

MEDIA RELEASE

National Trade Cadetships

The National Catholic Education Commission (NCEC) supports the undertaking given yesterday by Prime Minister Julia Gillard to provide a clearer pathway for school students looking towards a trades career.

According to the Prime Minister's statement, the cadetships will have a curriculum path defined by ACARA as part of the Australian Curriculum and recognised by industry. The cadetships will be delivered at Trade Training Centres (TTCs).

"Of approximately 230 approved TTC projects there are 37 Trade Training Centres directly attached to Catholic schools. These 37 Catholic TTCs are accessed by students from 52 other Catholic school clusters. Catholic students may also access some TTCs in the Government and Independent sectors as part of a cluster arrangement", said Dr Bill Griffiths, Chief Executive Officer of the NCEC.

Catholic secondary schools cater for a wide range of student interest. "We are keen to encourage young people to keep their career options open, and to investigate different education and training pathways.

"Better formal links with the VET sector, including credit transfer, will assist Catholic secondary schools better meet the needs of students", said Dr Griffiths.

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