# **ABOUT US**





SWC has a proven track record of empowering over 130,000 young people in South West Sydney to discover pathways to a better future for themselves and their families.

## SWC WORKS WITH STUDENTS FROM 3 EDUCATION SECTORS







## SWC SERVICES "REGION E" COVERING 3 LGA'S







South West Connect works 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 that 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.

### **WORK PLACEMENT TEAM**

Work placement is a one week placement with a host employer providing students the opportunity to practice skills learned in the classroom.

It is a mandatory component of industry-based Vocational Education and Training (VET) courses, chosen by students as part of their studies for the NSW High School Certificate.

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













#### HOW DOES WORK PLACEMENT DIFFER TO WORK EXPERIENCE?

CHARACTERISTIC	WORK PLACEMENT	WORK EXPERIENCE
Coordinated by Work Placement organisations contracted by Department of Education	<b>✓</b>	K
Students enrolled in HSC Vocational subject aligned to the work placement	<b>✓</b>	X
Mandatory component to complete Certificate qualification and achieve HSC	<b>✓</b>	X
Students receiving formal training to develop industry skills and knowledge	<b>✓</b>	X
Aligned to the Industry Training Package	<b>✓</b>	X
Involves Year 10, 11 and 12 HSC Students	<b>✓</b>	X
Employers are insured by the school sectors	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>
Coordinated by the local school or the student directly	×	<b>✓</b>
Informal program to enable students to experience career interests	X	<b>✓</b>
Involves Year 9 and 10 students	×	<b>✓</b>
Received no prior training on specific industry skills or knowledge	x	<b>✓</b>