

# Becoming a Mentor

## FACT SHEET



### The Role of a Mentor

**Mentors provide** support and encouragement, helping students to further develop self esteem, confidence and career development. Students have the opportunity to develop appropriate relationships with supportive adults other than a teacher or parent . Mentors also provide the benefit of their vast experience within the workforce and can provide advice to students from someone experienced and familiar with educational and employment processes that can enhance students' school-to-work transition.

### The Aim of Online Mentoring

The aim of online mentoring is to support and inform students who are beginning to formulate their post school plans by pairing them with active members of the workforce who can offer encouragement, advice and share the benefit of their experiences. Online Mentoring involves working together with a student on activities regarding their future career and other personal development topics, enabling students to gain an increased sense of responsibility and commitment. Mentoring also offers adults an opportunity to be involved in the community and contribute to youth development. The majority of the interaction takes place on-line through specifically designated and monitored chat rooms and message boards.

### Commitment as a Mentor

All mentors are required to:

- Provide 2 reference checks, attend an initial interview and 2 three hour training sessions prior to beginning the program.
- A minimum commitment of 1 hour a week (at the same time each week) **online** mentoring for 20 weeks.
- Attend 3 one hour 'Face to Face' meetings with their student at scheduled dates throughout the program.
- Submit to a proof of identity and consent for a criminal check / Blue Card application.
- Read, understand and the accept that they must work within the Education Queensland privacy and child protection policies.
- Make a commitment to be understanding of the "Generation Y" and to have a youth friendly outlook.
- Have access to broadband internet and a basic understanding of IT is required.



For more information on Mentoring,  
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