

Benefits of work experience

The following document outlines the benefits of work experience for students, schools and work experience providers. It may be useful to share this information with your local school community to support students in their transition from school to work.

Students:

- gain a better understanding of how classroom learning is applied in the workplace,
- develop a better understanding of the work environment and what employers expect of their workers,
- explore possible career options including non-gender stereotyped occupations,
- grow in confidence, maturity and self-reliance,
- develop increased motivation to continue study and/or undertake further training.

Schools/teachers:

- assist students to develop knowledge, skills and attitudes to work which support successful transition into further training and/or work,
- build positive relationships between school, local community and industry,
- enable real world application of classroom learning.

Work experience providers:

- make a positive contribution to the education and personal development of students,
- contribute to the development of students' workplace skills,
- assist young people in their career decision-making,
- develop mutually beneficial partnerships with schools to support students to become work ready,
- build industry/school partnerships that provide for local community needs and endeavours,
- utilise work experience as a recruitment strategy to identify potential employees.