**EMPLOYER TESTIMONIAL**

Bendigo Bank Maroochydore
Belinda Ford – Branch Manager

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**Student**

Tia Dunn
Year 12, 2011

“I strongly encourage students to participate in school based traineeships. I have so much experience and expertise behind me before I have even left school.”

“Having the opportunity to participate in the traineeship program has opened up a world of opportunities for me.”

Cert III Hospitality Swan Bites
Cert III Business Administration
- Legal Studies
Maurice Blackburn Lawyers

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**Student**

Jarrad Manski
Yr 10, 2011

“I am interested in a career in Banking Industry and when I had the opportunity to attend work experience with Bendigo Bank I jumped at the chance. The support and mentoring I receive from everyone is great and I know that doing a School Based Traineeship is going to give me a head start on the competition when I complete Year 12.

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**MAROOCHYDORE STATE HIGH SCHOOL**

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**SCHOOL BASED APPRENTICESHIPS & TRAINEESHIPS**
School based apprenticeships and traineeships are a smart way to recruit and train employees to meet the future needs of your business.

**What is a School Based Apprenticeship / Traineeship?**

Students spend some time at school, some time at work, and some time at training. The flexible school program allows students to effectively combine a school based apprenticeship or traineeship (SAT) while studying for their Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE) and/or Overall Position (OP) score.

**BENEFITS FOR STUDENTS:**
- More flexibility and variety
- A head start into a career
- Nationally recognised qualification
- Opportunity to earn and learn
- Get the edge over other school leavers
- Be a step ahead of the competition when applying for jobs
- A head start into a full-time or part-time apprenticeship and career
- An opportunity to try a career path while still at school

**BENEFITS FOR BUSINESS:**
- Effective way to recruit and retain staff
- Increase efficiency and productivity in your business
- Foster growth
- Maintain and preserve the quality skills in your industry
- Have the competitive edge by having a trained skilled team
- Flexibility
- Nationally recognised training developed for Industry by Industry
- Employers may benefit from state and federal government incentives.

**WHERE TO FROM HERE**

Steps to becoming a School Based Apprentice or Trainee at Maroochydore High School

**STEP 1**
Speak with the Vocational Education Liaison Officer and attend a SATs Information night

**STEP 2**
Research the apprenticeship or traineeship and obtain work experience in this industry

**STEP 3**
Once an employer is found then a training contract and education, training & employment schedule is completed.

**STEP 4**
Start your apprenticeship or traineeship.