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New School to Work funding for North Central LLEN

The North Central LLEN is one of 31 Victorian Local Learning and Employment Networks (LLENs) to receive funding as part of the School to Work program which will help secondary students gain work placements in their local area.

Schools will be supported to match the right student with the right opportunity – including school-based apprenticeships and traineeships – to build a pathway into local jobs in growing industries.

The program will also help schools engage with businesses to better prepare students for successful transitions into the workforce.

School to Work is part of the new senior secondary school reforms, combining VCE and VCAL to create a single pathway, ensuring every young Victorian can get the education they need for the job they want.

Announcing the new funding, Minister for Education Natalie Hutchins said the Victorian Government wanted every student to get the skills they need and hands-on experience for the jobs they want – regardless of what school they go to, their background, abilities or differences.”

This program is all about helping secondary students engage with businesses to gain work placements in their local area and set them up for bright future careers,” she said.

Speaking at the announcement, Chair of the Victorian LLENs Trent McCarthy said the School to Work initiative continues the long-standing partnership between the Victorian Government and the Local Learning and Employment Networks, supporting Victorian schools to connect with industry and help students into successful study, training and work pathways.

North Central LLEN CEO Jane Hosking said she was excited about the alignment with the new Secondary School Reforms to include strengthening work experience for secondary school students, fostering stronger links with industry to promote a range of work experience opportunities to support students to build their individual career pathway.

“We will continue to work in partnership with students at the North Central Trade Training Centre, schools and industry across the region to facilitate Structured Workplace Learning (SWL) for students undertaking Vocational Education and Training (VET) studies, as well as innovative events that will provide students with exposure to career opportunities across a range of industries,” she said.

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Photo Caption: Alexander Brander from Wycheproof P-12 College is undertaking an Information Technology Structured Workplace Learning (SWL) placement with School Technician Hayden McKinnon at Charlton College.