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# What is Structured Workplace Learning (SWL) ?



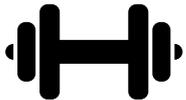
- ▶ Work experience vs SWL- Differences?



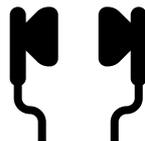
- ▶ SWL is related to your VET course and the Work Related Skills Unit of your VCAL



- ▶ Placements can be set out in one week blocks or one day per week

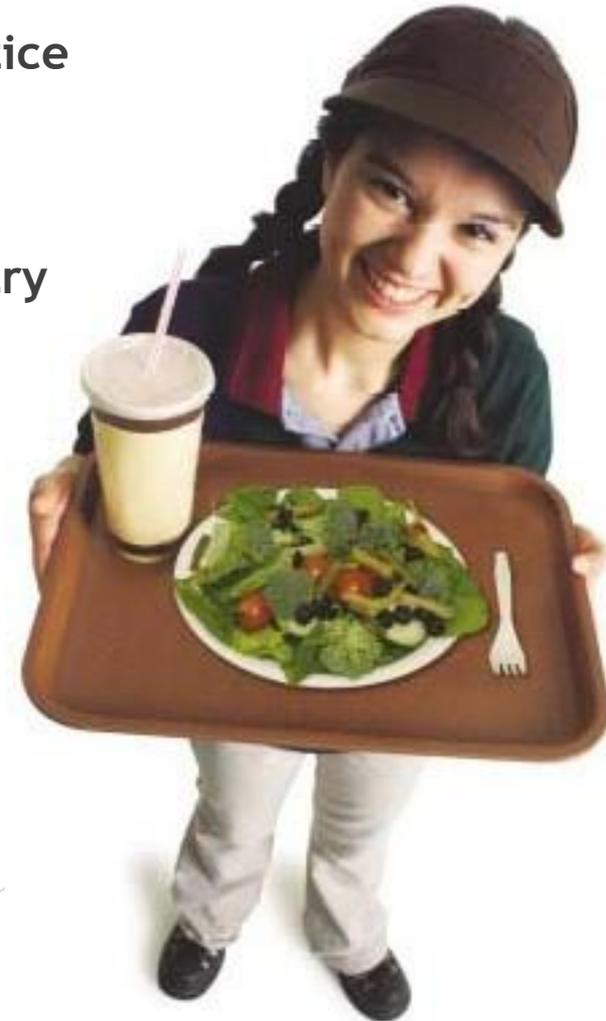


- ▶ You can only spend 20 days with a business and then an exemption form must be signed by your principal (does not apply for SBATs)



# Why is SWL important?

- ▶ SWL placements give students a chance to practice the skills they have learnt in their certificate
- ▶ SWL is a chance to gain extra skills in the industry
- ▶ Students gain valuable employability skills
- ▶ SWL can lead to an SBAT or employment
- ▶ SWL employers can be referees on resumes



# VET Graduates

## Myth

- ▶ VET Graduates earn low wages.
- ▶ 1 in 5 Australians believe one of the main reasons Australians are increasingly choosing to undertake university courses over VET/TAFE courses is because of the perception that VET graduates earn lower wages than university graduates

## Fact

- ▶ VET graduates earn wages comparable to, if not exceeding, that of university graduates.
- ▶ The median full-time income for a VET graduate is \$56,000.
- ▶ The median graduate salary for students completing a Bachelor's degree is \$54,000.

# What is the SWL Portal?



# So...

- ▶ The SWL Portal is a website listing all placements that are available in different areas and industries.



- ▶ Similar to a job site e.g. SEEK, but for work placements and just for students

- ▶ Students can search and find appropriate placements, via location and industry/course



The screenshot shows the top of the SWL Statewide Portal website. At the top left is the URL [www.workplacements.education.vic.gov.au](http://www.workplacements.education.vic.gov.au). The SWL logo (Structured Workplace Learning) is prominently displayed. A navigation menu includes links for HOME, SEARCH, GUIDES, LLENS, ABOUT US, and CONTACT US. Below the navigation is a hero banner with the text "SWL Statewide Portal" and a sub-header: "Looking for on-the-job training? The Structured Workplace Learning (SWL) Statewide Portal helps school students to find work placements with employers across Victoria." A "Start Search Now" button is visible in the banner.

Find current work placements offered by employers across Victoria

Structured Workplace Learning (SWL) is on-the-job training that allows students to develop their work skills and understand employer expectations. SWL is available to Victorian school students undertaking a VET program as part of their VCE or VCAL studies, including School-based Apprenticeships and Traineeships (SBATs).

2,691 Positions Available

937 Positions Used

Start Search Now

Find Structured Workplace Learning (SWL) opportunities to match your VET studies.

You can search by location, industry, or course.

WHERE

Enter Postcode or Suburb

OR

Search Entire State

INDUSTRY & COURSES

Any Industry...

AND/OR

Any Course...

Keyword...

# Our Role

- ▶ To find out what SWL placements VET/VCAL students are looking for
- ▶ We then source quality placements with local businesses
- ▶ And then add them to the public portal site for students and teachers to find



# SWL Portal Walk Through

Follow this link to the public portal site ....use 2 search categories and think beyond the postcode, suburb and certificate once you find one you are interested in click on the “share with your teacher” make a time to discuss the placement with your teacher and contact the employer if it suits your needs.

▶ [www.workplacements.education.vic.gov.au](http://www.workplacements.education.vic.gov.au)

▶ Show how to search for an opportunity here or show additional SWL videos here



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## SWL Statewide Portal

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 Start Search Now



Lets practice!

# SWL Quiz Game

\*\*\*Prizes to be won!!!

# SWL Quiz Game Rules



- ▶ Work in teams of 2
- ▶ Find placement opportunities using the different search methods. When you find the placement write the following:
  - ▶ Role
  - ▶ Business name
  - ▶ Opportunity ID number

*E.g Mechanics Assistant at Mike the Mechanic - W1000101*

- ▶ First team with the correct answer written down and with their hands up wins a small prize each round!

# Placement Searches...

1. Find a Hospitality placement anywhere in the state what is the code, who is the employer and what is the vocation they are offering?
2. Find a Sport and Rec placement in the postcode area 3175 with 2 positions.
3. Find a community services placement in the Pakenham area 2 different types of opportunities.

# Searches continued...

4. Find a **Certificate II Automotive** placement in the **Pakenham** area.
5. Which employer has a placement opportunity with the ID - **W108907** ?
6. Find a hospitality employer with 2 opportunities in 2 different locations
7. Find a **Cert III in Laboratory Skills** position in **Dandenong South**



# Activity -

- ▶ Save the SWL Portal Site to your favourites to refer to.
- ▶ Find a placements related to your VET certificate and record it on your Game Card
- ▶ If you are not able to find a placement that suits you, remember to look beyond your suburb/postcode and look in other industries
- ▶ Don't use your certificate to search it will limit your options

Game Card - For each answer, write the opportunity code,  
business & role

<b>1.</b>  Opportunity ID no.:  Business name:  Role:	<b>2.</b>  Opportunity ID no.:  Business name:  Role:	<b>3.</b>  Opportunity ID no.:  Business name:  Role:	<b>4.</b>  Opportunity ID no.:  Business name:  Role:
<b>5.</b>  Opportunity ID no.:  Business name:  Role:	<b>6.</b>  Opportunity ID no.:  Business name:  Role:	<b>7.</b>  Opportunity ID no.:  Business name:  Role:	<b>Find one of your own -</b>  Opportunity ID no.:  Business name:  Role:

# Remember -

- ▶ Save the SWL Portal Site to your favourites to refer to.
- ▶ Discuss with you parent/guardian and teacher if the placement is suitable, does the day suit? Are you going to be able to get there?
- ▶ Be quick or the placement might get taken
- ▶ Take your placement forms with you to interview it will save time and help get the placement happening
- ▶ All of the LLENs try and keep the information as up to date as possible but sometimes opportunities are filled without us knowing so keep you options open

## Answers to Quiz ...

- ▶ 1. eg. W108274 Degani Fountain Gate -food and beverage attendant
- ▶ 2 Sport and Rec placement - W109703 Springers Keysborough
- ▶ 3. W106858 Little Saints Childcare, W106877 Recreation Officer Outlook community Centre
- ▶ 4. W106892 Stubbs Automotive
- ▶ 5. W108907 is Mill Valley Ranch
- ▶ 6. W109310 and W109308 Joes Mocha Pot Café in Cranbourne and Dandenong
- ▶ 7. W107719 Moondarra Cheese - Manufacturing and Engineering - food processing worker /lab technician