



MWLP School  
Business Community  
Partnership Brokers

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The Partnership Brokers program objective is to facilitate stakeholder engagement, build community capacity and infrastructure and drive the government's education reform and social inclusion agendas to improve education and transition outcomes for all young people.

**Business Plan**

# PROGRAM OVERVIEW

## School Business Community Partnership Brokers

The Australian Government is committed to providing opportunities and support for all young Australians to acquire the knowledge and skills they need to participate effectively in society and employment in a globalised economy.

To achieve that goal, the Commonwealth, State and Territory governments have agreed to a compact with Young Australians (the Compact) that provides incentives to stay in, or return to, an education or training pathway. All young people aged 15-24 will have an entitlement to a place in school, training or higher education, subject to availability and meeting admission requirements. All young people up to the age of 17 years must be engaged full time in school, training or employment, or a combination of these, that is, learning or earning. The governments are aiming to have at least 90 per cent of all young people attain year 12 or its equivalent by 2015

### The new program will contribute to broader national objectives:

- *Australian schooling promotes equity and excellence*
- *All young Australians become successful learners, confident and creative individuals, and active and informed citizens.*
- *All young people gain the skills, understandings and connections, and have health and wellbeing outcomes to make successful life choices.*
- *Improved education and transition outcomes for all young people, including disadvantaged groups, such as low SES and Indigenous young people.*



# PARTNERSHIPS

Partnership Broker Outcome 1: *High quality partnerships are established that link key stakeholders together with shared commitment, goals and outcomes to improve young people's education and transition outcomes.*

*To achieve this outcome, MWLP will:*

Strategy	How
1.1 Undertake an initial consultation with key stakeholders to explore regional issues and identify local needs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a) Identify, meet, network and consult with key stakeholder group representatives</li><li>b) Facilitate a consultation and strategic planning workshop attended by key stakeholders</li></ul>
<b>1.2 Conduct an ongoing consultation with key stakeholders</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>a) Establish a Key Stakeholder Advisory Group that will guide and review progress and directions</b></li><li><b>b) Develop business relationships with 'critical friends' who will inform, monitor and mentor the Partnership Broker team</b></li><li><b>c) Implement quality evaluation and review procedures that provide an ongoing 'voice' for key stakeholders</b></li></ul>

# REGIONAL SOLUTIONS

Partnership Broker Outcome 2: *Partnerships are established that deliver solutions to regional issues to improve young people's education and transition outcomes.*

*To achieve this outcome, MWLP will:*

Strategy	How
2.1 Work with stakeholder groups that have a broader regional role to develop and enhance sustainable partnerships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a) Identify key regional stakeholder groups</li><li>b) Pursue partnership opportunities with these groups</li><li>c) Facilitate local connections and partnerships for regional stakeholder groups</li><li>d) Maintain an ongoing collaboration and communication with the Youth Connections provider in support of mutual goals and targets</li></ul>
<b>2.2 Facilitate funding possibilities for partnerships and related projects</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>a) Establish a grants funding committee to identify and facilitate funding possibilities for local and regional partnerships</b></li><li><b>b) Assist key stakeholders to pursue funding opportunities</b></li></ul>

# EDUCATION AND TRAINING PROVIDERS

Partnership Broker Outcome 3: *Education and training providers partnering with stakeholders in their community to ensure all young people participate in challenging, relevant and engaging learning that broadens personal aspirations and improves education and transition outcomes.*

To achieve this outcome, MWLP will:

Strategy	How
3.1 Advocate innovative curriculum and pedagogy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a) Promote and ‘showcase’ good practice curriculum and pedagogy, including experiential learning and young people led approaches</li><li>b) Support related professional learning opportunities and partnerships for educators</li></ul>
<b>3.2 Connect education and training providers with other key stakeholder groups</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>a) Strengthen partnerships and connections between education and training providers</b></li><li><b>b) Facilitate workshops, forums, events and partnerships that link educators with the broader community</b></li></ul>
3.3 Facilitate opportunities for young people to raise aspiration and broaden career horizons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a) Support young learners (primary school) to build their career awareness, curiosity and creativity in ‘real world’ contexts</li><li>b) Provide all young people including Indigenous, low SES, those who are culturally and linguistically diverse or have a disability with the opportunity to connect to the world of work and explore a wide variety of career possibilities and value lifelong learning</li></ul>

## BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY

**Partnership Broker Outcome 4:** *Business and industry actively engaged in sustainable partnerships that support the development of young people, contribute to the skills and knowledge of the future workforce and improve young people's education and transition outcomes.*

*To achieve this outcome, MWLP will:*

Strategy	How
4.1 Engage with business and industry to identify their existing and future skill needs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a) Research business and industry to identify current and future skill needs and levels of engagement with young people</li><li>b) Facilitate opportunities for business and industry to implement skill needs strategies that target young people</li><li>c) Foster relationships with business and industry that generate employment opportunities for young people and/or that enhance youth employability</li></ul>
<b>4.2 Facilitate business and industry as partners in learning</b>	<b>a) Build partnerships with business and industry that connect young people with a wide range of workplace experiences and activities</b>
4.3 Collaborate with business and industry to foster future business leaders, innovators and entrepreneurs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a) Encourage business and industry to positively influence young people's awareness, skill development and experience with concepts such as:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Business development and commercial enterprise</li><li>○ Innovation</li><li>○ Social and commercial entrepreneurialism</li></ul></li></ul>

## PARENT & FAMILIES

Partnership Broker Outcome 5: *Parents and families participating in partnerships that provide an informed and supportive environment for all young people to enable lifelong learning and career and pathway planning, and improve their education and transition outcomes.*

*To achieve this outcome, MWLP will:*

Strategy	How
5.1 Engage with parents and families to enhance their awareness of opportunities for young people	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a) Implement a web-based 'Macarthur Parents Portal' that will connect parents and families with resources, events, targeted expertise, personalised assistance and parent networks</li><li>b) Consult and actively engage with local parents and their networks e.g. Parent &amp; Citizen Associations</li><li>c) Assist parents and families to better access local facilities, people and resources</li></ul>
<b>5.2 Encourage parental involvement as partners in learning</b>	<b>a) Facilitate partnerships and projects that engage and value parents as partners in learning</b>

# COMMUNITY GROUPS

Partnership Broker Outcome 6: *Community groups participating in partnerships that harness resources and build social capital to support young people to identify and achieve their goals and improve their education and transition outcomes.*

*To achieve this outcome, MWLP will:*

Strategy	How
6.1 Raise awareness of community resources, events and projects that better inform and support young people	a) Consult with community groups and networks to identify relevant activity b) Implement a web-based directory of key community organisations and networks c) Actively promote local and regional community events and projects to other key stakeholders and seek their support and engagement
<b>6.2 Support and enhance partnerships involving community groups</b>	<b>a) Add value to existing partnerships involving community groups and networks and facilitate new partnership possibilities</b>

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