



'The World of Work'

An experiential 'tour and try out' program for Year 10 Students

Information for VET Coordinators

Based upon the successful 'Career-ing About' programs run in 2007 and 2008, The 2009 'World-of Work' program offers groups of between ten and twelve, Year 10 students, a one day program of experiential learning in a designated industry.

Schools may utilise this project to provide experiential learning for general students or a specific student group (boys/girls/at risk etc).

Students will potentially visit several venues, hear about their business operations, tour the premises and talk with young people employed in the organisations about their experiences and perspectives on working in the target industry.

The program is designed to achieve a number of **career development outcomes** for both students and employers including providing students with;

- information about specific local employment options
- 'hands on' exposure to working in the industry
- an opportunity to learn a core industry skill

Importantly, the program is designed to provide **more than just 'an industry visit'** and exposure for students.

South West VETlink will support follow-up activities that are **tailored to suit each school**. This will ensure maximum outcomes are achieved via the program and the interaction between the school and the industry organisation.

Follow up activities and outcomes could include - but are not limited to;

- subsequent workshops for participating students to consolidate preparation for future work placements
- a second visit with the industry employer of the student's choice to consolidate exposure and school engagement with that employer
- the engagement of the employer to support future work experience opportunities for students
- the engagement of the employer to support WPL for students the following year
- the engagement of the employer to participate in an Adopt a School project

Schools who register interest in participating in this program will be **canvassed for their desired industry areas**.





Program Outline

The 'World of Work' program is structured around three components.

Component One - 'Student Preparation'

This preparatory stage is designed to give students the chance to demonstrate their interest and commitment to the program/industry by;

- working at school or at home to complete a short online web research project to gain some background knowledge about the industry and the participating employers
- agreeing to be involved in one small but significant organisational task relating to the program (for example, *making a short 'thank you' speech, designing a certificate of appreciation to present to participating employers, constructing an evaluation survey*)

Component Two - 'Tour and Try Out'

This stage is designed to give students exposure to a range of employers and work options in the target industry.

The opportunity to do an authentic practical task is a crucial element in Part Two.

Students will visit several venues, hear about their business operations, tour the premises and talk with young people employed in the organisations about their experiences and perspectives on working in the target industry.

At appropriate participating venues, the students will have the opportunity to engage in a 'hands on' industry experience. Examples of these experiences could include

- preparing their own morning tea or lunch in a hospitality tour
- participating in a fitness session in a sport and recreation tour
- creating and manipulating graphics in a design and IT tour

Component Three - 'Follow Up'

Follow-up activities (tailored to suit each school) are carried out by students to ensure maximum outcomes are achieved via the program and the interaction between the school and the industry organisation.

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