



# NATIONAL SKILLS WEEK

HANDS AND MINDS - THE DNA OF SKILLS & TRADES

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## Some ideas for Career Advisors on how you can involve your students during National Skills Week:

- Get students to investigate and research useful websites where they can gain information about careers, pathways, and Vocational Education generally for example:

MyFuture [www.myfuture.edu.au](http://www.myfuture.edu.au)

SkillsOne [www.skillsone.com.au](http://www.skillsone.com.au)

SkillsOne Women in Trades Channel [www.skillsone.com.au/channels/women](http://www.skillsone.com.au/channels/women)

Real Stories. Real Achievements [www.innovation.gov.au](http://www.innovation.gov.au)

The Job I love [www.serviceskills.com.au](http://www.serviceskills.com.au)

Rural Skills Australia [www.agrifoodcareers.com.au](http://www.agrifoodcareers.com.au)

- Invite an Apprentice who has completed their apprenticeship to talk to students about the experience.
- Investigate school-based apprenticeships & traineeships, what are they?
- Organise a father-daughter dinner or information night for parents and their daughters to be addressed by successful women who have succeeded in non-traditional trades, for example more women are going into engineering, electrical, building and construction, mining, agriculture etc.
- Get students to describe their passion; what they enjoy and then get them to link what careers, vocational pathways they identify relating to that passion.
- Organise for students to visit a TAFE Institute and/or Registered Training Organisation (ACPET members).
- Invite a representative from a Registered Training Organisation or a Group Training Organisation to address students.
- Invite a selection of employers who represent different industries to talk to students about their particular industry.
- Invite employer organisations (i.e. National Farmers Federation, Australian Chamber of Commerce (ACCI) or Australian Industry Group) to address students.
- Invite a winner of the State Training Awards or similar ambassador i.e. past WorldSkills Competitor, winner of Apprentice of the Year etc., to address students.
- During National Skills Week *SkillsOne Television* will be running programming on opportunities and careers in the vocational sector on Foxtel Aurora Channel 183 and Free to Air TV4ME Channel 74. TV schedule & programming details can be found on [www.skillsone.com.au/tv-guide](http://www.skillsone.com.au/tv-guide)

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