

Executive summary 2020 School to Work report

The NSW Government has made a significant investment in the School to Work (STW) Program for more than two decades to ensure that our young people are well prepared to face the challenges and opportunities of future trends in the world of work.

Strategies to strengthen your school's STW Program aligns with the [Department's Strategic Plan 2018-2022](#) and supports the [School Improvement Plan](#). The STW program aims to prepare our learners for rewarding lives as engaged citizens in a complex and dynamic society.

In 2020, 151,269 students in Years 7-12 from 425 reporting schools participated in the School to Work (STW) Program. [Read the full 2020 STW report here.](#)

Impact of COVID-19 on 2020



- **57%** of schools used Google Classroom followed by Zoom and MS TEAMS to deliver careers education classes and counselling sessions
- **92,500** students in Years 7-12 engaged in online career learning and over **150,000** students in Years 7-12 participated in career development

Top priorities for the School to Work program in 2021



- Increase the number of students with a transition plan
- Strengthen partnership and relationships with the community
- Engage students in a range of work placements to support all KLAs
- Increase Aboriginal students participating in SBATs and work experience

Building networks and connections



- **92%** of parents and carers accessed the careers adviser to support their child's career development
- **73%** of schools attended virtual careers expos. In-school work-related presentations, programs and events, mock interviews, and speed careering were among the most used practices

Planning transition pathways



- **84%** of schools included career education in their school plan
- Over **7,000** Year 9-12 students completed the Student Pathways Plan.
- Diverse learners were a main focus for transition advisers

Exploring career futures



- **95%** of schools reported student feedback as the most useful method to evaluate the impact of career advice, followed by **75%** of parents' feedback
- **93%** schools provided work readiness programs
- **88%** of schools used the department's [myworkexperience](#) resource

Strengthening student outcomes through career learning



- **85%** of schools provided entrepreneurial learning opportunities resulting in greater student engagement
- **241** schools delivered timetabled careers lessons
- **172** schools delivered Work Studies Stage 6
- **99** schools delivered Work Education 7-10

School to Work Program: Future priorities

Create opportunities for every student in every school to engage in quality career learning.

For further information visit [Career learning and vocational education and training](#) or contact us seniorpathways@det.nsw.edu.au