2020 Rural and Remote K-12 Careers Education Initiative

Assisting schools to implement the Career Learning Framework for primary and secondary students.

Program Overview

The 2020 Rural and Remote K-12 Careers Education Initiative provides primary and secondary schools the opportunity to develop a successful careers education program using the department’s Career Learning Framework. In 2018 and 2019, 14 communities of schools participated in the initiative.

Rural and Pathways Education aims to assist schools to broaden the career aspirations of students and support effective Year 6 to Year 7 transition programs. The initiative aligns with Goal 4, Goal 6 and Goal 10 of the NSW Department of Education Strategic Plan 2018-2022 along with the School to Work Program.

Key initiative objectives include:

- develop innovative and creative careers education processes that will strengthen the smooth transition from primary to secondary school
- raise student expectations and pathways into further study and/or training
- provide teachers with appropriate professional learning
- provide quality school leadership
- establish strong relationships with community
- establish a monitoring, review and evaluation process founded on evidence-based data.

The initiative will aim to develop additional illustration of practice, documenting attempts at broadening and/or enriching career education delivery in regional NSW.

Participants are expected to participate in a professional learning conference customised for this initiative in Term 4, 2019 (12/13 November 2019 in Dubbo).
Funding

Rural and remote schools are invited to submit an Expression of Interest (EOI) for funding of up to $20,000. Funding is provided for:

- travel, resources and teacher release related to attending professional learning for the project
- resources and activities to support projects outlined in a project plan.

Expectations and Timeline

EOI applications close **Friday 27 September 2019 at 5pm**. Successful schools notified by **Friday 18 October 2019**.

Professional learning conference to be held in Dubbo on **Tuesday 12 and Wednesday 13 November 2019**.

Project plans and information submitted by successful schools by **Friday 6 December 2019**. Initiatives will commence in **Term 1, 2020**.

Successful schools will:

- co-design a project to improve the career education delivery to students from Years K-12 that will strengthen the transition of students from primary to secondary school
- form a team of stakeholders (school and community) that must be led by a member of the school executive
- deliver, evaluate and identify milestones in their project
- identifying methods of data capture and action research methodology
- project leaders attending planning and professional learning which will outline project deliverables, expectations and support project teams with professional learning
- document the project and provide progress reports including the final project report
- participate in online collaboration
- provide a statement of expenditure of funds at the end of 2020.

Application Process

Schools may apply for funding as either:

- a cluster of government schools (central and/or secondary and/or primary) or,
- a central school
- an individual government primary/secondary school. Applications must be submitted using the Google Form found at [https://forms.gle/W8MUkcH6KDKCBCoR8](https://forms.gle/W8MUkcH6KDKCBCoR8)
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