

Earn while you Learn

AUSTRALIAN SCHOOL-BASED APPRENTICESHIP

What is an Australian School-based Apprenticeship?

An Australian School - based Apprenticeship (ASbA) or Traineeship is an employment-based training arrangement where if you're a Year 10, 11 or 12 student you have the opportunity to combine employment with training and school as an apprentice or trainee.

An ASbA allows you to continue attending school, at the same time as undertaking a nationally recognised qualification whilst in paid employment. The qualification is usually at a Certificate II or III level and is nationally recognised by industry and employers.

As an ASbA student you will enter into a contract of training as an apprentice trainee, and participate in a minimum of 7.5 hours per week during school term, however you are able to work additional hours during the school holiday periods.

Through work, you will develop skills under the guidance of your employer, while a Register Training Organisation (RTO) provides the formal training required to complete the qualification.

An ASbA is a smart way to study to gain your Tasmanian Certificate of Education (TCE), get a "head start" in your chosen career and link it to vocational or university pathway.

Smart Way to Learn and Earn


An ASbA is a valuable first step in your career pathway and a starting point to build an ongoing and rewarding career.

By undertaking an ASbA while still attending school/college you will pick up knowledge and skills that will put you ahead of other job seekers.

ASbA, are the smart way "Learn and Earn".

"An ASbA is a smart way for me to work and study"





Start your
career today

Advantages of an ASbA:

- Earn money while training
- Get on the job training and experiences
- Gain the possibility of full-time employment
- Gain points towards TCE
- Complete a nationally recognised qualification
- Continuing into higher education/qualification upon completion of an ASbA

Australian Apprenticeships are available in over 500 occupations, so chances are there will be one that matches your career interest.

Information and Support

You will receive ongoing support from your school/college ASbA facilitator.

The school facilitator works out a student's school timetable arrangements regarding the students work schedule and provides "check-in" meetings to make sure everything is going smoothly.

The Department of Education ASbA team supports all ASbA students in Government schools and colleges, and is available to respond to questions or concerns that may arise.

Tips for getting your own ASbA

- Start exploring your own career interests
- Talk with your teachers, the career advisor or VET coordinator at your school/college about an ASbA
- Make a list of potential employers
- Undertake a work placement or work experience
- Ask you school/college for some ASbA flyers to give to potential employers or businesses
- Talk to some local businesses about employing you on a ASbA
- Speak to your current employer if you have one about an ASbA
- Tap into your network of family and friends – for employment possibilities
- Check out employment websites and career notice boards at school/college

“My career started
without me even
knowing it”



It's opened up so many possibilities

" My ASbA in Certificate III in Electrotechnology gives me lots of variety.

I came in to my ASbA not really knowing where I was going, or what I wanted to do. My ASbA; it has opened up so many possibilities.

I highly recommend an Australian School-based Apprenticeship to other students. From my experience it's great, the best part is you are working towards achieving an apprenticeship qualification, while achieving the TCE. "

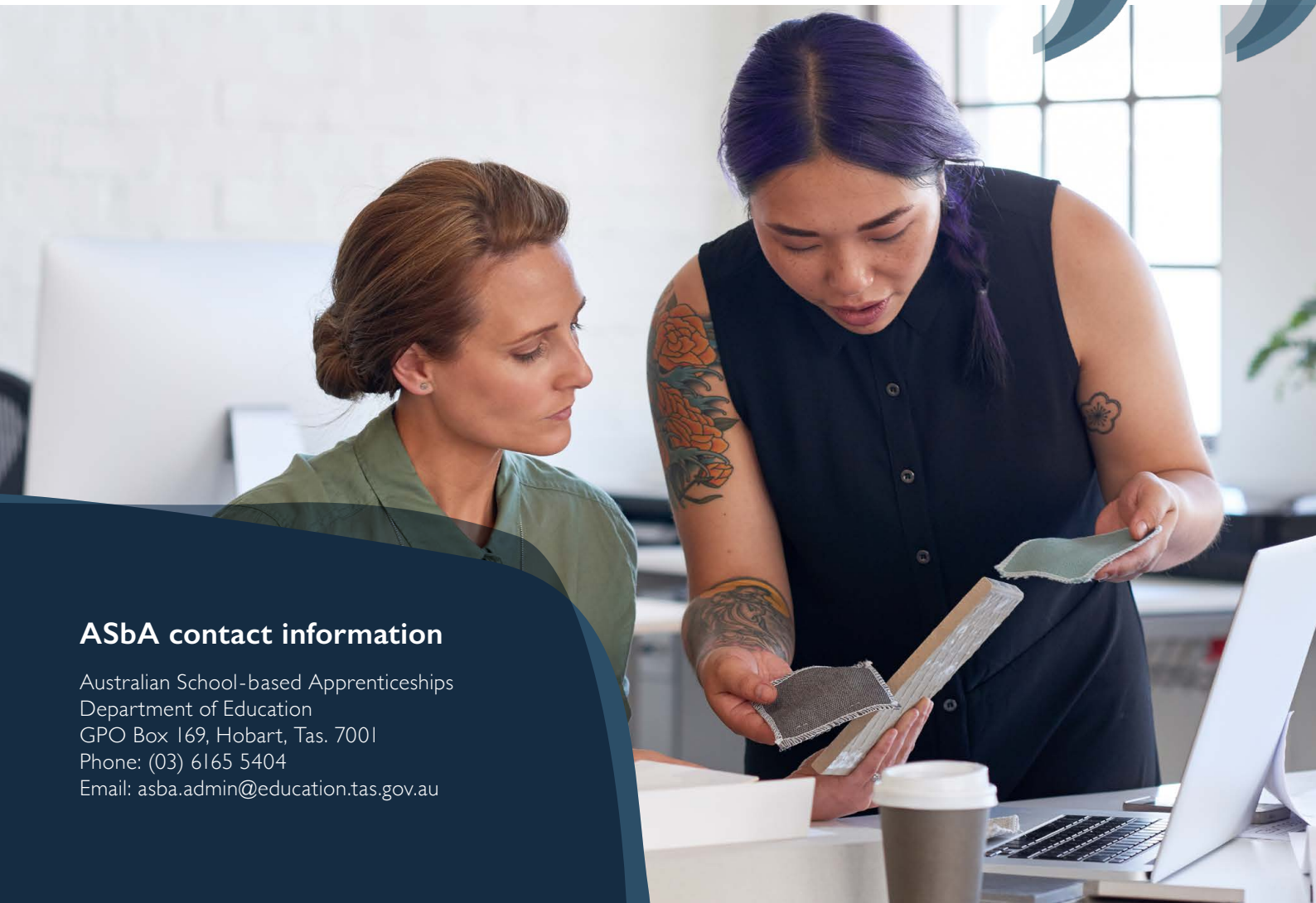
Daniel Ragg – Kingston High School
Certificate III in Electrotechnology

Great for hands on experience

" I would recommend an ASbA to other students, it is a great opportunity to get the 'hands on' experience and while undertaking schoolwork, so you can get multiple qualifications while still at school.

My ASbA has influenced me on where I want to go in my career – I didn't know what opportunities I had in this field until I started my ASbA, now I have the opportunity to go on to university and follow this pathway which I really enjoy. "

Bronte Richardson - Hellyer College
Certificate III in Engineering



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