

GET STARTED

School to Work Transition.





HEART

Bring your A game.
Play with passion.

DRIVE

Exceed your limits.
Achieve your goals.

FOCUS

Tune out distractions.
Keep your eye on the prize.

GET STARTED

aims to provide tailored supports, training, mentoring & planning assistance for young people with a disability to successfully transition from school to work & other post school options.

DISCOVERY PHASE

The Get Started initiative begins with a 'discovery phase'. This phase focuses on interviewing the participant & those around them, creating a documented picture of their skills, abilities, interests & training needs. The participant & support staff will build a personal profile, including goals & support requirements, exploring the various roles & industries of interest to the participant.

Activities include:

- work sampling & enterprise learning projects;
- transport & travel awareness;
- community participation;
- career counselling;
- mentoring support;
- person centred school to work transition planning;
- transition to post school activities & other education programs; &
- program design, planning & implementation.



DELIVERY MODEL

Planning & preparation are vital when establishing support requirements for participants. A range of delivery models have been developed to enhance skill & capacity building for working life & are based on the needs of the individual participant, their goals & aspirations. Delivery of Get Started is customised based on the support needs of the participants within the group setting.

Get Started consists of formal & informal training, centred & community based activities. Depending on the participant's needs & goals, Get Started is offered between 12 - 28 months.

GET STARTED
IS AN INNOVATIVE
SCHOOL TO WORK
TRANSITION SERVICE
DESIGNED SPECIFICALLY
FOR YEAR 11/12 STUDENTS



GET STARTED FEEDBACK



I have confidence in my relationship with Mai-Wel support staff. It is essential that disability services provide support which is responsive to needs, abilities & skills. It is also important that services be open to receiving critical feedback & maintain an open dialogue with schools. I have found Mai-Wel to be exemplary in these areas.

KERRIE MCGRATH
SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER
KURRI KURRI HIGH SCHOOL



I am more confident now I have done some work experience, I am learning new skills to help me get a job. Mai-Wel are very friendly & helpful & I enjoy going there.

JOHANNA MILLER
GET STARTED PARTICIPANT



The services that Mai-Wel offer support class students are extremely valuable in boosting their confidence for their transition to work. It prepares them for work & further develops their social skills.

KARINA MUSGROVE
SUPPORT CLASS TEACHER
CESSNOCK HIGH SCHOOL



OUTCOME PATHWAYS

What can be expected:



Access to timely & accurate career guidance & information.



Opportunities to develop & practice employment related skills.



Access to structured workplace learning, employment opportunities & vocational learning opportunities.



Seamless coordination of support through local partnerships between schools, agencies, businesses, individuals & their community.



Transition to Vocational Education.
Training & transition to employment.

EMPLOYMENT
PREPARATION;
BE READY



ELIGIBILITY & FUNDING

Get Started is funded via:

- Fee for Service;
- Educational or Community scholarship; or
- NDIS.

To be eligible for consideration for the Get Started initiative, the student must be;

- a school student in Yr 11/12 who has been assessed as having a diagnosed disability, injury or illness i.e. has the ability to self-care & manage own medication needs, or has access to a Student Support Learning Officer to assist during training;
- able to effectively communicate in an individual or group setting, or has an effective communication system in place to assist them;
- motivated to participate;
- have a goal or aspiration of employment; &
- able to transport themselves to & from the program, or has transport support in place.

SAMPLE TIMETABLE

Get Started operates one day per week, up to four hours per day & runs over three school terms. The fourth school term is optional.

Transition planning & coordination of supports takes place in Term 4 for participants who commence Get Started the following year & again for those participants who are exiting Get Started.

TERM	DURATION	INDICATIVE HOURS
Term 1	9 weeks	36 Hours
Term 2	10 weeks	40 Hours
Term 3	10 weeks	40 Hours
Term 4	Up to 6 weeks (Optional)	24 Hours



Get Started supports students in preparing for the world of work & the opportunities that exist after school life.

In late 2018, Mai-Wel was thrilled to be the recipients of a \$30,000 Beyond Bank Australia Foundation Grant to support young people with disabilities in their transition from school to work through Get Started. Thank you to the team at Beyond Bank for their ongoing support.

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For more information about Get Started or to register, contact Mai-Wel's Support Transition and Referral Team (STaRT) on (02) 4057 2900 or email start@maiwel.com.au.