



## Career Development Services in Schools

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The purpose of the project is to bring professional Career Development counselling services into a High School. The service engages directly with the student, providing an extended counselling interview with extensive personalised follow up. The case study presents the strategic intention, planning processes and implementation steps followed to establish an immediately successful service that assisted final year student in their transition from school.

In the context of Australia's rapidly changing work environment the schools recognised students required professional, current, real world career development support for students to engage them as active managers of their careers now and in a future, where the rate of change in constantly increasing. Students require a counselling service that assists them identify their work ready capabilities, presentation skills, personal self-belief and acknowledge they have the skills required for the entrepreneurial future.

By undertaking the counselling program students have:

- Increased understand current skills, transferable skills and what employers are looking for
- More empowered and confident about Career planning and pathway
- More informed about personal career pathway options and greater clarity about how to progress into options
- Access to current workforce development trends
- Updated professional Resume
- Direct links to local employers and industry

This presentation will enhance participants' knowledge of how to lead collaboration between schools and professional service providers. We will encourage delegates to consider their own career and business development opportunities and promote the benefits of cross sector understanding. The workshop will include interactive active, power point presentation, student case study and open question time.

This project has a focus on developing career adaptability in school leavers and giving them the skills to construct meaning full futures for themselves.