

# RECORD NUMBER OF EXHIBITORS ASSIST STUDENTS TO EXPLORE CAREERS

A record number of 110 exhibitors will be on hand to assist students and parents explore career options and discover what jobs are in demand now and in the future, at the 2019 Illawarra Schools Careers Expo, to be held on 7 & 8 May.



Put enough thought and effort into it and you will increase your chances of making a good decision when it comes to choosing your future careers.

If you don't know what you want to do, choosing a career path can be a big deal. Just deciding subject selection, whether to go directly to a job or opt for further study can be a difficult decision to make. That's where having access to relevant information is essential with representatives across a diverse and comprehensive range of work and further education sectors on hand, all in one place, to provide up to date advice.

Students in Year 9 through to Year 12 from all schools are invited to attend the Expo, now in its 38th consecutive year.

If you already know what job or industry you wish to work in, the Expo will not only assist to figure out what qualifications are required and where your options for further study lay, but also provides the opportunity to meet and network with experts in the field, who may be potential future employers.

**So, if you are looking to get advice or find out about opportunities, sectors represented at the Expo include:**

- Aged Care/Nursing/Health/Medical
- Engineering/Mining/Manufacturing
- Agriculture/Horticulture
- GAP Year/Overseas exchange/Volunteering
- Apprenticeships/Traineeships
- Hospitality/Events/Tourism
- Automotive/Transport
- HSC and Study Advice
- Aviation/Air Transport
- Journalism/Law
- Beauty/Hairdressing/Makeup
- Music/Dance/Entertainment
- Border Protection/Fire/Police
- Politics/Humanities/International Relations
- Building/Construction
- Real Estate
- Business/Finance/Professional Services
- Retail/Fast Food
- Communications/Electrical
- Science
- Computers/Game Design/IT
- Sport/Recreation
- Defence Careers
- TV/Film/Entertainment
- Design – Arts/Graphic/Visual/Fashion/Interior
- Universities/TAFE/Colleges
- Education/Teaching/Childcare

- Welfare/Disability Support/Social Work
- Emergency Services

Find out about how technology will affect jobs of the future; discuss which subjects to select for various vocations, plus discover the current and upcoming skill shortage areas.

Parents, Carers and their children can attend the special two-hour session on Tuesday afternoon, 7 May, between 2.00 – 4.00pm, which provides the chance to chat to exhibitors plus attend a special presentation.

SkillsOne in conjunction with the Illawarra Schools Careers Expo will be hosting careers showcases that will use video, animation and guest speakers to discuss vocational pathways in a new and unique way. The Skills and Thrills Careers Showcase is an engaging and creative showcase, designed to dispel the myths surrounding vocational education and training (VET), showcase the many various career pathways in VET and highlight the success stories of individuals who have chosen and excelled in VET courses and through apprenticeships and traineeships.

Around 5000 students, parents and carers will attend this year's Expo, delivered by Workplace Learning. Workplace Learning also coordinate a variety of initiatives, including Apprenticeship and Traineeship Info Nights - held mid-year; the Illawarra Schools Trades Roadshow, plus Illawarra, Shoalhaven, Far South Coast and Southern Highlands Schools - Excellence in Vocational Education and Training Awards.

They also deliver Job Education Training to high schools, plus the Steps to Success Program, funded by the Department of Industry Training Services NSW, which is primarily aimed at re-engaging Year 11 students into relevant training and work experience.

Further, each year, Workplace Learning coordinate more than 4,500 industry work placements for the region's students who undertake, as a part of their HSC, industry-based VET courses.

Sponsors for the Expo this year include BlueScope WIN Community Partnership Program, NSW Department of Education, University of Wollongong, TAFE NSW, Defence Force Recruiting and Skillsroad / Apprenticeship Support Australia.

The Expo has moved to Illawarra Sports Stadium, Fred Finch Park, Hooka Creek Road, Berkeley.

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