WORK PLACEMENT FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Is Work Placement the same as Work Experience?

No, it is different. Work Placement requires a designated number of hours and is only for Year 11 and 12 VET students to achieve specific industry recognised skills while in a workplace environment relative to their course of study. It is designed to be ‘hands-on’ where students have some entry level knowledge and a genuine interest in that industry. They are often planning to pursue employment and/or further training in that industry when they leave school.

Who matches students with a Work Placement?

A list of available placement is sent to the teacher to assist with placing students. This list may include a variety of employers from a wide geographical area so that students have the opportunity to experience the ‘real world’ of work where travel is an expectation. Students are encouraged to move outside the comfort of their local area to maximise benefits gained from their placement.

Can students source their own Work Placement?

Students may be able to source their own placement subject to suitability and lead time proceeding the proposed placement. The AusSIP Student Sourced Workplace Registration form can be found on the AusSIP website.

Can changes be made to the placement?

Employers voluntarily host students to provide a meaningful experience that reflects both industry and individual business needs. The designated work hours, as outlined in the SPR, have already been negotiated by AusSIP and the employer. Any proposed changes must be via the teacher/VET coordinator, in consultation with AusSIP.

Who decides if a student is work ready?

In collaboration with AusSIP, a school chooses the most suitable weeks for placement according to other school events and commitments. The class teacher aims to have students work ready before placement by ensuring the relevant units of work are completed and by highlighting the need for students to have a suitable attitude while at work placement, given they are entering the adult world of work.

What if issues arise during the placement?

Any concerns should be raised with the school contact as per the SPR.