



Opportunity Hub

Opportunity Hubs aim to provide Aboriginal young people with the confidence and knowledge to follow a supported pathway between secondary school and further education and/or employment. As part of the NSW Government's OCHRE initiative (Opportunity, Choice, Healing, Responsibility, Empowerment), Opportunity Hubs are a voluntary program for students in Years 5–12.

Opportunity Hub providers coordinate and broker links with schools, employers, training providers, support services and Aboriginal communities. They create supported pathways for Aboriginal young people from school into tertiary education, training and/or employment. It's all about helping students embrace culture, stay engaged in education and access exciting opportunities beyond school.

Who is it For?

Students of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent in Year 5–12 living in the Campbelltown area are eligible to join the Opportunity Hub.

MTC Australia's Opportunity Hub creates supported pathways for Aboriginal young people in Years 5–12, from school into tertiary education, training, and/or employment.

How it Works

MTC Australia's Opportunity Hub is based in Campbelltown where we work with more than 40 government and non-government schools. Through group workshops (Years 5–8) and one-on-one individual support (Years 9–12), Opportunity Hub Advisors help students embrace / connect to culture, build career aspirations, explore career pathways, plan for transition and stay engaged with education and training. The support provided depends on the needs of each student.

Advisors also:

- Engage parents and the local Aboriginal community to support the work of the Hub
- Link local education and training providers as well as youth services into the Hub to help coordinate student pathways
- Engage with local employers and industry
- Coordinate local opportunities for students, including work experience, employment, mentoring, scholarships, apprenticeships and volunteer work
- Arrange additional support from relevant agencies and the community as needed



How to Join

Students can be referred to the program by their school or they can volunteer to join. Generally students need parental permission. To get involved or to find out more, call MTC Australia on **1300 232 663** or **0448 094 634** or go to mtcaustralia.com.au

Key Benefits of the Opportunity Hub

► Personalised support

Student sessions with Opportunity Hub Advisors are tailored to each student's needs. Advisors can support young people in a range of ways, from helping the student find the motivation to attend class to discovering a career that excites them.

► Community input

To guide the Opportunity Hub's strategy and operations, MTC Australia works with Aboriginal leaders and organisations and other key stakeholders through an advisory group.

► Long-term view

The Opportunity Hub supports students after they leave school to move into employment or further education.

► Respect

MTC Australia celebrates the things that make us all unique, and we ensure that students always feel welcome, safe and included.

About MTC Australia

MTC Australia is a thriving social enterprise that provides pathways for people of all backgrounds and life stages to create new life opportunities. We offer high impact employment, learning and youth programs delivered from more than 20 locations across NSW. As a social enterprise, we reinvest surplus into innovative social impact initiatives that support and empower at-risk Australians.

MTC helps more than 20,000 people every year to build self-worth, gain skills for employment and entrepreneurship, and enable possibilities for transformative change.

