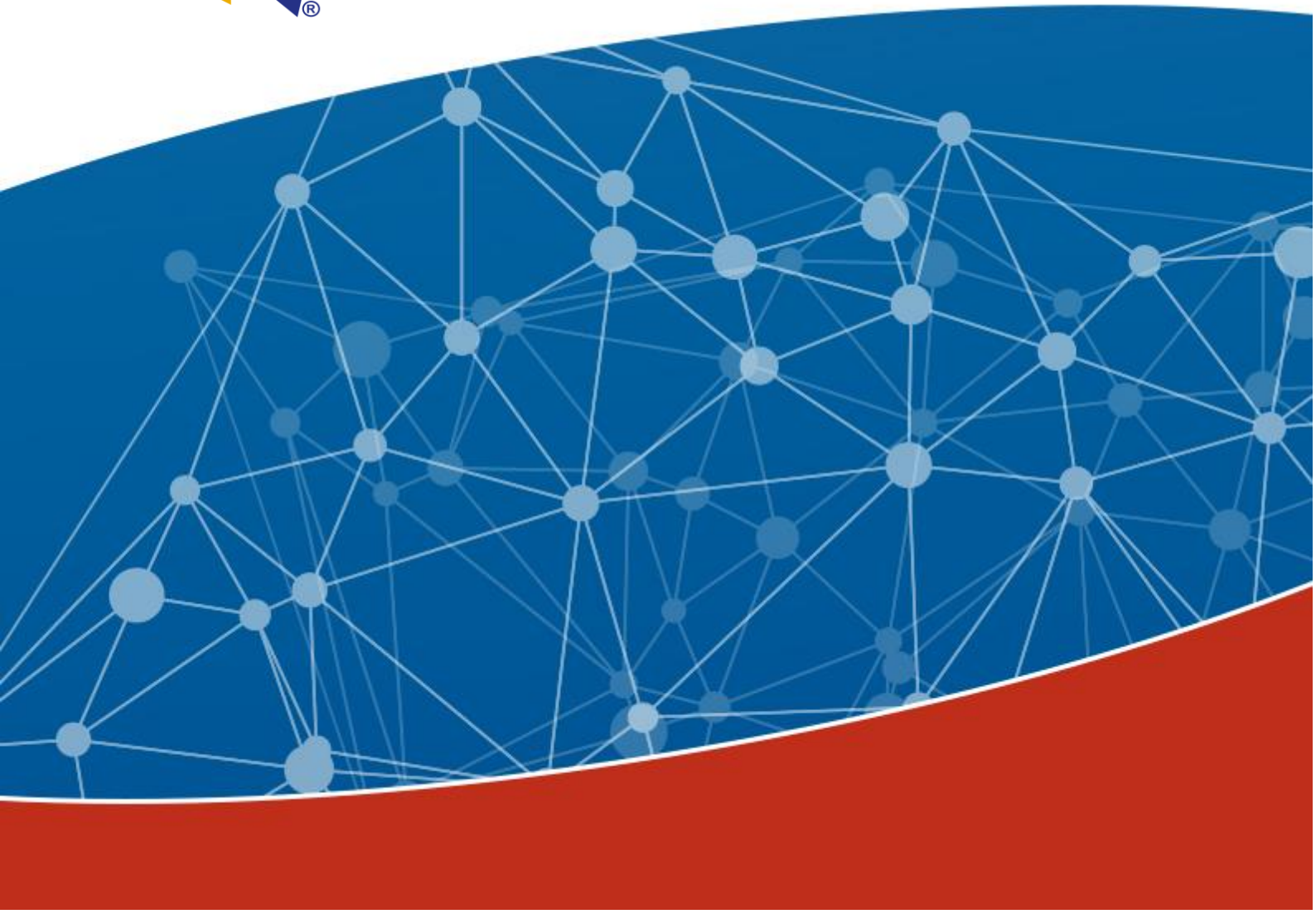


# **2015 Annual Report Case Study**

## **Learn & Share Gippsland Specialist Schools Careers Best Practice Network**

**Region 17**



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### **Background**

All education providers in Australia are obligated to comply with the Commonwealth Disability Discrimination Act 1992 and its subordinate legislation the Disability Standards for Education 2005 to ensure that students with a disability are able to access and participate in education activities on the same basis as all other students. These obligations also apply to educational support for post school transition, when most young people face a range of adjustments and challenges as they are expected to take on adult roles and responsibilities. Careers Practitioners within schools should be at the heart of a whole school approach to enhancing career and employability learning for young people. For those young people with a disability this transition process is often more complex, it requires planning, explicit teaching, work experience opportunities and support to enable mastery of the required skills and knowledge to make a successful post school transition.

There are four networks across the NDCO region 17 where Career Practitioners in mainstream Government, Catholic and Independent Schools come together to promote best practice in career development. It came to the attention of the NDCO for region 17 that representatives from the seven Specialist Schools in region 17 did not attend these meetings. The NDCO saw the need for a best practise network where the specialist schools could come together and learn and share from one another.

### **The objectives that were set out to be achieved**

The objectives was to set up a Careers Best Practice Network to build the specialist schools capacity in transition focused education. The aim of the Learn and Share Network is to bring together colleagues with common goals to explore ways of working, identify common solutions and share best practice and ideas.

The objectives of the network meetings for members are:

- to meet with like-minded colleagues
- allow members to share knowledge and experience and learn from others
- allow members to collaborate and achieve common outcomes
- to validate and build on existing knowledge and best practise
- provide members opportunities to innovate and create new ideas

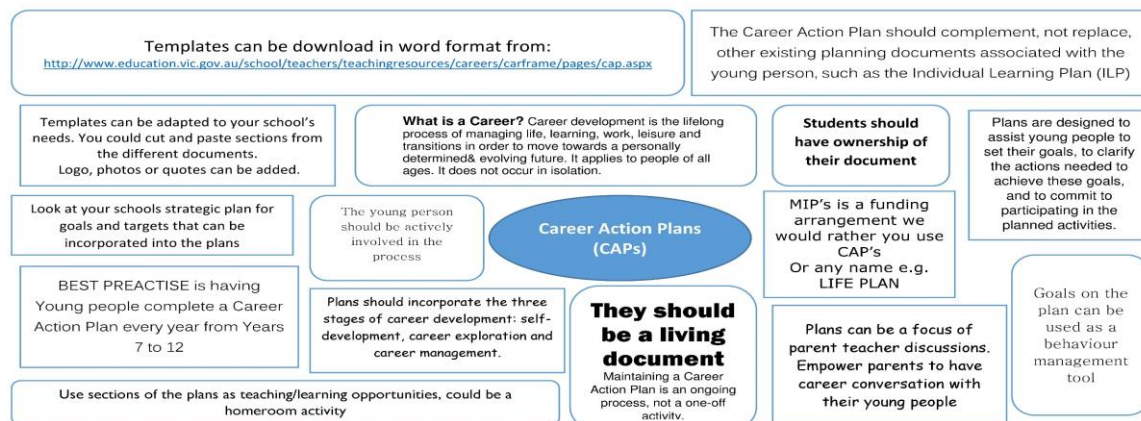
## Activity Description

The region 17 NDCO established the Learn and Share Network by inviting the principals and the teachers of the senior students at the seven Specialist Schools across region 17 to be members. The NDCO has surveyed the members of the network and has facilitated three network meetings via POLI conferencing technology to date, based on the members needs for professional development.

- 16th October 2014-The Who, What, When and Why of Career Development with support from DEECD Regional Career Development Officer- Diana Mueller
- 26th March 2015- Career Action Plans with support from Terry Paxino Dept. of Education
- 7th May 2015- Work Experience

Resource sheets from each session have been created by the NDCO and shared with members.

### Learn & Share Network -Career Action Plans resource sheet



## The impact for the NDCO program

The Learn and Share Network has enhanced the knowledge and capability of the members to support transitions and participation in Tertiary Education and subsequent employment for people with disability. Members have gained a unique opportunity to network via technology and relationships have been built.

## **Key stakeholders**

East Gippsland Specialist School

Sale Specialist School

Latrobe Special Development School

Baringa Specialist School

South Gippsland Specialist School

Bass Coast Specialist School

Warragul & District Specialist School

## **The next steps**

The NDCO will continue to provide opportunities for members to network and build on the relationships formed. The NDCO will encourage the network to develop ideas for best practise opportunities and projects across the region.