

PAINTING YOUR CAREER 2026 - 2027

Program Overview

Get ready for round two! After the success of our first program, Painting Your Career is back and bigger than ever. This hands on, multi day experience gives high school students real exposure to the construction industry through practical training, mentoring, and insight into the painting and decorating trade.

Participants receive specialist placement and recruitment support from the Aussie Painters Network team and best of all, it is completely free for schools and students thanks to Queensland Government funding.

Who?

We are inviting high school students from partnering State, Independent, and Specialist schools who are keen to explore a future in painting or construction. Participants gain access to practical skill building, industry insights, and personalised recruitment support from APN.

We are committed to building a construction industry where everyone belongs. Schools are encouraged to include students of all genders including girls, non binary, and gender diverse young people to help shape a diverse future workforce.



When?

January 2026 until 31st
May 2027

Where?

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2026 -2027 PROGRAM PLAN:

Session 1

What You'll Learn

- Introduction to Painting Your Career
- Construction safety & on-site behaviour
- Communication & cultural awareness
- Painting & decorating tools and equipment

Hands-On Activities

- Toolbox talks
- Surface preparation: clean, repair, patch, tape, sand & prime
- Pack-up and clean-down

Session 2

What You'll Learn

- Construction industry insights
- A day in the life of a painter or apprentice
- Painting career pathways (school-based to mature-aged)

Practical Activities

- Toolbox talks
- Using rollers and brushes
- Painting & spray application
- Staining & wallpapering
- Pack-up and clean-down

Session 3

What You'll Learn

- Construction employability skills
- Workplace etiquette & making a strong impression on trial
- Time management
- Communication & teamwork

Practical Activities

- Toolbox talks
- Decorative painting finishes
- Build and prepare a picture frame for painting or staining
- Using hand tools
- Clean, sand & prepare timber surfaces
- Pack-up and site clean-down

Session 4

Graduation

- Preparing for work in the construction industry
- Apprentice readiness checklist
- Finding a job in construction
- Construction resumes & job applications
- Sustainable work practices in construction
- Avoiding burnout
- Support services for apprentices & construction workers (ACAP, MATES in Construction)

