

PARENTS & CAREGIVERS

A QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE FOR

WORK PLACEMENT

HOW CAN YOU HELP MAKE WORK PLACEMENT WORK FOR YOUR SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT?

If your young person is preparing to attend 'work placement' as part of their HSC Vocational (VET) course in the coming year, they will need to consider a number of issues before attending. Apart from being a compulsory requirement of their course, the qualification they attain will enhance their future job prospects! Their 'work placement' will be very different from a normal school day, as students are required to spend 5 days (35 hours) in the work place like a potential employee.



TRANSPORT - Work times are not school hours, so transport arrangements will need to be planned in advance. Can you **assist them get to work** for this week or will they require public transport?



ATTITUDE - Work Placement is not just about practising and extending industry skills. Attitude-initiative-communication-attire-punctuality are all on show as well. Helping your young person **feel positive and ready to try their best** will help set them up for a great placement!



SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS - some courses require a student to hold **additional records**. Eg. WH&S (White Card) in Construction, National Police Check in Human Services. Does your young person have these in place if needed?

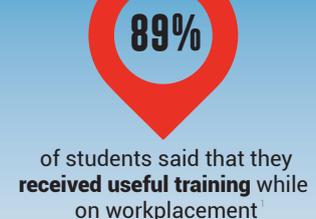
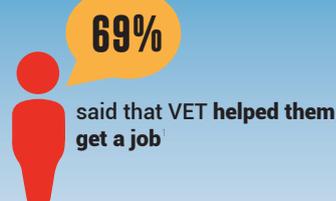


INDUSTRY TRAINING - employers understand students need to use work placement to apply themselves as a 'young worker' in their industry and as a result gain a genuine insight into the jobs market. This is an incredibly **valuable opportunity that school cannot provide** alone.



CAREER POTENTIAL - what can happen after a successful work placement? Part time employment, resume building, traineeships, apprenticeships, informal guidance on career paths and further education by those in the industry – **all potential results from a positive work placement** week! Can you back this up with good news stories of your career experiences?

WORK PLACEMENT WORKS!



Students who can **recall just 4 or more interactions with employers** were **5 times less likely to be unemployed or not in further education and training** at 19-24 years⁴