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## 5.19: WORK EXPERIENCE

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- Rationale** St Mary's Coptic Orthodox College recognises that Work Experience has enormous benefits for students. It broadens a students understanding of the workplace and helps prepare them for transition to employment and further education. It is currently a compulsory component of the Year 10 program for all students to complete 5 days of Work Experience.
- Aims** Work Experience is designed allow students the following development opportunities:
- explore work options.
  - gain an understanding of the work environment and employer expectations.
  - develop maturity, confidence and independence.
  - make contacts and enhance the opportunities for part time/casual employment.
  - experience the reality of the workplace.
- Structure** Year 10 incorporates a compulsory 5 day Work Experience program. This is generally completed as a 5 day block placement in the last week of Term Two. Students are required to arrange the placement themselves and ensure all paperwork requirements are completed and approved by the Careers Teacher before the placement can commence.
- Projected** The Work Experience program is designed to enable stakeholders to achieve the following outcomes:
- Outcomes** For Students:
- improved understanding of the work environment and employers expectations
  - a greater understanding of available work/training options
  - increased motivation to continue studying and /or undertake further training
  - increased understanding of the relevance of the Glenvale curriculum in relation to preparing young people for work
  - increased self understanding, maturity, independence and self confidence
  - provide an opportunity to develop work related competencies
  - provide an opportunity to try out the workplace prior to possibly undertaking a VET in the VCE program or a School Based Australian pprenticeship(SBAA)

For Teachers/School:

- improve knowledge and understanding of changing work environment
- assist in developing a positive relationship between school and the community and industry
- enable school curriculum to be linked to the world of work which enhances student learning

**Review**

Review and Evaluation will be undertaken according to the policy review process set out in the School Development Plan

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