If you are an employer, parent or young person interested in employment opportunities for students with a disability, then information about the Ticket to Work program is for you!

The Youth Disability Employment Network has developed Ticket to Work, a School-Based Apprenticeships and Traineeships program, for young people with a disability in Melbourne's southern region.

**WHO IS THE YOUTH DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT NETWORK?**

- We are a network of over 20 organisations, schools, employer services and government representatives.
- We are working together to raise employment aspirations and opportunities for students with disabilities through the Ticket to Work program.

**WHAT IS TICKET TO WORK?**

- A School-Based Apprenticeships and Traineeships (SBATs) program for students with a disability.
- Ticket to Work will allow students to gain valuable employment and vocational experience across a range of industry areas.
- Ticket to Work will provide employers with keen and competent young employees.

**WHY HAVE WE DEVELOPED TICKET TO WORK?**

- Because young people with a disability have a lot to offer businesses and young people have a lot to gain by undertaking an SBAT.
- Because significantly less students with a disability take up an SBAT, compared to those without a disability, despite the fact that students with a disability are more than capable of taking up most SBATs.
- Because research shows that most workers with a disability not only do their jobs just as well as those without a disability but they are also often more reliable and have fewer sick days.

**HOW WILL TICKET TO WORK OPERATE?**

- Ticket to Work ensures that students, parents and employers have all the support and guidance they need before, during and after their SBAT experience.
- Ticket to Work matches students and employers for mutual benefit, with the full support of our broad network of disability, education, training and employment experts.

**STUDENTS AND PARENTS**

Are you interested in an SBAT during your final years of school? Does Ticket to Work interest you? Ticket to Work may be right for you.

- You will be supported in the workplace by your school and other organisations.
- You can showcase your skills and abilities.
- You will gain fantastic experience in the workplace.
- You will participate in vocational training that leads to a nationally recognised Certificate (eg. Certificate II in Hospitality).
- You will develop skills and confidence that will increase your chances of employment after you leave school.
- You will receive a wage for time spent in the workplace.
- In most cases your Centrelink payments will not be affected.
TYPES OF SBATS?
— SBATs are available in most industry areas, provided the student meets employer, training organisation and apprenticeship centre requirements.
— Industry areas include: hospitality, automotive, business administration, beauty, sport and recreation to name but a few.

EMPLOYERS
Are you interested in supporting and employing a young person with a disability? If you are, Ticket to Work may be right for you.
— You will receive support, guidance and information while your School Based Apprentice or Trainee is working with you.
— You will be demonstrating your community commitment.
— You will be helping to change the negative perceptions that some members of our community have when it comes to the skills and abilities of young people with a disability.
— There are generous government financial incentives available to you.

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