

# Get **all** the action!

You can be at school and doing an apprenticeship **AT THE SAME TIME**. That means you're working, getting paid, getting workplace training, and still heading off to school. It's the best of a number of worlds and it's called a school-based apprenticeships.

School-based apprenticeships and traineeships allow high school students to work with employers as paid employees while studying at school. It's a pretty cool arrangement because you do what you want to do, you earn money and you still keep your hand in at school and see all your mates.

Because you are paid while training, it can also take the place of any casual work you are doing. It's well structured and administered, so coordinators can help you along the way.

## Why school-based apprenticeships are a great career option for students in Year 11 and Year 12

- You can finish Years 11 and 12 while you start your apprenticeship.
- An education, training and a job.
- Be a step ahead of the competition for jobs.
- Learn the latest skills and knowledge.
- Get paid while you learn.
- Work towards a nationally recognised qualification (you are covered by a training contract, which links to an industrial award or agreement).
- gain hands-on experience in a real job.
- Gain the skills and experience to help you into tertiary study.
- Experience a great way to move from school to work.
- Get a sense of achievement.

## Where do Australian Technical Colleges fit into this?

If you're keen on a school-based apprenticeship, ATCs are specialist schools for people like you. Depending on where you live, you might enrol with an ATC and enter into a school-based apprenticeship in a trade at the certificate III level. You also study 'normal' academic subjects, leading to a Year 12 certificate. You might also gain IT, communication and business skills, so that you can run your own business later on if you want. Plus, you keep the option to go on to further study at university or wherever.

ATCs can expand your choices by providing another pathway to a career involving trades.



The apprenticeships offered by Australian Technical Colleges focus on the five priority industries:

- metals and engineering
- automotive
- building and construction
- electro-technology
- commercial cookery.

Australian Technical Colleges support students through both academic and trade training; with mentoring, career advice and business and employability skills. Certificate-level courses are all developed with industry input to ensure that the training offered will be relevant for local needs.



## WELL, WHERE ON EARTH ARE ATCs?

ATCs were designed to be set up in areas where there are lots of young people and lots of trade shortages. Places so much like these, that they actually these places:

### NSW/ACT

- Hunter
- Port Macquarie
- Central Coast (Gosford)
- Illawarra
- Western Sydney
- Queanbeyan
- Central Western NSW

### NT

- Darwin

### QLD

- Gladstone
- Gold Coast
- North Brisbane
- North Queensland (Townsville)

### SA

- Northern Adelaide
- Adelaide South
- Spencer Gulf and Outback (Port Augusta/Whyalla)

### TAS

- Launceston

### VIC

- Gippsland (Bairnsdale/Sale)
- Geelong
- Bendigo
- Eastern Melbourne
- Sunshine
- Wannon

### WA

- Perth South
- Pilbara

## Structured Workplace Learning

Structured Workplace Learning puts young people in school into real work in a real workplace (and sometimes in a simulated workplace).

These work placements are full of good stuff:

- find out what it's like in the real working world
- increase your technical and employability skills
- gain an actual qualification (depends on the placement) that is recognised by industry and education systems throughout Australia.

Contact Local Community Partnerships: [transit.dest.gov.au](http://transit.dest.gov.au) ;13 38 73

## Prizes, prizes, prizes

The Australian Vocational Student Prize (AVSP) rewards outstanding students doing VET in schools programs or Australian school-based apprenticeships. Each year, the AVSP rewards up to 500 Year 12 students.

Students are nominated by their principal, and each winner receives a cash prize of \$2000 and a certificate.

*Smart Start* says: "YOU GOTTA BE IN TO WIN, BROTHERS AND SISTAS!"

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