

# HOST EMPLOYER ARTICLES



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host employer profiles!

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.



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## 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



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