STUDENTS CAREERS GET A HEADSTART AT TIO

Acting Employment, Education and Training Minister, Syd Stirling, today welcomed a group of year 12 students who have begun a school based apprenticeship program at the Territory Insurance Office.

Mr Stirling said the Territory Government is committed to making schools more meaningful and practical for students and the Workready Program is one way for senior students to engage with vocational learning.

“Students are very excited about dressing for work and learning from real employees within the workplace,” said Mr Stirling.

“The program is designed to provide students with real-work skills, practical knowledge and on-the-job training needed to prepare young Territorians to find work or undertake additional vocational learning.

“This is a classic example of how the Martin Government is training young Territorians for the future. We have helped create 6000 new jobs in the last year – more than 2000 of these are new apprentices and trainees,” said the Minister.

“While still at school studying towards the Northern Territory Certificate of Education, senior secondary students can begin a school based apprenticeship/traineeship and work for one or two days per week in local industry while also gaining a nationally accredited training qualification.”

About 150 students are enrolled in the Workready program.

The group of students hosted at TIO will complete a Certificate 2 in Business Administration while undertaking a range of work placements in office support areas as well as gaining some public exposure through the Sales Department.

At the end of their training, these students will have the opportunity to apply for a permanent position at TIO with two of last year’s graduates having secured ongoing employment.

Further details about the Workready Program are available on the web site:

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