



Indigenous Youth Careers Pathway Program

What is the Indigenous Youth Career Pathways Program?

The Indigenous Youth Career Pathways Program (IYCP) is a federally funded program that is being rolled out in your community in 2012.

The objective of IYCP is to increase the number of young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who transition effectively from school into further education, training and/or employment.

IYCP focuses on the provision of school-based traineeships and associated support activities for indigenous students aged between 15-24 who are in years 11 and 12, and in some cases year 10.

Similar to traditional school-based apprenticeships/traineeships, the IYCP Program incorporates paid work with school and training. Participants will learn a trade or occupation at Certificate II, III or IV level and continue their normal school studies.

This program will provide young people with mentoring and ongoing support to help them plan for and manage life beyond high school.

Working with schools

Mission Australia is one of the largest community service organisations in Australia and a major provider of apprenticeship and traineeship services. We provide employment support to around 100,000 people each year, taking them along pathways to independence and employment.

IYCP provides a significant opportunity for Mission Australia to partner with your school community to make a positive impact the lives of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people.

With your support will be working with careers advisors, education and training departments, and employers to roll out this program in eight locations across Australia. This involves:

Engaging with communities

We will engage with indigenous communities and students in a variety of ways including careers events, industry workshops and cultural events, to promote IYCP.

Creating connections and pathways

We will work closely with schools, local employers and community organisations to help students develop connections and create pathways for their future education and employment plans.

Mentoring students

A key feature of the program is the provision of ongoing support by a qualified mentor. The mentor will support students throughout the process and help them to work towards successful completion of their school-based traineeship or apprenticeship.

Supporting employers

Mission Australia Apprenticeship Solutions staff will work with employers taking on school-based apprentices or trainees to ensure they understand the program and complete all required processes and paperwork. Employers involved in the IYCP Program may be eligible to receive Federal Government incentives.

For more information

Please contact us if you have students in your school that would benefit from this program or if you would like to find out more information.

Call us on **1300 626 227** or visit www.employmentsolutions.com.au

