followed COVIDSafe practices and Influenza vaccination protocols to ensure a safe and memorable experience.



**6,480 HOURS
VOLUNTEERED***



**452 STUDENTS
PARTICIPATED***



**228 SESSIONS
VISITED***

**Figures included FUSION, a similar aged care partnership*

Project CARE is an aged and youth empowerment volunteer program for high school students. The program bridges the cultural and generational gap and promotes careers and volunteering in aged care and healthcare. Project CARE encourages, supports and increases participation in volunteering at an early age and assists students in making the transition from school to work while enhancing their employability skills.

Since the first FUSION / Project CARE session in 2014, over 410 students have taken part in the program from the following high schools: Westfields Sports High School, Canley Vale, Prairiewood,

Liverpool Boys, Miller Technology and Bossley Park. More than 200 aged care residents have benefited from the regular interaction with young people in the Project CARE program.

Funding for the majority of Project CARE programs has been made possible through the contribution of our local clubs and the NSW ClubGRANTS scheme. SWC would like to take the opportunity to thank Cabra-Vale Diggers Club, Fairfield RSL, Mounties Group, Club Marconi and St Johns Park Bowling Club for their ongoing support of this project that connects cultures & generations and provides employment pathways through volunteering in aged care.

STUDENTS AND RESIDENTS SPENDING QUALITY TIME TOGETHER DURING A PROJECT CARE SESSION





DARE TO DREAM BIG JOURNEY

SOCIAL & EMOTIONAL LEARNING EARLY INTERVENTION PROGRAM

**TRANSITION TO
HIGH SCHOOL
PROGRAM**

The SWC Dare to Dream Big program is a social & emotional learning (SEL) early intervention program that works with primary schools to support children's motivation and aspirations to become engaged in meaningful activities and career education. It also supports children to acquire skills for success to successfully transition through different life stages and to handle related social and emotional challenges.



170+ STUDENTS

graduated from the Transition to High School program

In 2022, over 170 students took part in the Dare to Dream Big's extension Transition to High School Program to learn about educational and career pathways, managing workload, coping with stress, support networks, employability skills, and skill for success in the future.

The need to prepare and give confidence to primary school students to transition to high school derived from many meetings with teachers and executive teams from various schools which identified a heightened level of anxiety from students about to transition to high school.

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Students have shown improvement in their conflict resolution skills and require less teacher intervention in social disagreements in the classroom and playground. In particular, the boys have been involved in less physical altercations.

- Assistant Principal

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NAVIGATION SESSION

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SESSION

- ✓ Explore all the different career pathways and opportunities available to students
- ✓ Learn about employability skills, how to develop them in Primary and High school

SKILLS FOR SUCCESS



- ✓ Acquire SEL skills, e.g. emotion management from evidence based program
- ✓ Discover all the different techniques needed to succeed in high school and beyond

SHOWCASE



- ✓ Inspire future success by receiving valuable advice from a career mentor working in the field of their interest
- ✓ Receive valuable advice from a career mentor to succeed in high school

FUTURE LINKS TOUR



- ✓ Explore career pathways and the importance of subjects and employability skills
- ✓ Get a behind the scenes look at different industries



OUR STRATEGIC FOCUS

YOUTH COLLECTIVE IMPACT TEAM

IMPROVING WELLBEING

- Teach SEL skills for success to assist young people to better cope with stressful or challenging situations
- Promote a connected community through initiatives that encourages volunteering, inclusion and social cohesion
- Promote resilience and empathy through positive Mental Health initiatives



ENHANCING LIFE & CAREER TRANSITIONS

- Assist in the transition from primary school to high school then on to tertiary studies or employment
- Develop employability skills that are relevant and beneficial in school and beyond
- Strengthen links between what is learned at school and what is needed in the workplace
- Increase knowledge and create greater awareness of career paths and career information



ADVANCING COMMUNITY OUTCOMES

- Improve education, social and employment outcomes for young people
- Break the cycle for young people who have experienced disadvantage
- Community capacity building & collaborating for greater impact
- Connect people to networks and resources that enable them to become active and valuable contributors in the community

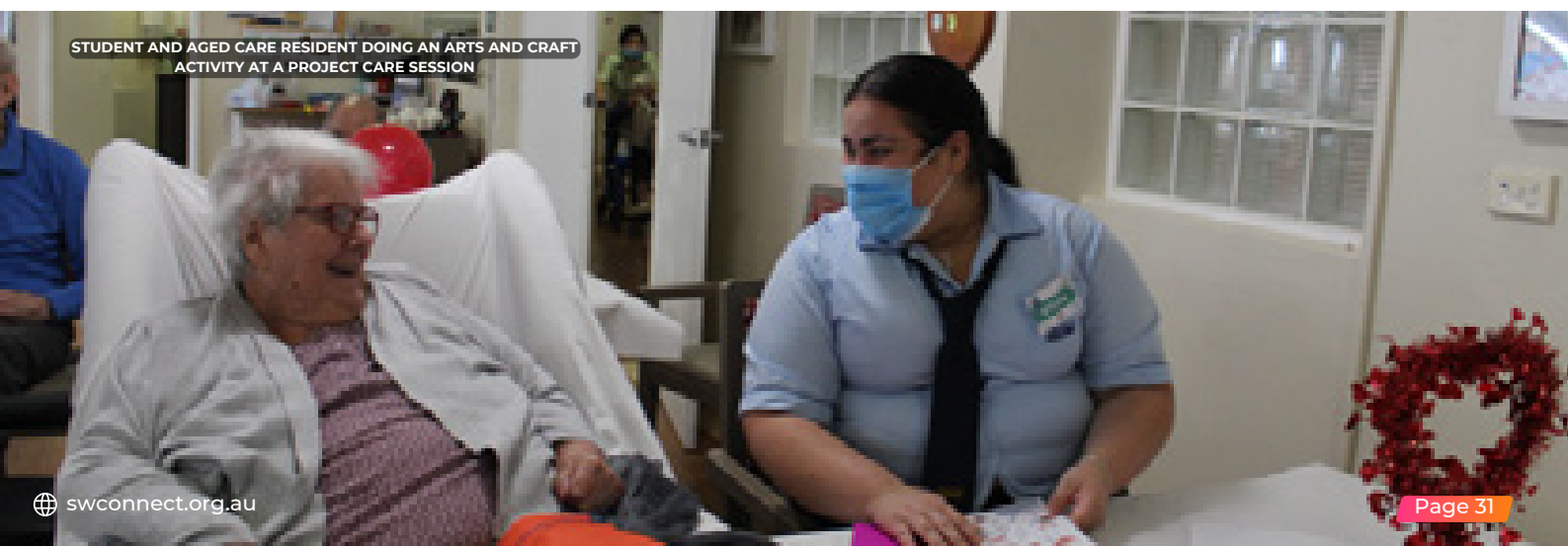


LIFTING ASPIRATIONS

- Encourage young people to lift their aspirations and their goals
- Improve leadership skills, self-esteem, self-awareness and self-belief to create a better future
- Increase student engagement and diversify pathway options
- Encourage goal setting and taking actions to achieve goals



STUDENT AND AGED CARE RESIDENT DOING AN ARTS AND CRAFT ACTIVITY AT A PROJECT CARE SESSION





YOUTH PROGRAMS

PROGRAMS OFFERED FOR:
PRIMARY SCHOOL (PS)
&
HIGH SCHOOL (HS)



Watch the 2023 Wellbeing Summit video and stay up-to-date: swcevents.com.au!



MINI CAREER MENTOR (PS)

Year 5/6 Students exchange letters throughout the school year with adult volunteers from different vocations and professions to improve literacy and inspire their learning through the art of letter writing. Includes an Aspirational Future Links bus tour to visit inspiring workplaces and lunch at a memorable restaurant and the opportunity to meet their Career Mentor.



DARE TO DREAM BIG (PS)

"Dare To Dream Big" helps Year 5/6 Students at risk of generational unemployment and welfare dependency with resilience and life skills and raises their aspirations, financial literacy & numeracy skills to provide them with the confidence to excel in class and in life. Includes an Aspirational Future Links bus Tour and lunch.



MINI SEEK A SKILL (PS)

Students in Years 3-6 have the opportunity to dress up in the theme of "what I want to be when I grow up", and interact with adult volunteers at a stall representing a job/trade/career who imparts knowledge of pathways to meaningful employment. Students visit up to 10 career stalls, making 'mini projects' related to that job which they take home and embark on further conversations about how their experience at school can help them on their career pathway journey.



GENERATIONS CONNECT (PS)

"Generations Connect" improves the self-esteem, physical and mental health of the elderly and year 5/6 students. The project promotes volunteering in the health/aged care industry at an early age and helps students develop resilience, wellbeing, & leadership. COVID-19 increased social isolation of aged residents, and this project aims to alleviate this by facilitating regular meaningful interaction between students and aged residents who may not have family members or visitors.

PRIMARY SCHOOL STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN SWC PROGRAMS AND INITIATIVES OVER THE PAST YEAR





PROJECT CARE (PS & HS)

Project CARE is an aged and youth empowerment volunteer program for primary and high school students. Project CARE encourages, supports and increases participation in volunteering at an early age and assists students in making the transition from school to work while enhancing their employability skills. It also enhances empathy, bridges the generational gap, improves community connectedness and social inclusion.



FUTURE LINKS, FUTURE READY (HS)

FLFR comprises of multiple layers of activities with young leaders and their peers to train them to build resilience and life skills in lifting their aspirations and empowering them with the confidence to succeed during and after school. SWC also provides a tailored program to benefit primary school students. A Career Immersion bus tour consolidates the skills and knowledge gained and is applied in a practical setting.



AMBITION+ PLUS (HS)

Ambition PLUS is an immersive careers-focused program that aims to help students learn skills and knowledge to improve all aspects of their lives. The program provides tools and resources for students to grow their current skill set and discover career pathways that suit their interests and passions. Students also receive free access to an online careers resource tool, 'thecareersdepartment.com', and online subscription 'Happpow' (Gianna Lucas) for 12 months.



VET STUDENT CAREERS SUMMIT (HS)

The VET Students Careers Summit provides students studying a Vocational Education & Training (VET) course an opportunity to acquire skills and knowledge from Industry Experts. The event will help them get the most out of their work placements by being mentored and interacting with Industry experts throughout the day. Sessions include interactive Career Workshops, VET Industry Q&A Panel, Pop-up Stalls, and Speed Careers Mentoring.



CLASS CHEFS (HS)

Class Chefs is a unique event allowing High School Hospitality VET students to gain real life, commercial experience and work practices. For one night only, students take over the restaurant to create a delicious 3 course menu with the support of the Head Chef.



YOUTH WELLBEING SUCCESS SUMMIT (HS)

The Youth Wellbeing Success Summit connects school communities (students, teachers and parents) to wellbeing resources. Join a vibrant group of 600 students, educators, service providers, and inspirational leaders for a fun day filled with enriching masterclasses, immersive workshops, and dynamic interactive sessions.

THE NEW WANSOLMOANA GALLERY IS NOT ONLY GIVING VOICE TO PASIFIKA AND FIRST NATIONS STORIES BUT FORMALLY ENDORSING A COMMITMENT TO FACILITATE A PLACE OF HEALING, RICHNESS AND WELCOME FOR BOTH PASIFIKA AND FIRST NATIONS PEOPLE.

IT CELEBRATES THE RICH HISTORY AND TRADITIONS OF THE PACIFIC NATIONS, PAST AND PRESENT AND AUSTRALIA'S RELATIONSHIP WITH THEM, AND ALSO REPRESENTS THE PASIFIKA PEOPLES' CONCERNS AND RESPONSE TO THE GLOBAL CLIMATE EMERGENCY.

MELISSA MALU, MANAGER OF PASIFIKA COLLECTIONS AND ENGAGEMENT (AUSTRALIAN MUSEUM), GUEST SPEAKER AT THE WELLBEING SUMMIT

WANSOLMOANA IS A PERMANENT EXHIBITION LOCATED ON LEVEL 2 OF THE AUSTRALIAN MUSEUM. FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT WWW.AUSTRALIAN.MUSEUM.COM



SWC COLLABORATION WITH THE AUSTRALIAN MUSEUM

Over the past six months, South West Connect (SWC) and the Australian Museum (AM) have developed a strategy to actively engage local youth.



YOUTH WELLBEING SUCCESS SUMMIT

As a prominent cultural and scientific institution, the Australian Museum played a vital role in the Youth Wellbeing Success Summit, contributing as a Service Provider. Melissa Malu, Manager of Pasifika Collections and Engagement, was a key guest speaker, highlighting the role of identity and belonging in the wellbeing and success of diverse youth.

The summit was an opportunity for schools to connect with local service providers. The Australian Museum's Speed Wellbeing Networking sessions were particularly impactful, offering students a chance to engage deeply with the AM team and gain insights and resources.

MOVING FORWARD

SWC and the AM are excited to continue this partnership, aiming to positively influence young lives in our community. We anticipate that this collaboration will not only benefit the students but also strengthen ties between SWC and the AM, as well as the broader South West Sydney and Pacific communities.



ASPIRATIONAL FUTURE LINKS TOUR

A TRANSITION TO HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM

Building on this success, SWC and the AM are co-facilitating a high school transition program scheduled for December 2023 at the Australian Museum. This program will bring Year 6 students, particularly from refugee backgrounds in South West Sydney, on an aspirational city tour. The visit to the AM will include an educational session led by their First Nations team and SWC, focusing on essential skills for transitioning to high school such as self-confidence, goal setting, and teamwork. Additionally, students will explore the museum's diverse collections, gaining insights into Australian and Pacific history, culture, and science.

This initiative aims to bolster students' sense of identity, belonging, and aspiration, while nurturing their curiosity and critical thinking. The goal is to inspire them to pursue their interests and embrace the opportunities high school and beyond offer.

The Australian Museum has generously provided funding for the transportation and lunch for the students and teachers.

PROPOSED INITIATIVE FOR 2024: ELEVATING POSSIBILITIES, INSPIRING CONFIDENCE (E.P.I.C.)

Collaborating with the Australian Museum's First Nations team, E.P.I.C. fosters participation of Pasifika, Indigenous, and CALD refugee youth. Prioritising resilience, well-being, and agency, E.P.I.C. utilises role models and supportive networks to amplify success. Emphasising empowerment and identity, E.P.I.C. nurtures community connections and involves youth in project planning and evaluation. E.P.I.C, through captivating workshops, mentorship, and communal activities, endeavors to uplift the potential of participants and instill confidence.



STUDENTS ENJOYING AMBITION PLUS ACTIVITIES AT FAIRFIELD RSL

COLLABORATION WITH RIEP: READY ARRIVE WORK

(Regional Industry Education Partnership)



Education

Since 2006, SWC has been in a productive partnership with the NSW Department of Education (DoE), facilitating over 77,000 student work placements. Collaborating closely with Business & Industry, SWC plays a pivotal role in aiding young individuals in their transition to the workforce.

One of our key initiatives, the RIEP is designed to bridge the gap between academic learning and real-world industry requirements. RIEP enables students to acquire job-relevant skills by integrating school learning with workplace demands.

Additionally, the Department of Education's Ready Arrive Work (RAW) initiative recently organized a career expo at Fairfield RSL. This event was part of their ongoing efforts to assist refugee students in our region.

Targeting recent refugees, the RAW program focuses on enhancing employability skills and providing insights into the dynamic Australian job market. The expo, attended by students from various Western Sydney high schools, featured inspiring talks from successful professionals who were once in similar situations, including Shaun Christie-David, the owner of establishments like Colombo Social.

SWC supported this valuable initiative by inviting our network of host employers and organizations to participate in the expo. Our presence at the event underscores our commitment to such impactful programs, contributing to the development and empowerment of the youth in our communities.

EDUCATIONAL PATHWAYS PROGRAM



Education

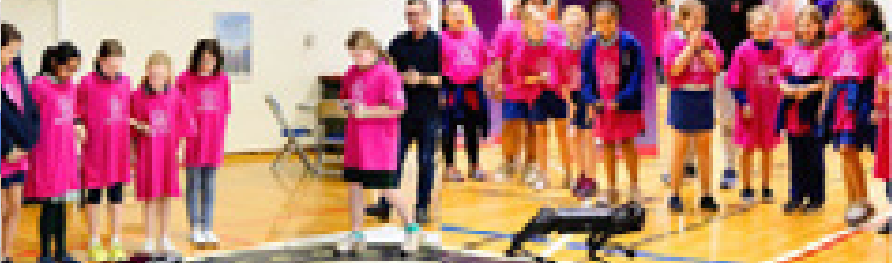
SWC has been involved with the EPP since the pilot launched in late 2019, our focus includes two main programs: the "EDGE for Work" workshops and the **Careers Immersion Teams (CIT)**. In collaboration with CIT Head Teachers, (Joyce Choucair and Olga Gromof, now Nicholas Chambour) SWC is dedicated to forging strong industry connections and creating synergies, particularly within the Liverpool and Cowpasture clusters. This collaboration aims to offer students valuable insights and opportunities in their career development journey. CIT Head Teachers have been instrumental in organising EPP students to attend many SWC events including the SWC VET Summit and Ambition PLUS.

Previously called the EDGE for Work sessions, and now renamed **Job Readiness Workshops**, delivered by EY (an international professional services firm) is now the sole service provider tasked with conducting these workshops across all 148 EPP schools in NSW.

The workshops are designed to offer students practical advice and inspiration for their first job and to encourage exploration of vocational career options. These sessions aim to familiarise students with the workplace through engaging, hands-on activities. Conducted in schools, they cover a range of topics from interview preparation to grooming and dressing for success.

“The Educational Pathway Program (EPP) has been the greatest support we, as a school, have had in addressing the changing climate of our school, especially through their expert staff who come to school to help out. We have an increasing number of students who do not want to go to university; so EPP has helped us to provide VET exploration opportunities for students and parent, work-ready programs, and has really improved our community's understanding of job opportunities.

**Annie Chehade, Careers Adviser,
Bossley Park High School**



AWS GIRLS' TECH DAY & WORK PLACEMENTS

South West Connect, partnered with Schools Industry Partnerships to recruit schools in Region E to attend the 'Girls Tech Day'. An annual event funded and hosted by Amazon Web Services (AWS) in collaboration with Inspiring the Future Australia.

SWC will be part of the pre and post event journey to inspire and motivate girls and young women to pursue interests and career pathways in science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics (STEAM).

From artificial intelligence to the metaverse, female students in both primary and high school are involved in a hands on, engaging day surrounded by female role models in the industry. Taking place at the Campbelltown Convention & Entertainment Centre, the event is free and funding for buses offered to some schools.

Amazon Web Services (AWS) and AWS Educate hosted students from across NSW in a Virtual Work Placement for the Information, Design and Technology course.

As part of this collaboration, students worked in teams with AWS Mentors who are world leaders in cloud computing technology and artificial intelligence (AI). With their mentors, students developed a ChatBot computer program that simulates human conversation through voice or text command using AI technology.

Thank you to Schools Industry Partnerships for coordinating this innovative and highly relevant solution and also thanks to the AWS staff who were able to demonstrate how the industry is working remotely and also provide a high-quality workplace learning experience.



ESAFETY IN THE DIGITAL AGE CONNECTING UP CONFERENCE

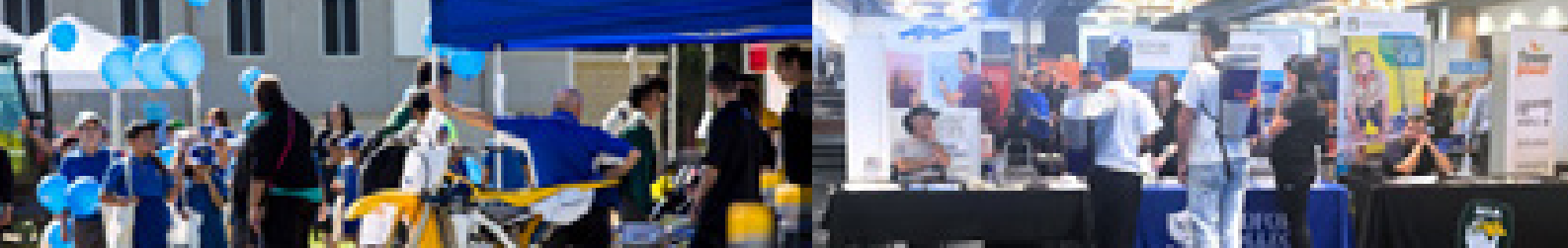
In today's digital age, eSafety has become a paramount concern for students, families, and communities worldwide. The digital landscape offers numerous benefits, but it also brings along a multitude of risks. These risks were raised by **Julie Inman Grant, Australia's eSafety Commissioner**, at the Connecting Up Conference this year in which SWC had the privilege to attend.



The conference was attended by 300 not for profit organisations from across Australia. Covering masterclasses, keynote presentations, panel discussions led by industry experts, and informative plenaries showcasing research and expertise in a wide range of areas including IT strategy, cyber security, leadership, capability building and training, digital marketing, and fundraising.

Among the many interesting and engaging sessions was an inspiring presentation "Breaking the bias: designing for equity and opportunity" by **Ally Watson OAM, Code Like A Girl**.





SOUTH WEST CONNECT & EXPOS



18,900 STUDENTS

Participated in Try a Trade, Mega or Mini
Seek a Skill Interactive Careers Expo

SWC has a strong and proud history of hosting expos for 18,900 students over the past decade. Ranging from large scale events for 3,300 high schools students held across 3 days at the **"Try a Trade"** expos and the **"Mega Seek A Skill"** expos, down to the smaller scale **"Mini Seek a Skill"** events for 100 - 300 primary school students.

These expos are interactive, offering students the chance to engage with adult volunteers from various professions, trades, and industries. Participants gain insights into different skills essential for success in any career and explore various pathways to fulfilling employment.

Over the years, SWC has stepped away from "traditional" expos that are hosted by other providers throughout the state. Through a consultation process since 2012 with many principals, teachers, students, parents and industry experts, the feedback strongly indicated the need for value added, interactive workshops, masterclasses and speed networking sessions. As a result, SWC now hosts impactful and engaging events including the VET Summit, Ambition PLUS and the Wellbeing Summit. These were designed to mirror the professional learning and development that professional delegates receive at annual conferences.

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TRY A TRADE



MINI SEEK A SKILL

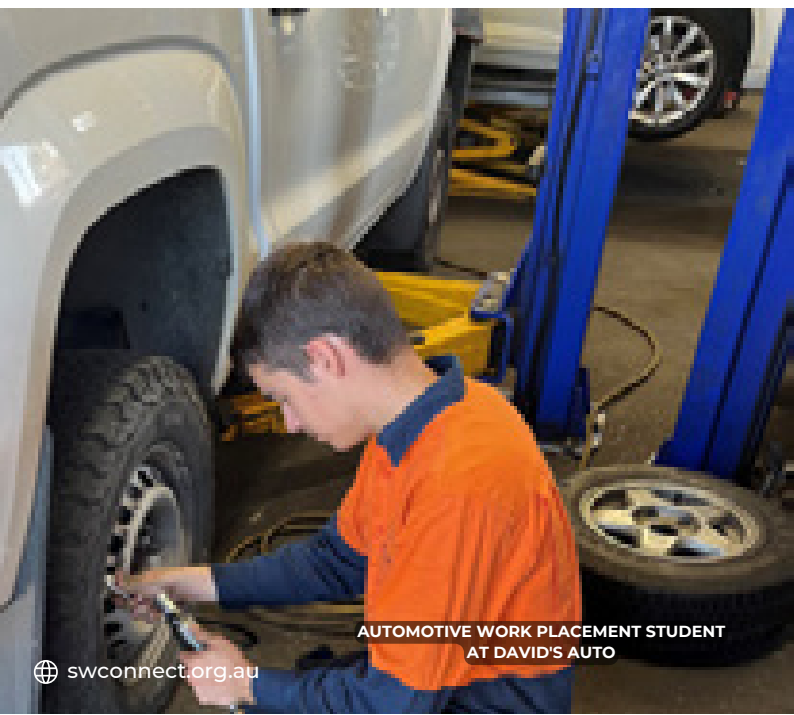
CAREERS MARKET & SOUTH WEST SYDNEY APPRENTICESHIP & TRAINEESHIP EXPO

Since 2017, SWC has formed a collaborative partnership with Brett Carter Events (BCE) to enhance the visibility and engagement of the Careers Market and the Apprenticeship & Traineeship Expo in Region E.

BCE reported that in May 2023, more than 5,000 students from 50 schools attended the Careers Market, where they engaged with 150 exhibitors to delve into various post-school options.

These options included apprenticeships, traineeships, employment providers, universities, TAFE institutions, and private education providers.

Additionally, the South West Sydney Apprenticeship & Traineeship Expo saw an impressive turnout of over 4,000 participants. This event was part of a larger series, with a cumulative attendance of 25,000 individuals across six events.



AUTOMOTIVE WORK PLACEMENT STUDENT
AT DAVID'S AUTO



CONSTRUCTION WORK PLACEMENT
STUDENT AT V8 PLUMBING



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Research around the globe has shown that children start shaping their career dreams as early as primary school. Introducing students in Years 3 to 6 to a wide array of career possibilities, particularly through events featuring diverse role models, boosts their engagement in class. They begin to understand how their school lessons can be applied in real-world careers.

Our range of programs is extensive, focusing on elevating career ambitions, as well as enhancing mental health and wellbeing for young individuals from 5 to 25 years old.

If you're passionate about making a difference and can devote 3 to 6 hours annually to motivate and guide a young mind, we'd love to hear from you. We equip our volunteers with all the necessary resources and training to positively influence the lives of young people.

Join us in this meaningful journey!

QUERIES & CONTACT DETAILS:

AMPHA MAMMONE | HEAD OF STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT | AMPHA@SWCONNECT.ORG.AU | (02) 9822 9370

All volunteers will receive a certificate of appreciation, a letter to confirm your contribution and will receive an invitation to our Annual Thank You Evening event, attended by over 200 people and is a great networking opportunity in a relaxed and professionally catered venue.

BECOME A WORK PLACEMENT HOST EMPLOYER



Watch the SWC Work Placement Host Employer video at swconnect.org.au

South West Connect recruits local businesses to act as hosts for students needing 35 hours of work placement for their Vocational Education & Training (VET) course. Work placement is NOT work experience. **These students are already studying an industry qualification and their work placement is compulsory. The students are insured by the relevant education sector and are expected to behave as an entry level employee.**

Visit our website to learn how host employers can improve efficiencies and team culture when their staff are given the opportunity to mentor and coach a VET student whilst getting an 'extra pair of hands' for the business at no cost or fee. If you would like to enquire about becoming a host employer please contact us.

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HOW YOU CAN HELP

Your generous contribution to South West Connect will help us continue to support young people to achieve their educational, social and employment potential.



WORK PLACEMENT

Do you want to influence young people's educational outcomes and help them to prepare for the world of work? Your organisation can make a significant difference by hosting a HSC student for work placement.

VOLUNTEER

If you would like to volunteer your time or resources to help one of our projects or initiatives, please contact the *Youth Collective Impact Team*.

CORPORATE PARTNERSHIP & SPONSORSHIP

Join us in a partnership that could make a genuine and positive difference in the local community. Please see our website www.swconnect.org.au for further details about the innovative and impactful projects and initiatives that may align with how you or your organisation would like to contribute to our community.



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I would like to contribute to the programs that help South West Connect's Local Community.

Amount Enclosed: ☐ \$10 ☐ \$20 ☐ \$50 ☐ \$100 ☐ \$200 ☐ OTHER AMOUNT \$

Send to SWC via mail or internet banking, details below:

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For further information on how you could financially assist our services please contact us:

☎ (02) 9822 9370 *Work placement Team - select option 1*
Youth Collective Impact Team - select option 2

✉ info@swconnect.org.au

SWC wishes to express its sincere appreciation and commendation to our stakeholders, the FBEP Board Members, our dedicated staff, esteemed host employers, and valued community partners, for their ongoing and impactful economic and social contributions to Region E.



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