

VOCATIONAL PLACEMENTS

INSURANCE INFORMATION for PARENTS OF STATE SCHOOL STUDENTS

Your child has chosen to participate in a Vocational Placement.

The nature and location of this activity makes it different from other school activities. The purpose of this information sheet is to explain the insurance arrangements that Education Queensland has put into effect for students on vocational placement.

1. Worker's Compensation

Education Queensland insures students from State schools, on approved vocational placement, under a contract of insurance with WorkCover Queensland, against permanent impairment or death, occurring either at the location where the vocational placement is provided or while travelling directly between their home or school and the site where the placement is provided.

The insurance does not cover payments for medical or hospital treatment, for rehabilitation or for artificial limbs or the cost of ambulance transport. Parents requiring medical or hospital cover or personal accident insurance for their children should make private arrangements.

2. Liability Insurance

Education Queensland has an arrangement with an insurer to indemnify students from State and Non-State Schools on approved vocational placements. Students are indemnified against costs for which the student may be liable if the vocational placement provider's property is damaged or injury is caused to the vocational placement provider or an employee at the vocational placement provider's premises or at another location while carrying out vocational placement duties on behalf of the vocational placement provider. The indemnity extends to students in instances where they may be liable for injury to the person or the property of a member of the public, arising out of the vocational placement.

This cover is provided subject to the terms and conditions of the policy, which specifically exclude various activities.

The excluded activities are:

- (a) driving of any watercraft exceeding 8 metres in length;
- (b) the repair, service, refuelling, maintenance, possession, operation, use or legal control of any aircraft by the insured agency, except for the participation in repair, service, maintenance by vocational placement students of the insured agency, who must be under the direct supervision of a Licensed Aircraft Maintenance Engineer or Australian Defence Force equivalent at all times;
- (c) air traffic control;
- (d) the driving of any vehicle on a public road or thoroughfare or any airport runway or tarmac;
- (e) activities associated with railway track laying, track upgrading or track maintenance;
- (f) construction or maintenance of railway locomotives or railway stock;
- (g) underground mining
- (h) the use, handling and storage of explosive devices;
- (i) oil and/or gas fields and refineries;
- (j) abseiling;
- (k) rock and/or mountain climbing;
- (l) white water rafting and canoeing;
- (m) bungee jumping and its associated activities ; and
- (n) underwater diving using either scuba or snorkelling equipment, where the student is not participating in an activity fully supervised by an appropriately qualified instructor.

Access to these two forms of protection is available only when the principal of a prescribed school has signed a written agreement with the employer to place a particular student on vocational placement.

Should you have any questions regarding this information or any other aspect of vocational placement please contact your school.

Education Queensland trusts that your child will benefit from participation in vocational placement.