



Educational Pathways Program

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The Educational Pathways Program is designed to improve educational and career outcomes for students by introducing them to a range of vocational training and employment pathways.

About the program

Launched in 24 schools as a pilot in 2020, the Educational Pathways Program has expanded in 2022 and is now being delivered in 145 government high schools across 9 regions of NSW.

The Educational Pathways Program complements existing careers education activities through the provision of additional resources, including two key roles; Head Teachers Careers and SBAT Engagement Officers, who work closely with schools to:

- Ensure students have access to sound advice, great training pathways and rewarding work opportunities
- Promote SBAT opportunities, a proven pathway for students to successfully transition to work and/or further education
- Match students with SBAT employers and offer tailored support and mentoring for students exploring these pathways
- Streamline delivery of the program across groups of schools
- Support students with barriers to education.

Benefits for schools

- Additional support to deliver strengthened careers education and support for students.
- Building relationships with local employers and industry.
- Support for engagement in vocational subjects to assist with appropriate subject selection.

Benefits for students

- Increased access to, and participation in, careers education and vocational opportunities.
- Opportunities to meet local employers and learn about career pathways.
- Building work readiness skills.
- Opportunities to complete nationally recognised training.



For more stories of student success and detailed program information, please visit education.nsw.gov.au/educational-pathways



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Program initiatives

Core initiatives

Delivered to all participating schools

Innovating careers education

A new approach to careers education that sees Careers Immersion Teams, each led by a Head Teacher Careers, create engaging learning opportunities and pathways for students.

Enhancing SBAT engagement

Tailored support and mentoring from dedicated SBAT Engagement Officers to increase the uptake of School Based Apprenticeships and Traineeships at participating schools.

TAFE NSW early school leavers

Targeted support to help early school leavers under the age of 17 transition from school and complete their first course at TAFE NSW.

Back in the game

A referral service that provides specialist support to students to help them either re-engage with education, transition to vocational training or find employment.

Needs-based initiatives

Delivered to schools on an as-needed basis

Job readiness workshops

Engaging EDGE workshops that give students practical tips to help them land their first job and inspire them to explore rewarding vocational career pathways.

TAFE NSW YES+

TAFE NSW's Youth Engagement Strategy Plus (YES+) helps students identify potential career pathways through vocational tasters in a wide range of industries, delivered at a local TAFE NSW campus.

Educational Pathways VET Ambassadors

Inspiring events, talks and mentoring from NSW Training Awards Ambassadors who have explored a vocational education path and gone on to achieve career success.

Apprenticeship and traineeship head start

Group Training Organisations (GTOs) offer fee-free pre-apprenticeship and pre-traineeship courses that include work experience with host employers.



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