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NEW FUNDING HELPS IPSWICH YOUTHS GET SET FOR WORK

Up to 30 young unemployed Ipswich early school leavers will have brighter career prospects thanks to a \$125,000 State Government Get Set For Work project.

Member for Ipswich Rachel Nolan said the 47-week project, being run by Bremer TAFE, would provide a safety net for youths at risk of long-term unemployment.

“This project will provide the foundations on which these 15 to 17-year-olds can build their working lives,” Ms Nolan said.

“They have found that traditional learning is not for them, but have not been able to make the transition to work.

“This Get Set For Work program is a mix of creative and fun activities, educational and health studies, practical skill development and work experience and job-search training.

“It is an excellent example of the Government’s *Education and Training Reforms for the Future* in action.”

Bremer TAFE spokesperson Yvonne Williams said participants would undertake a range of accredited studies to increase work readiness.

“Participants’ awareness of career options will be increased by undertaking Certificate I in Vocational Access units,” she said.

“Those needing support with literacy and numeracy will complete selected competencies in Certificate II in Adult and General Education.

“Relevant and well supervised work experience will also play a major part in ensuring the project’s success.

“The program will be tailored to individual needs and has tremendous potential to bring positive change to the lives of these participants.”