

Engaging School Students: AllevE8

AllevE8 is a SVETE (School plus Vocational Education and Training leads to Employment) program developed by the Department of Employment, Small Business and Training (DESBT) for the health sector. It is managed and supported by the Department, which provides Vocational Education and Training in Schools (VETiS) funding and regional officers who facilitate and coordinate the program.

The initiative aims to improve opportunities for the successful transition of students from school to work by creating stronger links between industry, schools, students, parents and vocational education and training. Students are prepared for entry level employment while they are still at school through structured training. They are also connected with employers who may be able to provide them with future employment opportunities, including school-based apprentices and traineeships. AllevE8 places a strong emphasis on engaging parents. Each year, business information nights are held where students are invited to come along with interested family members to listen to employers speak about their business, what they are looking for in an employee, and what opportunities their business / industry has available for new entrants.

AllevE8 is targeted at Year 12 students, who are offered the opportunity to obtain a nationally recognised Certificate II in Health Support Services and 20 days of unpaid, structured workplace experience (one day per week) within industry. This enables them to gain meaningful workplace knowledge and employability skills. Through this program employers are able to create entry-level pathways to employment for local youth and establish themselves as employers of choice within their local communities.

Currently there are over 60 health service providers in Queensland that are currently engaged with AllevE8.

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