SENIOR PHASE NETWORK VALIDATION MEETING.

On 23rd June 2011 Narangba Valley State High School hosted in conjunction with Queensland Youth Industry Links Moreton Bay Region’s first combined schools VET Network / Industry Validation Day. Lyn McDonald and Cat Kalms from Narangba Valley State High School were the MC’s for the day.

Sandra Harrington from VET Network hosted 2 sessions in the morning titled “What’s news in VET” and “Assessments –method process and tools”.

This day was designed and implemented by the Senior Phase Network Sub Group C, under the leadership of Gregg Nowell from Mueller College, who was unfortunately unable to attend due being absent on leave. In his absence, the event was led by Lyn McDonald.

The members of Group C are Sherryl Gregory from St Columbans College, Michelle Wollenweber from Brisbane North Institute of TAFE, Darryl Nelson from Southern Cross Catholic College, Chris Irwin from Clontarf Beach State High School, Lyn McDonald and Cat Kalms from Narangba Valley State High School.

In the afternoon, Industry Representatives were invited to join the teachers for a magnificent lunch that was catered for by the hospitality students from Narangba Valley State High School. Following that, Industry Validation took place and there was an air of deep concentration that followed whilst industry were being questioned and sharing their vast knowledge. After the validation process that lasted for nearly 3 hours, teachers left and were greatly appreciative of the day and the industry representatives that supported them by giving their time. This day was very successful and was a very positive day.

## Industry Feedback Forms: Compiled by Industry Advisors. 23rd June 2011

Attended by 52 teachers and 15 Industry representatives.

¨ **Do you believe that you have assisted the teacher/s in understanding industry requirements for VET within schools? Why**?

 All forms stated yes

**¨ Do you think that the teachers have taken your professional advice on board?**

 All forms stated yes.

Among the responses were

* Especially building rapport with clients and team members and the more information,
* Vert grateful about the input,
* The better the training were two responses stated.

**¨ In your opinion are schools delivering qualifications to industry standards?**

 85% of forms stated yes. 15% stated no.

Among the responses were

* In cases somewhat too much on a low level certificate was being taught,
* above and beyond
* I was impressed with the preparation work teachers do, for a tourism course and
* The instrument covered all aspects required to work in “small business”

**¨ Do you think the process can be improved in any way? Why?**

85% of forms stated yes. 15% stated no.

Among the responses were

* A clearer understanding of what was expected from industry input,
* Liaise with industry so that they are current throughout the year,
* more time for validation, and
* Schools need to be in alignment with paperwork were some of the written responses stated.

**¨ Would you be interested in a continued partnership with schools across the coast to share your professional advice at sessions similar to this on an annual basis in the future?**

 100% of the forms stated yes.

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Teacher Feedback Forms: Handed out to all attending teachers. 23rd June 2011

32 completed forms returned.

**¨ Was the VET Network information relevant and in enough detail to assist you in the future?**

 All teachers indicated yes for both session 1 and session 2 of Sandra’s presentation.

**What has been the most benefit to you?**

25% of respondents indicated session 1 as the most beneficial to them. 28% of respondents indicated session 2 was the most beneficial to them. 15% of respondents indicated personal networking as the most beneficial to them. 9% of respondents indicated industry validation as the most beneficial to them. 18% of respondents indicated that everything was of benefit to them. 3% did not respond to the question.

**¨ Will you continue to attend these sessions in the future?**

 100% of teachers indicated yes.

¨ **Do you feel that the day can be improved in any way?**

Among the responses were,

* more time for validation,
* copy of presentation with space for note taking,
* a list of what was required of them to bring from school,
* a list so they could put their details for resources and information,
* Tables to sit at whilst presentation was on so that they could write down information.

  **Any further Comments**

Among the responses were,

* Excellent hospitality students and the food,
* very enjoyable and relevant seminar,
* great to speak to other colleagues to find out how they run their VET certificate,
* great food, excellent lunch,
* excellent presentation, great event,
* great way to keep up to date,
* well done, and some great info on updates and some useful tips.

Overall the information both written and verbal that was gathered throughout the day was that all teachers were very happy to have an opportunity to do Personal Development in their region.

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