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CHOOSE A CAREER AS A CAREERS ADVISER IN NSW PUBLIC SCHOOLS

As a careers adviser in a NSW public school you assist students to develop personal career plans. You are an integral member of the school’s staff and work closely with students, parents, teachers, employers and community agencies.

You play a key role in developing the capacity of students to become managers of their career development. You will contribute to the school curriculum by encouraging students to identify their employment related skills in each subject area and providing teachers, students and parents with access to up-to-date career resources, career information and enterprise opportunities.

The role of the careers adviser

The careers adviser plays an important part in their students’ lifelong learning process. As facilitators of student learning they foster students by generating experiences that involve a wide range of career related activities. Careers advisers provide students with access to a range of career interventions that can inspire and guide students to maximise their career development potential by:

- assisting students to identify their abilities, skills and interests through a range of activities including computer assisted guidance programs and internet sites
- designing and developing a career education program that includes the implementation of vocational learning through the school curriculum
- playing an integral role within the school welfare team by providing high quality advice and guidance regarding student transition issues
- providing work place learning opportunities
- providing and clarifying information for students and their parents regarding the school curriculum, the HSC and further education and training
- providing a wide range of opportunities for students to learn and continue to learn about careers, industries and appropriate work/life roles and the world of work in general.

Careers advisers also liaise with universities, TAFE and private providers of further education and training. Careers advisers undertake on-going professional development and maintain a current awareness regarding all aspects of the labour market and human resource issues.

BECOMING A CAREERS ADVISER

To qualify as a careers adviser you must be qualified as a secondary teacher and have completed an approved course of study in career education. This may be undertaken through either undergraduate studies or a combination of undergraduate and postgraduate studies.

Several higher education institutions offer an approved course of study, such as a Graduate Certificate in Career Education, which prepares secondary teachers to be careers advisers.

If you are considering qualifying as a secondary teacher and undertaking postgraduate career education studies then you will need to complete, through a recognised higher education institution, either:

- a three year bachelor degree plus either a Diploma of Education (Secondary), graduate entry Bachelor of Teaching (Secondary), or two-year Master of Teaching (Secondary); or
- a four-year Bachelor of Education (Secondary); or
- a four or five-year combined degree program such as a Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Teaching (Secondary).