

Work Placement and Work Experience Program

For many years the school has operated a Work Experience/Work Placement Program to assist students to make the transition from school to work. We have established a considerable database of employers who participate in the program. Education Queensland is committed to the provision of Work Experience/Work Placement for students as part of their education. Participation in the program is voluntary and requires that the school, student and parents/carers agree to the conditions of the placement. All students who are at least 14 years and 9 months old may participate in the program.

This program operates on a Wednesday. Some placements are for the whole day, whereas other placements may only operate on Wednesday afternoon in sport time. The school and the employer reserve the right to terminate or modify the arrangement at any time and without notice.

If a student or his/her parent wishes to terminate or modify the arrangement, this request must be discussed with the Head of Department VET. It is then the responsibility of the school to terminate or modify the arrangement, if warranted.

Students are to work normal working hours for their place of employment. They must not be paid. During work experience/work placement, the school will contact the place of employment. This is mandatory. Employers, students and members of the public are covered by insurance for injury and/or property damage. Students are covered by Workcover for permanent injury or death only.

In the senior school students are able to become involved in the School Based Apprenticeships program. This school recognises that such programs offer a valuable pathway to further education and training.

For more information regarding SATs,(School Based Apprenticeships and Traineeships) please contact a member of the Vocational Education and Training staff on 3906 7348.

Vocational Education and Training

In the past the Board of Senior Secondary School Studies was responsible for developing vocational education and training courses for students in Years 11 and 12 and for recording students' results in these courses on the Senior Certificate. The QSA now has this delegation under the *Vocational Education, Training and Employment Act (2000)* to accredit courses and register schools for the delivery of VET to AQTF Certificate II level. Currently Wynnum State High is a Registered Training Organisation under this delegation. We operate within the Australian Quality Training Framework. Schools are required to have the relevant facilities and teachers with appropriate industry knowledge, experience and currency to teach and assess these VET courses.

School-based Apprenticeships and Traineeships

Students in Years 11 and 12 are offered the opportunity to undertake a school based traineeship or apprenticeship. This senior pathway is a very important pathway offering students flexibility to be successful at school. School-based apprenticeships and traineeships (SATs) allow students to work towards a nationally recognised qualification while completing your senior studies. Under the SAT program you will receive their Senior Certificate, will also have trained towards a qualification in their chosen career and been paid for time spent working. Training takes place while at work, at school or at your training provider.

For more information regarding school based traineeships and apprenticeships, please contact Kim Hutchinson, HOD VET on 3906 7349.