



Eligibility

To be eligible for this program students must:

- Have a permanent disability or learning difficulty.
- Be aged 16 years or older.
- Have the capacity and desire to work for a minimum of 8 hours per week post school.
- Be able to access transport independently.
- Ready to start transitioning out of the school environment into future pathways.

Selection Process

Applications are received in term 3 of the preceding year. Interviews are conducted with students and their parents or carers during term 4.

Want to Apply?

Students must be referred to the program by their school teacher. An Expression of Interest Form is sent to schools at the beginning of term 3 of the preceding year for schools to nominate students. An Expression of Interest Form can be obtained by contacting The Transition Program team or via our website.



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“The Transition Program gives students extended opportunities, new challenges & a supportive environment to transition to their next stage after schooling. The experiences offered by the Program can not happen in the classroom & the students noticeably grow in maturity and independence through their involvement.”

Ruth Evans, St Mary’s Unit Coordinator, Cabra Dominican College

Welcome

The Transition Program is coordinated by Barkuma on behalf of the Department for Education and Child Development.

This 12 month training program is designed to assist final year students with disability and learning difficulties to make the smooth transition from school to future pathways. It provides structured learning, skills development and work placement opportunities. Students are also offered links to services that provide ongoing training and support to gain and maintain employment.

Outcomes

Through a combination of accredited training, career guidance and specialised support, students will work towards a nationally recognised vocational qualification and gain credit towards their SACE.

Students may choose to link with a Disability Employment Service (DES) who will support them to find and keep a job.

The Transition Program supports students through a challenging life phase and ensures that they have the best possible chance for the future.

Structure

Terms 1 & 2: Access to Vocational Pathways

1 day per week students undertake a combination of the key elements of Career Development and Certificate I in Access to Vocational Pathways. This includes activities such as worksite tours, mock interviews, resume writing and career counselling.

Terms 3 & 4: Vocational Education Training (VET)

1 day per week students undertake accredited industry training delivered through TAFE SA and private RTOs. Students can choose from a wide range of accredited training courses including:

- Horticulture
- Retail
- Construction
- Creative Industries
- Hospitality
- Business Administration
- Hair & Beauty
- IT

Nominal hours vary according to the course selected

Term 4: Work Experience & Graduation

With support from their chosen Disability Employment Service (DES) provider students will complete one week of work experience. This is flexible according to the student’s capacity, school timetable and employer’s needs. The DES provider will continue to work with students after they complete The Transition Program to find and maintain employment in the future.

“The coordinators of The Transition Program were always supportive and approachable if I needed help. The Transition Program provided opportunities I would not have been able to access on my own.” – Nick, past program participant