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| **Work Placement****Year 11 (Preliminary) &****Year 12 (HSC)** |

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| **Structured Work Placement****&****Work Experience** |
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| ***The differences between the two*** |
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| **Work Experience****Year 9, Year 10 or Year 11** |

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| **WORK PLACEMENT** | Work placement:* is a planned opportunity in a quality host workplace that enables senior school students studying particular industry-based courses to practice and develop their industry competencies and their employability skills in a vibrant real work context.
* is a mandatory component of the industry-based vocational education and training (VET) courses that students can choose as part of their studies for the NSW Higher School Certificate.
* contains a structured learning situation with clearly defined outcomes addressed during the work placement.
* is an opportunity for student performance to be assessed in the workplace.
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| Work experience:* provides a general introduction to the ‘world of work’.

Young people are able to:* observe a variety of work being done
* undertake supervised work appropriate to their skill level
* ask questions about the workplace
* gain general skills related to being at work
* learn how enterprises work and how to be enterprising
* complete course assignments relevant to the industry or workplace
* find out about training and employment opportunities
* fine-tune their career aspirations and career and transition planning.

Work Experience may have:* A career education focus
* Community based learning focus
* Enterprise focus
* Key Learning Area focus
* Student Mentoring focus
 | **WORK EXPERIENCE** |

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