Teachers in Business – Employer Information

What is this program?
The Teachers in Business Program is a hands-on professional development opportunity for NSW Department of Education and Training teachers to participate in a different world, outside the classroom. This program gives teachers the opportunity to take part in an industry placement of up to two weeks to gain skills, knowledge and experience in areas of professional interest that will contribute to their school development plans.

What's in it for us?
Participating businesses are provided with opportunities to:
- contribute to the development of meaningful curriculum and teaching and learning practices
- learn more about the educational processes
- assist in developing students as future employees with appropriate work skills, knowledge and work ethics
- participate in an ongoing partnership and dialogue with the school sector in terms of industry-school links
- promote a positive public image of their industry or enterprise.

What's in it for the teachers?
Participating teachers are provided with opportunities to:
- undertake professional development consistent with the Department’s Quality Teaching Model
- reflect on their teaching practice consistent with the NSW teacher professional standards
- develop a greater understanding of workplace issues and practices other than in a school setting, such as:
  - the structure and organisation of work places
  - the application of technology
  - the culture and ethos of work places
  - staff recruitment policies and practices
  - workplace development and training procedures
  - industrial relations issues, including workplace health and safety issues, and
  - the development of employment related skills
- develop their leadership and managerial skills and apply new ideas to their teaching situation
- provide schools with the opportunity to build new business community partnerships and strengthen embedded enterprise learning programs.

Useful information
Length of Placements – a minimum of 2 days to a maximum of 10 days. The placement may take place as a block or be flexible such as 1 day per week over 5 weeks.

Payment - The NSW Department of Education and Training maintains the salary of the teacher during the placement. Teachers are considered to be on duty as employees of the Department during the placement.

Insurance - Insurance and indemnity provisions are covered under the NSW Treasury Managed Fund Scheme. The Scheme provides insurance for most NSW government agencies. Specific cover is afforded for DET under the terms and conditions of the Miscellaneous Insurance Policy. The policy number for DET is MF100003. Insurance covered by this policy includes Employer indemnity, Public liability indemnity, Damage to Employers’ Property, and Workers’ Compensation.

How do we participate?
You could be contacted directly by a teacher or a school, but if this is not the case and you would like to offer a placement to a teacher, please contact Janice Martyn, Vocational Education in Schools Directorate on (02) 9244 5252. Further information is available at https://www.det.nsw.edu.au/vetinschools/schooltowork/teachers/teachbusiness/index.html