

WORK PLACEMENT IS OFFERED AT NO COST TO YOUR SCHOOL OR BUSINESS



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BECOME A WORK PLACEMENT HOST EMPLOYER

WHAT IS WORK PLACEMENT?

Work placement is a mandatory component of industry-based Vocational Education and Training (VET) courses that Year 11 and Year 12 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
Provide existing employees with management and training development opportunities

COMMUNITY
Contribute to the community by supporting HSC students

HOW IT WORKS

When you host a student for workplacement:

- 1 week (35 hours) placement
- Students are instructed to participate in real work & shown how to perform basic tasks
- Students are supervised by a responsible staff member
- Full insurance from the education system is provided
- Students are expected to dress & behave as an employee would
- 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

SUPPORT FOR EMPLOYERS

South West Connect values your contribution to the Work Placement program and the wider community.

Our priority is to support employers to facilitate a successful placement through:

- Rapid response to any issues that arise
- On-Call Support with an experienced team member
- Regular contact to monitor progress
- Liaison between host employer and school

Each year, South West Connect (SWC) coordinates and monitors approximately 6500 work placements for students from 47 high schools across Government, Catholic, Independent schools and 3 TAFE colleges studying Vocational Education and Training (VET) courses.

SWC covers both Industry Curriculum Framework Courses (ICF) and various Board Endorsed Courses (BEC).

Work placement prepares senior school students for employment and can assist in helping them find part time work while still at school.

Students studying VET courses are given the opportunity to learn practical skills through experience and practice in the workplace. 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 apply what they have learned in the classroom and to experience the real world of work.

HOW DOES WORK PLACEMENT DIFFER TO WORK EXPERIENCE?

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

ABOUT US South West Connect

SWC works with students from 3 Education Sectors



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.

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.