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YOUTH PATHWAYS
▶▶▶ A STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION

Youth Pathways provides intensive personalised assistance and support to those young people identified as being the most at risk of not making a successful transition through school and from school to further education, training or employment. K.Y.M. Youth Services provides **Youth Pathways** service to all secondary schools and colleges in the Eastern Region of Melbourne during the period 2006 – 2008. Young people who left school in the preceding 12 months without completing Year 12 who are also at risk are eligible for Youth Pathways assistance.

Cost of Youth Pathways service.

Youth Pathways is funded by the Australian Government Department of Education, Science and Training (DEST) and is a **FREE** service to schools, agencies and young people.

Objectives and outcomes.

The objective of Youth Pathways is to assist the most at risk young people make a successful transition through to completion of Year 12 (or its equivalent) and ultimately, to further education, training or employment and active participation in the community.

This objective is achieved through the identification of individual barriers to a successful transition. Barriers that may affect a young person's successful transition may include educational difficulties, personal problems or social, cultural and community issues. The barriers are identified through an **individual assessment** and the development of a Transition Plan.

Barriers are then addressed through the provision of individualised assistance and the implementation of the actions outlined in the Transition Plan. This is followed by on-going support and guidance as the participant progresses through their education or training and beyond.

The preferred order of outcomes for participants of Youth Pathways is as follows:

1. retain or re-engage participants in the school environment through to completion of Year 12 or its equivalent;
2. engage or re-engage participants in non school-based education, vocational learning and training; and
3. prepare participants for effective engagement in Job Network activities.

Eligibility criteria.

To be eligible to participate in Youth Pathways, a young person must be an Australian citizen or permanent resident between the ages of 13 to 19 and either:

1. a) at risk of leaving school before completing Year 12 AND
b) at risk of not making a successful transition through school and from school to further education, training or employment;
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2. a) have left school in the preceding 12 months without completing Year 12 AND
b) at risk of not making a successful transition to further education, training or employment.

Young people who are not eligible.

Young people who are in one of the following categories are ineligible to participate in Youth Pathways:

- those who do not have significant barriers to successful participation in education or training;
- those who only need minor assistance, career advice or interview skills and do not have personal factors that define them as “at risk”;
- those who have completed Year 12 or its equivalent in accordance with the relevant State or Territory education system requirements;
- students who have indicated that they would only leave school (prior to completing Year 12) to take up an employment opportunity and are likely to make a successful transition;
- those in employment or tertiary studies; or
- young people who are participating in Intensive Support Customised Assistance (ISCA) or Intensive Support Job Search Training (ISJST), JPET, Green Corp or any State, Territory or local initiative that provides similar services to a similar client group.

Further information

Further information regarding Australian Government programs to support young people can be accessed on the following website:

<http://www.careeradviceaustralia.gov.au/>

Contact

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for further information, or to refer students to the **Youth Pathways** service.