

Apprenticeship Expo set for Panthers

Hundreds of Apprenticeships and Traineeships will be on offer at the Penrith Valley Apprenticeship Expo to be held in the Panther's Pavilion on the evening of 25th September.

Event organisers are expecting strong crowds to meet the recruiters and commence the application process for apprenticeships and traineeships.

"The Expo will feature major employers like Woolworths and Qantas right through to local small businesses who want one Motorcycle Mechanic or Sign Writer." said Ian Palmer from the Schools Industry Partnership.

Around half the exhibitors will be collecting resumes on the night, while others are handing out how to apply information. Applicants are advised to talk to the exhibitors and follow the instructions carefully to make a valid application.

"Applicants should not expect to gain an apprenticeship on the spot as most employers have a multistage application process, but if an employer asks you to call, or come in for testing, you should definitely do so, because history tells us that many applicants just don't follow through" said Mr Palmer.

All the major Group Training Organisations who recruit, employ and train Apprentices and Trainees on behalf of employers in their group will be there, and are all worth applying to.

Parents are encouraged to attend and to especially visit the Schools Industry Partnership stand for practical advice on how to support their teenagers career goals. For teenagers who are unsure about



their career or how to make a start there will be six professional Careers Advisers from the Nepean Careers Forum available for a brief chat and a few pointers. TAFE will be on hand to advise about other training options.

The details are 5.30 to 9.00pm on the 25th September. Admission is free. Employers wanting a free site to recruit from can still call Ian Palmer on 0419 018 232.



Apprenticeship Expo Theatre Sessions

While you're at the Expo try out some of these free information sessions:

Session One 6.30pm

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| 1. JobQuest | School Based Traineeships and more |
| 2. Master Builders Association | DVD on Construction trades |
| 3. Schools Industry Partnership | How to get an Apprenticeship |
| 4. Sydney West Area Health | Nursing schools Initiative for yr 11& 12.
Trainee Enrolled Nurse program |

Session Two 7.15pm

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| 1. Metal Roofers and Cladders Ass. | Video plus talk on Metal Roofing Trade |
| 2. MIGAS | Apprenticeships in Manufacturing |
| 3. My Freight Career | Transport & Distribution (Import/Export) |
| 4. NECA Group Training | National Electrical Contractors Ass |
| 5. NSW Police Force | Careers with the NSW Police Force |

Session Three 8.00pm

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| 1. Australian Industry Group | Metals Apprentice Recruitment Strategy |
| 2. Gilbert and Roach | Heavy Vehicles Mechanics, Parts Interpreters & Electrical |
| 3. Reece Plumbing | Warehouse Traineeships in REECE Trade Centres |
| 4. Woolworths | Apprenticeships with Woolworths |

School Based Apprenticeships Benefits for Employers

Nearly all high schools now have flexible programs that allow students to commence part time Traineeships and Apprenticeships while also studying the HSC.

Students are keen to start when your business is ready.

Generous incentives from the Australian Government are available for employers to participate in School Based Apprenticeships and Traineeships to help address future skills needs.

To find out more call:

JobQuest	4731 3923
Dept of Education	9208 7629
Schools Industry Partnership	4725 0310

Or visit us all at the Apprenticeship Expo.

The Winning Formula

With Dr John Taccori

- * A good typed resume, covering letter & portfolio
- * Include in your resume: *experience, personal value statement, skills of competence.*
- * Research the industry & company.
- * Dress well and conservatively.
- * Be on time for the interview & turn up.
- * Don't bring a friend to the interview.
- * Have three relevant questions ready for the interviewer.
- * Good eye contact, firm hand shake.
- * Show enthusiasm, knowledge of the industry and a willingness to learn.
- * Take time to answer the questions.
- * After the interview send a thank-you letter/card.
- * Be patient, but ring after a day or two after you expected to hear from them.

Come and have a talk with a professional Careers Adviser at the Apprenticeship Expo.

Expo Dos and Don'ts

- ✓ Bring copies of your resume & a pen
 - ✓ Dress smartly
 - ✓ Read everything on offer
 - ✓ Follow up after the Expo
- ✗ Don't clown around with your mates
- ✗ Don't be impatient. The last hour is quieter
- ✗ Don't expect an instant job
- Remember the Expo is just the introduction so you must follow up afterwards!**

Regional Industry Careers Adviser

Cheryl Kitto from the Australian Industry Group is the RICA for Outer Western Sydney. Cheryl works with businesses to help with industry developments, career opportunities and regional skills needs to suit teenagers. Employers seeking help with skill shortages are invited to call Cheryl for confidential and free advice. Ph 0448 852 769.



An Australian Government Initiative



Building the future of young Australians

The **Schools Industry Partnership** is part of the Australian Government's Career Advice Australia network. This network supports all young people aged 13 to 19 in their transitions through school and onto further study, training or work.



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