



Integrated Family
& Youth Services

i-Journey Online Mentoring Program A Local Partnership Agreement

Chancellor State College, Sunshine Coast Schools Industry Links Scheme Inc, Mentoring Service Australia

The online mentoring program aims to support and inform students who are beginning to formulate their post-school plans. It partners students with mentors from the business community to increase their potential for successful transition from education to employment.

Objectives:

- To provide opportunities for students to develop appropriate relationships with supportive adults outside the school and family environments.
- To provide information to students about workplace, study and career opportunities in order to enhance their school-to-work transition.
- To increase students' skills in the use of ICT.
- To enable students to gain an increased sense of responsibility and commitment.
- To offer local community of adults an opportunity to be involved in the community and to contribute to youth development in their area.

How it Works:

- Potential Mentors complete a Mentoring Application form and a Blue Card for Volunteers application form.
- Mentors are interviewed, screened, trained and prepared for their mentor role. (Training is planned to be IFYS facilitated on **Saturday February 28th from 9.00am to 3.00pm**)
- **The Mentors and students meet face to face for lunch on Wednesday April 1st 2009 from 12.00noon to 2.00pm on site at Chancellor State College** and are taken through a range of activities designed to initiate the matching process.
- **The weekly "Online" sessions will begin the first week of Term 2 on Wednesday, April 29th from 12.00noon to 1.00pm.**
- The Program will run for approximately 20 weeks, excluding school holidays, **ending on September 16th** with a celebratory day for Mentor's and Mentee's at Chancellor State College.
- Two more face to face meetings are planned during the Program. One mid program that allows the opportunity for the student to meet their mentor in their work environment, and one on the final day to celebrate the success and conclusion of the Program with a BBQ at the school.
- The weekly online contact sessions take place via Education Queensland's Learning Place Site (Chat rooms) which contains a range of activities with focus on school to work transition. Take a virtual tour of the Learning Place Website at: www.learningplace.eq.edu.au/.
- Chancellor State College plan to use activities from the IBM website Mentor Place. This site can be viewed at: www.mentorplace.org
- Transcripts of all chat sessions are recorded and read by the school staff.