

Year 13 Support for your young person

Link and Launch

The majority of young people who complete Year 12 make a smooth transition to work, study or training after school. However, research tells us that every year there are a number of young people who experience extra challenges navigating the system and struggle to transition to further work or study. While numerous programs and services are available to support young people, data indicates that some of them have trouble navigating post-school options and do not access available support.

That's why the Queensland Department of Education has rolled out Link and Launch services in 30 schools.

Rolling out from 2019 to 2022, the \$8 million initiative supports young people who have completed Year 12 but are not in work, study or training.

How the service works

Link and Launch is a free service designed to help young people identify the options that can work for them after school. Clients are guided through a range of post-school study, training and work options including;

Free TAFE for under 25s

Free Apprenticeship for under 25s

Alternative entry to university

Alternative entry to TAFE

Employment

Skilling Queenslanders for Work programs (SQW)

Federal incentives and participation programs such as JobMaker and JobTrainer.

Eligible young people

Young people who are not in education, employment or training and also completed Year 12 in the previous 2 years are eligible to access the service. Older Year 12 graduates who may benefit from the service are also welcome. All eligible young people who have completed their senior studies can join the service irrespective of which school they attended.

Young people currently enrolled at school are not eligible to join the service as career guidance and planning support is already provided by schools.

Success so far

Early evaluation of the service has revealed promising results. Link and Launch has assisted more than 1500 young people with over 1000 of those young people having made a transition and no longer require active support

Examples of client success

I had no idea what to do after school but after joining the Link and Launch service I...

“...discovered what I wanted to study and successfully applied for university. I’ll be starting the Free Tertiary Preparation Service at USQ very soon” Nadine

“...decided that work was the thing for me but I had no experience or skills. Through the service I signed onto the Yourtown Program organised through the Get Set for Work Program – and now I’ve nearly completed my Cert II in Retail and am looking forward to getting into the work force.” Angie

If you know a young person who might benefit from this kind of support, please encourage them to contact the local Link and Launch Coordinator.

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