

Topic 1: School-based Apprenticeships and Traineeships (SATs)

Introduction

The Queensland Department of Education, Training and the Arts leads the nation in the implementation of school-based apprenticeships and traineeships, with over 6000 new commencements in 2006.

School-based apprentices and trainees are able to study for their Senior Certificate and at the same time, undertake paid work and receive training as part of their apprenticeship or traineeship.

Students, primarily in Years 11 and 12 all over the State are involved in a range of industry areas from rural to retail; business to building; hospitality to hairdressing; and automotive to arts.

New industry areas and exciting careers in information technology and multimedia, food processing and transport are creating interesting opportunities for students as they make the transition from school to work.

School-based traineeships may be completed during the two years of senior schooling, while apprenticeships continue after Year 12.

A full range of students are selecting this option as part of their senior years. Students with disabilities; students who are OP eligible and planning for tertiary study; and students who would have left school without completing their senior certificate are all finding school-based apprenticeships and traineeships have benefits for them.

As well as a Senior Certificate they will have real work experience, paid employment, a completed or partially completed vocational qualification and an increased sense of worth as they prepare for their post school future.